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briefs

Child seat checkup tomorrow

The state Transportation Cabinet's annual effort to educate the public about the correct way to install child safety seats is making a return trip to Floyd County...

The statewide tour will have a stop in Prestonsburg tomorrow at Music-Carter-Hughes, from 4 to 7 p.m.

During that time, certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to inspect child safety seats.

During the inspections, technicians will be looking to make sure seats are installed properly, to inform motorists if their seats have been recalled, and to educate parents on proper usage of the seats.

In addition to the Prestonsburg stop, the tour will also be in Pikeville earlier in the day. Inspections are scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pikeville Fire Department.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Although the city of Prestonsburg has already begun selling memberships to its multi-million dollar, mountaintop golf course, Stone Crest, a tongue-in-cheek sign at the foot of Maggie Mountain ensures that golfers don't tee-off too soon.

P'burg seeks suit's dismissal

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

A motion to dismiss the ongoing lawsuit 12 current and former Prestonsburg firefighters filed last year against the city of Prestonsburg was submitted in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on February 1.

The motion of dismissal was submitted on behalf of the city of Prestonsburg stating they felt the previous agreement in a separate case from 1992 had not been violated or breached. The city also contends that they are given immunity from any of the claims made in the lawsuit.

In their lawsuit, the firefighters claim that the city

violated the terms of a settlement reached in 1992, which ended a previous lawsuit by firefighters against the city. The firefighters claim that the settlement guaranteed them a 48-hour work week and a move by the city council last year to place firefighters on an eight-hour day, 40-hour week shift schedule violates that agreement.

The city, however, responds that there is no basis for complaint in that there was no agreement saying they were going to get 48 hours a week. A memorandum for the dismissal motion cites a 1994 ordinance which resulted from the settlement in

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The remains of a mobile home in the Johnson County community of Thelma which was completely destroyed by fire. Of the five people inside the house when the fire broke out, two died.

photo by Ralph B. Davis



Johnson fire kills 2

Times Staff Report

Three people were able to escape from an early-morning fire in Johnson County on Friday, but two others perished in the blaze.

The fire was first reported around 5:30 a.m. along Lively Lane in the community of Thelma.

Five people were inside the mobile home at the time. Dennis E. Perkins, 27, and Dixie M. Perkins, 20, were able to escape from the trailer through a window,

carrying a 5-month-old infant with them. All three were transported to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville for treatment.

Also inside the home at the time were 23-year-old Sandy Castle and 24-year-old Joey Grim, who were unable to escape. They were pronounced dead at the scene by Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby.

No cause of the fire has yet been determined. Kentucky State Police Det. Paul

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today Sunny but chilly High: 50 • Low: 36

Tomorrow Breezy & cool High: 58 • Low: 44

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Return to session marked by squabbles

by JACINTA FELDMAN KPA NEWS BUREAU

Despite party leaders' recent promises to work on the General Assembly's partisan problems of the past, the friction between Senate Republicans and Democrats was still there when the chamber reconvened for the 2001 session Feb. 6.

As the Senate began Tuesday, Minority floor leader David Karem, D-Louisville, said the Republican leadership is not allowing Democrats to voice their opinions on issues, and is silencing the voice of all the Kentuckians they represent.

He said that the Democrats were upset with the Republicans' policy change that did not allow each party to pick which committees its members served on. But, he said, they were much more upset with "the subtle but far more destructive stifling of debate by the chair, and the shutting down of that free dialogue so central and necessary in democratic institutions."

Last year, the House and the Senate had different leadership

for the first time and the leaders of the two parties rarely agreed on things of importance.

Gov. Paul Patton mentioned the need to work out the General Assembly's problems in his State of the Commonwealth Address in January. Since then, several other members have said they, too, would like to see things resolved.

But Karem said that has not happened. He pointed out two examples, where he said Republican leadership has not allowed Democrats equal time to speak: The shutting-off of

floor amendments to the 2000 budget last spring and the adjournment of the chamber on Jan. 5.

He said on Jan. 5, he and others were not recognized although they had requested to speak.

"Simply doing it because you can, as an exercise of raw power, is a bad reason," Karem said. "It is wrong, plain and simple, to silence the voices of 2 million Kentuckians."

Williams, R-Burkesville, responded to the statements, saying that the Republicans want to work with the Democrats who are



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House President Pro Tem Larry Clark, D-Louisville (speaking), announces his sponsorship of an initiative to reduce illegal dumps in Kentucky at a news conference.

willing to work with them.

"We need to stand together as a Senate and if it takes this little blood-letting here to bring us together, then so be it," he said.

Several other senators — both Democratic and Republican — addressed the issue, defending their own party and calling for unity.

After the Senate adjourned that day, Williams said he was not

upset or offended by Karem's words.

"It doesn't bother me," Williams said. "People have a right to differ on things. Now we got that out of the way, we're ready to work on other things."

Governor changes focus of trash bill

Gov. Paul Patton has changed the focus of his solid waste man-

agement bill from statewide mandatory garbage collection to eliminating the illegal dumps in the state, he announced Thursday.

"Our goal is a dump-free Kentucky," Patton said.

House Bill 237, sponsored by Rep. Larry Clark, gives counties the option of providing all residents will curbside garbage col-

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Session

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lection or cleaning up all the illegal dumps in its area.

Two weeks ago, Patton announced his \$30 million comprehensive Clean Up Kentucky plan. He said the only part of the plan he was going to push for this session was mandatory garbage collection.

Patton's original plan called for all counties to provide curbside garbage collection. Any that did not comply with the legislation could lose state money.

Under House Bill 237, the counties that did not want to participate and those that already provide mandatory garbage collection to their residents would not have to change what they are doing. Instead, they can identify illegal dumps and then clean them up.

Counties who opt to clean up illegal dumps, and fail to do so would face the same penalties that counties who do not offer the mandatory garbage collection would — loss of state money.

Clark, D-Louisville, said more than 40 representatives have already agreed to support the bill.

"I think this is the first step in cleaning up the Commonwealth of Kentucky," he said.

Two amendments pass committees

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Kentuckians are one step closer to being able to decide for themselves if the state will have a deposit on drink containers.

The House committee on elections, constitutional amendments and intergovernmental affairs passed House Bill 9 Thursday. The bill would put a referendum on the 2002 ballot that would create a new section of the Kentucky Constitution, allowing for a referendum on drink container deposits.

"I'm not asking anybody to vote for a bottle bill," Rep. Greg Stumbo, who sponsored the unsuccessful legislation in the last two sessions, told lawmakers. "I tried that once and I realized that was a struggle that was too uphill."

Instead, he said, he is asking for the legislature to give Kentuckians the chance to vote on whether they would like to vote on the issue.

"If we can't make that decision, I don't think it's fair to not let the people of Kentucky make that decision," said Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg.

A constitutional amendment was also favorably passed out of a Senate committee last week. The amendment, Senate Bill 58, would create a family court system in Kentucky.

Stumbo, who is the majority floor leader, would not say if he would wait to place Senate Bill 58 on the orders of the day until after his bill was passed in the Senate. But he did say he's been in Frankfort long enough to understand that there is a "little give and take."

He said he thinks if the Senate wants an amendment put on the ballot, then it should honor any amendment the House passes.

"I'm not wedded to the family court amendment," Stumbo said. "I'm for the family court amendment, but I think fair is fair."

Bill would raise mandatory school age

Students would be required to stay in school two years longer than they are now if a bill introduced in the House is passed.

House Bill 28, sponsored by Stumbo, would raise the mandatory school age from 16 to 18.

Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit presented the proposal to the House Education Committee last week, but it was

not voted on during the meeting.

Some legislators worry that bill addresses the problem of high school dropouts too late. Some said they want to see a program that targets children who are having trouble in school while they are still young, not wait to address the problem when the students are already in high school.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said he thinks the dropout rate is part of an overall problem. He said there needs to be more effort to catch students who are having troubles in elementary school and offer them remedial classes then. He said holding students until they are 18, just because it is law, is not going to help their education.

"To me, it's just as bad if a kid just sits there and he graduates, but he has no skills when he graduates," Moberly said.

Rep. Barbara White Colter, who herself was a high school dropout, said she is in favor of the bill. She said she thinks it would change the message that is being sent to children who are having trouble in school.

"I think the signal's there that if you aren't doing well by 16 you can drop out. I think we should change that signal," said Colter, R-Manchester. "I think we need to send the signals to kids we want you to stay in school, we want to help you."

Still, others said the bill just did not start early enough to fix the problem.

Rep. Jim Thompson said he is concerned this legislation is a "quick fix." He said the bill needs to include a package of resources to help those students having problems.

"It's got to be a package," Thompson, D-Battletown, said. "We can do something simple here and do a real disservice to our schools."

UK's president-elect speaks to House

Just before the House adjourned its second week of business, it welcomed University of Kentucky President-elect Lee Todd to the floor. Todd was chosen last month to succeed outgoing president Charles Wethington when he leaves the school on July 1.

Todd told the members of the House that he is ready to take on the challenge of helping UK to become one of the top 20 universities in the nation. But

he said he wants to do that while keeping the school focused on being the flagship institution for this state.

In order to do that, Todd said the school must do three things:

Improve and increase research on issues that impact Kentucky, have cooperation with other institutions throughout the state and make a commitment to keep graduates in Kentucky.

He told the legislators that it was their "bold leadership" in past sessions that have brought Kentucky's education to the level it is at now, and he hoped they could work together to

Applications being accepted for Workforce Development scholarship

Secretary Allen D. Rose announced today that the Cabinet for Workforce Development's third annual Education Pays scholarship program is accepting applications. The scholarship is for clients of the cabinet's wide range of employment and training programs and services.

Rose said that the scholarships help Kentuckians continue their education, while promoting the "Education Pays" concept.

To be eligible, applicants must be a client of at least one of the cabinet's services, which include adult education, vocational rehabilitation programs, unemployment insurance, job search, Workforce Investment Act training and secondary technical education, among others. Applicants must also be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall 2001 semester.

Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the Department for the Blind, Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and adult education and Workforce Investment Act ser-

vice providers. The completed scholarship application packet must be postmarked by April 20.

Applications and guidelines may also be accessed at the cabinet's Web page at www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce. The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technology fees.

Fire

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Estep and Arson Investigator Don Parker are continuing to investigate the incident.

In addition to KSP and Frisby, agencies responding to the scene of the fire included the Thelma

Fire Department, West Van Lear Fire Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Paintsville Ambulance Service and State Fire Marshal Donald Pancake.

Lawsuit

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making its case: "All employees, whether shift or 40 hour, will be compensated for routine and non-emergency overtime at the regular time and a half pay for all hours worked over 40 per week."

"Plaintiffs may be frustrated that they will only be working 40 hour work weeks rather than the previous 48 hours as certainly 16 hours of overtime ... is a significant amount of pay," Douglas L. McSwain, of the Sturgill, Turner, Barker, and Moloney law firm of Lexington, who is representing the city, wrote in the memorandum. "However, when and if plaintiffs and other employees of the old fire, police, and dispatch departments ... work more than 40 hours a week, they will be compensated at such standard overtime rate of one and half times their normal hourly rate. [The firefighters' allegation that the new schedule violates the 1992 agreement] should be dis-

missed as the agreement does not perpetually require the city to work the subject plaintiffs on a 24/48 hour basis."

It is explained within the memorandum that the city garners immunity from the claims because the actions taken were legislative in nature. Further, the city argues that the firefighters' complaint is vague and did not identify who did what in sufficient enough detail to be productive. Finally, because previous court rulings have held that public officials cannot be sued for making employment recommendations in the absence of civil service regulations, the memorandum states that the lawsuit should be dismissed for that reason as well.

On Monday, the Prestonsburg City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Directly preceding the meeting, at 5 p.m., there will be a special-called meeting of the city's personnel committee.

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Pikeville Concert Association presents new perspective of Lincoln

Who was Abraham Lincoln? What was he really like? Billy Herndon, Lincoln's close friend and law partner, reveals his answers to those questions in the fascinating drama *One Man's Lincoln* on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium.

Billy Herndon, considered slightly disreputable, sometimes disagreeable and a man of strong opinion, tells the truth of the unvarnished Lincoln:

"They called him a baboon, a murderer, a slave-lover. And they called him the Great Emancipator, the savior of the Union, a saint. I called him friend and partner."

One Man's Lincoln features George McGee as Billy Herndon, a lawyer, researcher, and friend of Lincoln. Herndon was born in Kentucky and probably knew Lincoln as well as any in his time. He shared a law office with Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., probably for 17 years, from 1844 to 1861.

An indefatigable researcher, Herndon traveled to Kentucky and Indiana immediately after Lincoln's death collecting reminiscences of Lincoln's boyhood from men and women still living who had known the president and his family. He also interviewed dozens of people all over Illinois for opinions and information regarding Lincoln as a family man, as a lawyer, as a politician and even as a soldier. Herndon sought to collect balanced evidence that would supplement his own first-hand knowledge and point to Lincoln who was a great man — but neither a saint nor a villain.

Herndon failed to write the great book about Lincoln he had planned, but he did supply materials from his files to Jesse Weik, whose book *Herndon's Lincoln: The True Story of a Great Life* was published in 1889 when Herndon was an old man.

In the performance, which is set in 1886 in Chicago, Herndon has been retained as curator for "The Lincoln Memorial Collection." Herndon welcomes the audience as visitors to the museum collection, recounting for them the stories embedded in many of the items on display. He uses many of Lincoln's words and even occasionally "becomes Lincoln." Herndon will give you facts and he will give you opinions. Billy Herndon will not tell you what you've heard before.

The Feb. 13 performance is sponsored by the Pikeville Concert Association and the Kentucky Humanities Council. Individual and season tickets will be available at the door. For ticket information, call 432-5407 or 437-7878.

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For the Record

MARRIAGES

Tammy Denise Keathley, 30, to Jimmy Ray Adkins, 32, both of Grethel.
 Sara Elizabeth Conn, 23, Allen to Arnold J. Wireman, 21, Gunlock.
 Margaret Ann Bentley, 45, Allen to Steven Hunter, 19, Printer.
 Jennifer Lynn Gunnells, 21, to Milam G. Robinson, 49, both of Dana.
 Kimberly Jo Spears, 26, Prestonsburg to Larry Todd Tetrick, 26, Prestonsburg.
 Michelle Elaine Colburn, 34, to Mark Rodney Holbrook, 43, both of Prestonsburg.
 Shonda Lynn Music, 16, Blue River to Burnis Daren Newsome, 26, Martin.
 Tiffany Nichole Brown, 18, to Ronnie Jason Howard, 25, both of Eastern.
 Tana Maylene Caudill, 34, Allen to Jeffery Shane Maggard, 30, Hippo.
 Ashley Nicole Nicholson, 18, Wayland to Daniel Lee Cordial, 22, Norfolk, Va.
 Paula Kaye Harris, 31, to Robert Gerald Jones, 39, both of Auxier.

LAWSUITS

Harless, Maudie vs. Hamilton Jackie.
 Hunter, April vs. Hunter, Gary.
 Patton, Gregory vs. Patton, Melodie.
 Hall, Lowell vs. Hall, Helen.
 Elliott Bobby Joe vs. Elliott, Diana.
 Akers, Joseph vs. Akers, Margaret.
 Castle, Rose M. vs. Castle, James M.
 Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Rose, John D.
 Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Johnson, Terry L.
 Slone, Gregory vs. Blankenship, Patricia.
 Green, Susan vs. Green, Joe.
 Combs, Allie vs. Combs, Darrell.
 Conn, Linda vs. Coleman, Pamela.
 Crouch, Glenna vs. Crouch, Benny.
 Chaffins, Shanna vs. Chaffins, Paul.
 Burton, Rebecca vs. Burton, Nikki.
 Burton, Rebecca vs. Burton, Curtis D.
 Samons, Dortha L. vs. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.
 May, Daniel vs. May, Billie Jean, Jr.
 The Money Store Home Equity Corp. vs. Collins, Richard.
 Discover Bank vs. Robinson, Gary.
 Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Engle, Emogene.
 Sanders, Michael vs. Conagra Foods, Inc.
 Martin, Donald vs. Martin, Janis.
 Sellards, Phyllis vs. Citizens National Bank.

CHARGES FILED

Mark Howard, 18, Martin, disorderly conduct.
 Jamie S. Prater, 28, Dickson, Tenn., fugitive from another state.
 Larry R. Harmon, 48, Inez, disorderly conduct.
 Teddy Hall, age unknown, McDowell, theft by deception.
 Frank Webb, 36, Auxier, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeremy D. Jackson, 25, Staffordsville, possession of marijuana.
 Joseph Ryan Caines, 20, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Karen Hitchcock, 20, Paintsville, public intoxication.
 Remona Mills, 29, Thealka, theft by unlawful taking.
 Robert E. Johnson, 26, Allen, theft by unlawful taking.
 Randy Stumbo, age unknown, Emma, terroristic threatening, criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault.
 Berlyn Ray Little, 53, Bevinville, criminal trespassing.
 Zelda Moore Slone, 25, Wayland, fourth-degree assault.
 William Craig, 61, Martin, alcohol intoxication.
 Robie N. Chaffins, 30, Wayland, fourth-degree assault.
 William Blackburn, 32, Allen, public intoxication.
 Squire Hall, 39, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Beverly K. Fannin, 20, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.
 Jackie Mullins, 44, Bypro, alcohol intoxication.
 April D. Amburgy, 33, Harold, alcohol intoxication.
 Euella H. Whited, 41, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication.
 Laverne Sexton, 35, Lexington, fleeing evading police, reckless driving, failure to wear a seatbelt.
 Byron K. Rister, 20, Garret, first-degree burglary.
 Herbert H. Hall, 68, Teaberry, setting fire/land not owned.
 Robbie Stambaugh, 33, Paintville, harassing communications.
 Jimmie D. King, 32, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication.
 Johnny R. Collins, 50, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.
 Joan Turner, 49, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication.
 Mark B. Patton, 19, Langley, public intoxication.
 Timothy M. Howard, 19, Garret, public intoxication.
 Melissa Blair, 34, Tutor Key, theft by unlawful taking.
 April Roberts, 19, Topmost, theft by unlawful taking.
 Genevie Williams, age unknown, Langley, harassment.
 Sherry Patrick, age unknown, Martin, parent failure to send child to school.
 Bruce Lee Jarrell, 18, Stanville, terroristic threatening.
 Timothy Nelson, 37, Banner, harassing communications.
 Palmer Kendrick, 37, Hi Hat, parent failure to send to child to school.
 Tracy Robinson, 22, Harold, harassment.
 Billy Joe Johnson, 42, Bevinville, criminal trespassing.
 Cola Vance Jr., 24, Beaver, theft by failure to make required dispensation of property.
 Jeff Anders, 37, Prestonsburg, theft by failure to make required dispensation of property.
 Jody Carrol, age unknown, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking/over \$300.

BANKRUPT-CIES

Pikeville District
Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.
 Fannie Combs, Haddix.
 James New, Ransom.
 Arnold Hamilton, Shelby Gap.
 Robin Nicole Harris and Terry Bryan Harris, Pikeville.
 Alpha Bentley Hopkins and Thomas Hopkins, Hellier.
 Edgar Tackett and Kathleen A. Tackett, Wheelwright.
 Ballard R. Hitchcock and Brenda C. Hitchcock, Van Lear.
 Gary E. Rice and Kimberly L. Rice, Paintsville.
 Sheila Bryant Coleman, Pikeville.
 Brian K. Amburgy and Donna Miller Amburgey, Hazard.
 Jennifer L. LeMaster and Terry N. LeMaster, Thealka.
 Kent Douglas Coleman and Melissa Rancee Coleman, Pikeville.
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 Charlie Murphy and Martha Murphy, Salyersville.
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 Teresa Ann Isaac, Kite.
 Jody Bentley and Susan Elaine Bentley, Pikeville.
 Lawrence Hale Jr., Blackey.
 Roy Michael Hackworth, Prestonsburg.
 Christine Jones, Melvin.
 Ruby Bergen, Royalton.
 Nova Adams and Robert Adams, Jeremiah.
 Nancy R. Fouts, Jenkins.
 Fred Raiser Jr. and Maudie Raiser, Garner.
 Fred A. Fleming and Jessica L. Fleming, Burdine.
 Cathy A. Miller and Larry Miller, Hazard.
 Phyllis Hannah, Denver.
 Stewart Wallace, Pikeville.
 Tammy Lynn Ratliff, Burdine.
 Gracie Combs, Hardshell.
 Angela Michelle Pack and Don Camron Pack, Stanville.

Chapter 13
Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.

Michelle Thacker and Terry M. Thacker, Kimper.
 Betty Joe Thorpe and Leslie Joe Thorpe, Hazard.
 David Wayne Edwards and Gypsy C. Edwards, Hazard.
 Dwayne E. Slone and Emma Carol Slone, Ermine.

INSPECTIONS

Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Water fountain out of service in gym, also water fountain with low pressure in gym, first floor men's restroom, floor missing tiles causing disrepair, automatic hand dryers out of service in both men's and women's restrooms in the gym, toilet tissue dispenser missing in first floor men's restroom, also no soap in second floor men's restroom, lights out in gym above gym floor, ceiling tile discolored due to water damage, ceiling tile missing from hallway near band room, Room 152 windows and cabinets containing dirt residues, Room 143 and 144 computer tops and tops of furniture covered in dust, needs regular maintenance, table tops in disrepair, band room sink in disrepair, boat rack in girls' locker room in gym in disrepair, cabinets in disrepair in room 155, fronts missing from drawers. Score: 84.
 Wheelwright Country Inn, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lighting not adequate in front of restroom mirrors — should be 40 foot-candles. Score: 98.
 McDowell Grade School, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Intermediate building has crack in urinal in boys' restroom, no guards on urinal drains in Primary A building and also two urinals are out of order, floor tiles in disrepair in boys' restroom in Office Building, unpainted stall door in girls' restroom of Primary Building, floor tiles water damaged in girls' restroom of Primary B building, stall door loose in boys' restroom of Primary A building, hole in wall below sink in the boys' restroom of the Intermediate building, locks missing on stall doors of girls' restroom in Intermediate building, toilet paper dispenser in disrepair in boys' restroom of Primary B building, no soap in girls' restroom in gym, no hot water in various sinks of both restrooms in various buildings, some restrooms have no water provided at some of the sinks, most buildings have restroom sinks with low pressure, lights out in the Science Lab of Intermediate Building, lights out in the library, drain guard missing from floor drain in janitor's closet of Intermediate Building, exit door in Intermediate Building has gap at bottom greater than half an inch, fan blade exposed due to guard missing on hand air dryer in boys' restroom of Intermediate Building. Score: 78.
 McDowell Grade School, McDowell, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Drain guard missing from floor drain in janitor's closet of Intermediate Building, exit door in Intermediate Building has gap at bottom greater than half an inch, and fan blade exposed due to guard missing on hand dryer in boys' restroom of Intermediate Building have all been corrected. Other violations from regular inspection still remain to be corrected. Score: 88.
 J & W Trailer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: None. Score: 100.
 Pleasant Living Trailer Court, Rt 1428, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are not numbered systematically, homes do not have numbers posted on them, power boxes are numbered, however, cannot be seen easily, first lot has some debris and refuse piled in back yard. Score: 96.
 Mayo Trailer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are not numbered systematically or clearly visible, out-buildings for each lot are not at a minimum of 15 ft. away from the house or other out buildings.
 Music & Ward Trailer Park, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are not properly numbered or numbers not clearly visible, driveway found in disrepair, needs repair (graveled or paved), all out-buildings need to be 15ft. from

other homes, various lots having debris and refuse surrounding home, many homes found without underpinning, things being stored under trailer. Score: 90.
 Duff Elementary, Rt. 80 Eastern, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All violations corrected. Score: N/A.
 S & V Mobile Home Park, Drift, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are not numbered systematically, Trailers being set up do not have approved mobile home stands — should be poured concrete pads or concrete runways. Score: 96.
 Toddra's Market, Teaberry, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Critical violation from No. 1 (source, condition, no spoilage) from inspection dated Jan. 19 has not been corrected — all November labeled packaged meats have been pulled from display units and are not on the premises, owner states those items were taken to her place of residence and will not be offered for resale to the public, owner further states that all packaged meat items offered for sale in the facility will have proper labels in the future, critical item No. 14 has been corrected, all cleaning items have been removed and stored separately from food and food equipment, non-critical items no. 25, 32, 37, 38 from inspection dated Jan. 19 have been corrected, items no. 5 (thermometers provided and conspicuous) and no. 14 (food (ice)) contact surfaces designed, constructed, maintained, installed, located remain uncorrected. Score: 97.
 McDowell Grade School Cafeteria, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Fan cover in disrepair in small, walk-in milk cooler, floors made of wood in small, walk-in milk cooler, Hobart brand reach-in cooler has door gaskets loose, shelves are made of wood — not easily cleanable — where single service articles are stored, dust accumulation on the inside wall and ceiling of the walk-in freezer, one outside garbage dumpster is not provided with lids or

drain plug, paint is peeling and holes beginning to be noticeable on the walls at the ware washing area due to splattering of water — needs some sort of shield. Score: 95.
 Care-A-Lot Daycare, Martin, follow-up inspection. All violations have been corrected. Score: 100.
 Tiger Mart, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. All violations have been corrected. Score: 100.
 Rite Aid, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bottom of reach-in cooler, with milk in it, in disrepair, outside garbage container not provided with lids or drain plug, outside garbage area has miscellaneous articles scattered around. Score: 96.
 Little A Market, Blue River, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers need to be conspicuous and or present in all units, butter block table in poor repair/used to cut cold cuts and cheeses, ice machine unit heavy damage, found no accurate test kits for chlorine sanitizers, top surface of refrigerator with build-up of dust residue, pots and pans (clean) not stored upside down, plumbing in restroom out of service, hand washing sink found without towel in food preparation area, lights in food preparation area needs light shields/also walk-in units need light. Score: 91.
 Dairy Cheer, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not in all cooling or heating units, need to be in all units or conspicuous, easily seen, food items being stored on floor in walk-in cooler and outside walk-in freezer.

some items being stored not found (bacon) in some units, personnel cooking without hair restraints in use, countertop in disrepair/not easily cleanable in preparation area, seals of walk-in refrigerator need replaced.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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—Bill Lemly

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Our View

Throwing good money after bad

At first glance, Gov. Paul Patton’s revised plan to do something about Kentucky’s trash problem appears to be a do-nothing bill for this year’s do-nothing legislative session. But it’s not. In fact, it’s much worse.

Patton’s proposal masquerades as an effort to clean Kentucky, but truly it is nothing more than feel-good legislation which, in the end, won’t feel so good for Kentucky’s taxpayers.

Patton proposes to require counties to clean up their share of the state’s estimated 3,300 illegal dumps by 2003. Of course, that sounds like a good thing. It certainly makes for a nice soundbite. The problem is, it accomplishes nothing.

Patton knows this. When announcing his first version of solid waste legislation a couple of weeks ago, when he advocated mandatory garbage collection for all of the state’s 120 counties, Patton chose to hold a press conference from the site of an illegal dump along the Franklin-Anderson county line. He did so to illustrate a point — although the dump had been cleaned just three years ago, dumpers have returned it to its former, sorry state.

The point Patton made at that time was a good one — all the dump cleanups in the world will not make a dent in the problem until dumpers have an incentive or a requirement to stop tossing their trash into the landscape.

It is both baffling and discouraging to see the governor ignoring the very lesson he tried to impart. Patton’s new plan will force counties to pick up garbage, but won’t do anything to put an end to the dumping.

And there is even more reason to be concerned about Patton’s proposal. Nowhere in his plan is there any means to pay for the cleanups. That will require fiscal courts to raise taxes or cut services to clean dumps which will continue to pop up in perpetuity.

How much money is involved? By the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet’s own estimates, Kentucky has 3,300 illegal dumps to clean up. The cabinet also estimates that each cleanup will cost \$2,000 on top of labor costs.

That’s \$6.6 million plus manpower the state’s county governments will have to find, just to comply with the plan the first year.

That cost would be bearable if there were any hope of solving the problem for good. But since Patton has rejected both mandatory collection and any type of funding mechanism, counties can expect to continue paying those costs over and over as illegal dumps return again and again.

And there is precedent to expect the costs will soar astronomically higher. In 1993, the cabinet estimated that there were 3,876 illegal dumps in Kentucky. Yet, between 1993 and

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P o i s o n P e n

Suckered again

The oil companies have done it to us again, and all the while we had thought it was OPEC who was to blame.

I’m talking, of course, about the price we’re paying for gasoline. For about a year, we’ve been told that those greedy OPEC nations were sticking it to us, and we had no choice but to pay up or sit home.

But over the past couple of weeks, news has been trickling in proving that it was all a sham.

Not too long ago, three of the nation’s biggest oil companies reported their profits for the year. With all the talk about how the Arab nations were sticking it to us, you would have thought that maybe they would have taken a hit to their bottom lines, or at the very least they wouldn’t have made any more money than the year before.

Not so, by a long shot.

First on our list is Texaco. That company reported that profits doubled for the year, from \$1.18 billion in 1999 to \$2.54 billion in 2000.

Chevron did even better and ended 2000 with its most profitable year in the company’s history. Profits increased from \$2.1 billion to \$5.2 billion, roughly an increase of two-and-one-half times.

But of the three, Exxon Mobil takes the cake. Once again, we see another oil company roughly doubling its profit from year to year, but that’s not all of the story. In 1999, Exxon Mobil earned \$7.91 billion. In 2000, that figure jumped to \$17.72 billion.

You read it right — \$17 billion. And here’s the clincher: That’s not merely a record for Exxon Mobil. It’s

not just a record for oil companies. Exxon Mobil’s profits are the world record for any company in any industry anywhere on the globe at any time in history.

Now that burns me up, big time. Now, I don’t begrudge any person or any company getting ahead and making

a profit. That’s the American dream, and more power to them if they can do it.

But what really gets my goat is when I see a company like Exxon Mobil, Chevron or Texaco sticking it to us when we’re down.

I can understand that gas prices have to rise when the price of crude oil doubles, and I don’t get too upset about it. But these numbers prove that the oil companies took advantage of the situation and, instead of raising prices just to merely cover their additional expenses, they rose them even higher to effectively double their profit margin.

Now, I want to go out of my way to say that by no means am I pointing the finger at the owners of gas stations. I know quite a few of them and, for the most part, they’re average joes trying to make a living and they’re getting it stuck to them just like we’re getting it stuck to us.

No, the people who are to blame are the corporate leeches who are sitting in their glass towers and collecting their bonus checks for sticking it to the American consumer once again.

But what can I do, what can any of us do? I have to take my son to school and get to work every morning somehow, and I don’t own a horse.



RALPH DAVIS

L e t t e r s

Why young people aren’t enlisting in the military

You have seen in the news lately that the Navy can’t get enough recruits to man its ships and the Army is way below its enlistment goals. They blame the booming economy for their failures to entice young Americans into the service. I think there are other factors at work here discouraging enlistment into the military.

During Vietnam, many of our vets came home suffering from the effects of agent orange exposure and post-traumatic stress. They had to go through a long battle with the Veterans Administration to even get their problems recognized as war-related. I remember many a vet coming into the mental health clinic where I worked labeled as schizophrenic by the VA doctors. These men were living a

life of pure hell with flashbacks of the war, birth defects in their children and physical problems related to exposure to the deadly defoliate agent orange.

The next generation of Americas youth is now suffering from radiation exposure in Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo. Any idiot knows if you encase a shell in uranium and explode it all over the battlefield dire consequences will result.

In Iraq adults and children are suffering from rises in cancers of all types. I know a young man who was over there and served with a missile battery in the Air Force. He made the mistake of sight-seeing the battlefield, exposing himself to radiation. Shortly after the conflict he was forced out of the service. His mental condition had deteriorated and he has heart problems. We will see more young soldiers like him coming back from Kosovo with similar problems and a rise in cancer deaths.

The problems these veterans face and the cause is obvi-

ous but the military still insists on using uranium-coated weapons. Our allies are conducting studies into the effects these kinds of weapons have on our own troops. They don’t use these kind of weapons. Could it be they have a concern for the health and welfare of their soldiers, while our government doesn’t? How long will take the Veterans Administration to recognize the connection between radiation exposure and service in the military?

Now suppose you put in a claim as I have on behalf of my mother. I have just been informed by a staff member of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell’s office that the Veterans Administration is just now looking at application going back to December 1999. That means it will probably be a good year before my mother’s claim for benefits will even be looked at.

My father was a World War II veteran that served on the USS Enterprise. He suffered post-traumatic stress symptoms and never received any help from the VA. When I

filed a claim in the last year of his life, the VA claimed to have no records of him, even though he was seen by them and declared 100-percent permanently disabled by the VA back in 1965. I by chance happened to find a letter from them in Dr. Carter’s medical records.

Here are some questions to all the politicians out there. Is it excusable for the Veterans Administration to take a year before even considering an application? Is it excusable to put off veterans who are suffering from the effects of war? Is it excusable to claim they have no records of our military men when they have been evaluated in the past by the VA?

I don’t think so and neither should anyone in Congress. The reason recruitment is off is veterans such as myself are telling our kids to stay the hell out of the military. I don’t want my son to be the next victim. Not a victim of the enemy but our own government and military.

John Burgess
Louisa

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Record

handles of reach-in refrigerator in disrepair, doors of salad cooler in disrepair — use of tape to fix. Score: 93.

Save-A-Lot, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, complaint. Violations noted: Violation No. 35 (insect, rodent, animal control) has been corrected. No score given.

Bypro Pizza and Dairy Bar, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Freezing unit below sandwich topping cooler in need of defrosting, inside door panel of brown Kenmore freezer has cracks in it, debris, such as old gutter panels, lying around rear of building. Score: 96.

Dollar General Store, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: No towels or hand dryer noticed in restroom, outside garbage container is not provided with lids or drain plugs, outside garbage area has boxes scattered around dumpster, restroom does not have proper lighting installed. Score: 94.

Speedway, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. All violations have been corrected. No score given.

May Valley Elementary Cafeteria, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food in dry storage and also walk-in cooler is not stored a minimum of six inches off floor, walk-in cooler has dust accumulation over door entrance on the inside — fan possibly needs cleaning. Score: 97.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Arlen Shepherd Jr. and Carolyn Shepherd to The David School Inc., property located in David.

Ollie Jones to John Lee Newsome and Patricia Newsome, property location not listed.

Jack Akers to John William Little and Kimberly Ann Little, property located on Muddy Gut Branch of Left Beaver Creek.

Toni Michelle Newman Clark and Steve Clark to Hilltop Investments, Inc., property located on Left Beaver Creek.

Vickie Gordon and Rick

Gordon to O.T. Hammonds, property location not listed.

Debbie Bohn and Kevin Bohn to O.T. Hammonds, property location not listed.

Terry Crisp to O.T. Hammonds, property location not listed.

Randolph Keathley and Cynthia S. Keathley, Joanne Adams and James Adams, Nadine Blankenship and Randy Blankenship, Lavonne Traczek, James Keathley and Elizabeth Keathley, Quentin Keathley and Shirley Keathley, Donald Keathley and Jo Keathley, Phyllis Stevens and Donald Stevens to Richard Lentz and Nan Lentz, property location not listed.

Josephine Meadows to Philip Simpson and Christina Simpson, property located in Porter Addition, of Prestonsburg.

Walter Akers and Minnie Akers to Daniel Akers, property located on Little Mud Creek.

Brian Neil Delong to Bill Alan Delong, property located on Middle Creek.

Phyllis Williams and Jesse D. Williams and Doris Ann Adams and Allen Adams to Terry A. Giese and Tim D. Johnson, property located on Copperas Creek.

City of Prestonsburg to David Clifton and Della Clifton, property located in Crestwood Subdivision.

Donald Ray Hamilton or Alpha Hamilton to Charles T. Dotson, property location not listed.

Edward Marsillett and Martha Marsillett to James E. Marsillett and John W. Marsillett, property located on Happy Hollow near West Prestonsburg.

Phyllis Lenox to Marvin Sturgill, property located on Trimble Branch.

Douglas Thornsby and Debra L. Thornsby to Baxter Wicker and Cary J. Wicker, property location not listed.

Bobby Johnson and Missy Michelle Johnson, Elbert Stratton Jr. and Linda Stratton to Anthony Slone and Donita Slone, property located on Mare Creek.

Alvin Webb and Louise

Webb to Deborah Ann Henderson, property located at Wayland.

Mable Collins to Charles Collins or Helen Collins, property located on Beaver Creek.

Dottie Johnson to Gary Dale Johnson, property located on Beaver Creek.

Debbie Wireman and Rick Wireman to Truman Shepherd, property location not listed.

Randall Clyde Burchett and Sandra R. Burchett to Jeff Hall and Gwen Hall, property located in Prestonsburg.

Ronald L. Cooley and Connie Cooley and Kennie Carpenter and Mary Ann Carpenter, to Billy Frasure, property located on Left Fork of Middle Creek.

Ronald L. Cooley and Connie Cooley, Kennie Carpenter and Mary Ann Carpenter, to Billy Frasure, property located on Right Fork of Middle Creek.

Billy E. Frasure and Scott Frasure and Ruth Frasure to Billy E. Frasure, property located on Left Fork of Abbott.

Peggy Ellen Prater (now Ousley) and Michael D. Ousley to Peggy Ellen Ousley and Michael D. Ousley, property location not listed.

Charles R. Rogers and Cynthia Madden Rogers to Melton Rogers and Lori Rogers, property location not listed.

Unisign Corporation Inc. to Thoroughbred Development Inc., property located on Big Mud Creek.

Kenny Ray Ratliff and Alice Faye Ratliff, Randal Lee Ratliff and Barbara Jean Ratliff, Deborah R. Craft and David Michael Craft, and Teresa Moore, to William Martin, property located on Frasures Creek road.

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Judy Mosley to Larry Maurice Mosley, property location not listed.

Ethel Stumbo (Burga) to

Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, property location not listed.

United States Marshal's deed, James E. Underwood, Acting United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Terry W. Music and Bobbi L. Music, to Craig A. McGlone and Carla H. McGlone, property location not listed.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Upcoming presentations:
February 12: STD's Awareness Presentations.
February 13: Alcohol Prevention Presentations.
February 21: STD's Awareness Presentations.
February 26: Drug Awareness Presentations.

AARP Tax-aid offered until April 11

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will continue their tax-aid program of assisting elderly and low-income taxpayers with their income tax forms each Wednesday, from 8:30-3 until April 11, at the Prestonsburg library. This is a free service, provided by Jenny Wiley, AARP.

Piarist School to hold entrance examination

The Piarist School, a private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshmen or sophomore years of high school in the fall. The

exam will be given on Saturday, March 10 at 9 a.m., at the school, which is located at the second traffic light on Route 80 in Martin.

To register or to request information, call 285-3950 or email: piarist@kih.net or visit the website at: www.geocities.com/piarist

Clark Family Resource Center Activities

- February 14—"Time Out for Parents" support group meeting—9:00-10:30 a.m.
- February 20—FCHD Dental Health presentations for K-3.
- February 28—OLW Presentation for 5th grade.

MCCC counseling services weekly.
Nurse: FCHD nurse is in the center on Thursdays. We are now scheduling appointments for 6th grade physicals. Call for an appointment.
After School Child Care—3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. school days. Openings are available.

Evening program planned

Camp Nathaniel in Knott County is hosting an evening of Christmas Fellowship on Friday, February 23, beginning with dinner at 7 p.m. Featured guest is Gerrie Budgick, mother, grandmother, health care professional and author of "Victorious Victim." For information, call 606/251-3231.

Business seminar for women

Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium is a seminar being offered by the Morehead State

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Proposal

1999, counties had cleaned up 14,402 dumps — nearly four times the original estimate. If that trend holds, fiscal courts and taxpayers could be saddled with a recurring \$30 million bill to pay.

Fortunately, if Patton's proposal becomes law, Floyd County would likely not be hurt as badly as others, since Floyd is one of only 25 statewide which already have mandatory collection ordinances. Once the dumps are cleaned up in Floyd County, it would likely take much longer for them to return, although

several certainly would, since much of the trash thrown along our hillsides is brought in from other counties.

But despite the local law, the Floyd Fiscal Court would still be in the same boat as the rest of the state when it comes to trying to find money for the initial cleanup effort.

Patton's proposal is nothing more than bad legislation. Unfortunately, it is bad legislation which appears to enjoy broad support in Frankfort — until and unless the people of Kentucky demand that their elected leaders adopt something more meaningful.

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University/Small Business Development Center for all women—homemakers, professionals, educators—in the Big Sandy area, on Thursday, February 22, at the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The symposium will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., with a registration fee of \$15 which covers the cost of a luncheon. Guest speakers will discuss "Renewing Your Spirit," "Balancing Family & Work," "Loans for Women in Small Business," and "Success Stories" from successful women entrepreneurs. To pre-register or get more information, call the Small Business Development Center at 606/432-5848.

Maytown offers art classes

The Maytown Lifelong Learning Center will offer classes in ceramics and basic drawing, beginning in mid-February. The ceramics class will run for six weeks, on Thursdays, with a choice of two times, 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25. The basic drawing class

is set for Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., for six weeks, and the cost is \$10. For more information, call 606/285-0539.

Seniors plan flea market

The McDowell Senior Citizens Center will have an indoor flea market at the Center on February 15. Foods, crafts and fun are planned.

Beekeeping workshop set

Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service will hold its Spring Beekeepers Workshop and Bee Giveaway on Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the office at 921 S. Lake Dr. in Prestonsburg. Tom Webster, extension beekeeping specialist, will demonstrate new products for disease and mite control. For information, call Ray Tackett, 606/886-2668.

Strawberry plants available

The Floyd County Extension Service is taking orders for strawberry plants. Available varieties are Earliglow, Surecrop and Tribute. Plants are sold in bunches of 25. Orders and money are due by February 25. Call Ray Tackett, 606/886-2668.

Concert

"The first ladies of gospel music," the Perry Sisters, will be in concert with God's Men, Saturday, February 17, at 6 p.m., at Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in Pikeville. Admission is free. Call 606-437-0116.

Adoption fair

Adoption providers from across the state will be represented at a free adoption fair, Sunday, February 18, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., at the University of Louisville Shelby Campus. The event and workshops are free. For details and directions, call 1-800-928-4303.

Auditions rescheduled

Floyd County Community Theatre has rescheduled auditions for the play "Two to Go," by Molly Bass. Auditions, for persons 13 to 18 years old, will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. Adult volunteers are also needed. For information, call 606/886-2668.

Pikeville Methodist activities

- February 16: Dr. Mary Fox, AIDS Update, 6-8 p.m., Education Center, 606/218-3525.
- February 19: CCS (Colorectal Cancer Survivors) Support Group, 6 p.m. Leonard Lawson Cancer Center, 606/218-4992.
- February 21: Look Good—Feel Better program, 9:30 a.m., Leonard Lawson Cancer Center for women undergoing cancer treatments to help them apply cosmetics effectively and to teach them to fashion wigs and turbans, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, 606/218-4992.
- February 22: US TOO! Prostate Support Group and US TOO! Partners, 6:30 p.m., Leonard Lawson Cancer Center conference room, 606/218-4992.
- February 26: Diabetes Support Group, 6 p.m., Education Center, 606/218-3513.

Leadership KY enrolling

Leadership Kentucky is accepting applications for its 2001 class. Each year, 50 participants are selected to attend seven monthly sessions dealing with such topics as health and human services, law and justice, the economy, politics, environment, leadership, history and education. Panel discussions, workshops, lectures, field trips and other activities are scheduled.

For information on applying, call 502/695-1102 or e-mail lead-erky@mis.net. Deadline for applications is March 1.

Vaccines available for Veterans

All veterans enrolled for VA health care are encouraged to get flu and pneumonia shots. The vaccines are available at the Huntington VA Medical Center on Spring Valley Drive and at VA Outpatient Clinics located at 104 Alex Lane in Charleston and on KY 321 in Prestonsburg. Appointments at the Prestonsburg Clinic may be scheduled by calling 606/886-1970.

Vet rep available

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Contact him at 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

The "Word" for the Week

The affection of love

Heart-shaped cards display nymphs with bows, arrows that pierce our hearts, and words of love. Flowers also abound. Valentine's Day is a dream come true for card makers and florists. It's a dream come true for those who receive cards and especially flowers. We are smitten with the arrows of love.

When these arrows pierce our hearts, affection rises within us. This affection is an inclination of heart toward the one we love. As a result, we do extraordinary things for the object of our love.

Translate this idea to the divine and spiritual realm. Love for God is heartfelt affection for Him. Love for Jesus Christ translates to action. Jesus says, "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me" (John 14:21). What provokes this action? What brings about this love?

It begins with God's love for us. "We love, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The Holy Spirit is the arrow of God's love piercing our hearts. We are smitten with affection for God by the Holy Spirit. "Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Galatians 4:6). The Holy Spirit also produces affection for doing God's will. The commandments of God become "sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10).

Card of Thanks

The family of Carl Steele would like to extend their appreciation to all their friends, neighbors and family; those who sent flowers, brought food and offered words of comfort during this time of sorrow. Special thanks is given to the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, Brother Troy Patton, the singers, and the choir, and the ladies of the church, for the food; the Betsy Layne D.A.V. #169, the pallbearers, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and Hospice.

The Family, Carl Ed., Joanna, Bo

Regional Obituaries

Pike County

John Paul Hunt II, 48, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, January 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Linda Carol Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

William S. "Bill" Justice, 75, of Belfry, died Wednesday,

February 7, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Frances Frost Hagan, 100, of London, died Saturday, February 3, in London. Private services were held for the immediate family.

Ernest Ralph Bentley, 70, of Glasgow, died Tuesday,

February 6, at the T.J. Samson Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Bentley. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 8, under the direction of Crow & Son Funeral Home.

Delsa Conn Coleman Wean, 94, of Bastain, Virginia, formerly of Hurley, Virginia, died Tuesday, February 6, in Bastain. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February

8, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home.

Ossie Branham, 50, of Germantown, Ohio, formerly of Fishtrap, died Tuesday, February 6, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Branham. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 11, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

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We Get EMAIL!!!



by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

I really enjoy folks coming up and talking with me when I cover basketball in our region. I meet a lot of folks and just enjoy the fellowship of it all.

At times we even get emails that are interesting like the one I got from Garrett Hott (if that is a real name). However, I thought it interesting in what was written and wanted to share it with everyone. First of all, I agree with what was written about the player in question. Secondly, there are other great players out there as well.

"I would like to express my thoughts on the most underrated basketball player in the 15th Region. This young man plays with a pure desire for the game, not for personal stats or recognition.

"He could easily be among the top scorers in the state, but because his coach doesn't believe in running up the score to pad the stat

book, his average suffers (writer writes: no knock on the coach intended).

"He has only played two years of varsity basketball, riding the bench his freshman and sophomore seasons (writers note: Why? We are stuck on that one!) added (coach knocking intended).

"He will shortly eclipse the 1,000 point total for his high school career. Never does his game plan turn to what is fast becoming 15th Region style 'thug' ball.

"You will never see him talking with an official after a questionable call, shake his head in disgust or become involved in some dirtier play that goes on during the course of a game.

"While other players fall prey to these outside distractions, this young man is taking a charge, hustling down a loose ball or, in most cases, getting medical attention caused by an intentional foul.

"Oh, and did I mention he's leading his team in scoring and second in rebounding. He is the constant, attention of his opponents game plan. But try as they might, this young man wills himself and sometimes his team to victory.

"But, his talents are not limited to on the court. This young man is an outstanding academic student as well.

"Not many programs can boast that about their star player. In a time when schools are willing to take a 'W' for the team, instead of an 'A' in the classroom. My vote goes to number 23, Brock Keathley of the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Never have I seen a player who loves the game more."

It was signed: Garrett Hott.

Again, we think Brock is certainly one of the top five players in the 15th Region without a doubt. We also know of others who are not only excelling on the basketball court but in the classroom as well.

Brock Keathley is one of the finest young men we have encountered in the 13 years of covering sports. I add my concurrence to the received email.

Let me hear from others who would like to heap praise on a certain player. We will be more than glad to print it and pass it along. It must be positive and in good taste.

GRADE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

I never realize how much I missed the grade school basketball games. I took in the games Thursday night at Betsy Layne and it was good to see all the school spirit there. If only our high schools

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A Look at Sports

Betsy Layne hires McCoy as new football coach

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR



Coach Tim McCoy/BETSY LAYNE FOOTBALL

Attention all Betsy Layne football fans and parents.

Yes, the Bobcats will have a football program and, yes, they have hired a new head football coach.

Tim McCoy was hired last Monday as the school's next football coach, replacing Ted George, who resigned after last season to take an assistant principal's job at Adams Middle School.

McCoy will not officially come on campus until July 1 but he will

be handling the spring practices. McCoy is not newcomer to the coaching ranks.

A native of Pikeville, McCoy attended Hazard High School after his parents moved to Hazard when he was four. He graduated from Hazard in 1980, moving on to college.

He worked as an assistant in Daytona Beach, Florida, before coming to Knott County Central where he served as an assistant for one year.

McCoy took the head coaching job at Jenkins High School in 1990 and led the school to two

playoff berths in the five years he was there. From Jenkins he made his way to the hot bed of football at Pineville High Schools. Coach McCoy said that was a mistake.

"The expectations were too high at Pineville," he said. "I am the kind of coach who does things my way. I feel that I have the responsibility of these young men and I do it my way."

McCoy took a break from football for two years working as a fund-raiser. He returned to the coaching ranks at South Laurel

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GRADE SCHOOL TOURNEY...

South Floyd surprises Betsy Layne

Trio leads Lady Raiders in 36-33 upset

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

For Betsy Layne coach Jim Roberts there was more on his mind than his team's first round match up against fourth seed South Floyd when his squad took to the hardwood Thursday night.

Coach Roberts' father was facing surgery and at the same time it was doubtful if one of his starters, Lyndsey Frasure, would be able to play due to an injury to her knee.

However, Frasure indeed did play but it was a rough night all the way around for the Ladycats as they caught the Lady Raiders on one of their better games of the season.

The result: a 36-33 upset of the tournament's number one seed.

South Floyd placed three players in double figures led by Tabitha Trammell's 12 points. Trammell had a strong board game as well pulling in (unofficially) 11 rebounds.

Miranda Gregory, who ignited a fourth quarter comeback for the Lady Raiders, finished with 11 points while Tabitha Tackett netted 10.

Kim Clark, playing her last game as an eighth-grader, led Betsy Layne with 10 points. Frasure had a strong finish with

nine points and six rebounds.

Kristal Daniels tossed in eight points but had three block shots and six rebounds. Breann Akers totaled four points with five boards and Candice Meade scored one point.

Betsy Layne took an eight point lead into the fourth quarter leading 23-15. But in the first two minutes of the period the Ladycats could only manage a basket by Daniels as South Floyd went on a 10-2 run to tie the game at 25-25. Tackett led the Lady Raider charge with four points and Gregory's lay up with 4:01 to play tied the game for the first time since it was tied 2-2 in the first period.

Gregory's steal tied the game again 27-27 after Betsy Layne had led by two on a basket by Clark. A free throw by Tackett and Gregory's lay up gave the Lady Raiders a three point cushion at 30-27. South Floyd's biggest lead was five points, 36-31, when Trammell completed an old-fashion three point play. Frasure's rebound basket cut the final margin to three.

South Floyd held a one point lead after the first period leading 8-7. Frasure gave the Ladycats a 2-0 lead with a basket underneath. Betsy Layne led 5-2 before the Lady Raiders rallied to take the one point lead after one quarter.

Both teams struggled in the early going of the second period but Betsy Layne went on a 9-0 run that netted them a 16-8 lead. The Ladycats led 16-10 at the half.

Betsy Layne's biggest lead came at the

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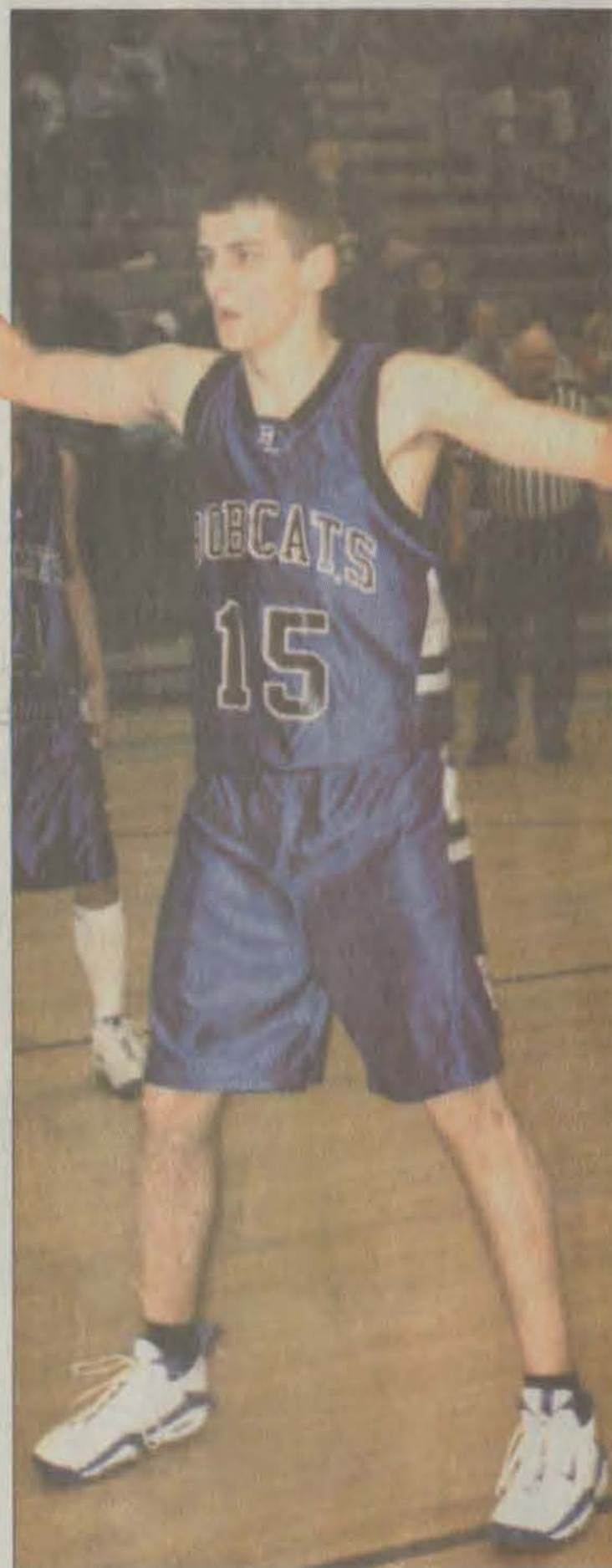


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JEREMY DANIELS (15) is a force on the inside for the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Daniels, a senior, leads the state in rebounding.



Grade school tourney...

Burchett leads Adams Middle School to finals

Slone scores 11 in 46-31 victory

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Molly Burchett and Meaghan Slone combined for 26 points in leading the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats to a 46-31 win over the Lady Mustangs of Stumbo Thursday night in the final game of the Floyd County Grade School Tournament played at Betsy Layne's D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Burchett led all scorers with 15 points while Slone finished with 11. Darcey Hicks added seven while Megan Harris netted five. Both Michelle Lackey and Megan Patton scored four points each.

Kristen Smith led Stumbo with 10 points including a three-point basket. Amanda Newsome added eight and Whitney Tackett netted four. Mara Biliter and Nina Johnson finished with three. Johnson hit a three-pointer in the fourth quarter.

Stumbo never led in the game as the Lady Blackcats got out of the gate early with a 13-1 lead behind Burchett, Hicks and Slone. Burchett scored the first four points with Slone drilling a three and a lay up sandwich between two baskets by Hicks.

Stumbo, a very good basketball team, rallied with a 8-2 run that closed the margin to six, 15-9 after the first quarter. The Lady Mustangs just could not get their three's to fall.

Stumbo opened the second quarter with the first three points to draw to within three, 15-12, but Megan

(See BURCHETT, page four)



photo by Ed Taylor

MMMM GOOD! Kelli Joseph enjoyed some good popcorn while supporting the Betsy Layne Elementary Ladycats during the Floyd County Grade School Tournament Thursday night.

High school girls... Music's 27 points, 17 rebounds sends Prestonsburg past Jenkins

Coleman dishes off seven assists scores 16

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats leaped the .500 mark this past Thursday night improving to 11-10 on the season with an impressive win over the Lady Cavaliers of Jenkins at home.

Coach Harold Tackett got a balanced attack from his team as all five starters scored in double figures.

Junior Ramanda Music scored 27 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead the offense for Prestonsburg. She has had 35 rebounds in her last two games. Music was 13 of 20 from the floor for 65 percent shooting.

Brooke Coleman was one of the reasons for the good game by Music. Coleman, who is needed in the Lady Blackcats offense, added 16 points in a strong offensive night of six of eight from the floor and a 75 percent shooting percentage.

But she also got the ball to the middle for Music in picking up seven assists. But Coleman also had a big defensive night as well period.

A returning Heather White added 12 points while Amelia Conley netted 11. Point guard Angela Howell finished with 10 points. Howell picked up five assists as well. Music and Conley each had four assists.

Stephanie Adams, who rejoined the Lady Blackcats three weeks ago, netted six points and pulled down six rebounds. Tara Harris had one point in the win.

Jenkins built the early lead mostly on three-point shooting. The Lady Cavs hit all four of their three-point attempts. Jessica Duty led Jenkins with 20 points and two treys. Autumn Vanover netted 18 while Ashley Addington netted 12. Ciera Pittman came off the bench and contributed 10 points. Addington had two three-pointers in the game.

It was the shooting of Duty and Addington in the first period that staked Jenkins to a 22-13 lead after the first quarter. Addington buried both of her treys in the first eight minutes while Duty had three and scored seven points.

Coleman scored six of the Prestonsburg 13 points in the opening period with White tossing in four.

In the second quarter, the visiting Lady Cavs built a 14 point lead but a late rally by Prestonsburg narrowed the margin to eight, 37-29 at the half.

Music, who was held to just six points in the first two quarters, dominated the paint area in the second half with the help of Coleman. Music scored 13 points in the third period completing an old-fashioned three point play. Prestonsburg outscored Jenkins 29-11 in the third period to lead 58-48 after three quarters.

Music picked up where she left off with eight points in the fourth period. Howell scored all 10 of her points in the second half with six coming in the fourth quarter.

Jenkins hung around from the free throw line hitting 16 of 20 attempts. Prestonsburg connected on 19 of 26 tries for 73 percent shooting.

Prestonsburg will visit Phelps Monday and Magoffin County Thursday.

Umpires needed, B.S.U.A. to meet

Anyone interested in umpiring high school baseball and/or softball needs to contact Robert Staggs, Assigning Secretary, Big Sandy Umpires Association, before April 1, 2001. Home (606) 432-1807 or Office (606) 218-5357.

There will be a meeting of the Big Sandy umpires Association Sunday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the Pikeville College Gym. The February 11 meeting is for new umpires only. Anyone interested in umpiring high school baseball and/or softball needs to attend.



photo by Steve LeMaster

NATHAN LAFFERTY (15) went up for the ball against John M. Stumbo's Brandon Kidd (55). Lafferty finished with 13 points as the Allen Eagles scored a victory and advanced on into the second round.

SportsBoard

XFL Standings

EAST CONFERENCE

	W	L
Orlando	1	0
Birmingham	0	1
Chicago	0	1
NY/NJ	0	1

Week 1 scores

Las Vegas 19,
New York-New Jersey 0
Orlando 33, Chicago 29
Memphis 22, Birmingham 20
San Francisco 15, Los Angeles 13

WEST CONFERENCE

	W	L
Las Vegas	1	0
Los Angeles	1	0
Memphis	1	0
San Francisco	0	1

Last night's games

Chicago at Los Angeles
San Francisco at Orlando

Today's Schedule

Birmingham at New York-New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Las Vegas at Memphis, 7 p.m.

*Saturday's games not included

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Philadelphia	36
New York	29
Miami	30
Orlando	25
Boston	22
New Jersey	17
Washington	12

Central Division

Milwaukee	29
Toronto	26
Charlotte	26
Cleveland	20
Indiana	21
Detroit	19
Atlanta	16
Chicago	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Utah	32
San Antonio	31
Minnesota	32
Dallas	31
Denver	27
Houston	25
Vancouver	13

Pacific Division

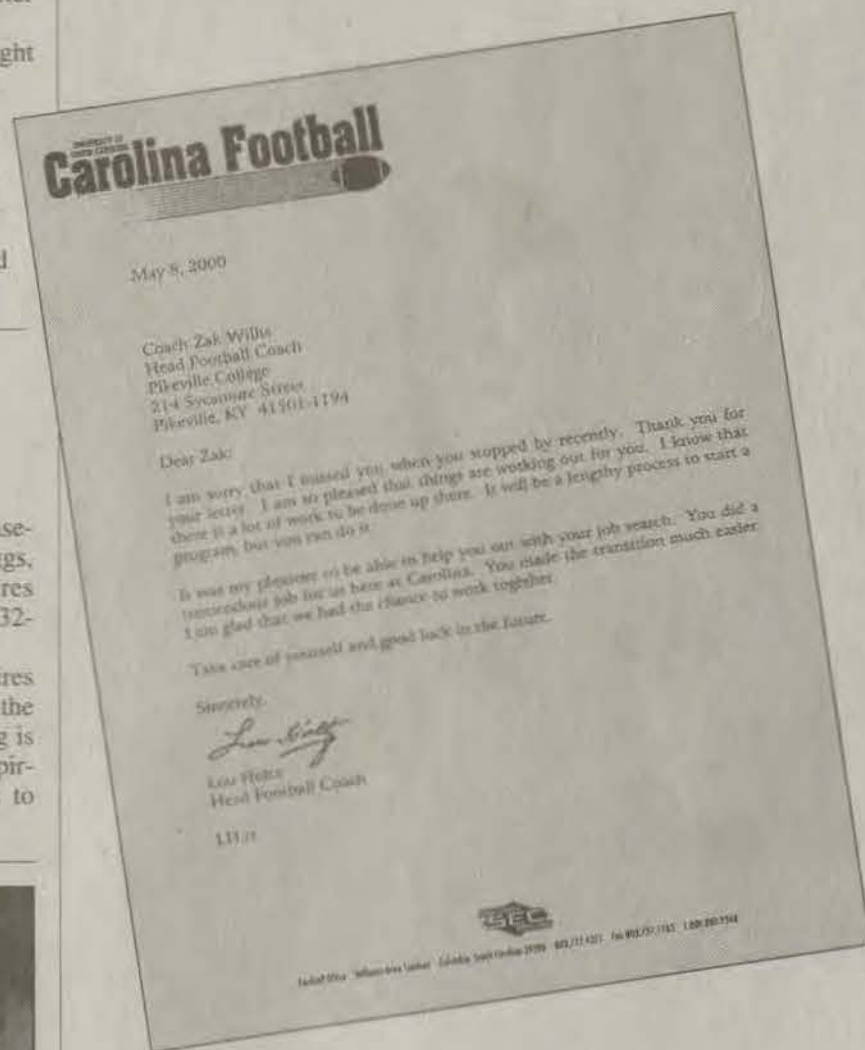
Portland	35
Sacramento	31
L.A. Lakers	31
Phoenix	28
Seattle	28
L.A. Clippers	16
Golden State	15

STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

2001 grid season: I can't wait!

Every time I drive by the site of both where the old Prestonsburg football field was and where the new stadium will be, I think of Pikeville College football. You see, if you didn't already know, Pikeville College played host to the Cumberland College JV squad on the Prestonsburg field back on Sept. 25. The game was the Bears' first-ever home game, even though it was a home away from home game of sorts. The Bears won easily over the visiting Indians. By the way, I can't wait to see what the Pikeville College football team does this season after getting off to such a successful start last season. I enjoyed covering the three Pikeville College games I covered last season. Next season I hope to cover more than three games. The Bears competing in the Mid-South Conference should bring a whole lot of excitement to the area.

And in case you didn't know, Pikeville College has a great coach in Zak Willis. Back in July of last year, I had the chance to go up and meet and talk with Coach Willis. It was a true delight talking with him. It was then that Coach Willis shared a letter South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz had written to him. I hope to get up with Coach Willis here in the next couple of days. I thought I would share the letter Coach Holtz wrote to Coach Willis. Both coaches are definitely class acts. The following is a copy of the letter the legendary Holtz sent to his former South Carolina assistant:



Get the ball rolling faster

The new football field/stadium at Prestonsburg football field has to be ready for the first home game of the season against Paintsville. Let me overemphasize "has to be ready!"

I attended the Prestonsburg football banquet on Sunday, Feb. 4. It was at that time when Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett stressed his concern for the new field's completion. This new field/stadium will be beneficial to the entire community. People should understand that.

Yes, South Floyd also needs a field, but the field at Prestonsburg has to be completed for next season. Why not finish something you've already started? It just makes sense to do so.

Last Sunday's Prestonsburg football banquet was very impressive. Area coaches who want to know the how-to's on postseason sports banquets should take notes from the Prestonsburg folks.

Buffett ejected, Davis probably reeling

Jimmy Buffett being ejected from his baseline seat at Sunday's Miami-New York NBA game got me thinking about a good friend of mine, Mike Davis. A Parrothead himself, Mike could quite possibly be the biggest Buffett fan in the area. Hey, come to think of it, he could be the biggest Jimmy Buffett fan around! He's a good friend and I hope to have the chance to take in some Reds games with him this summer.

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Sports Briefs...

Football

GUIDUGLI COMMITS TO PLAY FOR UK

Gino Guidugli, a 6-foot-5, 210 pound quarterback tradition-rich from Ft. Thomas Highlands High School has committed to play his college football at the University of Kentucky. He chose UK over North Carolina, Cincinnati and Virginia. The Feb. 7 signing day did however pass without Guidugli signing with Kentucky.

JONES, LEWIS SIGN TO PLAY ELSEWHERE

Mr. Football Montrell Jones, an all-state standout at Male High School has signed to play football at Tennessee after committing to UK.

Mason County quarterback Harry Lewis also changed his mind after committing to UK and signed with North Carolina.

GIBSON SIGNS WITH MARSHALL

Pikeville High standout Chase Gibson this past Tuesday signed to play his college football at Marshall University. Gibson is projected to play tight end for the Thundering Herd.

PLD'S FRANKLIN SIGNS WITH ECU

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School quarterback Chip Franklin signed with Eastern Kentucky University on Wednesday. Franklin threw for 7,857 yards and 82 touchdowns and started 37 consecutive games for the Bulldogs.

Another strong-armed quarterback, Harrison County's Billy Faulkner, signed with Cincinnati.

HERD COACH LEAVING FOR GEORGIA

Marshall tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator Dave Johnson is the new tight ends coach at Georgia.

Johnson joins the staff of new Bulldogs Coach Mark Richt.

Johnson, a former West Virginia University standout, joined Marshall's staff in 1997 after 10 years at Indiana-Pennsylvania. He also has coached at Shippensburg University.

Basketball

CATCHINGS HAS SURGERY

Tamika Catchings, the top scorer and rebounder for the No. 2 Tennessee lady Vols, underwent knee surgery this past week at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. Catchings tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her knee. Jan. 15 against Mississippi State. Lady Vols Spokeswoman Debby Jennings said the surgery was a success. Catching returned to rehab workouts just one day after the surgery.

CU'S MCGHEE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Derek McGhee, a forward from Montgomery, Alabama, has been named the Mid-South Conference Player-of-the-Week. Taylor, a 6-foot-6 senior, led the Campbellsville University Tigers in their two wins over conference opponents Union (84-73), and Cumberland (77-68). McGhee had two double-doubles on the week averaging 20.5 points, 10.5 rebounds and 1.5 steals a game. McGhee shot 52 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line.

NCAA APPEALS LASEGE RULING

Attorneys for the NCAA have asked the state Court of Appeals to set aside a judge's order that has enabled Nigerian Muhammed Lasege to play basketball for the University of Louisville.

KNIGHT HIRED BY INTERNET COMPANY

Former Indiana Coach Bobby Knight has been hired by an Internet company to post his NCAA basketball tournament picks online. Sandbox.com will pay Knight roughly \$50,000 to pick the winners of the 64-team field. The company, which runs a variety of fantasy sports leagues, also has a contest in which anyone who picks all 63 NCAA Tournament game winners gets \$10,000.

Baseball

BLAIR SIGNS WITH INDIANS

Willie Blair, a Van Lear native, agreed to a minor league contract with the Cleveland Indians on Thursday. Blair, a graduate of Johnson Central High School, lives in Lexington.

FERNANDEZ NEWEST MEMBER OF BREWERS

Infielder Tony Fernandez, who played in Japan last year, agreed to a minor league contract with the Milwaukee Brewers and was invited to spring training.

Pool

'FAST EDDIE' DIES AT 69

Eddie Parker, the legendary pool player known as "Fast Eddie" and the inspiration for the movie "The Hustler", died at a pool tournament in Texas. He was 69.

Parker was one of the best money players in pocket billiards. He is credited with inspiring Walter Tevis to write the book and screenplay for the 1959 classic film, "The Hustler", in which Paul Newman played the role of Parker.



photo by Ed Taylor

STUMBO'S SAMANTHA HALL (13) put up a shot against Adams Middle School last Thursday night in the first round of the Floyd County Grade School Tournament. Stumbo fell 46-31.

South Floyd starts slow, finishes strong over Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The South Floyd Middle School Raiders battled the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats in the opening game of the second round of the Floyd County Grade School Tournament on Wednesday night.

Betsy Layne, coached by Dwight Newsome, started the game out real well and led 10-2 with 2:32 remaining in the opening period. The Bobcats held a 15-5 lead at end of the first quarter and led 23-14 at the half but could not control the second half as they had the first. South Floyd, the home team on the scoreboard, played an outstanding second half, eventually posting a 54-45 victory.

South Floyd scored the first two points of the game on a Jordan Johnson field goal. The Raiders led 2-0 at the 5:40 mark of the first quarter before going cold for the next four minutes and change. Betsy Layne's Shawn Hamilton hit on a three-pointer with just under a minute remaining in the opening period to make it a 13-4 game.

Hamilton opened the second quarter for Betsy Layne by hitting on one-of-two free throw attempts. South Floyd's Josh Johnson, after being fouled by Hamilton at the other end, converted on two free throw attempts to make a 16-7 game at 4:33.

With his team leading 16-9, Derrick Case sank two free throws to extend the Bobcat lead to an 18-9 advantage. Case made it 21-11 one Betsy Layne possession later

before finishing the first half with a nine-point lead.

South Floyd guard Ryan Johnson put the Raiders first three points in the books in the third quarter on a three-point bucket. A Betsy Layne turnover at the other end gave South Floyd the ball back. It was at that time when Johnson drew a foul from Bobcat Steven Conn.

Raider forward Burnett Little cut the Betsy Layne lead to a 25-23 advantage following a basket from Conn at the opposite end. Johnson put the Raiders over the hump at the 3:23 mark with a three-point rocket. The Raiders took a 35-27 lead into the final quarter.

South Floyd went on a 4-0 run to start the final period, solidifying their stout second half comeback.

Center Steven Stanley put the Raiders up 41-27 on a putback. The 14-point advantage was South Floyd's largest of the entire contest.

Betsy Layne went on a late rally and cut the lead down to six points at 41-35. The Raiders led by eleven with two minutes left in the game before settling for the nine-point win. It was a hard-fought win to say the least, for South Floyd.

The Raiders were paced by Ryan Johnson's game-high 17 points. Little finished with 16 points and a game-high 15 rebounds. Wesley Hall finished with eight points while Josh Johnson chipped in with six points. Stanley finished the contest with five points and six rebounds. Case led Betsy Layne in scor-

ing with 10 points. Adam Roberts finished with nine points while Hamilton and Tackett tossed in seven points each.

With the win, South Floyd advanced to a second round game. The Adams Middle School Blackcats, first round winners over Wesley Christian in the opening round in the opposite bracket were set to take on the Raiders Friday night. The winner of the South Floyd-Adams contest will advance to a championship game against the winner of the Allen-Allen Central Middle School game.



photo by Steve LeMaster
SOUTH FLOYD'S BURNETT LITTLE put up an inside shot against the Betsy Layne defense. Little finished the game with 16 points and 15 rebounds.

Sports

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High School where he has been an assistant coach for the past two seasons.

McCoy said he looked forward to the challenge of rebuilding the Betsy Layne program and said it all starts in the lower grades.

"We need to go into the middle school and elementary schools and teach them exactly what we will be doing in high school," said the new Betsy Layne coach. "When they come up to me as ninth graders, when I call a play they will know exactly what we mean."

Betsy Layne has two feeder schools in Betsy Layne Elementary and John M. Stumbo Elementary. Coach McCoy said he will have three assistants at the high school level but welcomes the input of the grade school coaches.

"Hopefully, some time when they are not working with the grade school they (grade school coaches) can come up and help out with our practices," he said. "You have to have a good feeder program and hopefully we can get in there and build a good one."

McCoy said he plans to meet with the football team and then meet with the freshmen players coming in. He then plans to meet with the players' parents.

"The first thing I want to do is to meet with the incoming freshmen and our rising sophomores," said McCoy. "We want the people to be patient with us. We may have to do things over and over. The first couple years we will work hard and build the program to where it can compete. Everything else after that will be gravy."

McCoy will bring a winning attitude to the program and says the school will look to win each time out.

"If we can get the kids to believe it will happen," said McCoy. "I believe we can win there. Betsy Layne has a lot of potential to be a good football school."

"We have a great fieldhouse and we may not

get a whole lot done in the spring. There are some little things we need to work out but we will do what we can do in spring practice."

Shawn Ousley, assistant principal at Betsy Layne, is currently working in the weight room with players and will continue that role until McCoy can move on the scene.

"I am excited about coming to Betsy Layne," said McCoy. "I have a desire to coach and that is a big part of it."

McCoy said the school would play a district schedule.

"If you don't have something to play for then why have a team," he said. "We need to go for it."

McCoy said it was going to take hard work and patience on the part of all.

We wish the new Bobcat coach and his staff the best and hope they can revive the program to where they can compete.

At Allen Central no word as to who will head up the football program there. The last word was the school would wait until late March to name a coach to succeed Kevin Spurlock, who step aside after last season.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! See you in church Sunday!

CORRECTION

Jervis finishes fourth in 152-pound weight class
Chris Jervis, who dislocated his elbow in a match on Jan. 4, recently came back strong and finished in fourth place at the District Wrestling Tournament at Wayne County.

Jervis won three-out-of-five matches. He defeated wrestlers from Johnson Central, Ashland and East Carter en route to the fourth place finish. The trip to this year's Regional Wrestling Tournament is Jervis's first.



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ADAM'S MOLLY BURCHETT (10) scored 15 points to lead the Lady Blackcats to a 46-31 win over Stumbo in the girls bracket of the Floyd County Grade School tournament at Betsy Layne Thursday night.

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ACMS storms back, runs past MCA

Kilburn nets 18 for victorious Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Middle School Rebels took on the Mountain Christian Academy Falcons in the first round of the Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament Wednesday night.

Allen Central, a number three seed coming into the tournament, struggled early on in the MCA contest. The Rebels jumped out and took a 3-0 lead before MCA went on a 4-0 run. The Rebels led 11-10 after one quarter and took a slim 21-20 lead into the halftime break before exploding for 38 second half points. The Rebels rolled in the second half en route to scoring a 59-30 win over the young Falcons.

Allen Central big man David Kilburn led the way with a game-high 18 points. Scott Allen added 10 points in the ACMS win.

Mountain Christian Academy was led in scoring by Sean Leslie's team-high 11 points. Adam Milam and Chance Bradley finished with eight points each.

Allen Central and MCA were tied 15-15 with 3:32 left in the second quarter. Kilburn put the Rebs up 19-15 on consecutive put-backs. Mountain Christian Academy outscored Allen Central 5-2 to close out the second trailing by just a single point.

The first half saw the younger, smaller MCA Falcons amazingly rebound the bigger, stronger Rebels. However, things would change drastically in the second half.

MCA began the third quarter with possession of the basketball and a chance to take the lead. The Falcons failed to convert on any type of score on their opening possession and failed to score on most all of their other possessions in the second half.

Kilburn scored the first four points of the second half to put Allen Central Middle up

with a 25-20 lead. The Rebels went on a 23-0 run before MCA got on the scoreboard with a free throw. Matthew Potter drew a foul and went to the free throw line with just 23.8 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Potter's one-of-two free throw performance was MCA's only score of the third period as Allen Central cruised into the fourth quarter with a commanding 43-21 lead.

Kilburn hit on a turnaround layin for Allen Central's first two points of the final quarter. MCA's Milam got his team in the fourth quarter books by going one-of-two from the free-throw line at the 4:48 mark.

Allen Central held their biggest lead of the game, a 30-point 55-25 lead, with just under two minutes to go in the game.

The Rebels went up by 32 points on a field goal at the 1:33 mark of the final frame. MCA's Leslie signaled in a three-point basket before the Rebels claimed the 29-point victory. Allen Central's Justin Jacobs ended the contest with a field goal.

GAME NOTES:

■ ACMS Coach Ronnie Patton must have found a spark in his team of Rebels at half-time. After leading by just a single point at the halftime break, the Rebels stormed back and outscored the Falcons 38-9 in the second half.

■ The two leading scorers for their respective squads, Allen Central's Kilburn and MCA's Leslie performed very well. Both are players worth keeping an eye on in the future.

■ Adam Milam, MCA's starting center, played a good game all-around game. He controlled the boards for most of the first half.



photo by Steve LeMaster
DAVID KILBURN (52) of Allen Central Middle School, put up a shot over an MCA player. Kilburn led the Rebels with 18 points.

Sideline

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Buffett finished the game watching from another seat. The poor sheltered referee, Joe Forte, didn't even know the man he ejected from his baseline seat was the legendary Buffett. Imagine that.

Hey, get out to a 15th Region basketball game this week! The month of February is a prelude to March's Madness. Get ready, it's coming!

Burchett

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Harris buried a trey and Hicks scored on a short jumper as Adams raced out to a 20-12 lead. The Lady Blackcats were in control, 22-15, at the half.

Stumbo returned to the floor following half time and opened with a 6-4 run that made it a five point game, 26-21. But Adams ran off the final 10 points of the third period for a 36-21 advantage.

The biggest lead of the game for Adams came at 46-

21 with just over three minutes to play in the game. Stumbo scored the final 10 points of the game to make the score more respectable. Smith drained a three-pointer and scored five straight points. Nina Johnson hit a three-point basket ahead of a basket by Smith for the final tally.

Adams advanced to the championship game against South Floyd on Saturday night.

Courtside

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could catch that once again. A very big crowd was on hand to cheer on their respective schools and everything went so well.

"I sent emails out to all the schools informing them of what a great tournament it has been so far," said Karen Allen, principal of Betsy Layne Elementary. "We have not had the first problem. It has been a wonderful tournament."

I have never seen one that Betsy Layne hosted that wasn't

anything but wonderful.

Congratulations to Allen Central coach Johnny Martin on being recognized at the Millard game Friday night. His father, a big, big Rebel fan, also received recognition.

We appreciate Coach Martin and all the efforts he has put into his team over the years. His father is one of the finest men I know and we are fortunate to have him at the games.

See you at the ball games!

South Floyd

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onset of the third period on a free throw by Frasure and a basket by Daniels for a 19-10 lead. But the Lady Raiders were not ready to concede and went on a 5-4 spurt to trail 23-15 going into the fourth quarter.

"I am very proud of this team," said South Floyd coach

April Bradford. "We played a strong fourth quarter and the girls never did quit."

Frasure said her knee had felt better before the game.

"I'm all right," she said after the game.

South Floyd advanced to the championship game Saturday

Allen pulls away in win over Stumbo

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Ashland Gearhart's Allen Eagles are the number two seed in the Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament. The Eagles took on the John M. Stumbo Mustangs in the opening round of the tournament and came away with an impressive 64-43 victory.

Steven Jones led the way for Allen, the home team on the scoreboard, with a game-high 19 points. Buddy Conn also turned in a strong performance with 14 points. Nathan Lafferty added 13 points in the convincing win.

It was an all-out team effort that allowed the Eagles to come away with a 21-point win.

"We've been preaching team-ball for weeks now and they finally played it," said Allen Coach Ashland Gearhart. "I think we're playing real good right now."

The Eagles went 0-4 from the free throw line to begin the game as both Matt Crisp and Tim Griffith went dry on a pair of offerings at the free toss well.

Brandon Kidd put Stumbo on top 2-0 with a basket at the 4:23 mark of the opening period. The Mustangs led 5-2 after a Mason Hall trifecta found the bottom of the net. A Kidd field goal put the Mustangs up 7-4. Allen's Lafferty made good on a three-point basket to tie the game 7-7 with 2:19 left in the first quarter. Allen went on a 6-2 run to close out the first quarter with a 13-9 lead.

The Eagles outscored Stumbo 11-8 in the second period to take a 24-17 lead into the intermission break. Jones extended the Allen lead when he made good one one-of-two free throw attempts just before the end of the second period.

Stumbo put up the first five points of the second quarter to close to within two points of Allen

at 24-22. Ryan Bryant put the Mustangs to within two of the Eagle lead with a three-pointer at the 4:52 mark of the third period. Allen combated the Stumbo rally by going on an 8-0 run. Consecutive baskets from Jones put Allen ahead 36-24. Stumbo got within 11 points of Allen twice in the quarter before the Eagles ended the third period with a Jones basket and a 44-31 lead.

Allen center Tim Griffith started the final period with two points off an assist from teammate Jordan Case.

The Eagles led 51-33 just 45 seconds into the fourth period. Stumbo's Kyle Hall made good on a field goal to make it a 51-35 game. Bryant made good on a pair of field goals to cut it to a 14-point game at 51-37. The Eagles kept pace late and led 61-43 with 1:37 left to play. Allen's Matt Collins guided in a three-point field goal at 1:21 for the game's final score.

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Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

Times are a bit unsettled, we admit. But we shouldn't worry as long as they don't get Khrushchial.

I can hear a certain party yelp from here to there upon his reading the foregoing. He will attempt to snort while holding his nose.

WHY PUZZLE THE DEAR READER?

Ernest Hemingway may have started a bit of reform among writers with his decision, announced in his new book, "Dangerous Summer," to write about bullfighting without tossing in a string of Spanish terms that only a Spanish major or one to the hacienda born could read without benefit of a language dictionary.

We devoutly hope so. And we would go a step farther. If we had any influence in literary circles, we would try to convince young writers that they do not need to rush to the thesaurus for the most unusual word. We do not want to discourage free use of the language or insist upon writing that is oversimplified, but pedantry gets to be boresome.

Only the other night, for instance, the word, "glau-cious," was sprung on yours truly. The two of us were total strangers, but that is all right—there are a lot of words with which I do not have either a speaking or writing acquaintance. But look what it means!—"a light bluish green or a light greenish-blue," as ocean water. Now I am here to contend that the hyphenated word, "ocean-blue," is fully as descriptive, as "glau-cious" and a whole lot more euphonious.

HILL VS. FISH; AFFIRMED

When Judge Hill left for Florida recently he took with him my ringing injunction, "No pictures, no wild yarns of and about big fish." And you know what? He writes to confess, "They're hard to outsmart." This is one opinion the judge has handed down that is not likely to be contested.

Most of us have seen these signs reading, "A.B.C. in '63." Here's a new one that also is beginning to circulate:

ANOTHER BERT COMBS
In '63
In Wilson Wyatt

THIS IS ENCOURAGING

The latest rumor, and it was heard only this afternoon, is that a flood five feet higher than '57's is on the way. Yesterday, it was 10 feet. The water seems to be falling before it gets here.

PROTECTING THE CHILDREN

Parents, these days, fear their children will fall victim to that old bogey-man, the inferiority complex. Let 'em rip, let 'em tear, but don't make them feel inferior, ever. They say that Texans, for this reason, wait till their children are 16 before telling them about Alaska.

All's quiet on the fishing front. A little jigging, a few half-hearted strikes of "rolls," but no bass. I hastily add that I have not wet a hook.

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Of Days Gone By...



by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

An aging and dilapidated bridge still stands, after many years of non-use, at the south end of Prestonsburg, near what is known as "Ball-Alley Curve" by local residents.

The bridge seems to have an aura of "other-worldliness" in that its presence is of a somewhat ghostly nature. It exists, as does many of the aging and ghostly structures of our nation's past, somewhere along the edge of our consciousness. We realize that it is there, yet we pass it each day with hardly a glance, yet alone a thought, as to its history and origins.

But, there are still those among us, living in our community, who retain vivid memories of the "old walk bridge," now covered in a winter's wreath of discolored vines and vegetation.

Marvin Sturgill, of Prestonsburg, is one of these people.

Sturgill says that he and his family moved to the flat land on the far side of the Big Sandy River before the old bridge was even constructed.

According to Sturgill, he, his parents, and his siblings, transported the family's belongings across the river by boat, in the same manner that Sturgill used to get back and forth into town to attend high school, "about 1953 or '54."

Warm weather or cold, the little "paddle boat" was the family's means of reconnecting with the city across the way. Sturgill relates an amusing story of how on one cold winter day, as he and a few other of his family members, one of which

was his mother, he happened to fall off the boat and into the icy waters of the Big Sandy, Sturgill says that his mother became very agitated when this incident occurred, even though she knew that her son was a very strong swimmer. He remembers how she hustled him into the warmth of their home and dry clothing once he was retrieved from the cold waters.

With memories such as these, one does not doubt that Sturgill recalls very well, the construction of the old bridge and the man who had it built.

According to Sturgill, Virgil Osmer "V.O." Turner, was the man responsible for the construction of the bridge.

Turner purchased a good piece of the approximately 47 acres of flat land that still lies across the river. He bought a house there, that had been built by a "Kendrick man," according to another source, and so had the bridge constructed in order to gain easier access to his home.

According to another Prestonsburg man, Linzie Hale, the bridge was constructed with its intended purpose being that it would be used only for walking, and, subsequently, Turner would park his car on the near side of the river and walk across the bridge to his home each evening.

Hale also had an amusing story to tell in regard to the bridge. He says that in his "foolishness" when he was a younger man, "about 20 years old", he once drove a car, a convertible, across the bridge.

Hale says that the bridge was very strong, though not very wide, and, of course, was never intended to be used to support an automobile. "I

was very foolish to have done that," said Hale.

Hale says that he remembers that there were five or six homes across the river and that Turner's home was "a very beautiful, big house." He also says that the area across the bridge used to be referred to as "Turner's Farm."

According to Libby May Flanery, V.O. Turner was an educator. He was a trained attorney who opted for a career in the field of education.

Flanery says that Turner was a principal at Maytown, then superintendent of Floyd County Schools, and that later he taught at Pikeville College, becoming a Dean there.

Flanery, who grew up to become a teacher herself, said that she remembers Turner as being very kind and very educated, a man that she greatly admired.

Turner's wife, Virginia, was a writer who gained national recognition when certain of her short stories and poems were published. "Cat's Paws" is the title of one of her collections of poetry. It is easy to imagine this young woman drawing inspiration for her writing as she perhaps sat comfortably upon her front porch gazing across a field of green and listening to the soothing waters of the river below. It certainly sets the scene for a perfect "writer's haven."

So, at any rate, it seems that the now ancient bridge has been witness to quite an interesting amount of activity in the years since its origin. Once strong and with purpose, it existed proudly to serve the people of our area.

I hope that you, our readers, have enjoyed the few tales here related.

Before we forget...



PHOTO BY PAM SHINGLER

There must be many, many stories behind this aging building on KY 979 on Mud Creek, between Harold and Grethel. If you know the background of this old store, share it with the Times. Contact Kathy Prater, at 606/886-8506, or e-mail fctimes@eastky.net.

THROUGH MY EYES



On Valentines and Funny Foods

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Valentine's Day! It is now upon us (I told you earlier that I would have a few comments). What can I say about this most loved and ardently celebrated day? That I, like, well...hate it?

What sort of picture would that paint for you of my personality? To hate Valentine's Day is akin to having a "Scrooge-like" attitude toward Christmas, and we all know that only the very most cold-hearted among us feel that way.

So, am I cold-hearted? No, no, and no...I am actually quite the opposite. Why just this morning a dear acquaintance referred to me as "warm and lovely," (which by the way, I relished).

So, how is it that a "warm and lovely" person can gaze upon the pink and red sentiments, candies, stuffed animals, and flowers; not to mention the wide assortment of golden hearts, rubies, and diamonds that our eyes are assaulted with at this time of year, and not just...well.....melt?

Well, it is there that you have "the rub." I do melt, I do love it all, and because there is no real "significant other" that I can claim as my own in my life, then well, I just don't like it when

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School
 ■ 2-10: Math Counts Competition.
 ■ 2-12: Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 ■ 2-17: Regional Academic Meet.
 ■ 2-20: SBDM Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Allen Central Middle School is observing "Be Kind to a Pet" month throughout February. Mrs. Walls is sponsoring a pet food drive. All food and supplies donated will go to local area animal shelters.

Allen Central High School
 ■ ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points, which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156, Eastern, KY 41622.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 ■ After School Child Care available 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.
 ■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey
 ■ Time-Out for Parents-Thursdays, February 15, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. TOPIC: Cooperative Parenting.

Clark Elementary School
 The Clark School SBDM Council will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 6:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the school library and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Clark FRC
 ■ After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.
 ■ Nurse in the center on Thursdays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

McDowell FRC, 377-2678
 ■ After School Child Care, for parents who work or attend school, from school dismissal to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call the FRC to schedule fifth grade student physicals and immunizations update, required by law. Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center one day a week to administer these and other services.
 ■ GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. •

Osborne FRC
 ■ 2-14: Parent Support Group; Nadine Hicks-Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Library.
 ■ 2-21: Paul O'Kelly, "Juggling Self-Esteem".
 ■ 2-27: Essay on Pride; Recycling Program for Primary.
 ■ 2-28: Essay on Pride. Lending Library is available to school and community.

Prestonsburg Elementary
 ■ 2-12: SBDM meeting, 6 p.m., in auditorium.

Prestonsburg FRC
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
 ■ Counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care at center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Call 886-7088 or stop by.

South Floyd YSC
 ■ 2-12 & 21: STD's Awareness presentations.
 ■ 2-13: Alcohol Prevention presentations.
 ■ 2-26: Drug Awareness presentations.
 Walking track open to public, except during special event. Adult education available. Contact Mable Hall, Keith Smallwood or Misty Dawson, 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

New Arrivals



Sarabeth Renea

Bryan and Amie Johnson, of Dema, would like to announce the birth of their first child, Sarabeth Renea, a daughter, born on August 30, 2000 at 9:56 p.m. at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. The infant weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz. and measured 19" in length. Maternal grandparents of the child are Johnny and Debbie Ousley, of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Fairon and Sandy Johnson, of Dema. The child's maternal great-grandparents are the late Clyde and Sarah Ousley, of Dock, and the late Phoenix and Naomi Vanhorn, of Lancer. Paternal great-grandparents are Fred and Flora Johnson, of Dema, and James and Ruth Couch, of Lackey.



Kendra Nicole

Jessica and Kenneth Newman, II, of Grethel, wish to announce the birth of their first child, Kendra Nicole. The infant was born on December 9, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 19 and three-fourths inches. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Mary Kidd Newman, of Grethel, and Jerry and Jerrell Swain, of Teaberry. The child is the niece of Angie Jones and Kim Akers, of Grethel and Troy Swain, of Teaberry.

Weddings



Clemons-Jones

A storybook wedding with a Cinderella theme took place on November 25, 2000 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Paintsville.

The happy couple were Brigett Jones, daughter of Nora Lou Jones and the late Dennis "Bob" Jones of Hi Hat, and Terry Clemons, the son of Polly Clemons and the late Sherman Clemons of Breathitt County.

In keeping with the ceremony's theme, the reception hall was lavishly decorated with tulle and greenery, an ice sculpture of a bride and groom, a "castle" wedding cake, and even a tiny, delicately crafted glass slipper that was placed as an adornment to the bride's place setting.

Candice Branham, the maid of honor and daughter of the bride conducted a poetry reading during the wedding ceremony. The selected poems were "Unchanted" and "The Unity

Candle Poem." Serving as bridesmaids in the ceremony were Audrey Jones, Pat Stidham, Shelly Mathews, and Michelle Clemons.

Kevin Clemons, son of the groom, served as Best Man with Matthew Branham, Cody Jones of Hi Hat, and Lewis Combs serving as groomsmen.

Ashley Back and Audrey Clemons served as flower girls with Andrea Stidham serving as miniature bride and Presley Jones serving as miniature groom.

Minister Harold Clemons, brother of the groom, joined the couple in holy matrimony.

Greg Perkins and Deb Miller were featured soloists with Michael Hall accompanying on piano.

The band "Southern Heart" performed at the wedding reception held immediately following the marriage ceremony.

Happy Birthday



Celebrates 1st Birthday

Kimbra Dawn Akers celebrated her first birthday on January 28, 2001 with a party held at the Plaza Pizza Hut. Kimbra is the daughter of Brad and Kim Akers, of Grethel and the granddaughter of Kenneth and Mary Kidd Newman and Ishmeal and Verbal Akers, also of Grethel. Family and friends joined Kimbra in her birthday celebration.

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NEWS

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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Everywhere you turn in today's economic news, the word recession seems to be very evident. One of the most evident and immediate results of a recession is less spending of available dollars. How and when does a recession affect the timber industry? Normally very quickly and with a rippling effect.

Traditionally the timber industry is the first to see the results of any economic recession. Since people are not wanting to spend available monies on "durable" goods, one of the first items to be scratched off of a families wish list will be a new home. They are simply waiting for a stronger signal of a stronger economy. If you don't build or do alterations to homes, then less wood will be requested. But how would home building or alterations affect the Kentucky logging industry. After all, homes are traditionally framed from conifers and not from the traditional hardwoods found in Kentucky.

In many instances new homes will require kitchen cabinets that are made exclusively of hardwoods. The same for the hardwood floors, banisters, molding, doors, and the interior trim. We have not mentioned the probable new hardwood furnishings that will be added to each of the rooms.

When the economy slows, normally, the logging industry slows.

So, what does the crystal ball say about timber prices for landowners in Kentucky, and what should the timber landowner do to guard against recession effects. Several variables need to be observed. First, timber prices do traditionally rise in the spring, due to a possible low volume supply of logs resulting from weather. Wet, warm weather can cause a problem of getting logs out of the woods. Mud slows equipment usage. If the supply of logs is low in late winter and early spring, sawmills will be needing logs to maintain their need of producing timber.

Another safeguard to landowners who wish to sell timber is that trees are not like livestock and annual row crops. In many cases you do not have to sell your timber during the current year or even next, if quoted prices are not reaching your expectations. Holding timber on the stump will not decrease its value as would leaving tobacco or corn in the field when it becomes mature. Economically, mature timber has been able to remain on the stump for the duration of most recent recessions. Having a forester evaluating your timber stands can predict the best times to sell, or in the case of a recession, hold your timber. Timber is a renewable natural resource that quickly rebounds in value as economies strengthen. The forested inventory of your farm should become part of your overall farm management plan.

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Holbrook-Colburn

Mark R. Holbrook, of Prestonsburg, and Michelle E. Colburn, of Jonesville, Va., would like to formally announce their engagement and upcoming wedding ceremony. The couple plan to wed on February 14, 2001. The ceremony will be held at the historic Samuel May House in Prestonsburg. Ms. Colburn is a former police officer from the Daytona Beach area. Mr. Holbrook is currently employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Resource Manager for Dewey Lake. Children of the couple are Ashley Lauren Holbrook, age 17, Candace Elizabeth Holbrook, age 14, Lauren Ashley Colburn, age 8, and Marvin Leroy Colburn, III (Lee), age 4. The couple will reside on Middle Creek in Floyd County.



Reffett-Whitt

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ray Whitt, of Prestonsburg, wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Raelynn Whitt, to Frank Dean Reffett, Jr., the son of Regina Shepherd, of Hueysville, and Frank Reffett, of Prestonsburg. The wedding will be solemnized on March 31, 2001, at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, at 2:00 p.m. The gracious custom of open house will be observed.

Things to Ponder

Is this Kid in Your Family?

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

Is a kid in your family in trouble emotionally? Surgeon General (David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.) gave a report January 3, 2001, about the crisis with mental health problems for our young people. Dr. Satcher reported that 1 in 10 American children and teens suffer from mental health problems, BUT only 1 in 5 of those received treatment. Could your child or teenager be that one in need for your neighborhood? If so, would you be willing to "get help" for your offspring? In his 52-page wake-up call, the situation was perceived as a "public health crisis in mental health for children and adolescents." Would you be willing to accept that you have a crisis, or would you be concerned about what others might think?

The surgeon general wants to increase public awareness of children's emotional problems, reduce the stigma of these diseases, and improve the ability to recognize symptoms of mental illness in children. Of course, professionals and individuals involved with children know of the need for families to understand that emotional problems of children are real, that they often can be prevented, and that effective treatments are available. How can we bring these points home to the general population? The other day, a very distressed mom called for an appointment for her 15-year-old son. It seems that she had called after he was expelled from school for bringing an over-the-counter "pill" to school—"No Doze." Although this was not a Class I narcotic, she finally needed to admit that he had changed since last October. She was worried. She was concerned about her child. "I think he needs help." One would wonder what had been happening since last October. Would she have allowed a low-grade temperature to continue for that long? Would you? One of the comments made by Dr. Satcher was that institutions and agencies need to work together. In this case, it was finally the school that followed its established guidelines.

Of course, another huge problem is the stigma related to children's mental distress. Needless to say, being unwilling to cope with mental illness can contribute to long-term consequences, leading to poor school performance, trouble on the job, and low self-esteem. Many professionals agree that these problems are treatable and that all children and adolescents with psychiatric problems can be helped. The most common problems for young people are—attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, conduct disorders, substance abuse, and eating disorders. (Next week the focus will be identifying symptoms or warning signs for children and adolescents with emotional problems.)

It was the opinion of the psychiatrist of the American Psychiatric Association's Council on Children, Adolescents, and their Families that a dozen visits or less to a therapist can make a "remarkable" difference. Treating children within a family context can begin in infancy. For example, a child biting other children in day care can be a sign of potentially treatable emotional distress. Again and again, it needs to be stressed that the sooner treatment is begun, the better the outcome. The dear Behavior Modification Program is the greatest thing since ice cream for establishing consistent boundaries for children and teens, so that they learn to control themselves from the inside out. As repeatedly discussed over the months, it is important for parents to work together to set rules and consequences, and then follow through. This helps their offspring to learn to tolerate guidelines and to hear and to accept hearing "NO," whether someone else says it or they need to say such to themselves.

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Family Medicine

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DON'T SIGN "INFORMED CONSENT" UNTIL SURGEON ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

ly knowledgeable. As a result, your doctor may breeze over the relevant issues, often using a vocabulary that is not easy to understand, thinking that all has been clearly explained.

You have a legal and ethical right to know what the doctor plans to do in the surgery. You should understand not only the desirable end result of the procedure — obviously, this is the reason for doing it — but also the potential problems that can arise. The discussion should include the common problems as well as the uncommon ones if they are potentially serious.

For your planned back surgery there is certainly a risk of sufficient bleeding to cause anemia afterwards and also a risk of infection within the skin. These are not common

consequences, but common enough to talk about. The more serious complications of surgical damage to a spinal nerve or infection within the bone are fortunately uncommon. Death caused by the necessary general anesthetic is rare, but if it happens to you or a loved one, statistics are not much comfort.

You should discuss these sorts of issues with your doctor before you sign any document giving permission for surgery. Some surgeons use specially trained nursing staff, or videotapes, or written material to help explain the risks of each procedure they perform. That is OK as long as you end up with a clear understanding of the risks involved.

I'll offer two hypotheses

about your informed consent experience. One is that your doctor didn't explain any of the potential risks to you. He or she only talked about your need for the surgery and asked you to sign the form. I am suspicious, however, that your doctor quickly reviewed these surgical risks with you just prior to asking you to sign the consent form. You were focused on the news that you needed surgery. You didn't interrupt his or her presentation to clarify the magnitude or probability of any adverse experiences. By the time you got home you had recovered from the shock of hearing that you needed surgery and then realized you had more questions.

Regardless of the specific

reason you didn't have all of your questions answered initially, don't proceed with surgery until you do. The extra information will not change the outcome of your surgery one bit, but it will allow you and your family to understand not only the anticipated benefits but also the potential undesirable consequences. Then your consent for surgery will be an informed one.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Question: I've been having a great deal of back and leg pain. The surgeon says I have a ruptured disk and that I need surgery. I signed a consent form for lumbar laminectomy and micro discectomy, but I only briefly got to talk to my doctor about the risks of this operation. Is there danger of injury to my spine or of being paralyzed?

Answer: Your letter highlights two important issues: One is the anxiety that we all experience when faced with having any type of surgery or procedure performed. The other is how can we become

informed in a way that will help us to truly understand the dynamics of any given procedure.

We physicians are like most people who do a given task over and over again. It becomes second nature to us. Certainly that is a good thing if you are considering the technical skills necessary to perform an operation such as your planned back surgery. The negative side of this is that it is sometimes difficult for the doctor to remember that many people do not have even a basic understanding of the subject in which he or she is so intimate-

Perkins Center Casts Its Shadow



The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center recently participated in National Groundhog Shadowing Day. As part of the day's events, Dennis Conley's carpentry class received a visit from Senator Johnny Ray Turner.

Punxsotawney Phil might not have seen his shadow this year, but many businesses in the Big Sandy area were fortunate to see shadows of a different nature, as the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center recently participated in the National Groundhog Shadowing Day. Students and staff of the center partnered with a number of local businesses to gain valuable insight into a variety of skill occupations.

Students from the center's math and electricity classes visited the construction site of the new federal prison in Martin County where they observed the workers involved in the development of this massive project. Officials from the site's general contracting firm, P.J. Dick Inc., hosted the group as they

toured the facility and were briefed on the dynamics of its construction.

The center's health occupations and facilities maintenance classes cast their shadows at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, while the May Lodge, located within Jenny Wiley State Park, hosted the culinary arts class.

Students from the carpentry class cut out and delivered over 2,500 pieces of wood to the Prestonsburg Elementary School. There, they instructed elementary students as they assembled 500 flower boxes. In addition, fiber optic cabling students were excited to have the opportunity to accompany and observe cable technicians from BellSouth as they answered service calls throughout the

local area.

Those students who remained at the center participated in virtual reality shadowing, via the Internet, and observed the center staff in performing their job duties. These students were also treated to a visit from Kentucky Senator Johnny Ray Turner as he visited the classrooms and spoke with the students about their future career goals.

School-to-Work Coordinator, Kelly Miller, who organized this year's event, was extremely pleased with the level of participation. "I want to thank all of the businesses who facilitated our staff and students on Job Shadowing Day and also thank Senator Turner for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with our students."

Concerned about energy costs? Consider the clothes you are wearing

We are taking a real beating this winter from higher than usual energy costs and blasts of cold weather from Mother Nature. Until this winter most of us have given little thought to keeping warm unless faced with a crisis such as the heating system going on the blink. Keeping the body sufficiently warm can be a life and death matter especially as the body gets older or is compromised by health issues. However, there are many easy, practical suggestions to think about that will help us protect the heat our bodies naturally produce while lowering the thermostat.

■ Select and wear garments made of

thick fabric or multiple layers of fiber or fabric. The secret of keeping warm is to create protective air pockets. Fibers and fabrics that are fuzzy, fleecy, have nap, pile or hair, provide tiny pockets that trap air. They are excellent insulators that keep the body heat in and the cold air out. Knits are thought to be better, generally speaking, than woven fabrics in creating dead air pockets.

In recent years animals such as polar bears have been studied to identify how they withstand very low temperatures. From this research we have had several important developments including fiberfill, Polarfleece® and other fleecy-like fabrics.

These fabrics are lightweight, yet warm and very popular. They also come in a variety of price ranges. Fleece fabrics are relatively inexpensive, lightweight, soft and comfortable next to the skin.

■ It has also been found that wearing multiple layers of lightweight fabrics may actually be more effective than wearing a single layer of a thick fabric. The secret of wearing multiple layers is the garments must be large enough to fit over one another to create a very small layer of space that traps the air. Garments cannot be crushed or

(See ENERGY, page four)

Eyes

Valentine's Day rolls around. Those of you out there who share my situation, will, I'm sure, commiserate with me.

How dejected one can feel on this one and only day of the year that an exchange of gifts and affections takes place only because you are the one and only "apple" of someone's eye.

Ah, well, what more can be said? To all those prissy little "apples" out there...I just hope your golden baubles discolor and your roses have thorns.

In the meantime, I'll try to get around to taming that old green-eyed monster!

Kids and food. Interesting things have been going on in my household surrounding this combination. For some reason not readily apparent, my children have been desiring of late to try some food items that are not commonly available in our household.

I have to admit that, with generally all items, I tend to hold to a stubborn "tried and true" nature. Meaning that I don't often fall prey to what's currently faddish, be it beauty products, clothing, the newest food trend, or what have

you.

I suppose this is due in a large part to not having the financial luxury of not worrying about the money spent on something that doesn't end up being of satisfaction to me. So, I tend to purchase what I know from past experience to please me, and also what I know that my kids will eat.

However, in the recent week, my children have been successful in encouraging me to buy "sparkling Jell-O" (which is not really a "new" product, per se, as it has been on the grocery shelves for a while now), "green ketchup", and yogurt in a tube.

The yogurt, or "go-gurt", as it is called, went over fairly well, I think I only saw one go-gurt that had been wasted, and I was told that the flavor of that particular one had not been favored.

The sparkling jell-o, however, was a much different story. To begin, my daughters telephoned me at work asking if they could make it, seeing as how they were bored and really did not want to wait for me to return home.

I hesitated, because the process is different from that of regular, non-sparkling, Jell-O, calling for the incorporation of seltzer water, along

with some frequent and lengthy stirring, in order to create the desired "sparkling" effect.

Well, I "caved", and the girls made the Jell-O, but they "forgot about the stirring part", so we ended up with dessert glasses filled with a gelatinous substance that looked as though small tornadoes had somehow gotten mired within.

Not quite the effect that we were going for. As for the "green ketchup", well, it was a big hit when, at first, it was squirted beside their french fries. "Cool!" and "Man, look at this!", along with "It tastes the same!" were a few of the exclamations around the room and down the hallway as they ran off to park themselves in front of the t.v.

Funnily, though, as the plates made their way back to the kitchen a little later, there were quite a few, no, quite a lot, of french fries and the accompanying green ketchup left on them.

The reason? "It just didn't look right."

So, just goes to show you that those chefs know what they are talking about when they speak of "plate presentation" and "eye appeal."

Anyone need a slightly used bottle of green ketchup? ("Cause I ain't eatin' it, neither!")

POSTSCRIPT

What remains

by Pam Shingler
COLUMNIST

Among the pluses of the new job are the options for parking. The Science Center is on the upper end of Court Street, and so I've chosen to park in the riverbank parking lot for the needed exercise of climbing up the hill each morning.

Pulling into a space there reminds me of how much I love the river. These days it looks benign, the green, flowing waters masking the potential power.

Here at the remnants of the long-ago bridge, I am reminded of my little grandmother, who walked on the railroad track from Auxier to Prestonsburg to deposit her egg, milk and washing money in The Bank Josephine.

She, no doubt, went across the river here to get to the bank. Perhaps she ate a 25-cent dinner and picked up some bric-a-brac before walking back home to get supper for her family.

Today, the bridge is gone, Mammaw is long dead, The Bank Josephine is only a name carved into a building, you can't get a cup of coffee for 25 cents, and I'm not even sure you can get bric-a-brac anymore.

Only the river remains.

Something's bad wrong with me, I've long suspected. I seem to be always out of step. Case in point: As much as I would like to have the extra money, I'm suspicious about Mr. Bush's tax cut plan and all the hype surrounding it. It seems government and big business have pulled out all the stops to convince us how much better off we'll be once the tax plan is approved.

Most of us will likely realize \$500 to \$2,000 a year, they tell us on the talk shows and in the news analysis columns. I'm enough of a skeptic to believe that the savings will be significantly more dramatic for those in the upper tax brackets — those who would have us believe that whatever is best for them is best for the country.

I also seriously doubt that most of us will take our tax saving and put it in an IRA to accumulate wealth, as I've heard several financial analysts suggest we should and will do. Rather, I suspect most of us will take the money and pay on our credit card balance or catch up on our utility bill or some other such foolishness.

What worries me is that we keep forgetting, as we hear talk of a budget surplus, that this country is still — like me — in a heap of debt. We lull ourselves into thinking we can keep remortgaging the house, and no one will ever notice that we're no closer to getting it paid off. And the older I get, the scared-er I get about the future of Social Security. And the older I get, the scared-er I get about the cost of health care and whether I'll remain healthy enough to work and pay for it.

The national debt, Social Security, health costs — those things weigh on my mind much more heavily than the thought of a tax cut that is, at best, temporary.

What worries me even more is the effectiveness of the all-out campaigns to sell self-interest. Most Americans are now saying, "Yes, yes, give me that tax cut right now." They're not even stopping to think that at some point we must look at the long-range consequences. We've thoroughly bought into the concept of instant gratification. The big public relations and ad agencies must chuckle at how easy it is to sucker us.

I just wish we had the leadership — on all fronts — to do serious long-range planning and to spend some of the public relations budget on trying to convince us of the value of that kind of thinking. That would, to my mind, be a wiser use of the money.

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Deans List...

■ Lesley Ann Wells, a student at Georgetown College, has been named to the Dean's List for the second consecutive semester. Wells is majoring in Biology with a Chemistry/Anthropology double minor. She is the daughter of Doug and Bobbie Wells, of Auxier.

■ Jennifer Dyer, a Floyd County native, has been recognized as a member of the Murray State University Dean's List for credits earned during the fall 2000 term.

Students must achieve a grade point average in the range 3.5 to 4.0 in order to be included on the Dean's List.

Ms. Dyer earned a perfect 4.0.

She was inadvertently omitted from the fall 2000 listing of the Murray State Dean's List that was previously published.

Campbellsville University announces academic honors' list for Fall 2000

Campbellsville University Vice President for Academic Affairs Frank D. Cheatham has announced the academic honors' list for the fall 2000 semester.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours.

Seth Ryan Crisp, a freshman from Allen, achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

Campbellsville University, founded in 1906, is a private, comprehensive institution located in South Central Kentucky. The university is listed in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" as one of the top Southern liberal arts college.

Academics

Clark Elementary School 2nd Nine Weeks Perfect Attendance

► Ms. Key—Lashae Cook, Nicole Crace, Josh Dyer, Zachary Patrick, Dalton Shepherd, Josh Stambaugh and Chris Jones.

► Mrs. Barrows—Steven Bays, Bryce Burchett, Derrick Burchett, Catherine Henson, April Spears and Melissa Walker.

► Mrs. Hunsucker—Tyler Poe, Olivia Bentley, Olivia Taylor, Chase Burchett and Jeremy Yost.

► Mrs. Brown—Tiffany Allen, Natasha Collins, Christopher Meade, Megan Ward, Darren Burchett, Corey DeBoard, Sarah Shepherd, Jordan Tackett, Bethany Thornsbury and Candace Triplett.

► Mrs. Blanton—Tiffany Blevins, Casey Conley, Morris Gilstrap and Kristin Thornsbury.

► Ms. Dingus—Tyrell Burchett, Danese Chaffins and Stephanie Spears.

► Mrs. Warrix—Michael Duff.

► Mrs. Madden—Summer Noakes, Brandon Ratliff, Tara Rohr, Isaac Bentley, Daniel Burchett, Beth Gilstrap and Nick Henson.

► Ms. Osborne—Stephanie Conley, Weston Hicks, Kim Kilgore and Whitney Stone.

► Mrs. Parsons—Hillary Cline, Zachary Grindstaff, Jordan Watkins, Brandon Conley and Kyle Hall.

► Mrs. Starr—Tara Adkins, Amber Crace, Brittany Crum, Timra Jacobs, Kristen Little and Kendra Ousley.

Mrs. Madden 4th Grade

► A Honor Roll (4.0)—Vincent Hayes, Alex Stumbo, Tyler Gayheart, Tara Rohr, Danielle Ousley, Justin Trout and Beth Gilstrap.

► B Honor Roll (3.0-3.9)—Summer Noakes, Isaac Bentley, Nathan Ousley, Elizabeth Nelson, Dustin Campbell, Brandon Maynard, Nick Henson and Billy Brandon.

Mrs. Parsons 4th Grade

► A Honor Roll (4.0)—Mason Holbrook, Jordan Watkins and Kristen Bentley.

► B Honor Roll (3.0-3.9)—Shane Williamson, Hillary Cline, Meagen Collett, Zachary Grindstaff, Kyle Hall, Joshua Music and Christie Shepherd.

Mrs. Osborne 5th Grade

► A Honor Roll (4.0)—Teddy Ratliff and Kim Kilgore.

► B Honor Roll (3.0-3.9)—Julie Ford, Seth Hackworth, Brittany Hook, Kelly Perry and Whitney Stone.

Mrs. Starr 5th Grade

► B Honor Roll (3.0-3.9)—Timra Jacobs, Kristen Little, Tara Adkins, Brittany Crum, Nathan Evans and Bradley Owens.

T.W.Y.S.A.A.

by CATLIN NEWSOME
and NATALIE COMBS
5TH GRADE STUDENTS

In the week of October 23-27, Lola B. Ratliff came to Prestonsburg Elementary to talk about T.W.Y.S.A.A. T.W.Y.S.A.A. stands for Talking With Your Students About Alcohol. Mrs. Ratliff talked about how you could say no to alcohol, and what happens if you do drink it. She also talked with the students about impairment. She said, "Remember the abbreviation ICHIMYOBI." If you're wondering what that means, it means, I Choose In My Own Best Interest.

She talked about how much alcohol was in wine, liquor, and beer. In a 4 oz. glass of wine, 12 oz. glass of beer, and 2 oz. liquor, there is the same amount of alcohol.

She told the students about how impairment could affect you depending on your gender, body size, age, and if you are sick or tired.

T.W.S.A.A. was a fun way of learning to stay alcohol free.

Thanks, Mrs. Ratliff!

Youth News



Students in Rhonda Tackett's and Wendy Blanton's P3/P4 classes at Betsy Layne Elementary participated in the Operation Christmas Child project. This project involved the students in collecting, wrapping, and filling shoeboxes with gifts for children in war torn and impoverished countries. Quality Kids picked the shoeboxes up and delivered them to Samaritan's Purse representatives, who then delivered the shoeboxes to the children.



Allen Central High School technology students recently provided members of their community with classroom computer instruction at no charge to those attending. With funds derived from a Service Learning Grant, students identified a community interest and need for a class in Basic Microsoft Word 2000. Teacher Amy Halbert facilitated the student directed project.

Week focuses on value of career and technical education

Institutions across the Commonwealth are celebrating the value of occupational education during Career and Technical Education Week which Governor Paul E. Patton has proclaimed as February 11-17.

The theme of Career and Technical Education Week is "Want Career Success? Get Career Skills." The event is sponsored by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the state Cabinet for Workforce Development, the state Department of Education, and the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education.

Technical education assists Kentuckians in making the transition from school to the workplace, Patton said. "Technical education training initiatives supply the Commonwealth with a versatile, well-educated and well-trained workforce," the governor said.

KCTCS and its colleges celebrate career and technical education in a variety of ways:

► Nominations will be accepted soon for the Governor's Kentucky Technical College Scholarship, which finances students' educations at technical colleges in Kentucky. Interested high school students should see their guidance counselors for more information.

► KCTCS students will join Governor Patton on Monday for a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda that will kick off Career and Technical Education Week.

► Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington has invited counselors to the college to expose them to the benefits of technical education.

► Somerset Technical College is bringing students to campus in a School-to-Work shadowing experience.

► Ashland Community College and Ashland Technical College are jointly hosting a career-skills

open house.

► Henderson Community College sponsors a health careers job fair.

► Laurel Technical College schedules an open house.

Almost 400,000 Kentuckians—from middle school students through adults—participate in the state's career and technical education programs. They may be studying business education at a high school, learning technical skills at secondary vocational school campus, or receiving computer network instruction at a community or technical college. Programs focus on such areas as computer technology, construction technology, agriculture, automotive and machine repair, family and consumer sciences, and health services.

"Success on the job requires thinking, learning and analytical skills," Governor Patton said. "Success on the job requires the ability to adapt—the average person will change careers five to seven times in his or her lifetime."

"Students and adults who need new skills can get the instruction and opportunities through Kentucky's network of career and technical education programs."

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For more information, visit this web site: www.kctcs.net.

Local students make dean's list at Centre College

Les Fugate and Lesley Stout both of Prestonsburg have been named to the fall term dean's list at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Fugate is the son of Marshall and Jackie Fugate of Prestonsburg and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg and is also a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Ethan Blackburn of Staffordsville has also been named to the fall term dean's list at Centre College.

Blackburn is the son of Joyce Blackburn of Staffordsville and Randall Blackburn of Betsy Layne. He is the grandson of Ruth S. Reynolds of Allen and Eleanor Blackburn of Ivel and is a graduate of Paintsville High School.

Kentucky's highest ranked national institution, Centre is listed by U.S. News and World Report among the country's top 50 national liberal arts colleges.

Ponder

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Dr. Satcher felt that the number of our children suffering needlessly was perhaps due to those very institutions and/or agencies that were created to take care of them, not meeting their needs. A manager of the child and adolescent programs for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill talked about how important and critical the question of funding is in regard to her live-in male companion. She was quoted as saying "There's going to be a whole generation of children who are emotional cripples and may end up in jail because there were no treatment facilities available to them...It all comes down to the bottom line."

Have you really observed your kids recently? Are you sure you know what they are doing with their friends? Where and what are they doing?

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg. She provides therapy and testing for all ages.

Energy

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compressed. A tight sweater over a long sleeve knit pullover shirt will defeat the purpose of layering. Heat will be lost rather than conserved or trapped.

► Keeping the core of the body warm is very important. The body core is the torso and head. Wearing a hat and scarf around the neck can make a tremendous difference. Even so much as wearing a slip or a camisole underneath a shirt will help trap the heat.

► Many of us really do not realize that we can lose up to 50 percent of our body heat through the top of the head. Even the amount of hair on the head can make a difference in heat retention. The more hair, the more insulation. However, wearing some type of hat will increase the body's warmth significantly. Think about the night caps our ancestors wore to bed when homes were unheated during the night. If you are cutting back the heat, try wearing a hat to help keep your body warm.

► Mittens are considered warmer than gloves. Mittens allow the fingers to stay together to help warm each other. Research by the army found that adding an extra layer of warmth across the back of the hand where the blood vessels lie close to the surface would help keep the hand warmer. If you need to work with your hands and gloves cramp your style, consider taking a pair of gloves and cutting off just the amount of finger space you need to work. The surface of your hand where the blood vessels lie will remain covered. This is also an important factor to consider when selecting a warm glove.

► Protect the skin from wind and moisture (water). Both elements can severely reduce the body's ability to stay warm. The battle with moisture, from outside elements as well as the body's natural evaporation process, has influenced a new generation of fabrics designed to allow the body to breathe, yet remain comfortable. Fabrics such as CoolMax® and GoreTex® are just two of these in the marketplace. Look for many others at your local sporting goods store or department store.

Although there are many new fabrics and fabric technologies designed to help protect us from the cold, a little thought and understanding of how the body keeps its warmth can go a long way to staying warm this winter.

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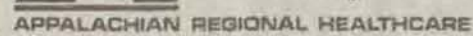
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Deep red

Implies unconscious beauty.

White

Signifies spiritual love and purity, true love, secrecy and reverence. Also, "I'm worthy of your love."

Bridal white

Happy love.

Yellow

Today they mean joy, freedom, gladness and friendship.

Historically, they meant a decrease of love, jealousy and infidelity.

Coral

Desire.

Moss

Confessions of love.

Peach

This color symbolizes sweetness, gratitude, appreciation, admiration, sympathy and, "Please believe me."

Orange

Fascination and enthusiasm.

Lavender

Enchantment, love at first sight, uniqueness.

Light pink

Implies grace, a sweetheart, gladness, gentility, joy and admiration.

Dark pink

Thankfulness.

Pale-colored

A symbol of friendship.

Rose leaf

This says to the receiver, "You may hope."

Rose Combinations and their Meanings

A single rose

Simplicity.

Two roses joined together

A symbol of engagement.

A dozen roses

The ultimate declaration of love.

Red and white roses together

Unity.

Red and yellow

Happy Feelings.

Red and yellow roses together

These offer congratulations.

Yellow and orange roses

together

These imply passionate

thoughts.

Full blown rose over two

buds

Secrecy.

Rosebud with leaves but no

thorns

"I fear no longer, I hope."

Rosebud with neither leaves

nor thorns

"There is nothing to hope or fear."

Rose Varieties Guide

Austrian

You are all that is lovely.

Carolina

Love is dangerous.

China

Beauty always is new.

York and Lancaster

Conflict.

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Love, Mama

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Engagement.

Half-blown
Timid love.

Thornless
Love at first sight.

Rosebud
Beauty, youth, a heart inno-
cent of love.

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Inclined to love, pure and
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A symbol of loveliness.
Candy-Tuff
Indifference.

Carnation, deep red
Alas! for my poor heart.

Carnation, white
A symbol of disdain.

China-Aster
Variety.

Clover, four-leaf
One offers this to ask, "Be
mine."

Clover, white
Think of me.
Columbine
A symbol of folly.

Columbine, purple
This means, "resolved to
win."

Daisy
A symbol of innocence.

Fern
Fascination.
Forget-me-not
As a symbol of true love.
This also simply means, "for-
get me not."

Fuchsia, scarlet
Taste.
Geranium, scarlet
This selection offers consol-
ation.

Geranium, rose
A symbol of preference.

Goldenrod
This says to the receiver: "Be
cautious."

Heliotrope
A symbol of devotion.

Honey-Flower
Love, sweet and secret.

Hyacinth, white
Unobtrusive loveliness.

Ivy
A symbol of fidelity.

Lady's slipper
Win me and wear me.

Lily, Day
A symbol of coquetry.

Lily, white
A symbol of purity and

sweetness.

Lily, yellow
A symbol of falsehood or gai-
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Lily of the Valley
This symbolizes the return of
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Mignonette
This says, "Your qualities sur-
pass your charms."

Myrtle
A symbol of love.

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Verbena
This says, "Pray for me."

Primrose
Inconstancy.

Flower Combinations and their Meanings

Quaking Grass
A symbol of agitation.

Moss Rosebud and Myrtle
A confession of love.

Rose
As a symbol of love, pure and lovely (red rose buds), jealousy (yellow).

Mignonette and Colored Daisy
Your qualities surpass your charms of beauty.

Shamrock
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Lily of the Valley and Ferns
Your unconscious sweetness has fascinated me.

Snowdrop
A symbol of hope, consolation. The flower is thought mythologically to have been a snowflake which was transformed to comfort Adam and Eve after they had been expelled from the Garden of Eden.

Yellow Rose, Broken Straw and Ivy
Your jealousy has broken our friendship.

Straw
This symbolizes agreement if it is intact, a broken agreement if it is broken.

Scarlet Geranium, Passion Flower, Purple Hyacinth, and Arbor Vitae
I trust you will find consolation, through faith, in your sorrow; be assured of my unchanging friendship.

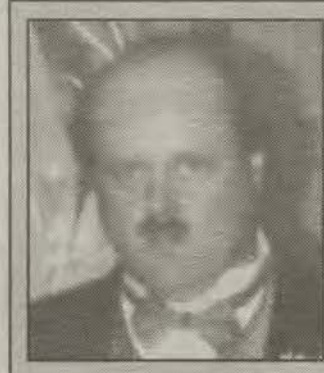
Sunflower

Columbine, Day Lily, Broken Straw, Witch Hazel and Coloured Daisy
Your folly and coquetry have broken the spell of your beauty.

Happy Valentine's Day, Trish.
Love, Brian.



Mom and Dad
We wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. We love you and we thank you for everything.
Justice family.



David,
Morning, noon and night,
you're always in my heart.
Love, Sheila



May our every tomorrow bring us one step closer to forever.
Becka
Jason, you mean the world to me.

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How about some romantic tunes to go along with the dinner you're planning for your sweetheart? Nothing puts people in the mood for a little romance like a song that speaks to the heart. Here is a list of some romantic songs that you may find will help create the atmosphere you want on Valentine's Day.

"Always On My Mind" - Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson
These two recordings both are great to listen to with the lights low — try Elvis' for a vintage version and for those country lovers, Willie's remake is beautiful.
"And I Love Her" - The Beatles



Happy 1st Valentine's Day 2001
Morgan Preslee Davis
Love,
Nanny, Ruth Ann Castle

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Movies

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► **Casablanca (1942)**

A classic that only gets better with age, which begs us to keep saying, "Play it again sam."

► **City of Angels (1998)**

Nick Cage falls from heaven to be with...you guessed it...Meg Ryan. (A tip: if your girlfriend asks you if you think she'd look

good with Meg Ryan's hair-style in this movie, the correct answer is YES!)

► **Emma (1996)**

This witty film stars Gwyneth Paltrow as the meddling matchmaker. If you liked "Clueless," you'll like "Emma." If you hated "Clueless," you most likely will love "Emma"! They both are based on the same novel — Jane Austen's "Emma." This version is, like, WAY more grown-up than "Clueless."

► **French Kiss (1995)**

We admit this MEG RYAN romantic comedy is pretty hokey, but at least she's in it! Kevin Kline's accent is a little unbearable.

► **Ghost (1990)**

Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore at the potter's wheel. Need we say more?

► **The Ghost and Mrs. Muir (1947)**

People who have seen this one say it is one of the most romantic films ever made. A young widow refuses to be afraid of the ghost of the previous owner of her new home. He refuses to leave her alone. She gets used to the idea of him haunting her bedroom as they fall in love.

► **Gone with the Wind (1939)**

A movie that is a must for every southerner or every transplant to the South! This romance takes place in the Old South. But we must give ample warning: some viewers may become intoxicated to the cry, "The South will rise again."

► **Good Will Hunting (1997)**

It's a romantic film in a round-about way — meaning, it's not the point of the film — which is a plus for some. Others will really enjoy the romance between Will and Skylar...and may beg the question, "How 'bout them apples?"

Tim Robbins falls in love with Albert Einstein's niece, the ever-popular Meg Ryan, and wants to impress her with the size of his...brain..

► **Jerry Maguire (1996)**

MAJOR snuggle time, here. "You had me at hello." 'Nuff said.

► **Like Water for Chocolate (1993)**

Food is the lead in this aphrodisiac-based flick. If you enjoy the movie, you also should check out the book and use the recipes in it for next year's Valentine's Day dinner.

► **Oscar and Lucinda (1997)**

Ralph Fiennes and Cate Blanchett star in this tragic love story between two people who don't fit in. The movie addresses feelings and how they can break confining customs. Pop this one in the VCR and sit in front of the fire with your arms around your love.

► **Romeo & Juliet (any year)**

From the traditional to the Romeo + Juliet of 1996, this classic Shakespearean tale is a romantic success no matter which version you rent.

► **One Fine Day (1996)**

It's the classic story of when woman and man meet, hate each other and then fall in love. This time they threw

some little kids in to make it even more cute. If you rent this one for your significant other, the snugglefest will commence.

► **The Philadelphia Story (1940)**

With an all-star cast, this has to be one of the greatest movies. One can be entranced for hours by this classic romantic comedy. If you want to show your sweetie a sophisticated selection from the black-and-white movie era, this one will score you big-time points!

► **Prelude to a Kiss (1992)**

Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan fall in love in this most unusual movie.

► **Pretty Woman (1990)**

You wouldn't think that Julia Roberts in thigh-high black boots would do much to impress, but this movie seems to get everybody in the mood. It's a nice little flick.

► **The Princess Bride (1987)**

If your sweetie asks you to rent this one, just say, "As you wish!" This flick really is an adventure wrapped around romance.

► **Top Gun (1986)**

Wait! Was Meg Ryan in Top Gun? Yup — she was Goose's wife. This movie definitely is a hot one. Who can't get excited about that silhouetted kiss by Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis?

► **The Shop Around the Corner (1940)**

This is the romantic comedy that "You've Got Mail" is based on. Instead of the Web, the lovers find each other through a post office box. Can you imagine it? The post office!

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Happy Valentine's Day to the Toddler class at the Baptist Day Care! (Sylvia, Ethan, Megan, Tanner A., Zachary, Tanner H., Dylan, Dalton) Love, Ms. Toni and the staff at the Baptist Learning Center.



Happy Valentine's Day To: Braxton E. and Kaitlyn N. Hall.

You both are two very special kids to me. You are the best things that ever happened in my life. I will always love you.

From: Mommy



Happy Valentine's Day to Courtney Ratliff 10 years old

My Number One Sweetheart.

I love you with all my heart. Love, Mom.



Kelsey & Karlie Bolen

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Mrs. Cindy Mrs. Tab Ms. Tonya Ms. Melina



Betty Swift, You live in Michigan, and I live in Kentucky. I will meet you in Indiana the last of February. James Elva Ousley



Happy Valentine To my Mommy (Berta), Mama (Treva), & Papa (Ossie) Love, Kirklin Collins Age: 5 years.

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