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'New' court meets for first time

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The first order of business for the newly restructured Floyd County Fiscal Court was to decide where to sit for their 7 a.m. special-called meeting Monday morning.

After some brief discussion, the officials were in place, with Jackie Edford Owens reclaiming his old chair and the county's first Republican magistrate in 45 years, Alan Williams, taking a spot directly beside Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

The seating arrangement discussion

was lighthearted and afforded court members an opportunity to ease whatever tensions might have been present so that before long Thompson had the meeting underway.

Through five resolutions, the court worked quietly, approving and appointing, and then Thompson stopped before the

next item.

"The honeymoon's gone with five resolutions," Thompson said and laughed.

The fiscal court has been the subject of much discussion of late, with the return to the magisterial form of government and

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briefs

Stolen parts bring charges

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

LIGON — A Ligon man was arraigned Monday in Floyd District Court on charges of receiving stolen property valued at over \$20,000, which included a backhoe motor.

According to court records, Wendell "Doug" Vance, 30, of Beaver, was charged with receiving stolen property on Dec. 30 pursuant to a criminal complaint filed by Tpr. Joey King, of Kentucky State Police.

The charges against Vance allege he had a stolen backhoe motor and several other parts that valued over \$20,000. The complaint further alleges that Vance was aware that the backhoe was stolen.

Vance was arrested on Jan. 4 at the Martin exit and was arraigned on Jan. 6 at which time a \$5,000 cash bond was set.

A preliminary hearing will be held Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

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TOSSED IN THE TRASH



photo by Jarrid Deaton

These puppies were abandoned with seven others in a church parking lot near the Middle Creek Fire Department. The two that are pictured have already been adopted. Three of the dogs, however, were found dead, having apparently been shot.

Puppies, some shot, dumped in church trash

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

MIDDLE CREEK — A call from the Magoffin County 911 Center to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department led to the discovery of nine abandoned puppies near the Middle Creek Fire Department on Friday.

The Magoffin County 911 Center received an anonymous call that suggested that someone should check around the church near the Middle Creek Fire Department and relayed the information to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Steve Montgomery was dispatched to the location,

where he reported first seeing several large bags of garbage on the roadside in a circle. Inside the circle of garbage bags were nine small puppies.

Three of the puppies appeared to have been shot and were dead. The other six were alive and appeared to be about 6-to-8 weeks old.

Montgomery took the puppies to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office to get them out of the elements. Montgomery and Sheriff John K. Blackburn made several phone calls trying to locate personnel from the Floyd County Animal Shelter to care for the puppies.

One call made by Sheriff

Blackburn went to a wrong number, but turned out to be a right number in the end. Tony Flannery of Allen was reached by mistake, but when he heard what the call was about, he immediately brought his son to the office and adopted one of the puppies. Deputy Montgomery took the remaining puppies to the Floyd County Animal Shelter to be cared for.

Two of the puppies have already been adopted and the shelter has received numerous calls about the other three, according to Kathy Mullins, an employee of the shelter.

The incident is currently in the early stages of an investigation.

Court OKs officials' salaries

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In their first meeting of the new year, the recently realigned Floyd County Fiscal Court set salaries and approved bonds for elected officials and appointed various county officers and employees.

Of the salaries approved Monday, the highest ones are for the county's top official, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, and Jailer Roger Webb.

Thompson and Webb will both earn, according to fiscal court records, a \$2,736 pay check every two weeks, or

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State budget still no certainty

by CHARLES WOLFE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A ranking House leader Monday said it is possible that the General Assembly will again fail to enact a budget during its off-year session, which begins Tuesday.

Rep. Joe Barrows, the House majority whip, said the

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Woman wakes to find neighbor in ceiling

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg resident had a rude awakening on Jan. 6 when she awoke to allegedly find her neighbor looking at her, while lifting the ceiling tile from which he had gained access to her apartment.

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New tags draw mixed reviews

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Clerk's office received its first shipment of the new, "friendly" Kentucky license plates Monday morning.

The plates, unveiled last week in Frankfort, depict a bright and smiling, red-lipped sun beneath the arguably overzealous slogan "It's that friendly!", and has not proven popular throughout the commonwealth.

The new design was met with a wave of disapproval from citizens statewide and has many rushing to pay extra for speciality plates.

However, County Clerk Chris Waugh says that most will have to wait for special plates coming out of his office, considering the supply is very limited.

"We have very, very few of the special plates," Waugh said Monday. "But we do have a lot of the new plates and, of course,

(See PLATES, page three)



The county clerk's office was working hard to be all "smiles" Monday morning, as several boxes full of Kentucky's new license plates arrived for distribution. The arrival doesn't have some county drivers smiling, however.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Jerry's advertisement for breakfast specials and daily lunches. Includes menu items like Short Stack Pancakes, 2 Eggs, Bacon or Sausage biscuit, and Oatmeal and Toast. Contact info: (606) 886-6701.

Odds and Ends

■ WENATCHEE, Wash.

— That sweet smell in Wenatchee might have been kicked up by someone who let his fingers do the walking.

The 2003 phone books distributed by Hagadone Directories in north-central Washington are scented with an apple fragrance.

The phone book, which will be distributed over a three-week period beginning Saturday, has a gatefold section on the front cover that releases an apple

aroma when opened.

The inside flap lists dates and times for events during the Apple Blossom Festival coming up in the spring.

Jim Hail, co-owner and president of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho-based Hagadone Directories, said he came up with the scented phone book idea as a way to mark the company's decade-long presence in the area.

"When we initially talked about it, my staff rolled their eyes," Hail said. "Now we're talking about utilizing it in other markets."

Darci Waterman, director of the Apple Blossom Festival, said the fragrance is similar to that of a Fuji apple.

"It's a great promotional tool for us to be the first insert in the

phone book and to be a scented promotion is even better," she said.

■ LINCOLN, Neb.

Available to a good home in the countryside: a rooster named Ralphie.

Officials say Ralphie escaped about three weeks ago and was living on the streets of Lincoln until an Animal Control officer nabbed him on Dec. 18.

The rooster has since been spending his time in a cage at the Capitol Humane Society. Since his owner hasn't stepped forward, he is now available to be adopted for a \$5 fee, said Donna Bode, an agency spokeswoman.

Under a new ordinance banning roosters in Lincoln, a new owner must come from the country and bring proof of their address.

Ralphie now spends most of his time in the Humane Society's "sick cat" room. Bode said the cats don't seem to mind, even if he does crow once in a while to make sure everyone knows he's still cock of the walk.

One of the key reasons for passing the rooster law was to curb the illegal practice of cock-fighting. But Bode believes Ralphie was someone's pet.

"He's in pretty good shape," she said. "You can tell he's not a fighter."

■ DENVER

— The campaign manager for a city auditor candidate is giving up the rights to three Internet sites that use opponents' names, saying he bought them only for "fun and games."

Roger Sherman, who works for candidate Ed Thomas, said Monday he told opposition candidates Dennis Gallagher, Debbie Ortega and Landri Taylor he would drop his one-year rights to the sites www.dennisgallagherforauditor.com, www.debbieortegaforauditor.com and www.landritaylorforaudi-

tor.com.

"It was never my intention to run a dirty campaign, and that's what I wrote (to) them," Sherman. "Really, this was all just fun and games. That's how I took it."

Sherman initially said he bought the Web sites last year for \$35 each, without Thomas' knowledge, so Thomas' opponents couldn't use them for their campaigns for the May 6 election.

In any event, his tactic didn't fully succeed. Taylor had bought the domain name www.landritaylorfordenverauditor.com, and Ortega owns www.debbieortega.com.

Thomas, who serves on the Denver City Council with Ortega and Gallagher, said Sherman's decision to give up the Internet sites was his own.

"These opponents are good friends of mine ... so I'm glad that (Sherman) did this," Thomas said. "This campaign season needs to begin on a positive note. I think we're doing that."

■ ANDERSON, S.C.

— Three store clerks and a paint can were enough to stop an armed robber last weekend.

A Florida man, armed with a gun, walked into the Family Dollar store at a shopping center Saturday and told two workers to give him the cash in their registers.

They complied, and the robber ordered them to lock the door. But then a third clerk in the back charged the thief and hit him in the head with a paint can, according to an Anderson County Sheriff's Office report.

The burglar was stunned and another employee tackled him and held him down until police got there.

Richard James Foster, 57, has been charged with armed robbery, police said.

■ MEQUON, Wis.

— Builders constructing a senior housing center will have to

bypass about 166 birds and identical 61-year-old twins.

"My father built that house (in 1935), and I like living there," Jeanette Cooper said this week. "I don't want to move. I pay my property taxes, and there's no reason to move."

"When I get to be 90 years old," she added, "maybe then I can move next door."

Matt Furno, president of the Milwaukee Protestant Home, said he went to the sisters' house to explain why their house was needed - to complete the second phase of a senior housing project.

"We told them that if they wanted to sell, we would be more than willing to pay above the fair-market price," Furno

said this week. "But they love their home, and they said they didn't see any problem with us building around them."

"So we blessed them, and life went on," Furno said.

Her twin, Joan Cooper, said at one time, 415 birds lived in the 1,447-square-foot dwelling.

She said they were aiming to get back to 200, which would live in three indoor aviaries, two of which are open-air and allow the birds to fly free.

By comparison, the aviary at the Milwaukee Public Zoo has about 300 birds, said Kim Smith, curator of birds.

The first phase of the Milwaukee Protestant Home's

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within two (2) weeks of the date, of the meeting.

Today in History

- The Associated Press**
- Today is Wednesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2003. There are 357 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:**
 On Jan. 8, 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.
- On this date:**
- In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.
 - In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.
 - In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.
 - In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.
 - In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.
 - In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."
 - In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and
- North Vietnam resumed near Paris.
- In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing at age 78.
 - In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.
 - In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2002.25.
- Ten years ago:**
- Serb gunmen shot and killed Bosnia's deputy prime minister (Hakija Turajlic) in the presence of French peacekeepers. At post offices across America, commemorative Elvis Presley stamps went on sale on what would have been "the King's" 58th birthday.
- Five years ago:**
- Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life imprisonment. Air traffic control over the Pacific broke down for 16 hours; officials said the outage posed no real danger. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia, Michelle Kwan received seven perfect presentation marks out of nine for her short program.
- One year ago:**
- President Bush signed the most far-reaching federal education bill in nearly four decades. The Most Rev. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, announced his retirement as spiritual leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans. Ozzie Smith, regarded as the finest-fielding shortstop ever, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on his first try. Wendy's fast food chain founder Dave Thomas died in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 69.
- Today's Birthdays:**
- Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 80. Actor Ron Moody is 79. Comedian Soupy Sales is 77. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 75. CBS newsmen Charles Osgood is 70. Singer Shirley Bassey is 66. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 62. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 61. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 61. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 57. Rock singer David Bowie is 56. Movie director John McTiernan is 52. Actress Harriet Sansom Harris is 48. Actress Maria Pitillo is 38. Actress Michelle Forbes is 36. Singer R. Kelly is 36. Rock musician Jeff Abercrombie (Fuel) is 34. Actress Ami Dolenz is 34. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 30. Country singer Tift Merritt is 28. Actress Jenny Lewis is 27. Actor Scott Whyte is 25. Actress Gaby Hoffman is 21.

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My life has changed for the better. Thanks to my higher power, which I call God; the help of people like Carl Powell, Doc, Mage, Rev. Mitchell, the staff at the VOA, you and my family members, Lisa, and thank God for Justin and Cody.

Now, it's time for me to help you get through this. Mom, pray every day and night for the loss of your dear son, Tim. I believe he is looking down on us, telling God what a blessed mom and family he had in life.

Your grateful, recovering son,
 Frank Conley

Dear Brother,

I had plans to spend the Christmas holidays with you and the family.

I remembered, suddenly, that I had been away from you and the family. Unfortunately, it was my choice. Also, there were things I had not said to you, that I desired to say.

I now know, that my life changing experiences, with God, has left me with the hope of a family reunion. See you there. I know you are in a better place.

Love, your blessed brother,
 Frank Conley

Dear Lisa,

I am writing you this letter, to tell you how much I care for you, and your little girl.

I know that you are still going through feelings of your late brother. I am praying for you each and every day. I hope things work out for you, and they will, because God will work with you.

Lisa, you are a very intelligent and beautiful woman, who has been blessed with a beautiful child. I care about you, and I will do everything God asks me to do to help you.

The work that has begun in you, please let it continue. It is perfect work.

James, the New Testament preacher, says, count it all joy, when temptation and things come. It's the testing of your faith.

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Budget

"smart money" may be a scenario in which the legislature again defers action on a budget, presumably to a special session called by the governor.

"I think that's awful," Barrows, D-Versailles, told editors attending a pre-legislative seminar presented by The Associated Press. "But I also think that is a possibility."

The General Assembly failed to pass budgets for the executive or judicial branches during the 2002 session and in a subsequent special session called by Gov. Paul Patton.

The impasse was over partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns. Democrats

who control the House refused to accept the Senate's version of the budget bill, which deleted any appropriation for matching campaign funds.

Patton has been running the state since July 1 on a spending plan of his own devising. For several weeks, Patton has been warning that the state faces a \$500 million shortfall by the end of June 2004 at current rates of state revenue and spending.

The General Assembly convenes Tuesday and is to spend the remainder of the week organizing its leadership and committees. It is to return to the Capitol on Feb. 4 and can

meet for 26 more days.

Four other legislative leaders who shared a stage with Barrows at the seminar said they agreed that the General Assembly would create a public relations disaster for itself if it again failed to pass a budget.

"If we leave without a budget, the public will be very upset and will have every reason to be upset," said Republican Rep. Jeff Hoover of Jamestown, the House minority leader.

Some disagreed with Barrows about the likelihood. "I'm more optimistic than a lot of people" because Patton and House Democrats have con-

ceded the demise of campaign finance, Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said.

Barrows said a no-budget option is among five available to the legislature. He said alternatives are to pass a budget with "lots of revenue" for a multitude of purposes; enough increased revenue to break even and avoid cuts; some new revenue but not enough to avoid cuts, and no new revenue, accepting a rash of cuts in the bargain.

"I don't think there's a consensus yet on ... which of those scenarios will play out," Barrows said.

In speaking of increased revenues, Barrows never said whether he envisioned tax

increases, substantial changes in the tax code, new sources of tax dollars such as casinos, or a combination.

Republicans conceded nothing, especially on raising taxes, and flailed Patton for recent examples of allegedly irresponsible spending — Patton's releasing felons from jails to hold down corrections costs while almost simultaneously approving \$1.7 million more for a convention center project in Pikeville, his hometown.

In addition, the administration returned former Democratic Party state chairman Jerry Johnson to his old job and to the state payroll as a member of Patton's staff. Three other party employees

also were put on the payroll of various agencies.

Hoover said the public will not tolerate a tax increase "until there's a demonstrated change in spending habits" by the administration. "Now's the time to look at a complete overhaul of spending in state government," he said.

Another Republican, Rep. Bob DeWeese of Louisville, said he heard no public "clamoring for increased revenue to be sent to Frankfort until we change the way we dole it out."

The General Assembly needs to cast a cold eye on every program of state government, eliminating all that have outlived their usefulness, said DeWeese, chairman of the House Republican caucus.

Plates

the new truck plates."

The truck plates had also been a problem for local residents, said Waugh, who attributed it to the use of purple lettering and numbering. The new truck plates have made a return to the traditional blue lettering and numbering.

According to Waugh, his office has "plenty" of the new plates but remains very short on a selection of special plates. So short, in fact, that some that have always been popular in the county are simply not available.

"We don't have some plates," said Waugh. "We don't have any military plates or volunteer firefighter plates. Some people have come in to get their firefighter plates and just couldn't."

Many have been sent with papers of explanation in hand, signed by Waugh in the event law enforcement officials were to ask them about missing plates.

"It's about all I know to do,

right now," said Waugh.

One deputy clerk who fielded many phone calls on Monday said the plates had been met with a mixed reaction.

"Some who have come in said they liked them [the new plates] and thought they were cute," the clerk said, while juggling one of many calls which found her attempting to explain the office's shortage for optional plates. "But some just don't want to have anything to do with it."

For those determined to keep the "friendly" plate off their bumpers, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has a large variety of plates to choose from, which are normally ordered through the County Clerk's Office and distributed once available.

However, a good portion of those plates are military related, such as Medal of Honor, Military Cross, National Guard, Veterans, Prisoner of War and Purple Heart plates.

Some might be glad to know that, once needs can be met, a wide range of options can be placed to order from the Transportation Cabinet. The list includes everything from Amateur Radio plates, available to anyone possessing a current amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communication Commission, to Horse Council plates, a plate available to anyone and, according to Waugh, one of the more attractive options.

"I think this is one of the prettiest plates we have," Waugh said, holding one of the few in stock at the clerk's office. The plate pictures a resting horse left of center and the slogan, "Bluegrass State."

Price ranges vary for speciality plates between \$50 to \$15, with some higher or lower, such as the Historic plate, set aside for vehicles 25 years or older and priced at \$53.50. At the lower price range are the Disabled Veterans plates, which are free to qualified recipients, while a Military Cross plate can be purchased by properly distinguished drivers for \$3.

The clerk's office was quick to point out that the shortage for speciality plates is a statewide problem and hopes availability will increase in coming weeks.

Salaries

\$65,679 a year at their respective positions.

Court officials approved County Attorney Keith Bartley's salary at \$34,836 a year for his duties relating to the fiscal court. Bartley and fiscal court treasurer David Layne both offered to have their salaries scaled back last year to help ease county budget woes.

The county approved their four magistrates — Gerald Derossett, Jackie Edford Owens, Larry Foster Stumbo and Alan Williams — at equal, biweekly salaries of \$1,444, or \$34,673 a year.

Coroner Roger Nelson will receive \$22,685 a year in pay from the county while the county's four constables — Sam Duncan, Tandy Hamilton, Alfred Newsom and James Brandon Spencer — will each be paid \$2,199 a year.

Local official salaries are currently set by the state.

The fiscal court also appointed reappointed Deputy Judge Executive Brett Davis and four other administrative officers during its special-meeting Monday morning.

Court records reflect that Davis will earn \$35,791 in the upcoming year, while court finance officer Donna L. Thompson's annual pay scale was set at \$30,039.

Court officials fixed floodplain and storm watch director Lon May's pay at \$33,278 a year, while court administrators Eddie Patton and Denzil Allen will earn \$11,076 and \$8,162 a year, respectively.

The county approved numerous bond amounts for county officials as well on Monday.

A \$100,000 bond was approved for County Clerk Chris Waugh, while Thompson, the court's four magistrates, Roger Webb, Denzil Allen and Roger Nelson were each approved for \$50,000 bonds.

Bonds in the amount of \$10,000 were approved for the county's four constables and additional bonds of \$5,000 were issued for deputy coroners Bluford Smith, Gregory Nelson, Wesley Gearheart, Roger Rowe and Terry Wright.

Webb, according to court records Monday, will continue to collect a \$5 bond preparation fee from all inmates housed at the Floyd County County Detention Center. The fee will be given to the county treasurer.

Also during the special-called meeting, the court:

- Paid \$82,455.46 in bills for water line construction, \$79,395.64 of which went to GWS Contractors and US Bank, while the remaining \$3,060 went to PDR Engineers.
- Agreed on the four-year appointment of Raymond Michael Jarrell as County Road Foreman, beginning the second Tuesday of the new year. Court officials set aside an annual pay rate of \$33,304 for Jarrell's position.
- Adopted Hall and Little Cemetery Road at Wheelwright into the county road system.

All fiscal court members were present for Monday's meeting.

Johnson man accused of hitting, fleeing police

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

DWALE — Pursuant to being arrested for auto theft, a Wittenville man was charged with escape when he alleged eluded an officer and ran.

According to court records, Shawn D. Sexton, 18, was served an arrest warrant on Jan. 4 at a residence in Dwale, where he accumulated three more charges.

Sexton was previously charged with theft for allegedly stealing a 1987 Cadillac belonging to Johnny Paul Christian on Dec. 24, and with driving on a DUI-suspended license.

When police arrived at the Dwale residence to serve Sexton with the arrest warrant on these charges, he allegedly tried to run over police and, after he was placed into custody, police say he hit Deputy Terry Chaffins, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, in the shoulder and ran. Sexton was chased down by Deputy Steve Montgomery.

Sexton was then charged with second-degree escape, third-degree assault and attempting to elude police. He was arraigned on Monday at which time a \$5,000 cash bond was set and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Court

the addition of old and new members, Owens and Williams, but both seemed comfortable during Monday's meeting.

Williams took an early initiative and made several motions, stopping here and there to ask routine questions concerning county business, which were met with both courtesy and patience on the part of his fellow court members.

"This is the way it was done before I was here and this is the way I've done it since I've been here," County Clerk Chris Waugh told Williams, who asked questions about various points of the Waugh's 2003 budget.

Williams spent a good part of his time just before the meeting talking with Waugh, who outlined several sections of his budget for the young magistrate.

Just as the court agreed to make substantial payments to a couple of businesses for work done to improve water lines throughout the county, Thompson explained the payments to Williams, adding that it was another step in securing better water for county residents, part of Thompson's five-year plan to extend water service to 95 percent of households. That plan is entering its third year.

When discussion turned to securing a county road foreman, Owens re-familiarized himself with procedure and asked that he be allowed to make the motion to appoint Raymond Michael Jarrell.

At the close of the meeting, those in attendance saw a relaxed court, finished with the first meeting of the new year and prepared to move ahead in the coming months.

The fiscal court's next regular meeting is scheduled for Jan. 17.

Correction

Derek Kane Hale did not lose to magistrate Alan Williams in the 2002 election, as previously reported on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Hale, who ran on the Democratic ticket, was defeated by Eralm Tackett during the May primary. Tackett later lost to Williams.

Assault suspect caught

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man is being held on a \$20,000 cash bond in the Floyd County Detention Center after being arraigned on assault charges dating back to April 18.

Johnny D. Allen, 31, was arraigned Monday in Floyd

District Court on first-degree assault charges stemming from an April 18 incident, at which time Ralph Lewis Jr., of Banner, alleges that Allen beat him.

According to the criminal complaint, Lewis had serious injuries at that time.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Police find drugs during traffic stop

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A routine traffic stop for a speeding violation led to drug charges against a Minnie resident.

Shane David Mosley, 21, was allegedly speeding when Kentucky State Trooper Jason Eversole clocked him with radar. After making the traffic stop, Eversole detected an odor of marijuana in the vehicle.

A search of the automobile led to the discovery of syringes with which, according to police, Mosley allegedly said that he had

used cocaine. Trooper Eversole also located various pills that were not in their proper container, along with a bag of white powder and other paraphernalia in the trunk.

Mosley was charged with speeding, no insurance, one headlight, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cocaine, prescription in improper container and possession of a controlled substance.

Mosely is being held on a \$5,000 cash bond and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Jan. 13.

Ceiling

According to court records, Celiana Leslie, of Frasure Apartments, awoke at 2:30 a.m. Monday morning to allegedly find Quinton G. Bailey, 20, in her apartment.

The complaint states that Bailey allegedly climbed from his apartment to Leslie's via the ceiling while she was asleep. The report states that Leslie awoke to find Bailey allegedly lifting a ceiling tile and looking down at her. Bailey's mother later found a box of jewelry belonging to Leslie in his apartment.

Bailey was arrested at 2:45 a.m. and charged with first-degree burglary and theft.

He was arraigned on Monday morning in Floyd District Court and a \$3,000 cash bond was set.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Abraham Lincoln

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Our View

Sending a bad message

The concept of teachers marching on Frankfort to demand more money for public education is fine.

It might pressure legislators to address the state's budget crisis.

It would show the world that teachers are personally committed to their jobs, enough to go beyond the call of classroom duty.

The Kentucky Education Association plans just such a rally at the Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 12. That happens to be a school day. And that is a big mistake.

The harm caused by conducting the rally on a school day outweighs the positives on a grand scale. Simply put, you don't cancel school in order to protest. Nor do you schedule substitute teachers.

So far the Kentucky Education Association has commitments from at least 28 superintendents to cancel classes and make up the time later.

With teacher training already scheduled for Feb. 14, school officials there said they'll likely let students off Feb. 13 as well and make up the time during spring break and at the end of the year.

The Kentucky Education Association hopes to match the fervor of a 1988 protest that centered on similar issues. That year it was funding for education, health insurance and retirement benefits. This year, a poor economy and the legislature's reluctance to fix an obsolete tax structure (or even pass a budget) have raised the specter of possible funding cuts to education.

Maybe the sight of 15,000 angry teachers will spur lawmakers along. We certainly hope it will. We just wish educators would find a way to make that protest without taking away from our kids' education.

— The Kentucky Post, Covington



Guest Column

A new year: Time for hope and determination

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

Happy New Year from FFF!
As we enter this New Year, it is easy to surrender to thoughts of despair and despondency, given the prospect of perpetual war, perpetual terrorism against Americans, and perpetual governmental infringements on the civil liberties of the people.

We need to resist that temptation. Regardless of what happens in the near future, the course on which our nation has embarked is not a fixed and immutable one. As long as there are ideas and ideals, things can change for the better, and sometimes quite unex-

pectedly. There is a very good reason that totalitarian governments hate the free flow of ideas: government officials know that ideas move people, that they have consequences.

Think about how life was in the Soviet Union, where government control over people's lives was omnipotent. Think about how dark and hopeless it must have seemed for the people living under that regime. The government had all the guns and all the troops. It had the power to spy on people and monitor their activities. Since it owned people's income, it could spend to any extent it desired. It could conduct wars of aggression against independent countries. Resistance to the state was handled by consigning the dissident to the Gulag. Fear was ingrained within everyone. Talk about the temptation to succumb to despondency and despair!

And yet, ideas brought the whole perverse system down, peacefully. How

many people would have ever dreamed that that could happen?

Consider the following words of Andrei Sakharov and Alexander Solzhenitsyn, two of the Russian dissidents whose writings helped to inspire the Russian people to resist their own government and to move in a new direction:

"The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. One word of truth outweighs the world."
— Alexander Solzhenitsyn

"Were there no ideals, there would be no hope whatsoever. Then everything would be hopelessness, darkness — a blind alley."
— Andrei Sakharov

"Justice is conscience, not a personal conscience but the conscience of the whole of humanity. Those who clearly recognize the voice of their own conscience usually recognize also the voice

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Letters

Church offers thanks

The members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of East McDowell would like to thank all the friends, neighbors and businesses that helped to make the fourth annual "Christmas Treat for the Children" of the McDowell and surrounding areas held on Dec. 15 a huge success.

With the help of these individuals and businesses, the church was able to make Christmas just a little brighter for many children. Approximately 350 children were given the opportunity to visit with Santa, a gift and fruit.

Christmas really is for the children — but grownups can enjoy the pleasure of seeing the children enjoy themselves. Thanks again for all the help and support.

Members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of East McDowell
Clinton Moore, moderator
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Not much difference

Filled pews, a captive audience, and praise for a job well done — three ingredients for a typical church in Nowhere in Particular, America. Add warm bodies spreading an expected amount of love from one to another and the occasional "deep friendship" and you have walked into almost every church on the earth. As we are, blind and satisfied, we fail to see the lack of true spiritual growth in the membership or that John Smith has not been in church since 1998 (has it truly been that long?).

I have attended many of these churches in my lifetime with not more than two being the same denomination. While observing the lack of pure unbiased love in the congregations for all Christians I also have seen what many of you have seen, a calloused comfortable congregation that has gained salvation and wants to go no further.

I have thought how very disappointing this must be for the pastors who are teaching with all their hearts. I have wondered how to reach peo-

ple, Christians and the unsaved. I have prayed many times on ways to help people achieve a deeper plane of worship.

I am sure that many pastors and preachers are perplexed also. A pastor friend of mine recently pulled up stakes to find a new mission field. I have to believe he is looking for a place where the Holy Spirit thrives. I fear he will not find it there, either, but I hope and pray that I am wrong.

I recently spoke with a seasoned pastor about the lackadaisical attitudes in the churches and about the discouragement that comes with that package. In response he tapped into a something the Holy Spirit had showed me in the Bible recently. The pastor said that today's preachers should be ashamed because lethargic attitudes come from sin being in our churches. I pondered upon that and I wonder when he was saying that if it was not the Holy Spirit's uttering, not his.

I wonder how many of us realize that it is very hard to distinguish between a Christian and a non-Christian in 2003. Christianity has become nothing more than a social club or a fire insurance policy. The pastor said that most of us stay so busy that

we never achieve being the person God intends for us to be. I know that this is also true.

I have thought about the reasons behind the sinful church, too. I was raised very much like the former UK Olympic runner, Eric Liddle. I was taught that God comes first. My parents would not allow us to play ball or do anything that disrespected the Lord on the Sabbath nor on Wednesday night. (This pastor also spoke on this.) There is much truth in his saying that we do not teach our children to put the church and God first anymore.

Consider events overseas and the terror that has gripped our nation and anyone can see that time may not last much longer. In 2003 we should all be striving mightily to draw closer to the Lord and to stay in prayer constantly for the lost, but in order to draw the world in we must change from within. We must all become what the Lord has intended for us individually, MUST. If we do not, we will never reel in the fish the Lord wants us to catch nor those who have left the flock. Why would you want to become a Christian if a Christian was just like you?

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Health Extra

Big medical story of 2002 was something that failed to work

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BOSTON — Usually the biggest medical story of the year is a new pill or technique, a discovery that helps people live longer and better. But not in 2002.

Just the opposite. Many agree the most significant medical landmark of the year was the realization that a practice steadfastly accepted by a generation of doctors does more harm than good.

Millions of older women

were told that hormone replacement therapy would help them live longer and better by protecting their hearts and bones. It seemed obvious for a variety of scientific and common sense reasons. Until last summer.

Then the Women's Health Initiative study showed that rather than slowing heart disease, the combination of estrogen and progestin actually increases the risk a bit. And as previously suspected, it slightly ups the chance of breast cancer, too.

Although in hindsight earlier studies raised similar suspicions, this was inescapable evidence that for all those years, the doctors were wrong. The benefits of long-term hormone replacement therapy did not come close to outweighing its risks.

In the months since, these results have echoed through the medical world: Many women have stopped taking hormone pills or refused to start. Experts have tried to figure out why they were so mistaken about hormones' effects on the heart. And

in many areas of medicine, doctors are rethinking their assumptions about how much evidence is needed to recommend any new treatment or habit intended to help healthy people stay that way.

"It's been the most dramatic sea change in clinical medicine that I have ever seen," says Dr. Joann Manson. "Hormone therapy has gone from being the norm to being shied away from."

Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital, was a director of the study, which assigned 16,600 women in their 60s to take either the combination hormone pills or dummy placebos. It found that besides the small increase in heart disease and cancer, women on hormones had slightly more strokes and blood clots and slightly less colon cancer and fractures.

Those in the study were well past menopause, and doctors say the message for them is clear: Do not go on hormones as a way to prevent the diseases of aging.

What about somewhat younger women? Many start hormones in their 50s as temporary relief from hot flashes and night sweats. Even though the study was never intended to examine this use, doctors say the results have led menopausal women to opt against hormones anyway.

"Many women are reluctant to take the hormones even short-term for treatment of severe menopausal symptoms, and that can be unfortunate," says Manson. The pills work, and use for less than four or five years probably carry very little risk, especially if women have no signs of heart disease.

The effect of this study on women's decisions about hor-

mone replacement is just the start of its reverberation through medicine.

"I think it's the medical story of the decade," says Dr. Lori Mosca, director of preventive cardiology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. "It's had an enormous impact."

Many say it is shaping doctors' thinking about how solid the evidence should be before they recommend a variety of treatments intended to keep people from getting cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's disease, among other things.

Since the study came out, some doctors say they are reconsidering such things as vitamin therapy to prevent diseases in otherwise healthy people.

"Before we implement something widely and say it should be a standard of care," says Mosca, "we really need to understand the limits of the science we have."

The science behind the belief that hormones prevent heart disease was substantial. Experiments in animals support it. But the most persuasive underpinning was observational studies, the large, long-running reviews that follow people's health for decades, looking for links between their habits and the diseases that eventually befall them.

Repeatedly, those studies found that women who take hormone replacement have fewer heart attacks than those who don't. And, of course, it just made sense that estrogen is good for the heart.

"All science operates in a

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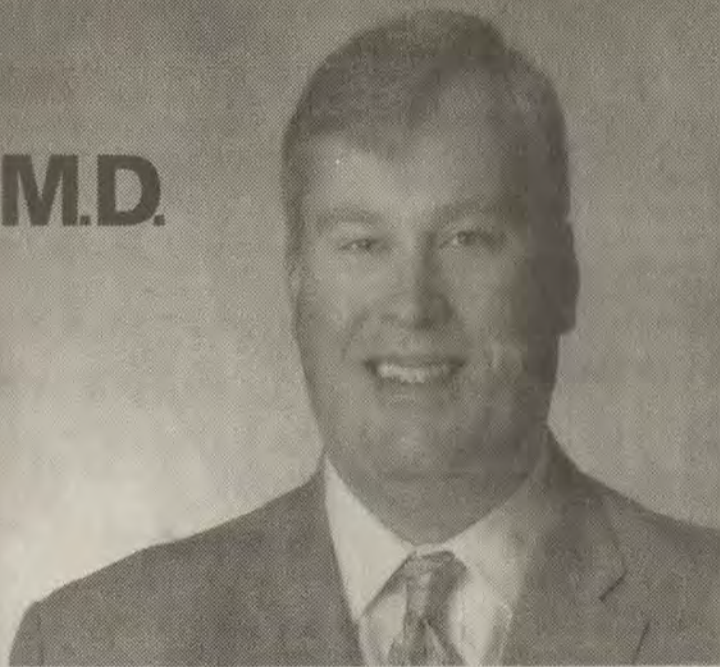
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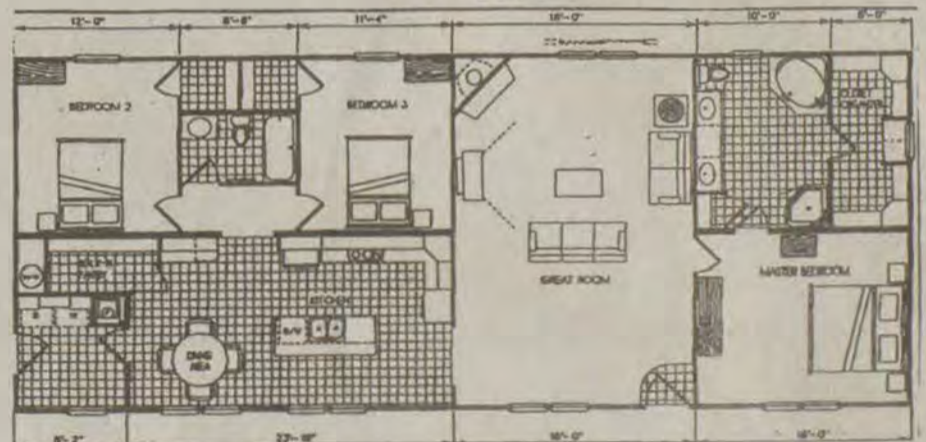
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Patton talks about corporate, cigarette, alcohol taxes

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Smokers, drinkers and Kentucky corporations are among the potential sources of new tax revenue Gov. Paul Patton is considering to shore up the state's beleaguered budget.

Patton gave a peek at some of the nooks and crannies he has been examining while pondering what is projected to be a \$500 million budget shortfall in the next 18

months.

During an appearance before a pre-legislative conference of editors and broadcasters sponsored by The Associated Press, Patton rattled off a series of statistics about cigarette tax increases. While the national average for the tax on a pack of cigarettes is now 58 cents, compared with Kentucky's 3 cents, the average of Kentucky's biggest competitors for sales is 20 cents.

A 20-cent tax would raise

\$75 million a year. And Patton tried to make the case that the state has done much for tobacco farmers, who are not really hurt by a higher tax in any event.

Kentucky also does not tax alcoholic beverage sales, except for consumption on the premises, such as a bar or restaurant. Patton said there was no reasonable justification for such an exemption and removing it would raise \$24 million a year.

Patton also repeated the

case he has been making for several months that corporate taxes have not kept up. Corporate taxes as a portion of the entire General Fund are half of what they were in 1990, when they were increased, Patton said. Just returning the taxes to their previous level would raise about \$350 million a year.

Although he has been careful to avoid taking a public position on budget cuts versus tax increases as a way to get out of the half-billion dollar

budget mess, it is clear Patton is leaning toward making a proposal for overhauling taxes. He made such a proposal in 2000 but was ignored by the General Assembly.

Legislators now face a session starting Tuesday in which they still have not fulfilled their obligation to pass a budget.

And the sniping has already started about whether Patton has acted properly in operating state government without a legislatively enacted budget.

Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson, said Patton should have started whacking at the budget back in May when the legislature last failed to pass a budget. Yet it is Borders' colleague, Senate President David Williams, who is pursuing a lawsuit that challenges the way Patton is spending state money without a budget.

And House Republican leader Jeff Hoover of Jamestown said lawmakers should take a look at state hiring and contracting as ways to cut money before even considering tax increases.

Lawmakers have been taking aim especially at the return of former Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Johnson to Patton's staff and the use of more than \$1 million in emergency capital funds to finance a convention center in Pikeville.

Patton defended his hiring practices and said the state payroll has more than 1,000 fewer people on it than when he took office seven years ago.

And he said using the emergency fund for project cost overruns has been common practice. He noted that several such overruns were financed at Dale Hollow State Park projects, located in Williams' Senate district.

Patton said such comments amounted to no more than posturing and he hoped to be able to have productive budget talks with lawmakers.

On his own prospects, Patton acknowledged his crippled position but said talk must eventually get beyond political matters.

"I may be a lame duck. I may be a wounded duck. I may be a dead duck," Patton said. "But I'm going to try to provide leadership."

Forest Service goes ahead with land swap; mining company gets mountaintop near Buckhorn Lake

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The U.S. Forest Service has decided to go ahead with a land swap that will allow a coal company to mine a mountaintop just more than a mile upstream from Buckhorn Lake.

Ben Worthington, supervisor of the Daniel Boone National Forest, said Leslie Resources has acknowledged that it plans to remove a mountaintop to get the coal out. Even so, Worthington said he is convinced that the trade is an environmentally acceptable course of action.

Environmentalists disagreed. One environmental group vowed Tuesday to appeal the decision.

"It blows my mind that the Forest Service can so blatantly ignore the will of the public," said Perrin de Jong, spokesman for Kentucky Heartwood. "It's fairly easy to see that this is not in the public interest."

Buckhorn Lake made headlines last year when it became clogged with tons of household garbage that floated in from illegal dumps during spring floods.

Adding more pollution and sediment from mining, de Jong said, could be devastating to the already sensitive reservoir.

The Forest Service will trade two tracts totaling 91 acres in Perry and Leslie counties valued at about \$36,500 to Leslie Resources for 98 acres of land in Owsley County valued at the same amount. The swap, Worthington said, will benefit both the Forest Service and the coal company.

The land in Perry and Leslie counties is isolated and is difficult for the Forest Service to monitor because it is separated from the main body of the Daniel Boone. A portion of the land was logged some years ago without the Forest Service knowing about it.

The tract in Owsley County, on the other hand, would be surrounded on three sides by the national forest.

"We've studied this project in detail, and while I recognize there will probably be environmental impacts, I feel the long-term benefits outweigh the short-term consequences," Worthington said. "While these decisions are never easy, I feel that the exchange is the appropriate action to take."

An environmental impact study found that mining the 52-acre mountaintop tract near Buckhorn Lake would increase sedimentation in the reservoir, but not significantly considering

all the other mining being done in the area.

Leslie Resources already owns the mineral rights beneath the property, but couldn't legally open a surface mine as long as the Forest Service owns the surface land.

The environmental impact statement said the land already is surrounded by reclaimed surface mines. Leslie Resources, according to the Forest Service, would reclaim the property for wildlife habitat after mining it.

Officials at Leslie Resources couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Leslie Resources would retain oil and natural gas rights on the Owsley County property after the swap, which, de Jong said, could mean companies coming onto the property to drill wells.

"I think this is a horrendous decision," de Jong said.

Fletcher reports raising \$509,000, Chandler \$268,500

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Republican Ernie Fletcher on Monday reported raising \$509,000 in December for his gubernatorial campaign, nearly twice as much as the No. 2 fundraiser to date, Attorney General Ben Chandler.

Fletcher's only declared Republican primary opponent, state Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow, said he raised "30-some thousand" during the

month. Nunn said he did no aggressive fund raising in December. A copy of his campaign's report could not be obtained by The Associated Press.

Chandler, a Democrat, raised \$268,500 with running mate Charlie Owen, according to his report to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. Their slate also picked up a significant labor endorsement from the Kentucky State AFL-CIO.

Another Democratic slate — House Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green and running mate Tony Miller of Louisville — reported receipts of \$84,950.

Fletcher, a U.S. representative from Kentucky's 6th District, is perceived by many to be running with the tacit endorsement and fund-raising assistance of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell. Fletcher said in a telephone interview that his own fund-raising ability has been underestimated.

His running mate, former McConnell aide and campaign manager Hunter Bates II, "certainly brings a very impressive Rolodex with him" for fund raising, Fletcher said. But "probably 95 percent" of the money raised was the result of his own friendships and alliances, Fletcher said.

He also noted that he raised \$5.2 million for his congressional campaigns in the last five years.

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Obituaries

Lillie (Nanny) Jarrell

Lillie (Nanny) Jarrell, 88, of Dwale, died Friday, January 3, 2003, at the Prestonsburg Health Care.

Born October 7, 1914, in Blaine, she was the daughter of the late Rufus and Alice Wheeler Stambaugh. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ at Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death of her husband, Henry Jarrell.

Survivors include one son and his wife, John and Lois Jarrell of Dwale; one daughter, Mary Frances Music of Van Vleck, Texas; one sister, Edra Setser of Auxier; six grandchildren, Donna Pruitt, John Music, Cristy Wireman, Jamo Jarrell, Jackie Bennett, and Pennie Little; and three great-grandchildren, Kristopher Kunkel, Rachel Willauer, and Leann Bennett.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Russell Jarrell and Jimmy Jarrell; one brother, Henry Stambaugh; and one sister, Laura Porter.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tim Blankenship officiating.

Burial was in the Hoot Shepherd Cemetery at Dwale, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Billy Ray Booth

Billy Ray Booth, age 61, of Ypsilanti Twp., Michigan, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born July 9, 1941, in Floyd County, the son of Oscar Howard and Margaret (Hall) Booth. He served honorably in the U.S. Army.

On September 27, 1974, he married Sharon Isaacs, and she survives.

Billy was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Also surviving are his mother, Margaret Booth; one son, Bill Shannon; three daughters, Patty Scherrer, Sandra Thompkins, and Crystal Booth; six brothers, Tyrone, Barry, Howard Jr., Teddy, Carl, and Shannon Booth; three sisters, Patty Makuck, Phyllis Linke, and Virgie Lee; 13 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted, Tuesday, January 7, 1:30 p.m., at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Calvin Brown, of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home.)

(Paid obituary)

Earnest Hall

Earnest Hall, age 81, of Hi Hat, husband of Dorothy Stewart Hall, passed away, Saturday, January 4, 2003, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born October 4, 1921, in Melvin, the son of the late George Hall and Pricie Cole Hall. He was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, at Ligon, a retired coal miner, and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 9588.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Hall.

Other survivors include one son, Teddy Hall of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Donna Faye Allen of Hunter; one brother, Vondall Hall of Dearing, Georgia; one sister, Daisy Osborne of Nancy; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Tommy and Charles Hall; three sisters, Hattie Stockdale, Martha Osborne, and Della McCown.

Funeral services for Earnest Hall were conducted, Tuesday, January 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Ralph Hall and Don Fraley Jr., officiating.

Burial was in the Newman-Stewart Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ronnie Stewart, Tim Hall, Danny Pennington, Scott Hall, Charles Roger Stewart, and Randall Stewart.

(Paid obituary)

Alfreda M. Halstead

Alfreda M. Halstead, 88, of Louisville, died Saturday, January 4, 2003, at Christian Health Center.

She was a native of Betsy Layne, a homemaker, a member of Southeast Christian Church, and Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Halstead, and her mother, Minnie Mullins.

She is survived by one daughter, Jane W. Durham, and her husband, James Durham; two brothers, Harold and Joe Stone; four grandchildren, Mary Jane Taylor, Margaret Steinhauser, James Durham Jr., and Melissa Scheben; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 8, at 1 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Christian Church.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under direction of O.D. White and Son Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to her church's building fund.

Visitation is after noon, Wednesday, at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Guest

of justice." — Alexander Solzhenitsyn "Intellectual freedom is essential to human society — freedom to obtain and distribute information, freedom for open-minded and unfearing debate, and freedom from pressure by officialdom and prejudices. Such a trinity of freedom of thought is the only guarantee against an infection of people by mass myths, which, in the hands of treacherous hypocrites and demagogues, can be transformed into bloody dictatorship." — Andrei Sakharov

Today, no one can deny that our nation is moving in the direction of more and more government control and intervention in our lives — in the direction of omnipotent government. Those who favor such a direction suggest that there is no choice, given the perpetual threat of terrorism. To defeat terrorism requires us, they say, to surrender our rights and freedoms. Don't worry, they assure us, it will only be temporary — just until terrorism is finally wiped out for good.

The temptation, especially for those who have been taught that it is their civic duty to support their government in time of war, is to support whatever the federal government calls for or does during a time of crisis.

Letters

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There is sin in our midst. Each of us has forsaken our duties to daily take up our cross and to renew our minds in Christ. Ezekiel 34 warns both pastors and lay members of the coming judgment of Christ. We are leaving the flock out on the cold and are not treating the weak and sickly among us. We are instead carelessly filling a spot in the worship service by putting on our Sunday faces for an hour. We leave that service to assume the

Perhaps this is the ultimate tragedy of public (i.e., government) schooling — ingraining in every student from the first grade on up that the "good citizen" comes to the support of his government in time of crisis, without even asking whether his own government's wrongdoing has contributed to the crisis or whether the government's response to the crisis is in the best interests of the citizenry. And when the war is perpetual and metaphorical, that means perpetual support for whatever the government does.

We must resist that temptation. History has shown that people who surrender their liberties under the false pretense of security always rue their decision. We must remember our heritage — a heritage of liberty and resistance to tyranny, which produced constitutional restrictions on the power of our own government. Keep in mind: the first ten amendments to our Constitution do not give us rights; they protect our rights from being taken away, not by terrorists, but by our own government officials. Our rights, as the Declaration of Independence correctly states, pre-exist government.

We must continue resisting the trend toward omnipotent government. We must continue

real us. We may have been saved 10 years ago but there is no progress in our lives. In fact if we took a look into the perfect mirror, the Bible, we may find that we are actually worse than we were before salvation.

America's Churches desperately need to wake up. How can we ever be a light to a dark and dying world if we are dark and dying, too?

Randell Reno
Prestonsburg

fighting to reverse the tide. We must continue fighting to move our nation in the direction of freedom, free markets, and limited government. That's where the power of ideas come in. As long as there is a free flow of ideas, there is more hope than ever that we can reverse the socialist, statist, interventionist tide and get our nation back on track. As everyone knows, the Internet has magnified that power exponentially.

There have been conflicts of vision in American history with respect to both our economic system and our nation's foreign policy. Our Founders chose a free-enterprise, capitalist system. Their 20th-century successors rejected that system in favor of a socialist one. Our Founders chose a noninterventionist foreign policy. Their 20th-century successors rejected that policy in favor of an interventionist and imperial one.

Analyzing societal problems is much like what a physician does when he examines a patient. The doctor comes up with a diagnosis and gives a prescription. If his diagnosis is wrong, then the prescription will probably be wrong as well.

For example, government officials (including public-school teachers) have long argued that the stock-market crash in 1929 was due to the failure of America's free-enterprise system. Thus their prescription — a prescription they have sold to every public-school student since 1929 — was socialism and a regulated society, in the name of "saving free enterprise."

There was one big problem, however, with their diagnosis: It was wrong. If they had correctly diagnosed the problem, they would have pointed to the Federal Reserve System, a socialist enterprise that had been established in 1913, and the pre-

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Odds

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\$40 million senior housing project is scheduled to open Feb. 1.

■ **LEONIA, N.J.** — When Rover does his business on the narrow strip of grass between the street and the sidewalk, is he doing it on private property, or in some public doggy domain?

That's the question a court must decide after a homeowner claimed a dog walker trespassed and left behind a memento of the visit.

Shiner, a hound, graced the strip on Nov. 4 while on a stroll with his owner, Rick Heckman.

The property owner, William Ramos, filed a complaint alleging that Heckman violated Leonia's municipal code on "disposal of canine waste." Ramos cited part of the law that says that "permission of the owner of private property" must be obtained before a dog is permitted to defecate there.

If municipal Judge John DeSheplo rules the land is

indeed private property, he could fine Heckman.

"If he rules against me, it effectively outlaws dog walking in Leonia," Heckman told The Record of Bergen County. "I had to pay \$300 for a transcript, and I had to hire a lawyer for this. It's been very stressful worrying about this."

Municipal Prosecutor Mark Fierro says there is some logic to Ramos' claim that he owns the grassy strip. The town requires Ramos to mow it.

But Heckman argues most people are under the impression the grass next to the curb, like the sidewalk, is part of the public right of way.

The case is due to be heard Jan. 14.

■ **HAMILTON, Ohio** — Deciding they weren't getting any younger, two eighty-somethings who had been sweethearts six decades ago tied the knot — in the local Wal-Mart

where she works.

Betty Howard, 82, a greeter at the store, and Estel Barrett, 84, married Friday during a ceremony thrown for them by Howard's co-workers.

"I'm just a plain, simple old lady," Howard said. "I've never had anything exciting in my life. This is so wonderful."

Friends in childhood, Howard and Barrett kept in touch over the years. Both were married for more than 50 years before the deaths of their spouses three years ago.

"They happened to meet just before Thanksgiving and began seeing each other," said Howard's lifelong friend, Pearl Bowling. "And he said to her, 'You know, we're not getting any younger.'"

Recalling her "childhood sweetheart" status, Howard said, "All that meant was holding hands as we walked to church."

But they never forgot. Now she said, "He needs me and I need him. And he is just wonderful."

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■ **MARKED TREE, Ark.** — A suspect's love for Dum-Dum lollipops led police right to his front door.

Michael Brown, 33, pleaded innocent Friday in Poinsett County Circuit Court to burglary charges involving break-ins at the Marked Tree Bank and Crafts Jewelry.

A trail of Dum-Dum wrappers led police to his home.

Brown allegedly broke into the downtown bank after hours on Nov. 16, police said. The bank's security cameras showed the intruder got away with a clock radio, a compact disc player and a handful of Dum-Dums, the hard candy the bank gives to patrons' children.

The next morning, police followed a trail of the candy wrappers down the street, across railroad tracks and to a mobile home park where Brown lives.

"The trail didn't lead right up to his door like the bread crumbs in Hansel and Gretel," detective Mark Robinson said. "But they led to where we knew he was living."

Brown has also been charged in a Nov. 10 jewelry store burglary, during which a suspect took plastic imitation jewelry from the display cases.

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We take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way during the death of our loved one, whether it was flowers, food, or cards, your presence, a hug or a smile, we will always be grateful.

A special thanks to the singers, Jan, Sandy, Sari, Jerri, and Gina, James E. Robinson, for his comforting words, the Senior Place for its excellent care, to Barber Smith for keeping dad's hair cut, to the nurses and doctors at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, the Hall Funeral Home and the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control.

May God bless each of you.

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House Democrats retain leadership despite challenges

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — House Democrats considered three challenges to leadership positions, but made no changes Tuesday.

Ruth Ann Palumbo of Lexington, who unsuccessfully challenged Joe Barrows of Versailles for majority whip, said there is dissatisfaction among the Democratic troops about a lack of communication from incumbent leaders and the lack of activity in getting a budget passed.

"There has been a lot of frustration," Palumbo said.

House Republicans selected Ken Upchurch of Monticello as the new whip for their caucus.

Former Whip Woody Allen retired from the House.

Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said she wondered if there was some gender politics at work. Webb noted that Mary Lou Marzian of Louisville also lost a race for speaker pro tem against Larry Clark of Louisville and Marie Rader of Jackson lost to Upchurch.

"You can't help but think about an underlying issue of gender," Webb said.

There have not been any females among House leadership positions in at least a generation. There is only one female committee chairman, Palumbo.

Charles Geveden of Wickliffe, who lost to Jim

Callahan of Wilder for Democratic caucus chairman, said he does not expect retribution from Democratic leaders, who choose committee chairmen and assign memberships.

Palumbo is chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Geveden leads the State Government Committee.

House Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green and Democratic floor leader Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg were not challenged.

Republican House leaders Jeff Hoover of Jamestown and Bob DeWeese of Louisville were re-elected as floor leader and caucus chairman, respectively, without opposition.

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scription would have been to end the socialism and restore free enterprise and a sound monetary system.

It's the same with respect to foreign policy. Federal officials argue that terrorism is caused by foreign hatred for America's "freedom and values." So their prescription has been to declare a perpetual war on terrorism, which involves perpetual and ever-increasing infringements on the rights and freedoms of the American people. Under this diagnosis, there is no hope for the advocate of liberty because there is no hope that terrorism will ever end. Perpetual despondency and despair is a very logical reaction to a perpetual war on terrorism, including a perpetual infringement on the rights and liberties of the people.

But what if the roots of terrorism against Americans instead lie with the U.S. government's interventionist and imperial foreign policy, including its bombs, embargoes, blockades, bribes, torture, assassinations, foreign military occupations, support of brutal democratic and nondemocratic regimes, training of foreign death squads, intimidation of and attacks on weak regimes, sales of weaponry to brutal dictators, arrogance, obnoxiousness, hypocrisy, indefinite incarcerations of foreigners without trial, wars of aggression, invasions, taking sides in long-standing, bitter disputes, and serving as the world's self-appointed international policeman, interloper, and executioner?

What if all that, instead of America's "freedom and values," is why people all over the world now hate America? What if all that is at the root of terrorism against the American people?

Then there is tremendous room for hope because at least there's a way out of the crisis. Yes, it involves the difficult task of rejecting one paradigm and embracing another, but at least there's a way to restore normalcy to our lives and, more important, to achieve a free society — and that possibility, no matter how difficult to achieve, provides hope.

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These are your think tanks and foundations because you have kept them going over the years. The people who work in them are your Sakharovs. They are your Solzhenitsyns. While there might be intellectual differ-

ences between the various think tanks and foundations from time to time, make no mistake about it: Every one of us is fighting to resist the sovietization of American society. We are fighting to restore the principles of individual freedom and free markets that made our nation great. We are more determined than ever to take our nation back from the socialists, collectivists, interventionists, imperialists, and statist. And we're going to do it. We just need your continued help to pull it off.

Again, happy New Year you and your family from FF and may the New Year bring closer to the free, prosperous and peaceful society that our Founders and our ancestors envisioned for us.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Martin pleads before trial for fleeing police

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial date was set for Monday for a Martin County man accused of leading police on a high speed chase from Martin to Jenny Wiley before wrecking last year.

However, the defendant threw himself on the mercy of the court before jury selection began.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, the Tomahawk resident, Derrick Lee Mollett, 19, was arrested on Feb. 3, 2002, after leading police on a chase, achieving speeds of 110 miles an hour on Route 80.

Taylor said that the event began at the red light in Martin on Route 80 around 4 a.m. where Mollett was in the left-hand lane headed toward Hazard and Tpr. Ronald Peppi was headed toward Prestonsburg after just finishing his shift.

Taylor stated that Mollett pulled into the turn lane and squealed his tires, losing control of his vehicle before heading toward Martin.

Peppi turned his blue light on, as well as his video recorder, and pulled Mollett over, asking him to get out of the vehicle. Taylor said that Mollett took off, entered onto Route 80 and the chase began.

Peppi said that Mollett was going at least 110 miles an hour toward Prestonsburg, at which time Tpr. Peppi radioed for assistance from Lt. William Petry and George Tussey, both of Prestonsburg City Police, and several officers of the Kentucky State Police. Peppi reported that Mollett went through the light at the U.S. 23 overpass and was weaving as he went down Watergap.

It was reported that he went through the Lancer red light over 100 miles an hour and officers backed off as he was going too fast as he approached the Jenny Wiley Amphitheater.

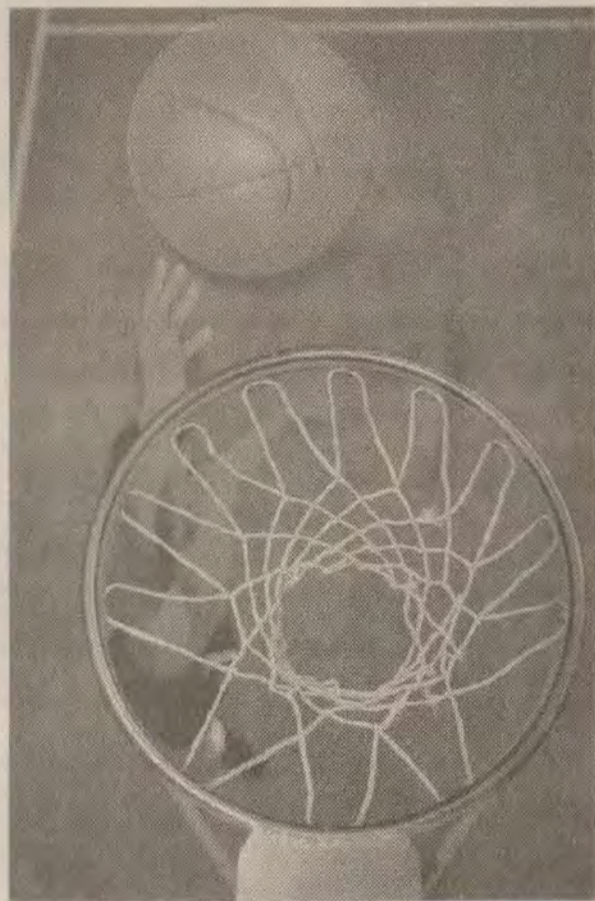
Taylor said that Mollett could not negotiate the curve at the speed he was driving and slammed into the guard rail near the Jenny Wiley Golf Course, and flipped the vehicle and hit a tree. Taylor stated that the vehicle hit the tree near the band end of the cap, causing the truck to stand on its front. When police pulled up shortly afterwards, Mollett was crawling out the window still trying to get away.

The incident was captured on video surveillance tape but Mollett still rejected the pretrial offer, opting to go to trial. However, he went before the jury before selection and threw himself on the mercy of the court, pleading guilty to first-degree fleeing and evading police, three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and one count of driving under the influence. A blood test revealed that Mollett had alcohol and Valium in his system.

Mollett will be sentenced on Feb. 28.

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Patton hasn't made case for new taxes

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Senate has no visible sentiment for raising taxes, and Gov. Paul Patton needs to make deeper cuts in spending, especially on contracts and in

state employment, two top Senate leaders said Tuesday.

At a minimum, they said, the governor should immediately cut \$144 million to keep the state out of the red for the fiscal year that ends June 30. The General Assembly could then take action to cover the second year of the budget cycle, for which a \$365 million shortfall is projected.

Patton "at least needs to come up with a plan to balance this fiscal year budget," Senate President David Williams told reporters. "It's

just a matter of numbers that three-quarters of this fiscal year is gone by the time we can do anything."

Patton spokesman Terry Sebastian said the governor "is pleased that Senate leadership has agreed to participate in the process of achieving a budget for the current biennium."

Patton has been running the state since July 1 without a budget because the 2002 General Assembly failed to pass one. Patton, by adopting his own spending plan, "has already assumed the responsibility for keeping expenditures in line with resources during the current fiscal year," Sebastian said.

The state's faltering finances proved the dominant topic on the opening day of

the General Assembly's 30-day, off-year session.

"The revenue situation is the worst it's been in 50 years," Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly told fellow Republicans in a caucus meeting.

In a news conference afterward, Kelly and Williams said Patton has not made the case for raising taxes.

Williams said "there is presently no sentiment" in the Senate for raising taxes but that could change. "There could be intervening circumstances that could require additional revenue," Williams said, citing a war in the Middle East as an example. "It is the responsible thing to always leave every option open," he said.

In fact, Patton has avoided

advocating a specific action, such as raising taxes or legalizing casinos, to raise state revenues. He said he would collaborate with legislators on a plan for shoring up the state's finances but that his job is to keep the books balanced, making cuts where necessary.

Among his economy moves, Patton ordered 1,000 state jobs to be eliminated through attrition. Kelly said 2,000 to 3,000 jobs might have to be cut, and Williams said that might require layoffs.

"There is no absolute guarantee to employment when you work for anybody," Williams said. "Major corporations have to downsize. ... If the right opportunity presents itself, government has to downsize."

He said the legislature would prefer to do it through attrition, but "it might be necessary to lay some employees off. We're not ruling that out."

In addition, Kelly said spending on personal service contracts could be cut by \$100 million. He said spending now totals \$350 million per year.

Patton this week defended contracting. He said it actually was a classically Republican approach to farm out government services to private individuals rather than enlarging the bureaucracy.

Opening day and the balance of the week were devoted to internal organization matters. Legislators take a break after Friday, returning to the Capitol on Feb. 4 for 26 days of actual legislating. The session is to end March 25.

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Court approves county clerk's budget

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

County Clerk Chris Waugh's estimated 2003 budget will rest at just over \$8.6 million, according to a proposal offered to the fiscal court Monday.

The court voted to approve the \$8,644,430 budget, which foresees the largest expenditures going to state payments for motor vehicle usage tax and payments to other districts for tangible property tax, during a special-called meeting Monday morning.

Payment to the state for vehicle usage tax will be an estimated \$3.3 million, approximately \$1 million shy of constituting half the expenditures within the overall budget.

Property taxes for other districts will demand just over \$1.28 million and delinquent taxes to be paid to those districts were figured at \$639,620, according to Waugh's proposal.

Other state payments relating to motor vehicles in the upcoming year will include \$873,464 for property tax and another \$845,249 for licenses and transfer fees.

The county will also expect to pay \$109,776 in delinquent taxes to the state in 2003, while paying \$113,020 in delinquency to the fiscal court, according to the budget summary.

Personal property taxes anticipated for payment to the fiscal court rest at \$355,744.

Other payments to the fiscal court — which include occupational licenses, deed transfers, beer and liquor licenses and fire acreage tax — will combine to cost the clerk's office \$46,858.

Expenditures to the county attorney are slated at \$132,873, while payments to the sheriff are figured at \$22,727.

Waugh also included an esti-

mate for his gross salary in Monday's proposal at \$65,766, with an expense account of \$3,600. Salaries for deputy clerks, according to the budget, would combine for \$528,128 and \$45,708 is to be used toward employee Social Security benefits.

The fiscal court set a maximum salary cap for the clerk's office just after approving the 2003 budget on Monday, setting the amount at \$566,844.60. The cap pertained to deputy clerks, assistants and other employees and included amounts paid for full-time and part-time salaries and wages, overtime wages, vacation and sick leave pay, insurance other than health and Social Security benefits.

Waugh included \$528,128 in costs for deputy clerk salaries in his 2003, with the remainder miscellaneous allotted for employee benefits.

The clerk's office will round out costs with just under \$149,000 spent for office utilities and supplies, convention fees, travel expenses, postage and rental or lease payments.

To balance these costs, Waugh expects significant gains for the county from licensing and taxes, estimated at over \$8.3 million.

According to the clerk's budget, 86 percent of that — or

roughly \$7.16 million — will come from revenue collected from property tax fees and the licensing, taxing and transferring of motor vehicles during the course of the year.

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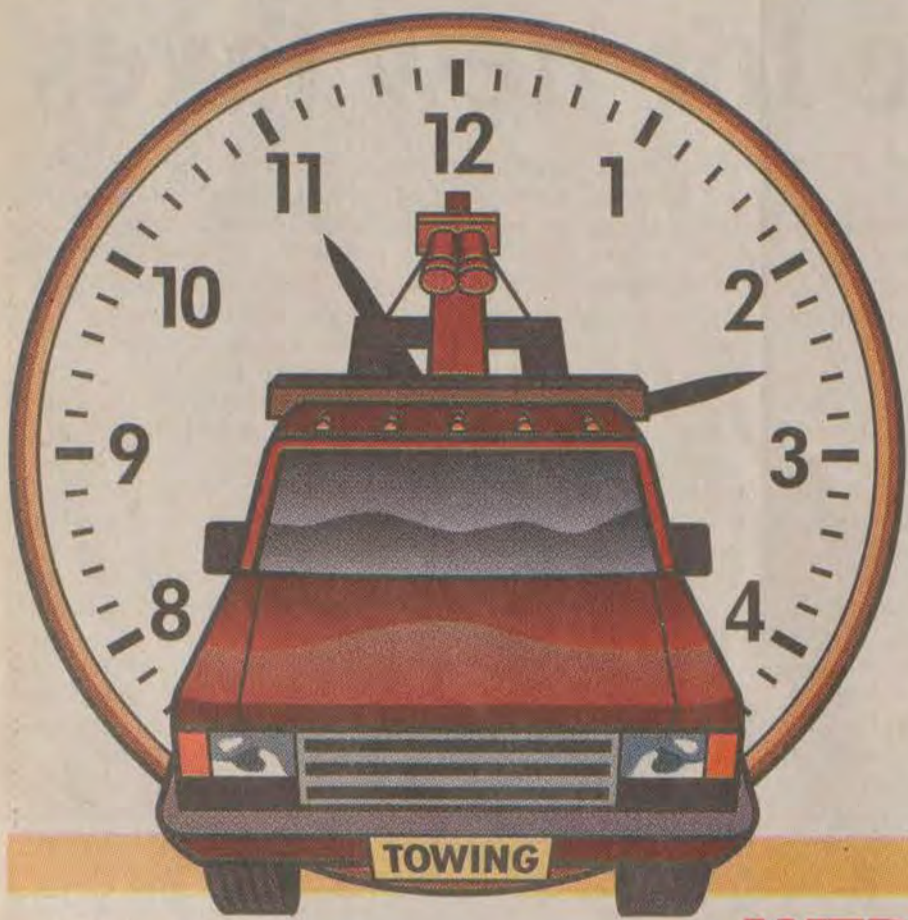
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Youth Basketball: Osborne signups

Little Eagles Basketball signups will be held now through Friday at Osborne Elementary in conjunction with the Rainbow Junction FRC (Family Resource Center). A parent or guardian will need to bring a proof of insurance. Students eligible to play are boys and girls in grades K-4.



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COMMENTARY

Gambling with athletics, families

by BILLY REED
 TIMES COLUMNIST

The new session of Kentucky's General Assembly will confront the most vexing moral conundrum in its history. The state is in such horrible shape financially that even education is no longer immune to cuts. The easiest and quickest fix would be to legalize casino gambling at race tracks and

other locations. But more gambling means more addicts on welfare and more broken homes.

So what's a poor legislative body to do?

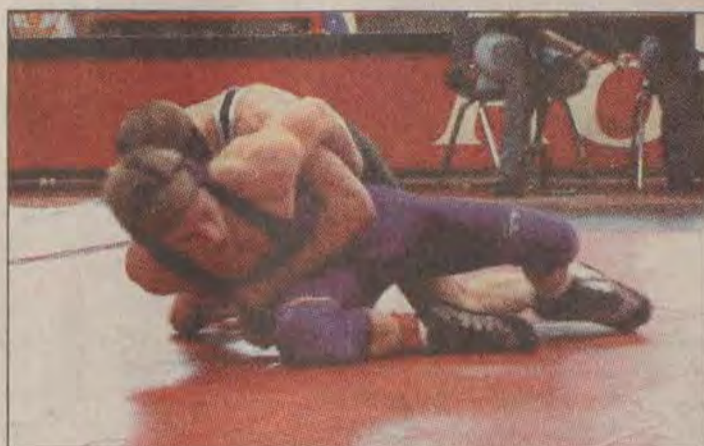
It should be noted that

hypocrisy has long been a way of life in Kentucky.

Even as our ministers and right-wing religious zealots decry the evils of liquor, tobacco, and gambling, the state government has depended at least partly on the taxes from those endeavors to provide needed services for the public.

But now, even though consumption of liquor and tobacco has been sharply reduced by the politically-correct movement, our legislators, in their infinite

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Prestonsburg wrestler Heath Chaffin made the pin on an opponent

P'burg club wrestlers place in W.Va. event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RAVENSWOOD, W.Va. — The Prestonsburg Wrestling Club traveled to West Virginia to participate in the Jackson County Invitational last week. Prestonsburg finished

11th out of the 36 participating teams. One Prestonsburg grappler finished first and two others placed second.

Nick Chaffin finished first in the

(See P'BURG, page two)

COCA COLA CHAMPS



Tournament MVP Michael Hall (10) led teammates in accepting the Coca Cola Hoops Classic championship trophy. South Floyd's Tyler Hall and Steven Stanley were named to the all-tournament team.

photo by Steve LeMaster

RAIDERS TAKE COCA COLA HOOPS CLASSIC

WYMT tourney next stop for South Floyd boys

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The basketball machine that is South Floyd rolled forward Saturday

night with a 68-63 win over host Pike Central in the championship game of the Coca Cola Hoops Classic.

Senior Michael Hall, the eventual tournament MVP, scored a

game-high 26 points and teammate Tyler Hall chipped in 20 in the South Floyd victory.

The Raiders trailed the host Hawks 34-31 at the half. Coach Henry Webb's team outscored Pike Central 21-14 in the third period and 16-15 in the final stanza en route to the championship.

"This was a good tournament

(See RAIDERS, page two)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne follows up south trip with win over Phelps

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PHELPS — Betsy Layne's boys' varsity basketball team returned home from a trip to Florida last week and just days later went back to work on the hardwood of the 15th Region with

a game against Phelps. The Bobcats traveled to Pike County and went away with a 78-59 victory.

Betsy Layne, after leading 12-11 at the end of the first quarter, held on to the lead and never trailed at the conclusion of any of the four periods.

The Bobcats were in the driver's seat at the half, leading 35-25. After a more competitive third period, Betsy Layne blew the game wide open, fin-

(See TRIP, page two)



■ B. Newsome

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Post play leads Bears past ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — No. 23 Pikeville College got 47 points and 34 rebounds from its four inside players and rolled past Alice Lloyd College 81-56 Saturday afternoon.

Seniors Amanda Collins and Teccoa Gallion both turned in double-doubles in the win. Collins had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Gallion had 13 points and 13 boards on the day she moved past Autumn Damron into ninth place on the all-time scoring list.

Gallion now has 1,472 points.

Bench play also came up big as well. Sophomore forward Amelia Cody had 10 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore Ashley Damron had eight points as well.

Those four helped the Lady Bears control the glass, pulling down 50 com-

(See ALC, page two)

SIDELINE SHOTS

Woody would be proud

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

Oh, I bet Woody was looking down on the jubilant Ohio State crowd Friday night in Tempe, Arizona. All Ohio State fans in attendance celebrated a 31-24 double-overtime win over the top-ranked Miami Hurricanes. And what

more deserving coach to revive Ohio State's national championship prominence than Jim Tressel.

The Ohio State coach took the somewhat long road to D-I football. He came to Columbus

and the Horseshow from Youngstown State where he led that school's football program to four I-AA national titles.

I can just see legendary college coach Woody Hayes out in snow, baseball cap, short sleeve shirt, tie and no coat. The tough, gritty grid coach seemed to favor cold weather.

Hayes is one of my favorite all-time college coaches.

An Ohio State-Michigan football video detailing the two school's long

(See SIDELINE, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central center Brad Pack defended Lawrence County senior forward Steven Driver. Driver scored 44 points in the consolation game against the Rebels, but Allen Central held on for the win.

COCA COLA HOOPS CLASSIC

Rebels beat Lawrence County for third place

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Allen Central squared off with Lawrence County Saturday night, a team which took three-time defending

(See REBELS, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Allen Central boys' varsity cheerleaders took second-place honors in the cheerleading competition portion of the Coca Cola Hoops Classic.

Reed

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wisdom, refuse to increase the cigarette tax, which is so low in Kentucky that's it's ludicrous.

So far, they also have refused to approve slots at race tracks or land-based gambling casinos. However, considering the strong, but stupid, prejudice against raising taxes, that leaves increased gambling, like it or not, as the most viable way to staunch the flow of Kentucky entertainment dollars into the casinos of Indiana and Ohio.

The financial impact of Wallace Wilkinson's baby, the state lottery, has been reduced by competition from surrounding states, and the Kentucky lottery figures to take another hit when Tennessee begins its lottery.

Tax revenue from racetracks' pari-mutuel handle continues to drop because so many Kentucky gambling dollars are being diverted to Indiana and Ohio. The racetracks claim they need an exclusive franchise for slots to compete with the casinos and remain at the top of the game. They point to slots as the salvation of racing in West Virginia, Delaware, and other states.

Racing purists hate to see slots at the track. They believe the public should understand that their game deserves to be supported because it offers a

much fairer gambling proposition and a superior esthetic experience.

Yet that sort of thinking ignores the hard, cold truth about today's gamblers: They want non-stop action and instant gratification. The heck with fresh air, beautiful horses, and courageous jockeys. That's just for sentimental old fools.

Simulcasting, by which patrons in Kentucky or Indiana can bet on televised races from around the country, has been racing's economic salvation. But it does nothing to promote the sporting aspects of racing or encourage fans to do their betting at tracks instead of off-track, resulting in a steady decline in on-track attendance and gambling.

But given Kentucky's revenue crisis, much as anyone might hate to see a state's financial stability based on various forms of gambling, the only prudent path is to approve both slots at the track and land-based casinos.

While these measures might create some new gamblers, their main purpose will be to bring Kentucky gambling income back to Kentucky. Many of the same taxpayers who are wringing their hands over Kentucky's budget problems are blowing thousands of dollars in Indiana and Ohio.

So the gambling genie is out of the bottle. The question now is not whether it's right or wrong, good or bad, but whether Kentucky can level the playing

field by offering attractive gambling alternatives.

The General Assembly should take the lead in establishing a new Gaming Commission that would supervise all forms of gambling in Kentucky — pari-mutuel, lottery, slots, casinos, and riverboats. In this way, the state would be able to coordinate, regulate, and formulate a gambling plan for Kentucky.

The State Racing

Commission would be left to approve racing dates, levy suspensions and fines, supervise drug testing, and insure that racing is conducted with as much integrity and honesty as possible.

Short of legalizing marijuana and prostitution, and taxing the heck out of both, this is about as reasonable a road as Kentucky can take, given the competition from neighboring states and

Kentucky's pressing need for more revenue.

But the proliferation of gambling also must be accompanied by a plan to deal with gambling addicts. Nobody wants to see disadvantaged citizens squandering their grocery money on lottery tickets or slot machines. Yet it would be equally unfortunate to let the addicts deprive responsible gamblers of their opportunity to enhance the state's coffers.

If you can't beat a movement, you might as well join it. Why fight the inexorable tide? So the best policy for the General Assembly is approve a

plan that would permit slots at the tracks and land-based casinos, provided there are provisions to regulate the industry and provide help for gambling addicts.

It's not an ideal solution, but it's pragmatic. To get back into a position of solvency, Kentucky must find ways to keep its gambling dollars at home.

Everybody in the General Assembly knows it. It's just a matter of how many have the courage and common sense to embrace it.

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Raiders

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for us," said Webb.

The South Floyd coach is also pleased with the successful start his team has experienced.

"This is the best we've ever started a season," said Webb.

The Raiders now have 10 wins on the season opposed to just one loss. South Floyd's only setback of the season came against Elizabethtown in a game played in Jeffersonton as part of a holiday hoops event.

South Floyd's victory over Pike Central came just one night after the Raiders downed Lawrence County in the tournament semifinals.

Barry Sanders led Pike Central with 19 points. Chase Lyons chipped in 13 points in off the bench. Bobby Mullins and Ben Pugh, both starters, finished with eight and nine points, respectively.

Eight different Raiders scored in the game. Jack Slone finished the contest with eight points and Steven Stanley came in off the bench for four

points. Adam Tackett and Heath Hall each had three points apiece. Charles Ray and Justin Hall rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points each.

The next challenge for South Floyd (10-1) is this week's WYMT Classic at Perry County Central High School. South Floyd is the defending tournament champion.

"We're looking forward to going over and playing in the WYMT tournament," added Webb. "It's a real good tournament as well."

South Floyd beat Lawrence County 85-81 on Friday night to advance to Saturday's championship game.

SOUTH FLOYD (68) — M. Hall 26, T. Hall 20, Slone 8, Ray 2, H. Hall 3, J. Hall 2, Tackett 3, Stanley 4.

PIKE CO. CENTRAL (63) — Sanders 19, Williamson 5, Mullins 8, McCurry 4, Lyons 13, Lowe 5, Pugh 9.

P'burg

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130-pound weight class for Prestonsburg. In the first round, the Prestonsburg grappler pinned an opponent from Williamstown, W.Va. in 1:40. The next opponent for Chaffin, fared even worse. Chaffin pinned his second round opponent in 1:25, eclipsing the first-round achievement.

In round three, the Prestonsburg wrestler defeated an opponent from Parkersburg South to secure a place in the finals. The finals saw Chaffin pin a grappler from Pt. Pleasant, W.Va. for the championship win.

Heath Chaffin placed second in the 125-pound weight class. In the first round, he pinned an opponent from Ravenswood in 2:25. He then defeated a wrestler from Parkersburg South in round two and a 2002 defending state champ from St. Mary's in the third round. Heath Chaffin topped the defending 119-pound champion 5-1 in convincing fashion.

The finals pitted Prestonsburg's 125-pounder against a returning state champ from Williamstown. It was a hard-fought match which the Prestonsburg grappler eventually dropped 8-4.

Steven Thompson also finished second in his respective weight class (145-pound).

Thompson pinned his first round opponent from Ripley, W.Va. in 3:20. In the second round, Thompson faced off and beat the number-one seed in the 145-pound division. Thompson beat the Wirt, W.Va. wrestler 4-2. The third round saw Thompson build up a 4-2 lead and hold on to beat an accomplished grappler from Pt. Pleasant.

A wrestler from Ravenswood beat Thompson in the finals.

Another Prestonsburg wrestler who saw mat action in the West Virginia event was Zach Lafferty. Lafferty lost two matches in the tournament, but according to his coaches, is working very hard and improving daily.

Shawn Whitt, another Prestonsburg grappler, was unable to participate in the tournament.

P'burg High wrestles tonight

The Prestonsburg High School wrestling team will host its first meet of the new year tonight at 6 p.m. at the gym. Participating teams will include the host Blackcats, Perry County Central, Lawrence County, East Carter and the Grundy, Va. junior-varsity.

ALC

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pared to 29 for the Lady Eagles. The Lady Bears also had 18 assists, thanks to five each by point guards Ashley Ratliff and Jessica Lovell.

Alice Lloyd (4-11) had three players in double figures. Leah Whitley had 13 and seven rebounds, leading the team in both categories. Delores Jenkins and Erica Webb had 11 each for the Lady Eagles, who hit 8-of-

17 from the arc (47.1 percent), thanks to Whitley's 3-of-4.

The Lady Eagles had the rarity of not making a free throw in the game. They missed all three tries. Pikeville, meanwhile, was 10-of-12.

Pikeville (15-4), however, struggled from the arc, making only one of its 10 tries.

Trip

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ishing with a 31-16 pounding of host Phelps in the fourth quarter.

Brent Newsome shot in a game-high 29 points to lead Betsy Layne. Bobo Hamilton ended the night with 13 points and Jordan Kidd netted 10. Brandon Hall and Nathan Newsome finished with eight and seven points, respectively.

At press time, Betsy Layne was hosting Prestonsburg in a 58th District boys'/girls' double-header. Results were unavailable.

Sideline

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storied football rivalry is one of my most prized possessions.

With all the sponsors and all the pageantry, this year's college football bowl season went well, better for some than others.

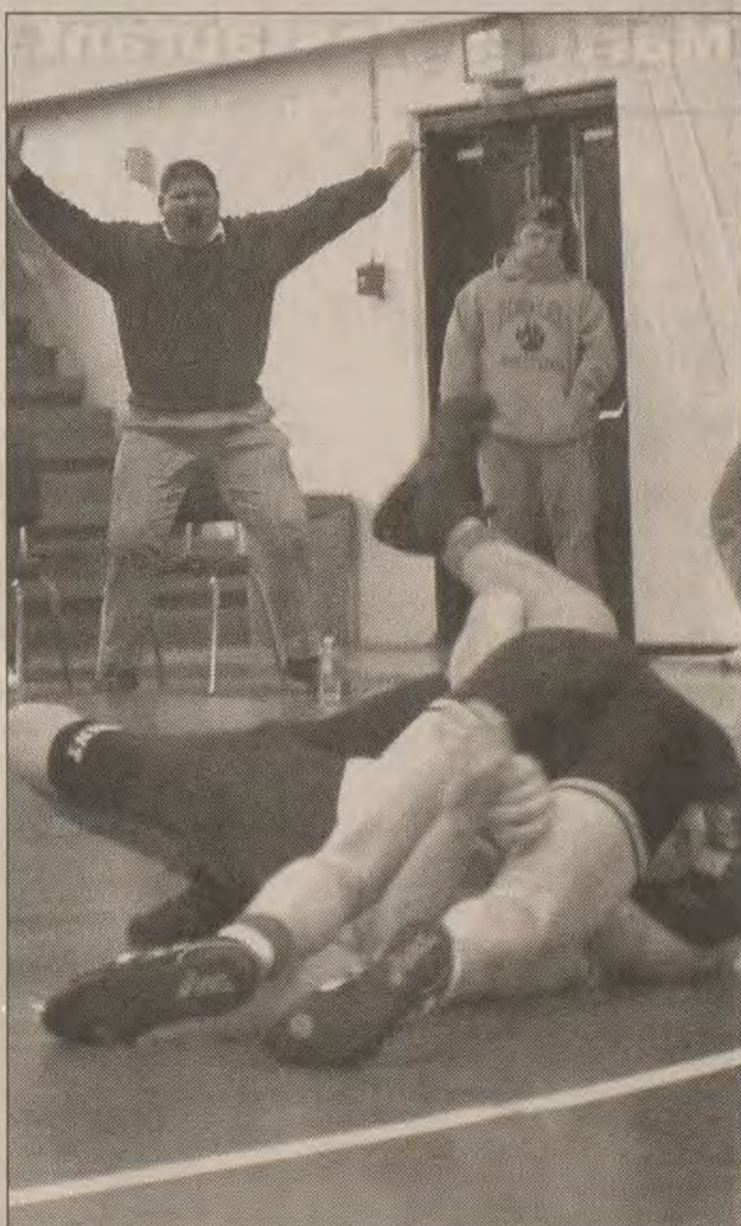
The Fiesta Bowl definitely ranks as one of the top all-time bowl games. This year's edition being one of the biggest bowl upsets ever in any bowl.

Here's a look at some of the closer Fiesta Bowls.

- Noteworthy Fiesta Bowls —
- Jan. 4, 1999-Tennessee 23, Florida St. 16
- Jan. 1, 1993-Syracuse 26, Colorado 22
- Jan. 1, 1988-Florida St. 31, Nebraska 28
- Jan. 2, 1987-Penn St. 14, Miami 10
- Jan. 1, 1986-Michigan 27, Nebraska 23
- Jan. 1, 1985-UCLA 39, Miami 37
- Jan. 2, 1984-Ohio St. 28, Pittsburgh 23
- Dec. 25, 1979-Pittsburgh 16, Arizona 10
- Dec. 25, 1978-Arkansas 10, UCLA 10
- Dec. 26, 1975-Arizona St. 17, Nebraska 14
- Dec. 28, 1974-Oklahoma St. 16, Brigham Young 6
- Dec. 27, 1971-Arizona St. 45, Florida St. 38

One of my personal Fiesta Bowls was the one played on January 1, 1991. Coach Howard Schnellenberger's Louisville Cardinals rolled over the Alabama Crimson Tide 34-7.

Charlotte and New Orleans now have bowl games to host. Why not Louisville?



Prestonsburg grappler Steven Thompson went for the pin and win in a tournament last week in West Virginia.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

High School Boys'

Valley tops Johnson Central, 62-61

Johnson Central stayed close on the heels of defending 15th Region Champion Shelby Valley. The Golden Eagles, after giving Shelby Valley one of its toughest

games of the season, fell, 62-61. Kelsey Friend led the way for Shelby Valley (7-3) with 16 points. Phillip Tackett scored 11 and Phillip Akers chipped in 10. Senior Brandon Wheeler paced Johnson Central (7-3) with a game-high 28 points. Justin Woods scored 14 points and Mike Walters

and Nick Music both finished with eight.

SHELBY VALLEY (62) - Akers 10, Kiser 9, P. Tackett 11, R. Tackett 7, Fleming 9, Friend 16.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (61) - Walters 8, Hurt 2, Music 8, Adams 1, Wheeler 28, Woods 14.

Paintsville 64, Boyd County 47

Paintsville outscored Boyd County in all four quarters to win, 64-47.

Senior Ryan Jarrell led Paintsville with a game-high 18 points. Adam Collins scored 15 points and Shane Simpkins tossed in 12. Adam Rice and Peyton Conley ended the game with 10 and five points, respectively.

Senior Stuart Rutledge rounded out the Paintsville scoring with four points.

The two teams were tied at 16 after the first period. Paintsville led 32-25 at halftime and 45-36 at the end of three quarters.

High School Girls'

Perry Co. Central 53, Knott Co. Central 34

Defending 14th Region Champion Perry County Central won the battle of the top two girls' basketball teams in the region in convincing fashion, 53-

34. Polly Sebastian had 17 points and five three-pointers for Perry County Central (10-2). The Lady Commodores outscored Knott Central (8-2) 16-3 in the third quarter and 30-11 in second half.

Pikeville 55, Paintsville 49 (OT)

The Pikeville Lady Panthers downed Paintsville 55-49 in overtime in what could be a prelude to a 15th Region All "A" Classic game later this season.

Sophomore guard Sam Howard hit a three-pointer in overtime to help the Lady Panthers to the victory.

Howard scored 10 points for the Lady Panthers. Her twin sister, Shawna Howard, led Pikeville (6-5) with a game-high 18 points. Fifteen of Shawna Howard's 18 markers came in the first half.

Ashley Hall led Paintsville (5-5) in scoring. She shared game-high honors with Shawna Howard, scoring 18 as well.

Jackson Co. 68, Knott Co. Central 62

Junior center Sarah Elliott tossed in a game-high 26 points to lead Jackson County to the road win over Knott County Central, a strong contender in the 14th Region.

Two Knott Central players

scored in double figures led by senior forward Tiffany Slone with 25. Tonya Amburgey added 10 for the host Lady Patriots.

The two teams were tied at 10 at the end of the first period. Jackson County led 26-22 at halftime and 52-46 after three quarters.

Shelby Valley 62, Sheldon Clark 52

Kelli Moore led Sheldon Clark in scoring with 12 points, but was basically held in check as the Lady Cards fell to Shelby

Valley, 62-54. The two teams were tied at 11 at the end of the first quarter. Shelby Valley led 33-36 at halftime and 46-40 heading into the fourth and final quarter.

Allen Central-Johnson Central

Monday night's Allen Central-Johnson Central game scheduled to played at Johnson Central was called off. The game is expected to be rescheduled.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Magoffin Co. 75, South Floyd 69

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE - After beating South Floyd handily in a game played in December, Magoffin County hosted the Lady Raiders in a game Monday night. Magoffin County looked to do the same Monday night. However, South Floyd had other ideas as they used the hot shooting of Megan Ousley and Brandy Anderson to jump on the host Lady Hornets and build an early eight-point advantage.

In the end, South Floyd would fall, 75-69.

Magoffin County fought back after falling behind early, and in a five-minute span that covered the last two minutes of the 1st quarter and the first three minutes of the second they went on a 17-2 run that found them leading by nine. The blistering run was fueled largely by eighth-graders Ashley J. Howard and Michaela Howard as they combined for 11 points during the onslaught.

The Lady Raiders fought back and three-pointers by Brandy Anderson and Ashley Johnson left South Floyd trailing by three at the half, 41-38.

Magoffin County's Jamie Adams and Michaela Howard scored seven points apiece as the host team outscored visiting South Floyd 18-11 in the third quarter and led 59-49 entering

the final frame.

During the final stanza, the Lady Raiders tried to mount a comeback but Magoffin junior Savannah Howard's five points helped stave off the rally as the Lady Hornets came away with a 75-67 victory.

"South Floyd is a lot better team than they were just two weeks ago. I was extremely pleased with the way our girls kept their composure and did the things we have to do to win," remarked Lady Hornet head coach Neil West.

Michaela Howard led Magoffin County in scoring with 16 points. Jamie Adams scored 15, Ashley Howard added 14 and Calloray Howard netted 11 for the Lady Hornets.

Ousley paced South Floyd with a game-high 24 points. Brandy Anderson scored 16 points and Sharee Hopkins chipped in 12.

Magoffin County improved to 9-2 on the season with the win.

MAGOFFIN CO. (75) - Adams 15, S. Howard 9, Shepherd 5, A. Howard 14, C. Howard 11, M. Howard 16, B. Manns 4, K. Howard 1.

SOUTH FLOYD (69) - Skeans 1, Ousley 24, Hopkins 12, Anderson 16, Johnson 9, King 2, A. Johnson 3.

Rebels

58th District champ South Floyd to the wire just one night earlier. After trailing 27-21 at the end of the first quarter, the Rebels closed the South Floyd lead to just one at 46-45 at intermission. Despite a school-record tying 44 points from Lawrence County senior Steven Driver, Allen Central hung on to post a 93-91 win in regulation.

Neil Allen was the leading scorer for Allen Central with a team-high 31 points. Rossi Samons finished with 17 points and center Brad Paek chipped in 13. Mike Slone and Austin Francis each had 11 points apiece to give Allen Central five players in double figures for the game.

Allen Central's Kyle Webb and Nathan Lafferty finished with eight and two points, respectively.

Adam Brown, a senior transfer from Sheldon Clark, added 28 points for Lawrence County.

Allen Central was back in action last night on the road at Johnson Central. Results from that game were unavailable and will appear in Friday's edition. The Runnin' Rebels continue the road swing Friday on the road at district rival Prestonsburg.

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Fifth place game

Magoffin Co. 66, Pikeville 65

Coach Danny Adams' Magoffin County Hornets outscored Pikeville in every quarter of the game except the final one. However, it was enough for the Hornets to hold on for a 66-65 win.

Pikeville bounced back strong in the game's final quarter, outscoring Magoffin 31-26 before falling.

Magoffin County led 15-12 at the end of the first quarter and 29-25 at halftime. The Hornets took the third period, 11-9, holding Pikeville in single digits for the period.

Magoffin County had three players score in double figures, led by Clifton Barker with 24. Jason Arnett tossed in 13 and point guard Colton Jayne finished with 12.

Seventh place game

Belfry 66, Cordia 64

Cordia sharpshooter Brent Perkins scored 24 points in the seventh place game against Belfry but it wasn't enough to upend the Pirates. Three different Belfry players scored over 10 points, leading the Pike County school to its first and only win the 2003 Coca Cola Hoops Classic.

Doug Howard finished with 18. Another Belfry player chipped in 22.

A LOOK AT SPORTS

UK Cats not as fearsome as they once were

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While the college basketball season begins to enter the serious stage (conference games) still there are a lot of questions out there concerning University of Kentucky basketball. This is a team that can be beaten on any given night. The Cats seem to lack the "killer" instinct and seem not to play hard all the time on the court.

Gone are the days when team dreaded to play a UK team. Gone are the days when the Cats dominated every phase of the conference and everyone else just played for second place. Yes, those days are gone and while other schools in the SEC are pressing forward with their programs, it appears the once proud Kentucky program is going the other way.

Recruiting is a big, big part of the college game in all college sports. You have to be able to recruit quality players but first they have to be quality kids. It seems UK has missed out on some of the top players over the past five to six years and it appears that most of the blue chip players out of high school no longer consider Kentucky at the top of their list of schools they want to attend.

During the Rupp, Hall, Sutton and Pitino eras, it was a fact that UK was either one or two on most of the top players in the country. No longer! What has happened? College basketball has grown competition and no longer do one, two or a dozen teams dominate it.

When Alabama hired ex-Crimson Tide player, Mark Gottfried, they made a great choice. He has turned the Tide into the country's number one team and he has done it in fewer than five years. How was this accomplished? By going after quality players and quality kids. Kids that will listen and perform

as they are asked. I agree with other fans that UK is either standing still or moving in reverse in keeping the program as one of the nations best. Today, the Cats are not one of the top team programs in the country. They are ranked No. 20 and I doubt they will move much higher after struggling against three mediocre opponents in their last three games.

Tennessee awaits the Cats in Vol country tonight and it will not be an easy task before them. They almost never win in Knoxville.

'CANES

What a heartbreaking loss for the Miami Hurricanes but what a win for the Ohio State Buckeyes! Wow! It was a great game and what better way to settle it than in overtime. What did you think about the interference call? They are still murmuring here in Florida.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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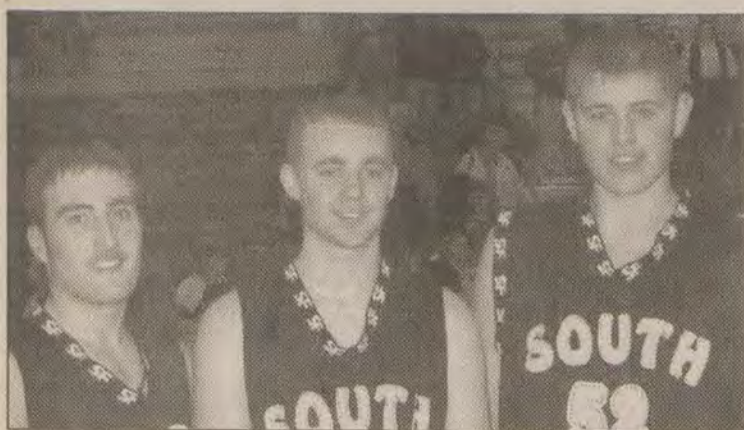


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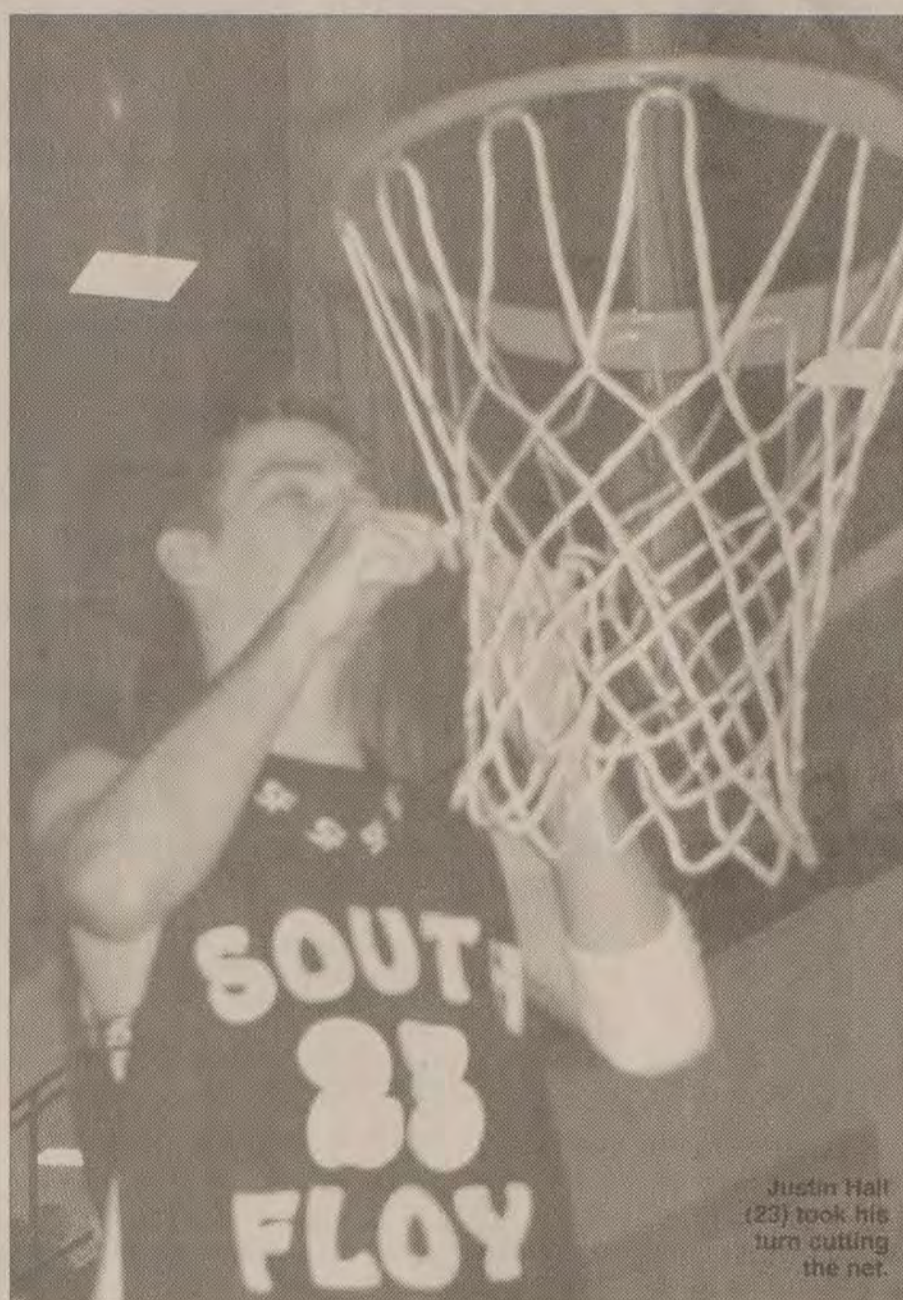
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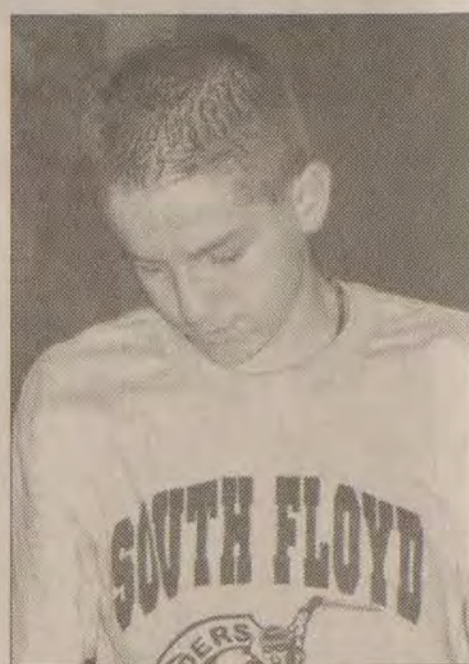
South Floyd Basketball



photos by Steve LeMaster
The South Floyd trio of Michael Hall (left), MVP, Tyler Hall (middle) and Steven Stanley (right) were named to the Coca Cola Hoops Classic All-Tournament Team.



Justin Hall (23) took his turn cutting the net.



South Floyd freshman Mason Hall cut down his part of the championship net.

Raiders get votes in AP poll

LOUISVILLE — South Floyd, following a championship performance in last week's Coca Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central High School, received two votes in this week's Kentucky Associated Press high school boys' basketball poll.

The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. PRP	(7)	11-1	104	2
2. Mason Co.	(3)	10-1	94	3
3. Lex. Catholic		9-3	82	1
4. Warren Central	(1)	8-1	58	5
5. Elizabethtown		12-0	48	-
6. Apollo		10-1	42	6
7. Lou. Ballard		8-3	32	9
8. Scott Co.		7-2	24	7
(tie) Highlands		8-1	24	10
10. Lou. Male		6-4	19	4

Others receiving votes: Rose Hill Christian 18, Wayne Co. 11, Breathitt Co. 10, Daviess Co. 9, South Laurel 8, Muhlenberg North 6, Hopkinsville 6, Christian Co. 4, Lex. Henry Clay 2, South Floyd 2, Simon Kenton 1, Rockcastle Co. 1.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(11)	10-1	110	1
2. Christian Co.		12-1	89	2
3. Clinton Co.		12-1	78	3
4. Lex. Catholic		8-4	62	5
5. Jackson Co.		7-2	48	4
6. Lou. Manual		8-0	33	6
7. Shelby Co.		7-1	29	7
8. Lou. Christian		8-0	27	-
9. West Carter		8-2	26	8
10. Perry Central		10-2	14	-

Others receiving votes: Ohio Co. 9, Mercer Co. 8, Muhlenberg North 7, Wayne Co. 7, East Carter 7, Lou. Mercy 7, Central Hardin 6, Central Hardin 5, Johnson Central 5, Newport Central Catholic 5, Woodford Co. 4, Lou. Assumption 4, Lex. Paul Dunbar 3, Lex. Henry Clay 3, Lou. Holy Cross 2, Elizabethtown 2, Rockcastle Co. 2, Apollo 2, Lou. Butler 2, Murray 1.

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As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, USDA/RUS has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. USDA/RUS has further determined that the location of the proposed construction would impact the 100-year floodplain. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoid this impact. The basis of this determination is as follows:

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(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

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(e) In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Utilities Service will require the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposed project's design.

The Letter of Conditions shall require the applicant to comply with the requirements of the Kentucky State Clearinghouse Agencies as detailed by letter to Ms. Sandra Dunahoo of Kenvirons, Inc., dated November 7, 2002, and signed by Mr. Ronald W. Cook.

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Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at USDA/Rural Development, 220 West First St., Morehead, Ky. 40351, Phone (606)784-6447. For further information, call Joseph C. Frazier, Rural Development Manager at (606)78-46447.

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VS.

WOODY E. BURCHETT, KATHY BURCHETT, COMMUNITY TRUST BANK FKA PIKEVILLE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 21st day of November, 2002 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$18,049.54, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of January, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate located at 220 Westminister Street, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the middle of the drain approximately 75 feet SSW of the Prestonsburg Water Storage Tank; thence in a southern direction in a straight line a distance of 113 feet to an iron stake; thence an easterly direction in the straight line up the hill for a distance of 144 feet to an iron stake; thence a northerly direction in a straight line a distance of 111 feet to an iron stake in the center of the drain thence with the center of said drain down the hill to the place of beginning, same being a distance of 136 feet down the drain.

Being the same property conveyed by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to Woody E. Burchett and Kathy Burchett, his wife, by deed dated April 29, 1991, and recorded in Deed Book 346, Page 702, in the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until

paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5416, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.90 mile west of Woods in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.55 surface acres and will underlie 853.86 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 855.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile East from KY 194's junction with KY 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek.

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc., Dick & Faye Burchett, America Frasure and John Gordon Goble. The operation will underlie land owned by Jimmy Joe Burchett, Charles & Darwin Burchett, Brad & Sally Goble & Marwood Land Co.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South

Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

For Final Advertisement:

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 836-6018

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.0093, notice is hereby given that Melva Siding Co., General Delivery, Drift, KY 41619, has applied for Phase 3 bond release on Permit No. 836-6018.

The application covers an area of approximately 2.04 acres, located .57 mile northwest of Drift in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately .57 mile northwest of KY 122's junction with KY 1101, and located along the left fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37-29-25 The longitude is 82-45-36.

(3) The bond now in effect for the Permit is a letter of credit bond in the amount of \$10,000.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,000.00 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes final backfilling, grading and seeding, completed, Fall 1996.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Div. of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 3, 2003.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 4, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcements Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 3, 2003.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 858-5049, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 intends to revise permit number 858-5044 to add an additional operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Eagle Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 339, Lovely, Kentucky 41231. The additional operator will be Taurus Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 480, Lovely, Kentucky 41231.

The operation is located 1.1 mile Southeast of Odds in Johnson & Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 1 mile southeast from

Right Fork of Daniels Creek road's junction with Old KY Rt. 3 and located along Sycamore Creek. The operation is located on the Offutt and Lancer U. S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen

(15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Martin is accepting Proposals for Management Consultant for a Capital Grant Modernization Program in the amount of \$222,315.00. For more information,

please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, or phone 606-285-3681. All proposals must be in current HUD format and received by 2 p.m., local time, January 23, 2003. The housing authority reserves the right to refuse any and/or all proposals.

To place your ad in the Floyd County Times call 886-8506

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Sandy Area Development District is receiving bid proposals for providing Title III B, C1, and C2 Services to the elderly, sixty years old and older, in the Big Sandy Area Development District for fiscal year 2004 through 2006, covering the period, July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2006. Title III B is Supportive Services, Title III C1 is Senior Citizens Center Congregate Meal Services, and Title III C2 is Home Delivered Meal Services.

Proposals are being solicited and accepted for FY04 contracts. Contracts will be awarded for one-year duration. The awarding of contracts for FY04 will be based upon the merit of the proposals submitted, previous program performance and/or experience, and the availability of funds. The awarding of contracts for FY05, and FY06 will be based upon the merit of application proposals submitted, previous program performance, and the availability of funds.

Bid Proposal Packets may be picked up at Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bid proposals (Original and three copies) must be received at the Big Sandy Area Development District office by 4:00 P.M. EST, Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

Please direct all questions and correspondence, as well as the original and three (3) copies of the proposal to: Doug Lawson, Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Phone: 886-2374 or 1-800-737 2723.

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

C-TEAM (SIXTH-GRADE) GAME

The Adams Middle School C-Team improved to 10-2 on the season with a 38-21 win over visiting Flat Gap Elementary from Johnson County. The Blackcats opened in their trademark full-court press and led 15-7 at the half. In the second half, the Blackcats opened up a commanding 24-9 lead after three quarters.

The C-Team Blackcats were

led in scoring by Jody Tackett who racked up 25 points, mostly on the strength of making 12 of 20 free throw attempts. Chris Schoolcraft and Kyle Hall led the Blackcats in rebounding with five each as both played about two quarters in the game. Hall scored two points and Schoolcraft added one.

Luke Sturgill, Matt Sword, Allen Craynon, Seth Setser, Stephen Patrick, Billy Robinson, Alex Stumbo and Austin Gearheart all played significant minutes and provided tough defense and rebounding. Setser scored three points, Craynon and Sword each scored two and Sturgill grabbed four rebounds.

Tyler Gayheart had some rough and tumble game action before fouling out in less than half a quarter. Adam Kimbler

scored two points on a nice assist from Josh Craynon. Chris Bostic converted a free throw after a steal and rounded out the Blackcat scoring with one point.

Flat Gap Elementary was led in scoring by Dalton Wells with eight points. Cody Parker with six points and Chris Hall chipped in five. Dave Fairchild rounded out the Flat Gap scoring with two points.

4th & 5th GRADE GAMES

In the first of two games before the C-Team game, the Adams 4th Grade Team of Five from Prestonsburg Elementary rallied from an 11-9 deficit after three quarters of play to defeat Flat Gap by a score of 15-11. Robbie Grigsby and Brian

Branham led the Blackcats in rebounding with six and four rebounds, respectively.

Andrew Skeens led the Blackcats in scoring with seven points. Branham scored four points and Wil Allen netted three. Grigsby scored one.

Jesse Mullins led Flat Gap in scoring with five points, and Nick Tackett added four.

This was the first game of the year for the Adams fourth-grade team.

In the second of two games before the C-Team game, the Adams 5th Grade Team fell 24-9 to a much taller Flat Gap Elementary team. The 5th Grade Blackcats were led in scoring by Wil Allen with seven points, including a three-point field goal. Austin McKinney scored 2 to round out the scoring for Adams. Cody Parker, a star

on the Paintsville Little League diamond last season, led Flat Gap with 10 points. The fifth-grade team dropped to 4-2 on the season.

Attention area grade school

and middle school teams: Send your scores to The Floyd County Times. Fax: 606/886-3603, phone: 606/886-8506, or email: sports@floydcounty-times.com.



Adams' Wil Allen and Andrew Skeens went after the loose ball against Flat Gap.

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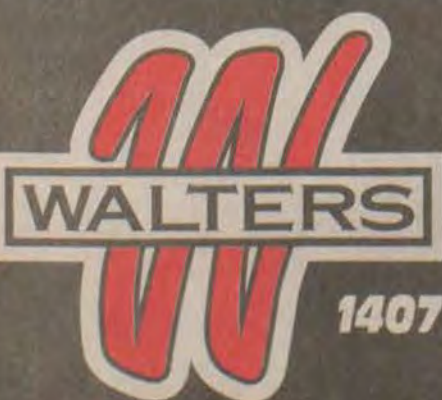
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Down Payment: \$499
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POISON OAK

Walking around in my memory

Beginning a new year as a columnist can be as intimidating as the uncertainty of the year itself. It reminds me of the way I felt when I was ten years old, and Dad would send me to hunt the cow. I'd crawl through the drawbars, fearing I'd meet up with three or four of Sonny Stafford's spirited horses. Apprehensive or not, though, I knew I had to continue. As a writer (well, sort of, anyway), I can't help but feel a bit of pressure, thinking readers might be expecting a little more effort than usual on my part.

Then again, those who read this column, regularly, have likely learned not to expect too much of anything.

Anyway, by the time this sees print, we'll be more than a week into 2003; time enough to have marked out a dozen checks that I've accidentally misdated; time enough to have received 10 or 12 unsolicited mail-order catalogs; time enough to have gotten a dozen or so calls from telemarketers, selling everything from aluminum siding to light bulbs, guaranteed to burn for 20 years. On a national and

(See OAK, page three)

LOCAL NEWS

Family presence makes a difference

As you know, the Department of Education encourages parents and families to be regularly involved in school. We also want to encourage you to get involved in the improvement process at your school. This is the time of the year when schools are monitoring the implementation of their Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (CSIP), which were approved by each School Based Decision Making (SBDM) council last spring. It is very common for schools to modify their current improvement plans for the current year after analyzing their most recent test results, which they received in September.

Most school districts have their school's CSIPs posted on the district's web page. You can access the district and school improvement plans at this address <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/ol/si/comp/default.asp>.

We encourage you to become familiar with the goals of your school and to help organize parents to be a resource to achieve these goals. For example, if a

(See FAMILY, page three)



Enjoying an "Old Christmas" afternoon at the Samuel May House this past Sunday were, standing, from left to right: Dr. Robert Perry, curator, Alice Howard, Sam Hatcher, Clyde Burchett, Lana Guerrant, Jim Reed, Garnett Fairchild, Audra Slocum, Julie Walz, Jim Spencer, Eve May, Donna Collins, Tim Harris (partially hidden), Lee Harris, and Rebecca Haywood. Sitting/kneeling, from left to right are: Rose Price, Julio Guerrant, and Phil Price.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

An 'old world' Christmas

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



Rebecca Haywood entertained visitors to the Samuel May House with angelic tunes played on her harp. The soft music added just the right touch to setting an "Old Christmas" tone throughout the home.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

"Old Christmas," traditionally observed in times past on the sixth day of January, was celebrated in style this past Sunday afternoon at the Samuel May House. The newly renovated mansion was tastefully decorated for the holidays and several members of the "Friends of the Samuel May House" were on hand to receive visitors throughout the day.

Delectable treats such as old-fashioned pumpkin rolls, ginger and shortbread cookies and spiced apple cider were offered to all as folks mingled throughout the home, pausing to admire the stately Christmas tree on display in the home's front parlor and to enjoy the music of a local music educator's harp.

The Christmas tree was tastefully decorated in the "old" style with gingerbread boy ornaments and wooden "Star of David" stars. Holiday greenery, candles, ribbons and bows adorned the parlor's mantle as well as the staircase banisters, but perhaps the most impressive decorations were the laughter and smiles of those who spent the afternoon in fellowship and enjoying one another's company. Dr. Robert Perry, curator of the home, was present for the event, much to the delight of old friends and visitors who have missed his frequent presence of late due to a recent bout of severe illness.

"We're really happy to have him (Dr. Perry) here with us today," said Jim Spencer, a staunch supporter of the historic home. "We're still working hard to make a way to have the home open for longer hours and for more days of the week a

(See CHRISTMAS, page four)

Warm up your life

Whether you live in a part of the country where it's chilly or just experiencing the after-holiday doldrums, January is a perfect time to warm up.

But with the right approach, you can make it through January feeling warm as toast, and stay healthy, too. Try these tips.

Whoever chose January as National Soup Month had the right idea. Spooning your way through a bowl of hot soup is the perfect way to ward off chills. What's more, a soup course starts a meal off right by easing hunger pains immediately. That lets you take a calm, rational approach when you move to the main course. Soup also makes a great between-meal snack.

Curled up beneath a comforter with a cup of tea—now there's a warming technique straight out of a Norman Rockwell painting. If caffeine bothers you, consider noncaffeinated varieties such as herbal teas. And remember that tea, like soup, can help you eat sensibly by providing a flavorful yet low-fat source of satisfaction.

It's understandable that we want to "hibernate" when daylight is scarce, but long periods of inactivity will only make you colder. (Hint: when icicles start forming on your nose, it's time to turn off the TV and get moving.) Try to schedule a cardio workout like walking or stationary-bike riding at least

(See LIFE, page three)

TAX INFORMATION

AARP needs volunteers for Tax Aid program

Burieta Gearhart, coordinator for the Tax Aid Program at Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, is looking for volunteers to assist in the program.

Volunteer workers will prepare income tax forms for the elderly and low-income taxpayer. The service is free, and will begin at the Floyd County Library in early February.

Training for volunteers will be held on Monday, January 13, 9 a.m., at the library.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Burieta Gearhart, at 886-2272.

Kim's Korner: Aging gracefully



Kim Little Frasure

While passing the time last Saturday evening, I came upon a magazine with an article titled "Still Rockin'". The photos that graced the page alongside the writing definitely caught my attention.

They were all then and now photos of rock stars who were very popular during my youth, and odd as it may seem still popular to this day.

For instance, the likes of Mick Jagger, Cher, Eric Clapton, Paul McCartney and Rod Stewart, to name a few, were pictured, and I must add looked even better now than they did then.

Who cares if they have to sip Geritol before taking the stage today, they ain't lost their touch and that's a fact. Sure there are reports of the

occasional nips and tucks, and lifts to portions of some of their bodies. But talk about giving credit where credit is due, and these folks deserve some outstanding credit. Not many people can hold on to the spotlight for the time these individuals have. Nor, can others master the art of re-inventing themselves like good ol' Cher has over the years.

To think Paul McCartney is 60 years of age, Cher, 56, Eric Clapton, 57, and good ol' Mick about to hit 60, it's amazing! Imagine the fact these people are about to collect their Social Security and yet they can still fill an arena, and bring down the house with their tunes, why it's just awesome.

(See KORNER, page four)

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

■ Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ 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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary

School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also

turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams,

WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Jan. 10 - First aid and safety classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 14 - Epidemics class-

(See **SCHOOL**, page three)

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 13, and Jan. 15, 1993)

Though he is confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak, Floyd County Board member, Tommy Boyd, was sworn in to his second term at his home Friday, where he is recovering from a stroke. By officially taking his seat on the board, Boyd may have paved the way for state board action on charges of misconduct, filed by Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen. Boysen charged Boyd, last November, with misconduct in office, alleging Boyd had tried to influence the hiring of a school employee for the New Horizon Youth Service Center in Betsy Layne. Boyd was sworn in by Deloris Dingus, finance officer for the Floyd County Fiscal Court, at his home around 1 p.m., Friday. Dingus said Monday that several witnessed the swearing in, and Boyd had "made his mark" on the official documents...Floyd County schools chief Steve Towler has filled a newly-created position of budget director with an independent consultant from Lexington. David Ryan Johnson, whose wife, Janet Reed, is from Drift in Floyd County, begins work today, Wednesday, at the district's central office. Johnson's duties will include being an "advisor" to the board and the superintendent, Towler said Tuesday... "He's actually not going to supervise anyone," Towler said. "He's going to be working with the people, he's going to be an information provider and an information dispenser and an advisor on the budget. He'll be an advisor on the budget. He'll be an advisor to the board and to me. He will not have any final say"... Elvis has left the county. Floyd Countians, like stamp collectors and fans of the King all over the country, turned out in droves, Friday, in an effort to buy the United States Postal Service's new commemorative Elvis stamp, quickly depleting the limited supply and leaving postal workers all shook up. Although 300 million Elvis stamps were printed initially, post offices everywhere quickly sold out, prompting the postal service to print 200 million more... Mayor Ann Latta delivered her State of the City address to the Prestonsburg City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday evening, declaring, in essence, that these are both the best of times and the worst of times. "Last January," Latta said, "I warned that 'caution should be the fiscal byword for the coming year.' Those words have proven to be prophetic." Latta said that although the city's economic climate is good, with a number of new businesses, a higher employment rate and a stable economy, the county's landfill woes have seriously depleted the city's

budget...Funeral services were held, Thursday, for a Floyd County man and his 10-year-old daughter who were killed, Sunday, in a car crash at Hueysville. Denzil Ray Hall, 38, of Allen, and his daughter, Olivia Nikole Hall, died of their injuries at the scene of the crash. Karen Duff Hall, Denzil Hall's wife, and the child's mother, who was also in the vehicle, remains hospitalized in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Classes were cancelled at Duff Elementary Thursday where Nikole Hall was a fifth grade student, and where her mother is a fourth grade teacher. The accident occurred Sunday on KY 550 when Hall's Ford Bronco II crossed into the west bound lane, plunged over a 65-foot cliff, made impact with the railroad tracks below, and came to a final rest in the Right Fork of Beaver Creek...Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton made his reelection campaign official when he filed last week to run in the May Primary. Patton is seeking his second term as commonwealth attorney. The race for the Mayor of Prestonsburg has expanded with the second Prestonsburg City Councilman tossing a hat into the ring. George P. Archer of Prestonsburg, announced his intentions to seek the city's highest office, Tuesday. Archer joins fellow councilman Jerry Fannin in a bid for that office...Several hours of grueling deliberation greeted jurors, Thursday, in United States District Court in Pikeville, before they returned a verdict of guilty against Jeffrey Mullins, the man accused of robbing a Prestonsburg bank twice in less than two weeks after a four-day trial. Mullins, 34, formerly of Hi Hat, had been accused of robbing the North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg branch of the Bank Josephine on June 26 and July 8 of last year, threatening bank tellers and patrons, and stealing a total of \$12,669...Members of the Big Sandy Labor-Management Committee met in Prestonsburg, Thursday, with Floyd County Development Authority Executive Director Darrell Gilliam to discuss an upcoming comprehensive employment survey of the five-county area. The Big Sandy Labor-Management committee is a non-profit organization formed in 1987 with matching grants from the Kentucky Labor Cabinet's Office of Labor-Management relations. It is made up of more than 30 representatives of both labor and management in Floyd, Pike, Martin, Johnson and Magoffin counties, and is dedicated to educating managers, workers and the general public about the current state of labor relations in the Big Sandy area...Kentucky State Police are investigating a string of incidents aimed at the acting Wheelwright police chief which include a death threat and the vandalism of the chief's personal vehicle.

Acting police chief Bob Moore found a note in his police cruiser last month which said "Moore will die tonight." Moore reported the threat to KSP, and trooper Jeff Anderson is investigating the matter, said KSP Captain Bob Forsythe. Forsythe said if anyone is prosecuted in the case, the charge would be terroristic threatening...A Bevinsville woman died Wednesday from injuries suffered in a weekend accident at Buckingham. According to a report filed by Trooper Jeff Anderson of the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police, the accident occurred when Richard Adkins, 46, of Stone, driving west on Kentucky 122, crossed the center line. Adkins apparently struck an eastbound vehicle driven by Lorenza Smallwood, 49, of Bevinsville, head on. Helen Smallwood, 43, a passenger in the Smallwood vehicle, who had extensive injuries was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, where she was pronounced dead at approximately 7:35 a.m., Wednesday...There died: Denzil Ray Hall, 38, of Allen, Sunday, at Hueysville, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Olivia Nikole Hall, 10, of Allen, daughter of Karen Renee Duff Hall and the late Denzil Ray Hall, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Moverine C. Goble Lewis, 57, of New London, Ohio, Saturday, at her residence; Mitchell Huff, 79, of Garrett, Friday, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington; Martha Mae Branham Miller, 90, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Frankie L. Bentley, 51, a native of Estill, and a Peninsula, Virginia, Saturday, Jan. 2; Wanda Faye Wicker, 54, of Mousie, Sunday, at her home; Goldie Irene Miller, 71, of Drift, Monday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Melinda Tackett Hamilton, 71, of Harold, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Winford Howell, 67, of Wayland, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ishmael H. Hayes, 88, of Ironton, Ohio, Friday, at his home; Arnold Roberts, 64, of Pikeville, January 12, at Pikeville; Leda A. Osborne, 62, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Johnnie Warren, 75, of Wurtland, December 22, at Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago

(January 12, 1983)

Prudent investments by board of education treasurer, Ray Brackett, helped keep the Floyd County school district in the black last year, an auditor told the board last Wednesday...Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court learned of allegations that unnamed persons want to

see the system destroyed, when they met, Thursday, to appoint a new commission to oversee the county's troubled solid waste system...The tragedy-ridden career of Roy Boleyn, 31, former Floyd County resident and state police trooper, as the trooper's life, may have come to an end, last Tuesday, when he was critically wounded during a gunfight on Glomaur Hollow, near Hazard, in which three persons died...There died: Fannie Tuttle, 71, of Garrett, last Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Arvel Bryant, 51, of Melvin, Monday, at his home; Emmitt Hamilton, 70, of Teaberry, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Oscar Reynolds, 70, of Goble-Roberts Addition, Tuesday, in Mount Vernon; Minnie Vance Tackett, 76, of McDowell, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(January 10, 1973)

The Floyd Fiscal Court cannot, under the new home rule law, enact legislation to protect landowners, from provisions of the old "broad form" deeds, the Attorney General's office said this week...A number of burglaries in the county marred the first week of the new year, and continued a rash of similar crimes, which began over the holidays...The move recently initiated by the City of Allen to annex territory occupied by the area known as New Allen, met last week, with opposition from 330 New Allen residents...A Winter Weekend for Artists and Photographers will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park, January 26-27...Born: A son, Michael Ray Dunfee Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ray Dunfee, of Garrett, on Dec. 9; a daughter, Monica Grace, to Sgt. and Mrs. Elman Blair on December 16, in Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Slone, of Garrett, Jan. 1; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Mullins, of Hall, Jan. 5, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Parsons of Harold, on Jan. 7...There died: Russell Sizemore, 85, Sunday, at his home in West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Sadie S. Hicks, 65, of David, Sunday, in a Lexington hospital; Willie King, 81, Friday, at his home at Melvin; William H. Jones Jr., 58, January 1, at his home, here; Mrs. Aggie H. Estep, 88, Monday, at her home here; Mrs. Kansa C. Samons, 70, of Martin, Sunday, at a Martin hospital; Robert Lee Osborne, 58, of Tipp City, O., formerly of Melvin, Jan. 2, at a Dayton, O., hospital; Mrs. Linda A. Hunter, 80, Thursday, at her home in Martin; W. L. Bentley, formerly of this county, Dec. 29, in Dallas, Texas; Frank Hall, 54, Thursday, at his home at Harold; Mrs.

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Critter Corner: A Christmas Misadventure



"Kappi." Kelly Adams, a friend of Kappi's says that she guesses that Kappi saw all the animals in the manger as she was decorating for Christmas and decided that she wanted in too! Kappi belongs to Katbird Isaac.

Critter Corner
By DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

Last week I wrote about the miraculous rescue of the little Beagle trapped underground in a mine break in Letcher County. I promised then to tell the tale of the misadventures we had when we tried to go take a look at the site of the accident. I'm not sure how even the simplest thing can turn into such a disaster for us, but we seem to have a knack.

We got a call concerning the missing dog on Wednesday morning, two days after the incident occurred, asking for advice. Everyone in the clinic began to brainstorm about possible rescue attempts. We've pulled animals out of some pretty hairy situations, but this was beyond our scope. For one thing, we weren't entirely sure what the site of the accident looked like, so it was hard to think in practical terms. We tossed the idea around, and before long we had pretty much decided that someone needed to go up there and get a good look. A call to Bill

Tussey, who is my assistant, Teresa's, father, and has sort of become my adopted dad, revealed that he knew the general area where the dog was trapped, and would take us up there as soon as he could find out some more specific directions.

A couple of hours later, I had the day's surgery wrapped up and the remaining appointments rescheduled. Bill had obtained better, although still somewhat vague, directions. Teresa had a terrible cold, so she decided not to go with us. Trish and Jennifer would man the phone and finish up in the office. So we set out with Wanda and Kelly, two of the clinic volunteers, in Bill's four-wheel drive pickup. I had a vague sense of where we were going, but I knew we were in for it when Bill told me the directions he had been given. The gist of our instructions were to go to the head of the hollow, turn right up on the strip mine road, and look for an old antenna. Nearby there would be a pop can stuck on a tree, and the mine break was about fifty feet over the hill from

there.

About three miles (according to Bill-it seemed a lot further) up the strip mine road, we had turned right at the most obvious of several possible right turns, but had never seen an antenna nor a tree wearing a pop can. We had, however, seen ruts that could have been used to bury a cow, mud holes that resembled farm ponds, and huge rocks jutting out of the middle of what passed for a road. We were starting to think we might have made a navigational error when a unique combination of rocks, mud and ruts appeared in the road ahead of us.

Bill hit the gas and aimed for the right side, where a little bit of roadway was actually visible in places above the mud. Actually, there was no good approach; we traveled forward about ten feet or so when the wheels started to spin. Not the spinning like you hear on ice that means you have no traction; the sickening kind that tells you the tires are digging deeper with each revolution. It was soon apparent that this was not going to be a temporary

inconvenience—we jumped up and down on the bumper, tried to push, gathered rocks and heavy sticks to put under the tires for traction. An hour and a half later, Bill was still wrestling with a portable jack, which obviously was not going to work because there was nothing solid to set it on. Trying to dig down to terra firma using nothing but an old hubcap had been another exercise in futility. Did I mention that no one had thought to bring a cell phone?

We discussed our options. We could wait for someone to come after us. Yeah, sure. Just look for a pop can on a tree...Otherwise we could hike out the three miles we had just driven, then walk another several miles down the sparsely populated hollow and hope someone would believe our flimsy story and let us use their telephone. Then there were the Christmas lights we could see at the bottom of the hill from where we were standing. Obviously civilization. The moon was

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School

room presentations.

■ Jan. 21 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 24 - Genetics and Heredity classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 28 -Peer pressure/conflict resolution classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 31 - Drugs and Addiction Prevention & Awareness classroom presentations.

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center

for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Jan. 8 - "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral" program, K-1 - 8:30-10:30 a.m.

■ Jan. 9 & 10 - "Hygiene"

program, K-4 - Quality Kids.

■ Jan. 21 - Advisory Council Meeting (school library) - 4 p.m.

■ Jan. 23 - "What is it Made Of?" program, 2nd and 3rd grades - 8:30 a.m.

■ Jan. 28 - "Rain Forest," K-1 - 8:30-10:30.

■ Jan. 29 - "Rain Forest," 2nd and 3rd - 8:30-10:30.

■ Jan. 30 - "Smokeless Tobacco," 5th and 6th - 1 p.m.

■ The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are

welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

*Monday

-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Tuesday

-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

*Wednesday

-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Thursday

-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ School is participating in

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Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA - Recycling program, all grades.

■ Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Yesterdays

Roxie C. McGuire, 74, Wednesday, at her home in Allen; Ballard McGuire, 76, of Allen, late Wednesday, at a hospital, here.

Forty Years Ago

(January 10, 1963)

Three Big Sandy towns, Prestonsburg, Paintsville and Louisa, were complaining this week to the Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission, because coal wastes are contaminating the river...The new Mud Creek elementary structure is to be ready for occupancy this month, it was said...Type III oral vaccine for the prevention of polio will be given, Sunday afternoon, February 3, in a series of area clinics...The annual "Old" Christmas party, sponsored by persons interested in the traditional folk hymns and customs of the past, and directed by Edith F. James, was held Jan. 5, at The Garfield Place here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Goble, of Emma, a daughter, Rhondetta, Dec. 22, at the Paintsville hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray White, of May's Branch, a daughter, Barbara Lynn, Jan. 3, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Wilson Stepp, 65, of Bonanza, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Ella A. Sammons, 84, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Cassie Hall, 62, of Galveston, Sunday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Robie Harmon, 58, formerly of Floyd County, New Year's Day at Columbus, O.; Frank Spurlock, 54, Friday, at his home at Printer; Edward P. Merritt, 75, of Emma, last Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Lydia Hall, 83, of Garrett, last Thursday, at Garrett.

Fifty Years Ago

(January 8, 1953)

An order, voted on recommendation of County Judge Henry Stumbo, will require every elective official in Floyd County, from Circuit Judge to Constable, to file with the fiscal court, on or before April 1, a statement showing his total income and expenditures for the year 1952...Response to The Times' invitation of last week to its readers, to sign a petition carried in the newspaper, and asking the Corps of Engineers to increase depth of the lake by at least five feet, was immediate...Improvement of U.S. 23 will be the No. 3 road project in Kentucky this year, with a total of \$1,325,000 to be spent on the work...Prestonsburg's City Council at its meeting, Monday night, drew a step nearer to purchase of the First National Bank building...Floyd Chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, must raise more money during the March of Dimes campaign now in progress than ever before, if it is to meet the obligations it incurred as the result of a record number of polio patients from this county last year...The Floyd County Board of Education, at its first meeting of the new year Tuesday afternoon, followed the procedure necessary to procure, through the issue of

bonds, funds necessary for the construction of a county high school building here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd, of Lexington, a daughter, Dec. 31; to Lt. and Mrs. Charles Tackett, a daughter, Dana Elaine, at Ft. Benning Hospital, Columbus, Georgia, Dec. 12; to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, of Drift, a son, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Prof. and Mrs. Z.S. Dickerson Jr., of Florence, Alabama, a daughter, Dec. 19...There died: Mrs. Beulah Conley, 59, of Wheelwright, Jan. 1, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Sallie Crum, 75, of Cliff, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Gerald Howell, six, at Frasure's Creek, January 3; Melvin Frasure, 60, of Langley, January 4, at the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago

(January 14, 1943)

Pfc. John D. Steele Jr., of the U.S. Marines and native Floyd Countian, returned to the United States early this month with three Japanese bullet wounds in his body and unofficial record of having killed 33 Japanese, and destroyed at least two enemy machine gun nests, single-handed, on Guadalcanal...National Selective Service Headquarters has directed Floyd County's two draft boards to report all delinquencies under the selective service act; at the same time state draft headquarters announced that a vigorous drive against draft delinquents has been started...Floyd County tire inspectors have changed the January 31 deadline for tire inspections, giving holders of basic gasoline rations A coupons until the end of March for their first tire inspection, and holders of B or C coupons until the end of February for their first inspection...Two or more Floyd Countians have become officers in the U.S. Army—Tonsel Gordon, 22, of the Auxier road, received his commission in the Air Force, and Z.S. (Dickie) Dickerson, of Water Gap, was commissioned an officer in the field artillery...Working toward 100 percent enlistment of Floyd workers in the 1943 farm production program in response to Farm Mobilization Day, January 12, farm leaders this week called on every farmer to pledge a greater production of foodstuff's this year...All nine of Floyd County's high schools retain the excellent rating held last year with the accrediting committee of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools...There died: Mrs. Betsy Moore, 67, of Dony, January 3; John Moore, 41, of Dony, two days after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Betsy Moore; Mrs. Julia Baker Redford, 23 years old, January 7, at the home of her brother at Lancer; Ruby Jewel Collins, 15, of Halo, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Darwin Lafferty, 21, of Garrett, Sunday; Everett McDowell, of Mousie, Monday, in a Lexington hospital; Tosh Boyd, 47-year-old Floyd County native, Friday, at Newport News, Virginia; Walter Hughes, 83, Monday morning at the home of his son at Hippo; William Riley Tackett, 81, Thursday, at the home of his son at Manton.

Oak

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international scale, 2003 will no doubt by now have exposed us to more blatantly partisan politics from Washington, and more goofiness from Saddam Hussein.

Therefore, another resolution for the new year is to refrain from writing about any of this stuff, and concentrate on the really important stuff; things that might stir a memory or bring a smile.

Remembering Sonny Stafford after more than 50 years is as good a place as any to start. Although not an actual member

Life

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once a day to rev up your metabolism. It also wouldn't hurt to do a mini-workout-fifteen jumping jacks, anyone?-whenever you feel tempted to crank up the thermostat.

Give yourself a psychological edge: make your living space look warmer. Warm colors like reds, oranges and yellows; brighter, reddish-toned sources of light; and heavier fabrics will help produce a warming trend in your home.

There's no need to spend a fortune redecorating...and be-sides, when warm weather returns you'll want the reverse effect. Simply use pillow shams, furniture throws, tinted light bulbs and inexpensive items from seasonal close-out sales to create an intense, cozy cocoon of color and texture. Your hot new living space will encourage you to keep moving and beat those January blahs.

-Courtesy of TOPS Club, Inc. a nonprofit, noncommercial organization that has been providing legendary weight-loss support since 1948. With over 235,000 members worldwide, TOPS can be contacted toll free at 1.800.932.8677 or on the web at www.tops.org.

of the immediate community (I think he lived in town). Stafford was a very familiar face as he often walked through it, dressed in coat and tie, with burrs, and sometimes mud, clinging to his pant legs below his knees. He had white hair, was very tall and took gigantic strides. No matter how often he passed through, all the kids would stop what they were doing and watch him pass. I can't ever remember thinking of him as being unfriendly or anything, but neither do I remember him ever speaking to us. The old gentleman kept both horses and cattle in a fenced-in pasture where we kept our cow.

And, his isn't the only memory of interesting people who frequented the neighborhood. I can still see Granny Cotton, wearing a bibbed apron, and carrying a bucket, as she hurried through the community hunting her cow. She'd milk her wherever she found her.

Thankfully, Sonny Stafford and Granny Cotton are still walking around in my memory. Expect to read about such folks in 2003.

Family

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school improvement goal is to have a writing mentor for students, then family members can volunteer to be mentors. If extra student supervision is a goal for the school hallways, restrooms and cafeteria, then family members can develop a schedule to eat in the cafeteria or be present in the hallways during class change. You will be surprised what a positive difference increasing the number of adults in the building will have on school climate. The potential is unlimited, but first you have to get involved.

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

Dec. 11, 2002
A daughter, Morgan Jade Bays, to Patty Ann and Kenneth Ray Bays

Dec. 11, 2002
A daughter, Lauryn Chanel Watkins, to Bethany Chanel Bugg

Dec. 12, 2002
A son, Hunter O'Neal Triplett, to Bridgett Michelle and Jamie Kohn Triplett

Dec. 12, 2002
A daughter, Hannah Leann Bishop, to Jennifer and Kevin Bishop

Dec. 13, 2002
A son, Logan Dean Howell, to Monico Lenore Alley

Dec. 13, 2002
A daughter, Presley Marie Whitaker, to Melissa Morgan Wheeler

Dec. 13, 2002
A son, Marcus Logan Auxier, to Rebecca Jean Ratliff

Dec. 13, 2002
A daughter, Abigail McKay Jervis, to Cindy Ann and Darrell Jervis

Dec. 14, 2002
A son, Jacob Seth Hall, to Deanna and Paul Hall

Dec. 15, 2002

A daughter, Armina Kinsley Adams, to Samangha Faye Hall

Dec. 16, 2002
A son, Darren Jacob Tyler Strong, to Stephanie Margaret Strong

Dec. 16, 2002
A daughter, Preeti Tanwani, to Aneeta and Lal Tanwani

Dec. 16, 2002
A son, Jayson Bryce Risner, to Tina Lynn Hall

Dec. 17, 2002
A son, Cody Blake Chaffins, to Krista Evans

Dec. 18, 2002
A son, Elijah Ray Dixon, to Natasha and Kevin Dixon

Dec. 18, 2002
A daughter, Whitney Alexandria Howell, to Hope and Christopher Howell

Dec. 18, 2002
A son, Brady Mitchell Adkins, to Shawna and Mitchell Adkins

Dec. 18, 2002
A daughter, Hannah Grace Ratliff, to Tamatha and Jeffrey Ratliff

Dec. 23, 2002
A daughter, Haley Noel Combs, to Melissa Slone

Dec. 24, 2002
A daughter, Christian Faith King, to Mollie and Johnnie King

Dec. 24, 2002
A son, Blake Lee Addison Caudill, to Cynthia Marie Kosier

Dec. 24, 2002
A daughter, Melda Alexandria Johnson, to Thelma Johnson

Dec. 24, 2002
A daughter, Jasmyne Skye Jarrell, to Heather Elizabeth and John Anthony Jarrell

Dec. 24, 2002
A son, Dustin Douglas Damron, to Georgia Sue Blevins

Dec. 25, 2002
A son, Jaxon Garrett Duncan, to Jaimie Dawn and Ricky Duncan

Dec. 25, 2002
A son, Chance Thomas Scott Romine, to Kimberly and Rickie Romine

Dec. 26, 2002
A son, Cameron Carl Meade, to Brandi Conn

Dec. 27, 2002
A son, Chase Andrew Litton, to Angela and David Litton

Dec. 27, 2002
A son, Tyler Kristopher Howard, to Kristy Lynn Howard



HRMC's first Baby of 2003 arrives on January 2

The first baby of the New Year, 2003, born at Highlands Regional Medical Center, was Harley Marie Crider. Harley was born at 8:30 a.m. on January 2, 2003. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 and a-half inches long. Harley is the daughter of Rachel and Shaunish Crider of Prestonsburg. As Highlands first baby of the New Year, Harley received many gifts and a \$500 United States Savings Bond for her future education. The first baby of the New Year usually arrives on January 1, however this year was different. Three women, each believing they were in labor, presented to the Birth Place at Highlands on December 31, only to be checked and sent home to await the "real thing". A total of three babies, including Harley, were born at Highlands on January 2, 2003.



Misty Daniels as "Dorothy," and Mickey Fisher as the "Lion," in JWT's 1992 production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Jenny Wiley Theatre announces audition dates

Jenny Wiley Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for its 2003 summer season. Performers and technicians, both professional and amateur, are invited to attend the theatre's local casting call on Friday, February 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, February 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All auditions and interviews will be held at the Mountain Arts Center <<http://www.macarts.com>> in Prestonsburg, KY. The theatre offers both paid and volunteer positions and employs professional theatre talent from across the nation. This season's main stage productions include The Wizard of Oz, Driving Miss Daisy, Big River, and Hooray for Hollywood! - A Tribute to Song in Film. There are numerous roles for children this season, including munchkins and flying monkeys in The Wizard of Oz. Children ages 8 and up are strongly encouraged to attend the audition. Performers are asked to prepare a song and a short monologue. Accompanist provided. A Capella singing is acceptable, but one must sing with piano to demonstrate ability to match pitch. Tapes and pre-recorded accompaniments are discouraged. Therefore, there will be no stereo or tape player provided. Jenny Wiley Theatre will also interview those interested in technical positions. Carpenters, scenic painters, stage managers, props, follow-spot operators, and sound engineers are invited to submit applications at the audition. Area and regional students with an interest in technical theatre will be considered for JWT's technical internship program. Jenny Wiley Theatre offers a unique opportunity to work in a professional theatre environment, and these auditions help extend that opportunity to the local community. JWT is an EOE. Scott Bradley, Artistic Director, will conduct the auditions. For further information call 606-886-9274 or visit on the web at www.jwtheatre.com.

God's under the Bed

author unknown

My brother Kevin thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped outside his closed door to listen.

"Are you there, God?" he said. "Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed."

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement.

But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in. He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2), there are few ways in which he is an adult. He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will.

He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas, and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, returning to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed.

The only variation in the entire scheme are laundry days, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child.

He does not seem dissatisfied. He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

And Saturdays-oh, the bliss of Saturdays!

That's the day my dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. "That one's goin' to Chicago!" Kevin shouts as he claps his hands.

His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.

I don't think Kevin knows anything exists outside his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips. He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. He recognizes no differences in people, treating each person as an equal and a friend. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be. His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax.

He is not obsessed with his

work or the work of others. His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue. Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God.

Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God-to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an "educated" person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion. In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap-I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances-they all become disabilities when I do not submit them to Christ. Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn?

After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of the Lord. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed. Kevin won't be surprised at all.

Christmas

nd events like these are just a great way to get folks out to see what we're all about."

The home houses, in addition to a large variety of period furnishings and artifacts, a photographic archives of the history of the Big Sandy region with numerous photographs marking the extensive generational history of many area families.

The Samuel May House, located on North Lake Drive, on a knoll just across from the Prestonsburg Pizza Hut Restaurant, was built in

Korner

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If the likes of these folks are any indication of senior citizenship, sign me up! I'd give the old rocking chair up to rock-n-roll any day! Yep this bunch gives a whole new meaning to the saying "Keep on keepin' on", and I for one am glad they continue. 'Til next week, enjoy the music. And God bless!

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1817, by Floyd County pioneer Samuel May. It is constructed entirely of native materials, with bricks which were baked at the site and wood which was felled at the site. The interior walls of the house are composed of brick with each having its own foundation. Floors and woodwork of the home are composed entirely of tulip poplar, the dominant tree species in the Big Sandy Valley during this pioneer period.

The Friends of the Samuel May House, Inc., a non-profit corporation, was organized in March, 1993, by a group of Floyd County citizens who aspire to turn the May House into Eastern Kentucky's premier tourist attraction.

In 1995, aided by the Friends of the May House and the Kentucky Heritage Council, the City of Prestonsburg received a \$400,000 grant from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to be used toward the restoration of the house. The work, under the direct supervision of Dr. Perry, who maintained a photographic file and internet website documenting each step of the restoration process, was completed in April, 1997.

Since that time, in conjunction with the City of Prestonsburg, a parking lot has been added, and a flagpole erected. Additionally, several rooms of the home have been furnished with period furniture, two rooms of the home have been decorated with 1840s style wallpaper.

To tour the historic home, you may contact Dr. Robert Perry at 606-886-3863, ext. 290 or 606-886-8079, or you may also contact Sam Hatcher at 606-432-3528.

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Happy New Years from
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The shelter would like to thank all of you who have adopted puppies over the holiday season, bringing the pre-Christmas high of seventy puppies down to just twenty! However, there are always more animals to be adopted, so if you thought of adopting over Christmas but didn't have time, please come in to meet the animals to the left!

In the first picture is a small female Himalayan cat, a year and a half old, and in the last are two Chow mix puppies, one male and one female.

These animals are up for adoption at the Floyd County Animal Shelter, located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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Critter

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full and we had two flashlights. The only holdup seemed to be that no one thought I could make it down the hill on my bad leg. I finally convinced them that downhill was a piece of cake; I might not make it standing up, but I could definitely get down there somehow.

We fought our way down, over slippery rocks and loose dirt, through brambles and old strands of barbed wire, clinging to saplings and grapevines for balance. We were making enough noise to wake the dead.

"Go to the left, this is a blackberry thicket!"

"Don't grab that tree, it's dead as a doornail!"

"Does Dan'l Boone down there have any idea where he's going?"

"The blind are leading the blind and they both shall fall into the ditch."

"Speaking of ditch, I'll bet dollars to doughnuts we're heading straight for the creek!"

"Ow! Ow! Ow! Watch out for those slick rocks!" (This from Kelly, who was sliding feet first down the slope, keeping a death grip on the first kit we had brought-we were prepared for

an emergency with the dog.)

"I see a house! I see a dog! It's coming straight at us and it's probably a Rottweiler."

"Be a tree, be a rock," I said, quoting our children's dog bite prevention talks.

The approaching dog turned out to be a Golden Retriever that immediately flung herself on her back in front of us, and was followed by her owner, who had (surprise!) -heard us coming down the hill. By some Divine mercy, Bill actually knew the man, so it was not a problem using his phone to call home. He even volunteered to drive us out to the main road, which was a good thing, considering we had emerged in the head of a different hollow in a different county.

If you followed the news story last week, you know that the Beagle was eventually recovered, no thanks to our inept search and rescue team. Actually, one of the men being interviewed on one of the TV segments was none other than Bill Tussey himself. It was no coincidence that he was there; he had come back with help to dig his pickup out of the mud!

Business/Professions

Mortgage rates begin new year

by MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates began the new year the same way they ended the old — by hitting a new low. The average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell to 5.85 percent for the week ending Jan. 3, down from 5.93 percent in the previous week, Freddie Mac said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of

mortgage rates. This week's rate was the lowest since the mortgage giant began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971. The rate for this week and last week both surpassed the previous records in the survey of 5.94 percent set in the middle of November. Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Mac's put this week's 30-year mortgage rate at the lowest level since the early 1960s.

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option or refinancing, fell this week to 5.24 percent, compared with 5.32 percent in the prior week. For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, rates edged up slightly to 4.06 percent, compared to 4.01 percent the previous week. Low mortgage rates over the past year have been fueling not only strong home sales but a surge of home mortgage refi-

ancing activity. The extra monthly cash consumers are saving by refinancing their mortgages at lower interest rates is helping to support consumer spending, which has been the main force keeping the economy going this year. "Just when we were sure mortgage rates couldn't possibly drop any lower, we were surprised yet again," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

He attributed this week's drop in mortgage rates to an investor flight to safety in the bond market spurred by heightened concerns about possible U.S. military action in Iraq and new worries about terrorist attacks. Nothaft said it was likely that 30-year rates would continue to hover around 6 percent for "at least another few months." This week's mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year and 15-year mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week while the one-year adjustable mortgage had an average 0.7 point financing fee.

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January is 'Radon Action Month'

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul E. Patton has proclaimed the month of January as 'Radon Action Month' in Kentucky. The Cabinet for Health Services' Radon Program, in cooperation with participating local health departments, Western Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are taking part in the observance of Radon Action Month in Kentucky.

These groups are committed to heightening awareness of the hazards associated with indoor radon. The month-long observance focuses attention on the importance of testing homes and schools for this deadly gas. This year's focus is not only to test for radon gas but also to raise awareness

of radon resistant construction methods that can be built into a new home. Radon is an invisible, odorless radioactive gas that occurs naturally underground. It enters buildings through cracks and other openings in their foundations. Any home can have a

radon problem. The only way to know about your home is to test. According to the National Academy of Sciences, exposure to indoor radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States after smoking. The Surgeon General issued a health advisory in 1988 that emphasized the need to test for indoor radon and correct the problem when elevated levels are found.

"Fortunately, most homes with elevated levels of radon gas can be easily fixed for about the same cost as other common home repairs like painting or having a new hot water heater installed", said Ed Lohr, Kentucky State Radon Coordinator. "If you are having a new home built, you should discuss with the builder about incorporating radon resistant construction methods recom-

mended by the EPA." During January, the state, participating local health departments, WKU, UK, and the EPA will be participating by conducting educational activities for the general public. For more information or to test your home for indoor radon gas, contact your local health department or the state radon program at (502) 564-4856 for a free radon test kit.

CDC approves Ky pre-event smallpox vaccination plan

FRANKFORT - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved the Kentucky Department of Public Health's plan to offer smallpox vaccine to up to 8,000 health care workers and public health professionals starting as soon as next month in compli-

ance with President Bush's national plan. Kentucky's Pre-Event Vaccination Plan, submitted to CDC Dec. 9, outlines procedures for offering vaccine to members of Smallpox Response Teams across the state. Individuals to be offered the vaccine have been identified by Kentucky's 55 local health departments and 103 acute care hospitals to provide medical, disease investigation and vaccination capabilities in the event of a smallpox outbreak. Vaccination will be conducted at 10-12 regional vaccination clinic sites and will be voluntary. "Most people do not realize how much hard work has been done by so many different people to get us to this point," said Rice C. Leach, M.D., Commissioner for Public Health. "Kentucky's public health activity began in 1878 to respond to another infectious threat, yellow fever. One hundred twenty-five years later public health, private medicine, and government agencies are still working to protect folks from

the microbes." The White House plan calls for three phases of vaccinations. The first phase calls for vaccinating public health and health care workers across the nation who would be most likely to first come into contact with smallpox cases should they occur. Phase two involves offering vaccine to first responders, such as fire fighters, emergency medical workers, law enforcement and other health care workers. The state expects the CDC to release additional supplies of the vaccine for this purpose after the completion of phase one. Phase three would involve making the vaccine available to the general public. However, the CDC has not released vaccine for this purpose and federal officials do not recommend immunization of the general public at this time.

Jobless rates fall in 87 Kentucky counties from 2001 to 2002

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in 87 Kentucky counties between November 2001 and November 2002, rose in 30 and remained the same in three counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. Kentucky's seasonally adjusted jobless rate in November was 5.1 percent.

In November 2002, five counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent, while 12 counties recorded double-digit rates in November 2001. Woodford County's 2 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Jessamine County, 2.3 percent; Oldham County, 2.7 percent; Fayette County, 2.9 percent; Anderson, Campbell and Robertson counties, 3.1 percent each; Henry and Kenton counties, 3.3 percent each; and Boone and Shelby counties, 3.4 percent each.

Butler County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 15.2 percent. It was followed by Harlan County, 11.6 percent; Letcher County, 11.3 percent; Magoffin County, 11.1 percent; Russell County, 10.1 percent; Morgan County, 9.6 percent; McCreary County, 9.1 percent; Breathitt County, 8.9 percent; Ohio County, 8.8 percent; and Clinton County, 8.7 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate is seasonally

adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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My Letters

H is for Hamster
h is for hamster



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter H. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter H makes in the word Hamster?

My Numbers

How many ?



How many ?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

I love sixpence, jolly, jolly sixpence,
I love sixpence as my life.
I spent a penny of it, I spent a penny of it,
I took a penny home to my wife.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Hamsters eat



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter H in hamster.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 6 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Pick a Pattern
Cut out lots of the uppercase H and the lowercase h, then make this pattern: H, h, H, h, H, h, etc. Have your child finish the pattern. For an extra challenge start an H, H, h, h, pattern and see if your child can complete it.

Wednesday

H-to-H Dot-to-Dot
With your child, find and circle 6 examples of an uppercase H on one sheet of the newspaper. On the same sheet of newspaper, find and circle 6 examples of a lowercase h. Have your child connect the "dots" to make a silly picture.

Thursday

What Comes Next?
Look at a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child to imagine what happened after the picture was taken.

Friday

Old MacDonald
Sing *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*. When it comes time to select something that Old MacDonald had on the farm, have your child point to a picture of something in the newspaper and then sing its name in the song.

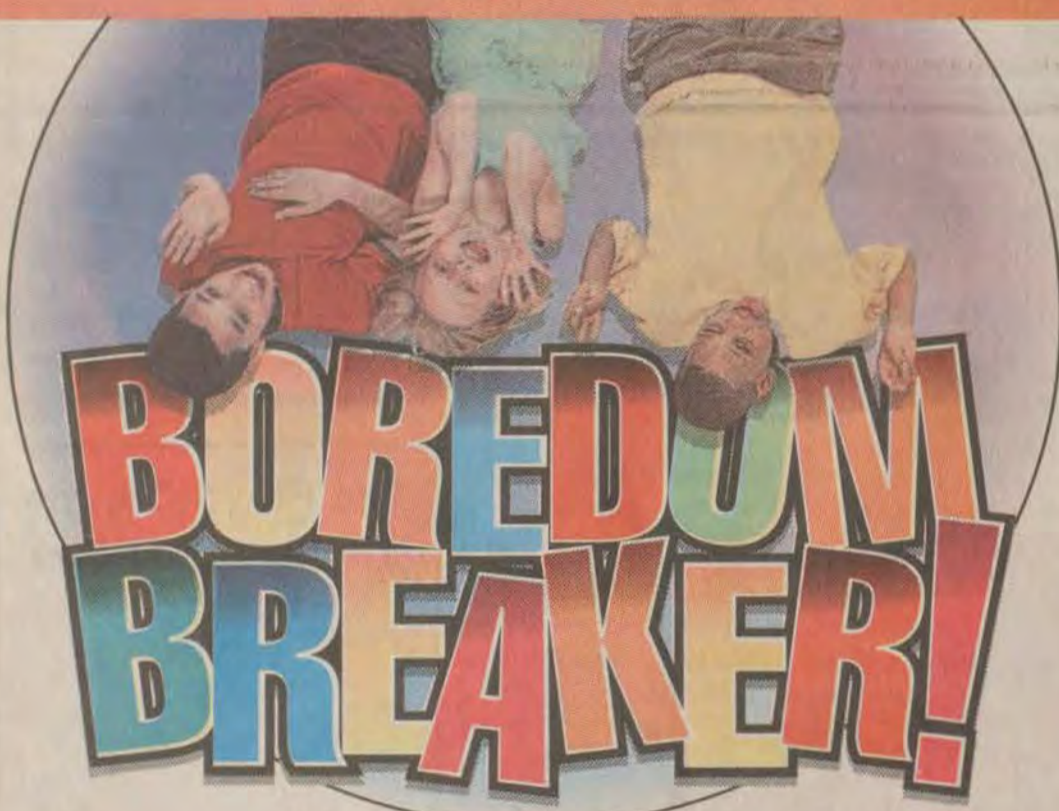
Saturday

I-T Game
Cut out the letters o and t from the headlines. Then cut out the letters, h, k, p and b. Show your child how you can spell the words hit, kit, pit and bit simply by changing the first letter in front of the it.

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- Solidify
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- Indivisible
- Handle the helm
- Couple
- "True Grit" star
- Wind instrument
- Ship-shape
- Enthusiast
- Flue grime
- Mary's follower
- Exchange premium
- "Scrooged" actress
- Cranberry territory
- Experts
- Bridge position
- One of a "Great" quintet
- Settle
- Diving gear
- Ally McBeal, e.g.
- Upset, in a way
- Shriner's cha-peau
- "Hold the -"
- Unsigned (Abbr.)
- Perjure oneself
- Suitable
- Fresh
- Swelled head

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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Quilt to Sniff

Look at each of the pictures on the quilt. Use **GREEN** to color the things you like to smell. Use **RED** to color the things you don't like to smell.



My Rhyme Time

Touch your head and touch your toes,
Touch your knees, and touch your nose.
Stand up, count to 10!
Head, toes, knees, and nose.

My Letters

Q is for Quilt
q is for quilt



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter Q. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter Q makes in the word Quilt?

My Numbers

How many Q?

How many q?

How many Q?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



I like to smell



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter Q in quilt.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 1 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

How Many Noses?
Ask your child what part of the body he or she smells with. Then look through the newspaper and count all of the noses you can find. How many are in today's newspaper?

Wednesday

What Does It Smell Like?
Look at pictures in the newspaper and ask your child to imagine that he/she is in the place where the picture is being taken. What might be smelled there?

Thursday

Find the Squares
Say the word square and see if your child can hear the q sound after the s sound. Then look through the newspaper for things that are square in shape. Have your child trace square shapes with a finger while saying the word square.

Friday

Gift Wrap
Give your child some crayons and sheets of newspaper. Color the columns different colors to make stripes. Or just draw lots of different pictures. The decorated newspaper makes a very personal wrapping paper.

Saturday

Smell Chart
Have your child find and cut out pictures of things from the newspaper. On one sheet of paper, glue the things that smell. On another sheet of paper, glue the things that don't smell.



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Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
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• Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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Phamiliar phrases

"in the limelight"
Stages used to be lit by a process which involved heating lime until it became incandescent; a special lens reflected that light as a single beam onto the actor on the stage. Nowadays, we use this phrase to describe someone at the center of attention.

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THE GREAT DEPRESSION

It was a time of worldwide financial and economic struggle that is unsurpassed in modern history. The Great Depression began in 1929. For 10 years, unemployment reigned and businesses floundered. Basic necessities became luxuries; food, clothing and shelter became harder and harder to come by. Millions of people lost their jobs, while governments around the world tried to feed and house their people and restore economic stability. Despite the hardships endured, many individuals who lived through the "Dirty Thirties" discovered a sense of what was truly important in life: work, family, hope and faith in the future.

Why it happened

It is commonly believed that the stock market crash of 1929 was the cause of the Great Depression, but there were many contributing factors, the market being just one of them.

Farms, mines, textiles and banks

While businesses in the United States were generally doing financially well in the 1920s, **farmers** were struggling to make ends meet. The price of agricultural produce dropped 40 percent in the early 1920s and prices stayed low throughout the decade. Many farmers could not pay their mortgages and were forced to rent or sell their land.

The **mining** and **textile** industries were also struggling at this time. Banks (especially in agricultural areas) began to fail and close. It is estimated that about 600 banks failed yearly during the 1920s.

Decent wages

Many businesses did very well in the 1920s. Production had increased almost 50 percent and profits were up. But few were sharing the wealth, and wages for workers remained low. In the long run, workers could not afford to buy the goods, services and products they were making and providing. Some began to buy on credit; others stopped spending entirely. The end result was less money circulating, which spelled trouble for the economy.

The crash

During the 1920s, the New York Stock Exchange enjoyed strong growth in the price of common stocks. Rising stock prices motivated people to **speculate** on the market (buying stocks in the hopes of making large future profits if the stocks increase in value). Much of this speculation was done with borrowed money.

On October 24, 1929 (**Black Thursday**), stock prices dropped rapidly. The market stabilized for a couple of days, only to drop again the following Monday. On October 29 (**Black Tuesday**), the market crashed. Panicked stockholders sold a record 16,410,030 shares. People, banks and businesses lost huge sums of money when their stocks lost so much value. **Stocks** continued to fall for the next three years.

High tariffs

Foreign **trade** was another aspect of the Depression. A new law passed in 1930 compounded the problem by raising U.S. tariffs. Nations around the world responded by raising their tariffs. The end result was that no one could afford to import or export goods — trade became an unprofitable venture.

An overview

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| <p>Causes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unequal distribution of wealth • High tariffs and war debts • Overproduction in industry and agriculture • Stock market crash and financial panic | <p>Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widespread hunger, poverty and unemployment • Worldwide economic crisis • New Deal: increased government power and deficit spending |
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World events leading up to and during the Great Depression

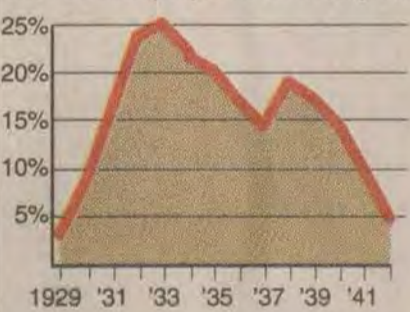
<p>1919 End of World War I — Treaty of Versailles demands payment and reparation of war debts from defeated nations.</p>	<p>1928 Banks begin to fail due to bad investments and low prices on agricultural products.</p>	<p>1929 The Stock Market crashed in October, sending millions of investors into bankruptcy.</p>	<p>1930 Richard Bennett is elected prime minister of Canada.</p>	<p>1931 Hostilities between China and Japan begin.</p>	<p>1932 Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) is elected president of the United States.</p>	<p>1933 The World Economic Conference meets in London but fails to agree on a solution to the worldwide depression.</p>	<p>1934 Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany and begins his four-year plan of economic recovery. The U.S. Congress approves 15 acts and initiates the New Deal.</p>	<p>1935 Mackenzie King is elected prime minister of Canada.</p>	<p>1938 Germany invades Czechoslovakia, which results in defense spending in Britain, France, Canada and the United States. World War II finally ended the Great Depression of the 1930s.</p>
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Big problems

After the stock market crash, things went from bad to worse. Between 1930 and 1933, approximately 9,000 U.S. banks closed and the prices of industrial stocks fell about 80 percent. Millions of people lost their savings when the banks closed and loans were impossible to get. Unemployment rose and most people who had jobs took pay cuts. The popular song "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime" reflects how difficult it was to make money in the 1930s.

U.S. unemployment

At the height of the Depression in 1933, unemployment had risen to 25 percent and 13 million people were without jobs.



Life in the thirties

During the 1930s, people from all walks of life were forced to cut back on luxuries. Those who lived in the cities often went hungry, while farmers might have had food, but no one to sell it to. Many became homeless and traveled from place to place looking for work. Most people stopped buying furniture, appliances, jewelry and sweets (some wealthy people, however, were able to prosper, due in part to the low prices). Inexpensive entertainment, like radios and movies, were as popular as television is today. People would tune in regularly for their favorite shows and go to theaters in record numbers to forget their troubles.



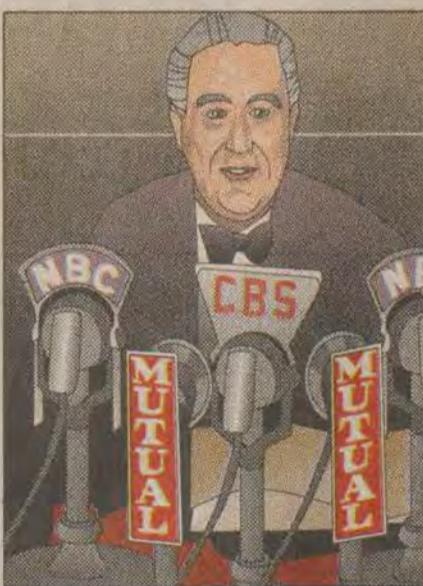
The New Deal

President Herbert Hoover believed that the economy would recover without government intervention, but Americans were going hungry and his policies were not popular. **Franklin D. Roosevelt** was elected president in 1932. Roosevelt immediately called Congress into an emergency session to pass laws that would help people and the economy. This new program was called the **New Deal**.

The New Deal had three main purposes: To provide relief to the needy; to aid the nationwide recovery by providing jobs and encouraging businesses; and to form laws that would reform business and government, preventing a depression of this magnitude from ever happening again.

The government spent money it didn't have on relief programs to feed the hungry and to provide jobs (building roads, bridges, dams, schools and parks). Eventually, money began to circulate again and trade improved with lower tariffs.

The New Deal seemed to help relieve the Depression and it renewed confidence in the government.



FDR realized the potential of radio. He began a series of radio programs called "fireside chats," which reassured the public and helped them understand policies.

Around the world

Europe's economy was not able to bounce back after World War I (1914-1919). The war's peace settlement made recovery almost impossible for Germany and mid-European nations. Until 1931, the United States demanded repayment of war debts, which further drained the economies of war-damaged nations. Britain and France also struggled with their post-war economies. Economic hardship may have led to the rise of the German dictator **Adolf Hitler**. The German people hoped Hitler would improve the nation's financial depression. The Japanese invasion of China was also largely motivated by the desire for relief from depression and the hope of economic growth. These military solutions to poverty were the stepping stones to World War II (1939-1945).



Canadian woes

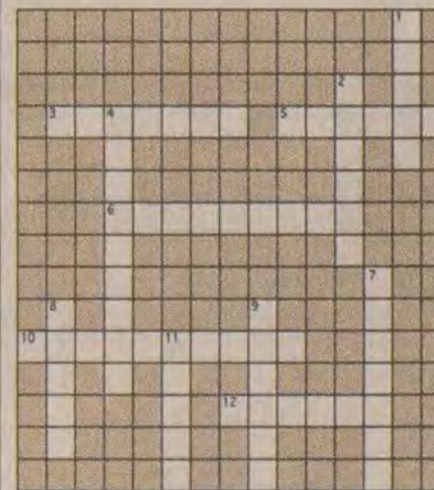
Canada was hit as hard as the U.S. by the Depression. Its economy relied heavily on the export of grain, lumber and minerals. When countries stopped buying these resources, farms, factories, stores and coal mines closed by the thousands. In the Prairie Provinces, **drought** and plummeting grain prices (prices dropped 90 percent in two years) made things even worse. Unemployment rose from 3 percent in 1929 to 23 percent in 1933. Prime Minister **Richard Bennett** struggled to help the people and the economy, but his efforts seemed futile. When **W. L. Mackenzie King** became prime minister in 1935, he adopted many programs similar to those used in the U.S.

Words and terms

- Black Tuesday:** On this day, October 29, 1929, a record 16.4 million shares were sold, more than twice as many than were normally sold on any single day earlier in the year.
- Buy on margin:** Practice of buying stocks by paying a fraction of the full price and borrowing the rest.
- Bonus army:** Group of World War I veterans who marched to Washington in 1932 requesting their pension bonus early.
- Collateral:** Some form of property pledged as security for a loan, to be claimed by the lender if the loan is defaulted (not paid).
- Deficit spending:** When a government spends more than it is bringing in.
- Dust Bowl:** Parts of the Midwest and Southwest that were hit by severe droughts and dust storms in the 1930s.
- Economy:** System of producing, distributing and consuming wealth.
- Hobo jungles:** Camps near railroad yards filled with youths who traveled by freight trains looking for work.
- Hoovervilles:** Towns of makeshift houses, built by homeless people during the Great Depression.
- National debt:** Total debt a government owes because of money it has borrowed by selling bonds or other securities.
- Tariffs:** A tax placed on goods that one nation imports from another.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 3 These people were facing hardship even before the Depression
 - 5 A record number of these were sold on Black Tuesday
 - 6 Take a risk on stocks
 - 10 Security for a loan
 - 12 An industry that was floundering before the Depression
- DOWN**
- 1 After the stock market crashed, many of these failed and went out of business
 - 2 This entertainment continued to be popular throughout the '30s
 - 4 This president was elected in 1932 and created the New Deal
 - 7 No rain for a very long time
 - 8 One reason for the Depression was that there was less of this circulating
 - 9 Tax on imported goods from other countries
 - 11 This became unprofitable due to high tariffs



- ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
- 3 FARMERS
 - 5 STOCKS
 - 6 SPECULATE
 - 10 COLLATERAL
 - 12 MINING
- DOWN**
- 1 BANKS
 - 2 MOVIES
 - 4 ROOSEVELT
 - 7 DROUGHT
 - 8 MONEY
 - 9 TARIFF
 - 11 TRADE

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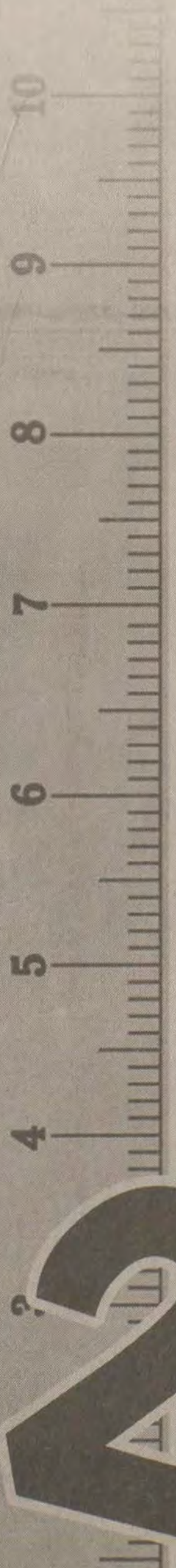
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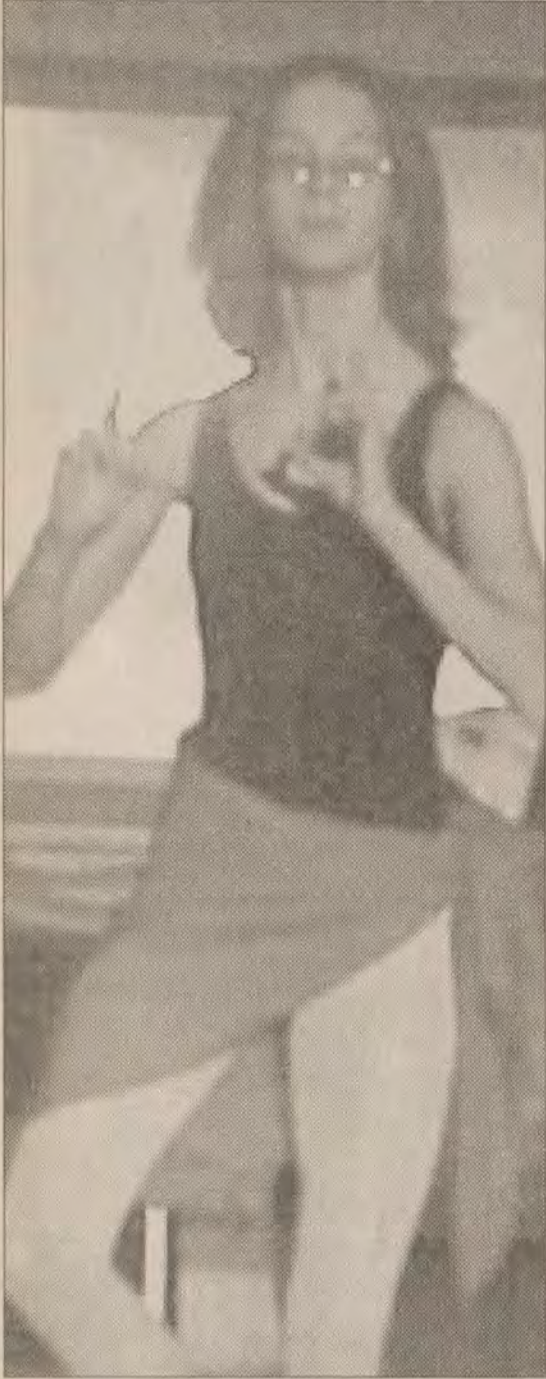
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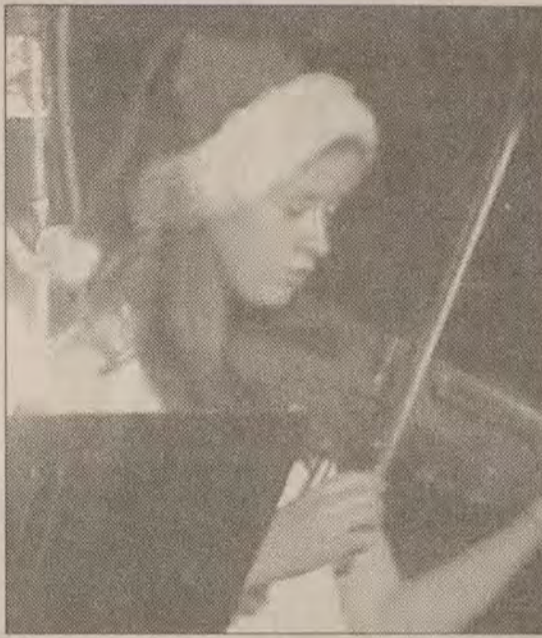
Adams Middle School



Emily Stanley, a seventh-grade student at AMS, performed ballet dance to "The Nutcracker". Other dancers that were featured with Emily were Tatianna Slone, Alyssa Allen, Charlotte Hale and Maura Minix.



AMS students Rachel Goble, Shane Williamson, and Danielle Ousley performed in the play "Hillbilly Christmas Carol". Other students to perform were Tyler Gayheart, Caitlin Newsome, Clay Jamerson, Emily Stanley, and Tara Rohr.



Julie Ford played a solo on her violin. The tunes she played during her performance were "Frosty the Snowman" and "First Noel".



Eighth-grade students Holly Rice, Adam Reffett and Tiffany Smith performed "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays".



The AMS Music Choir performed "Baby it's Cold Outside" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" at the event. The choir is directed by AMS student Adam Reffett.



Jenna Gearheart, an 8th grade student at AMS, sang "All I Want This Year" while AMS dancers Emily Stanley, Maura Minix, Charlotte Hale, Alyssa Allen, Tatianna Slone, and Caitlin Newsome backed her up.

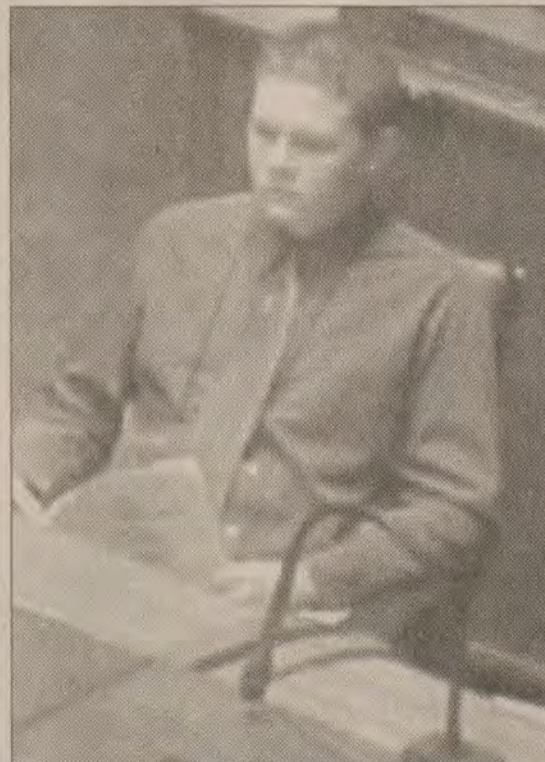
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Brittany Frasure

Kentucky Youth Assembly

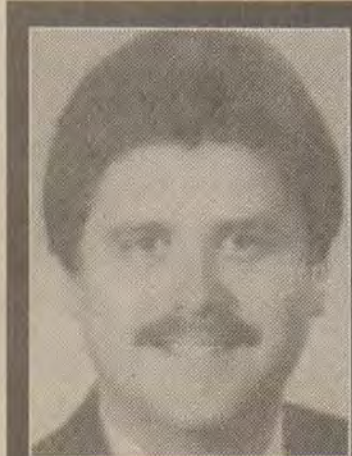
Allen Central Middle School students not only participated in the Kentucky Youth Assembly, but this year they were recognized as having one of the top five bills introduced and passed by the student House of Representatives and Senate. Miss Brittany Frasure, eighth-grade student, was also recognized as being one of the top speakers of the conference. The KYA team is sponsored by Ms. Tanya Harris, sixth-grade social studies teacher, Mr. Brad Short, seventh-grade social studies teacher, and Mr. Jeremy Hall, eighth-grade social studies teacher.



Josh Martin serves in the Senate.



Tiffany Owens reads lobbyist speech.



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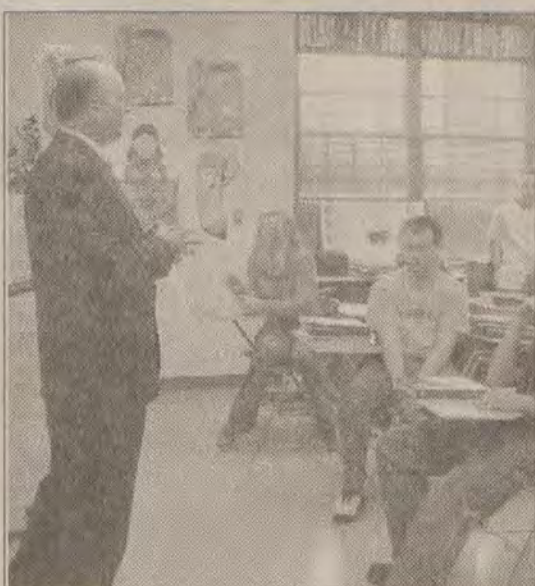
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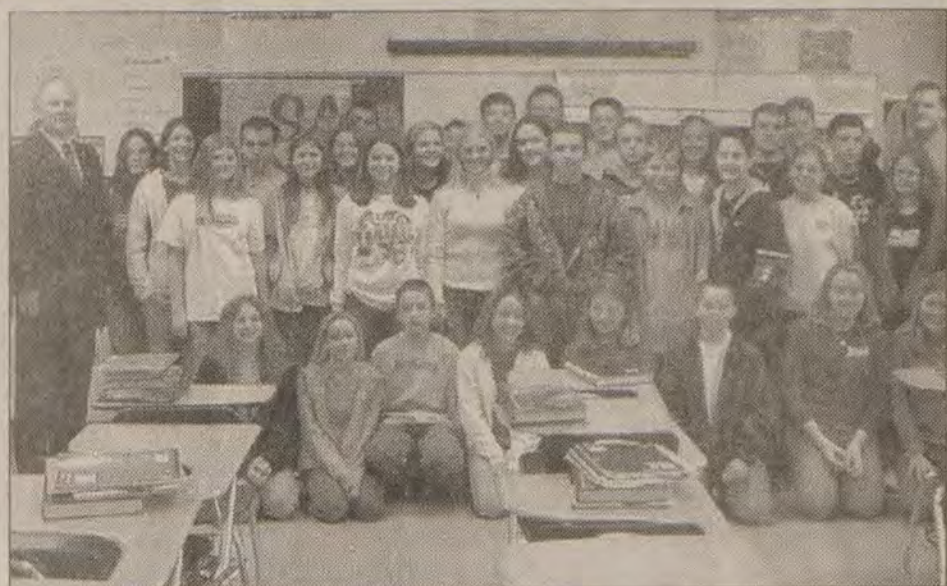
Food Drive

Allen Central Middle School in conjunction with the Youth Service Center sponsored a can food drive for needy families. Mrs. Cindy Halbert's homeroom was rewarded for having the most cans donated.



Senator Johnny Ray Turner

Senator Johnny Ray Turner came to Allen Central Middle School to talk with the Kentucky Youth Assembly Club prior to them attending the KYA conference in Frankfort.



Sixth Grade Showcase

Allen Central Middle School took part in the fifth annual Kentucky Colonels' Sixth Grade Academic Showcase. The competition was held at Warfield Middle School in Martin County. Other competing schools included: McDowell Elementary, Inez Middle School, Warfield Middle School, and Paintsville. The Kentucky Colonels' Sixth Grade Academic Showcase features written

assessment events in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and Arts/Humanities, with a double elimination Quick Recall tournament. The event began in 1999 with 90 schools and has since doubled in size, with over 180 schools participating in 2002. According to KAAC Executive Director John Bennett, the Showcase was designed to fill a need in

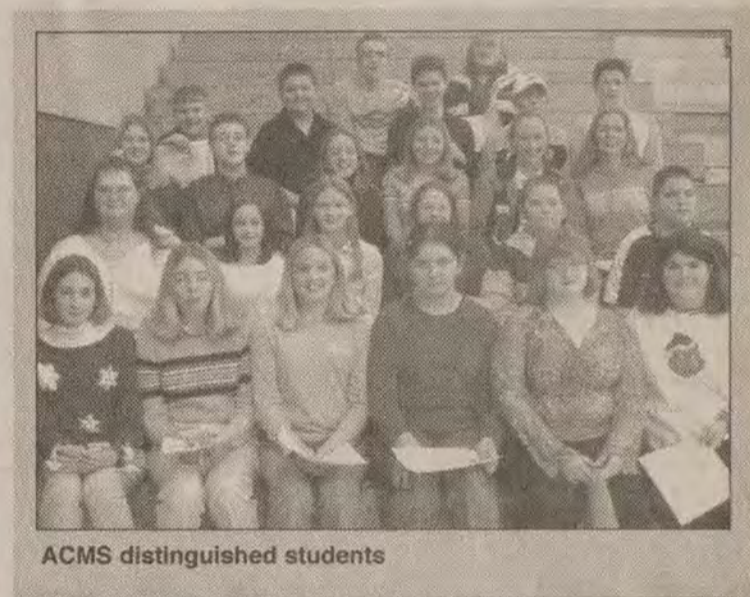
Kentucky schools. "As KAAC began to look for ways to reach more students, we realized that a significant number of students were graduating from fifth grade, then finding it hard to compete on their school's middle grades Governor's Cup team. The Showcase gives those students another competitive opportunity, and helps them remain interested and active in academic competition until they can more realistically

contribute to their academic team programs on the middle grades Governor's Cup level." ACMS came away from the tournament with 3rd place overall, 3rd place quick recall, Keith Williams placed 2nd in Science, Chelsie Cordial placed 5th in Social Studies, and Evan Lawson Placed 6th in Social Studies. The coach of Allen Central Middle School 6th Grade Academics was Sandra Stapleton.



ACMS Music Department

Mrs. Cecilia Prater, ACMS music teacher, once again presented a wonderful Christmas program with performances by both the middle school band and choir.



ACMS distinguished students



Hands on with Zig

Allen Central Middle School students were pleased to welcome Zig Wajler to entertain and educate them in the areas of music and culture. Zig integrates Music Technology and Multiculturalism to produce a mix that is entertaining and exciting for students, teachers, and attendees to learn. Each interactive, educational experience relates to The National Standards for Music and Technology augmenting a school's curriculum through creation, production, history, culture, and appreciation through active student participation. Zig Wajler is the author of World Beat Fun, a Book/CD published and distributed through Warner Bros. Publishing.



ACMS proficient students

Proficient/ Distinguished Students Recognized

Allen Central Middle School believes in the importance of continually recognizing and celebrating those students who have achieved high honors. Those students who received a proficient or distinguished on the CATS test, along with their parents, were recently recognized and presented with window clings to display this accomplishment.

Allen Central High School



Allen Central High School students prepare for the Adopt a Child Program where students buy gifts for a child at Christmas.

Bolen recognized for education

Allen Central High School teacher Lori Bolen has been recognized as a district nominee for the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Mrs. Bolen is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College of Pippa Passes and has been teaching

for nine years. She conveys to her students the importance of civic responsibilities and often has invited war veterans to speak to her classes. The energy this teacher exhibits toward teaching history is to be commended. Her patriotism, honor and respect for our democracy

are depicted in the activities and projects she assigns to the students.

Mrs. Bolen was recently chosen by the Local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in Prestonsburg and was nominated by Laura Kidd, counselor at Allen Central.

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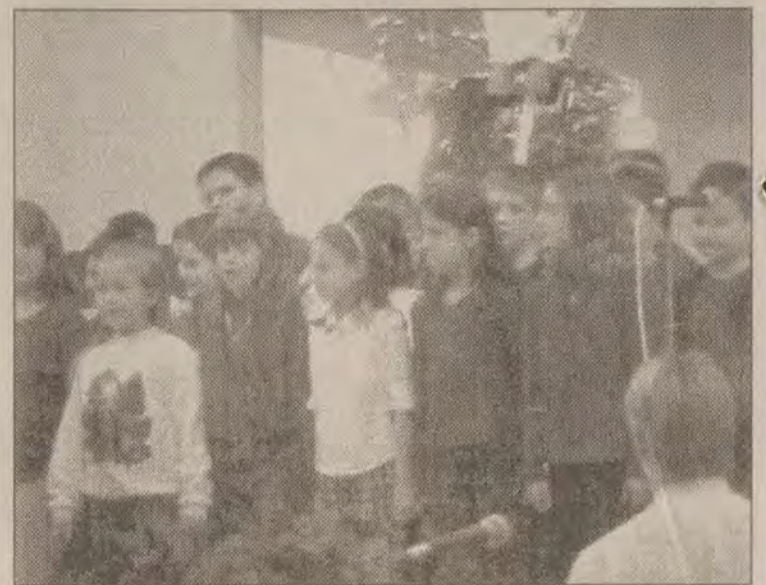
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Visual and Performing Arts TAG students attend a performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie" at Pikeville High School. Audience discussion was held after the performance.

Allen Elementary



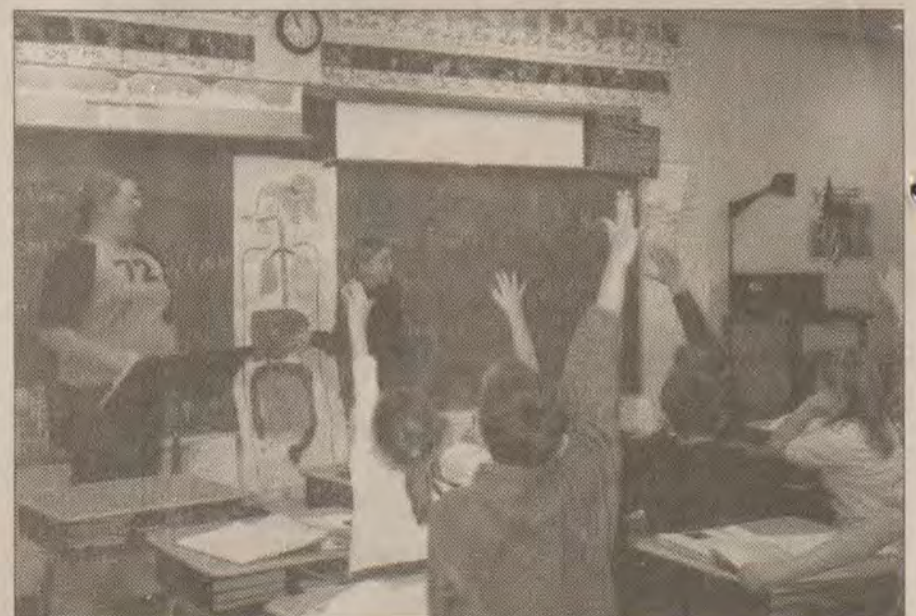
*Allen Elementary
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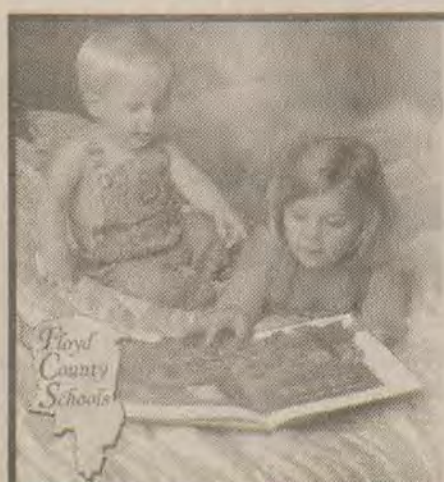
Rikki Murray and Shannon Goble make their presentation.

Human body systems

Mrs. Waugh's eighth-grade practical living students at Allen Elementary have been studying the structure and function of the human body systems. Students also shared their presentations with the K-4 students.



Courtney Lewis and Megan Goble answer questions during their presentation.



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Snail Olympics

Mrs. Waugh's eighth-grade science students at Allen Elementary recently participated in "Snail Olympics," which were sponsored by Region 8 and Kathy Neeley. Shown are Brittany Waugh, Jared Harmon, Ashley Moore and J.R. Robinson.

A gift from the heart



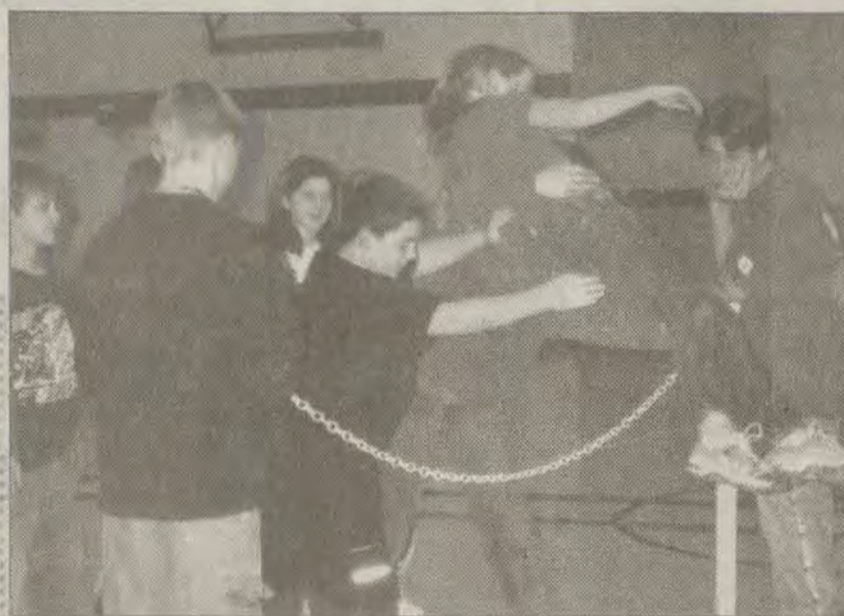
My name is Kristan Ann Parsons. I am a student in Mrs. Wallen's first-grade class at Allen Elementary. I have only one wish for Christmas and that is to take my hair and make a beautiful wig for some child who has been sick and lost their hair. I hope that my gift will make someone happy on this Christmas.

*Love,
Kristan*

This is a Christmas gift that comes from the heart. Kristan Ann saw a "Locks of Love" advertisement on television while watching cartoons. Kristan automatically ran to her granny, Cindy Parsons, and said, "Granny, I want to cut my hair and send it to 'Locks of Love'." With the assistance of her granny, 15 inches of Kristan's hair was cut and sent to the foundation. This was truly a Christmas gift from the heart.



Dr. Chandra Varia, Floyd County board member, visited Allen Elementary classrooms.

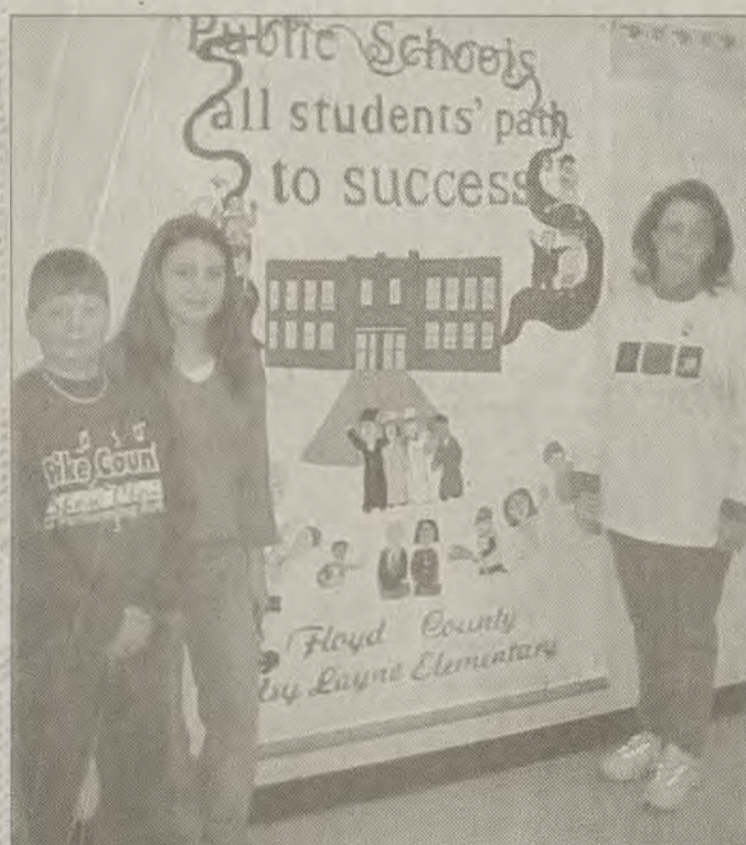


School-wide Olympics

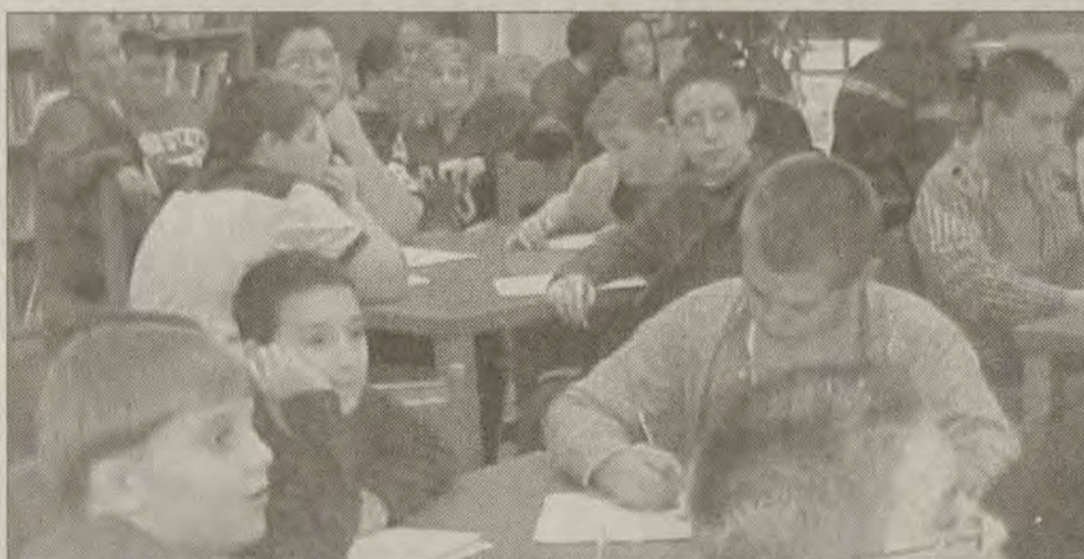
Due to being a reward school, the students at Allen Elementary had a school-wide Olympics. All students in grades three through eight competed in four events to determine who would participate in the final Olympics. On the day of the final Olympics, Mrs. Gearheart carried the torch, Mr. Childers carried the American flag and Mrs. Bartrum carried the school flag and led the finalists into the arena as Mr. Lafferty played the national anthem. The winners were Mrs. Barnett's Dream Team, Mrs. Donta's Angels and Mrs. Skeens' Feuding Hatfields. All participating teams made their own flag and dressed as a team. All finalists were given an Allen Elementary Eagle Medal.



Betsy Layne Elementary



Dustin Layne, Chasity Conn and Ms. Layne show completed banner. The banner will be used at several educational conferences.



Leadership Challenge

Students from across the county met at Betsy Layne Elementary for the "Leadership Challenge," a gifted and talented program sponsored by Chuck Stamper.



Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

Betsy Layne Elementary student Andie Meade performs a piano recital.



Mrs. Calhoun, principal at Betsy Layne Elementary, joins in the Halloween fun.



Betsy Layne open house, Oct. 28.

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—Jelaluddin Rumi, 13th Century Persia—

I have only a limited knowledge of those who served before me, but I am a product of their service and I am grateful to them for it. To those who will serve after me, I offer you my prayers, presence, and support, for it's a tough job if done alone. To those who felt "consumed" under my watch, I offer my sincere apologies and seek your understanding and forgiveness, for it was never my intent to make you feel something less than important to us all. To those who will continue to "work the soil of helpfulness" in service to our children, God Speed, for this is difficult and important work. To our children, work hard to know God and to get a good education, for these are two things no one can ever take from you. Finally, to Carol, Chandra, Don, Glenna, Jimmy, Jody, Mike, Paul, Terry, Woodrow, Zella and Glen, THANKS for all the lessons you have taught me!

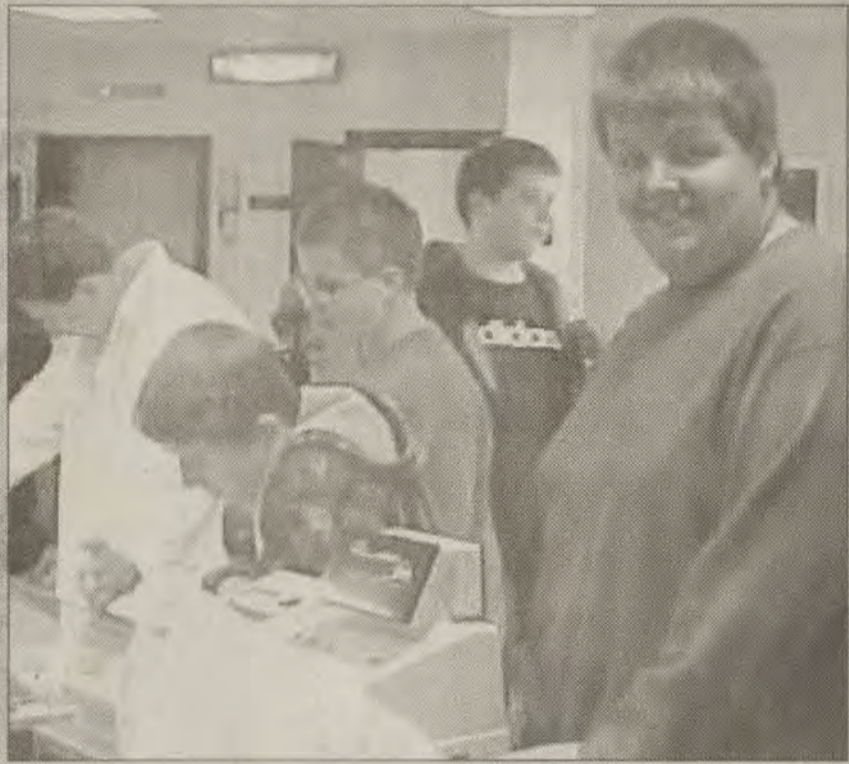
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Kindergarten class visits the new Pikeville Library



Eighth-grade students travel to Hummel Planetarium on campus at Eastern Kentucky University, in Richmond, to see "Oasis in Space" about our solar system.



Students paint Christmas ornaments, made by bending spoons.



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Million Dollar Club



Eighth-grade math students built Christmas tree based on Sierpinski's triangle — an art of study of solid geometry, algebraic patterns, relationship of two-dimensional and three-dimensional figures, strategies to find the nth term and symmetry.

Betsy Layne High School



Above are BLHS juniors Ashley Tackett and Brittany Stanley, ready to set a world's record.

BLHS students set Guinness World Record

On Thursday, Dec. 19, Betsy Layne High School students succeeded in breaking a Guinness World Record by having the largest number of people flossing simultaneously in one spot. Yes, you read it right.

Approximately 300 students, faculty and staff members assembled in the school's gymnasium at approximately 8 a.m. to begin flossing. Because the gym is not furnished with bleachers, folding chairs were used to accommodate the participants. To accomplish the feat, over 1,300 feet of floss was used, along with hundreds of latex gloves.

The event was sponsored by the school's student council.

Jarrid Deaton of The Floyd County Times, "Dr. Don" Bevins of WPRG, and Dr. Lee Boyd of Allen were on hand to mark the historical occasion.



Above is BLHS senior Chris Hopkins using his ESS time to read his latest AR book.

BLHS reading program excels

development for both teachers to devise and implement an effective reading program at the school.

The program began as a pilot last year and operated in conjunction with the Extended School Services (ESS) program. In these ESS sessions, students were taught fundamental reading skills and encouraged to read young-adult, high-interest literature.

This year, with the help of Media Coordinator, Mr. Ernie Walker, the reading program has incorporated the nationally acclaimed Accelerated Reading Program (A.R.) into the English curriculum. In addition, all incoming freshmen are now required to complete an A.R. STAR Reading Exam during Summer Orientation. This exam serves not only as an assessment to determine the student's A.R. level, but also gives the department an indicator by which to assess student achievement.

Also, with the guidance of the school counselor, Vicky Ratliff, a new English I-M course has been implemented this year that targets struggling English students, in hopes of decreasing retention and dropout rates.

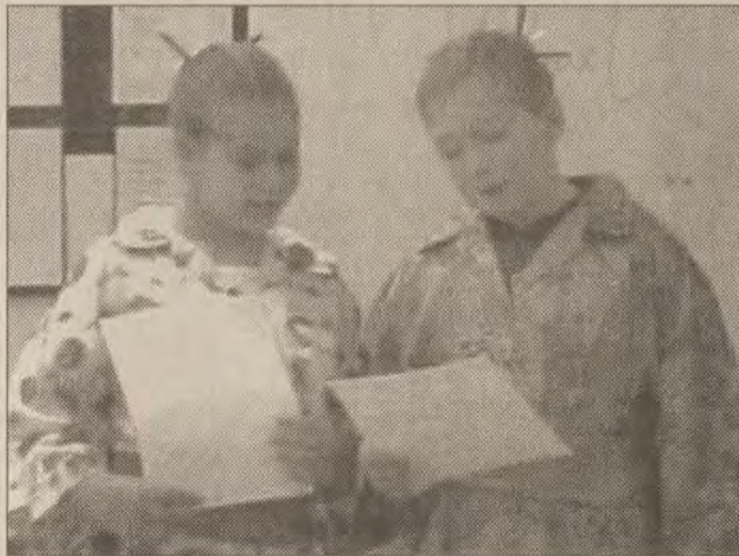
"The success of this program is directly linked to the support we have received from the administration," explained Kidd when asked about the program. "It really helps when you have a principal who believes in the importance of reading."

To celebrate the accomplishments of many of the school's outstanding readers, several students were treated with a field trip to Renfro Valley on Friday, Dec. 13, which included a Christmas variety show, lunch and, most importantly, a day out of school.

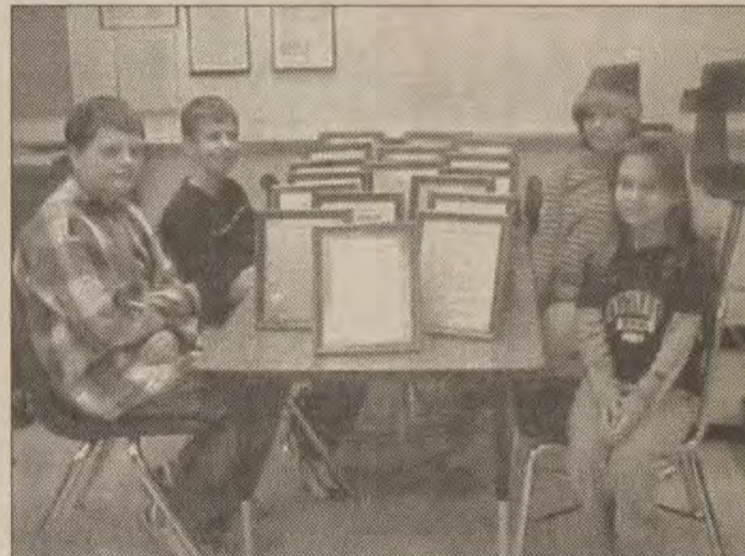
Clark Elementary



Clark Elementary wants to say thanks to their cooks for all their hard work.



Mrs. Parsons' fourth-grade students give a presentation on Christmas around the world. Pictured are Mika Hackworth and Holly Whitaker, telling about Christmas in China.



Mrs. Parsons' fourth-grade class wrote essays about the special people in their lives. The class framed them and gave them as Christmas presents to their families.




Clark Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving with a family dinner. Over 500 students and parents attended.



Larry Chaffins visited Clark to talk about coal mining.




Clark Elementary had their annual Christmas program, "A Christmas Musical Mystery Message." Parents flocked in to see their children perform Thursday, Dec. 19.



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Top: Steven Thornsberry, Brittany Brown and Sydney Bush. Bottom: Kaitlyn Vanderpool and Kelsey Whitaker

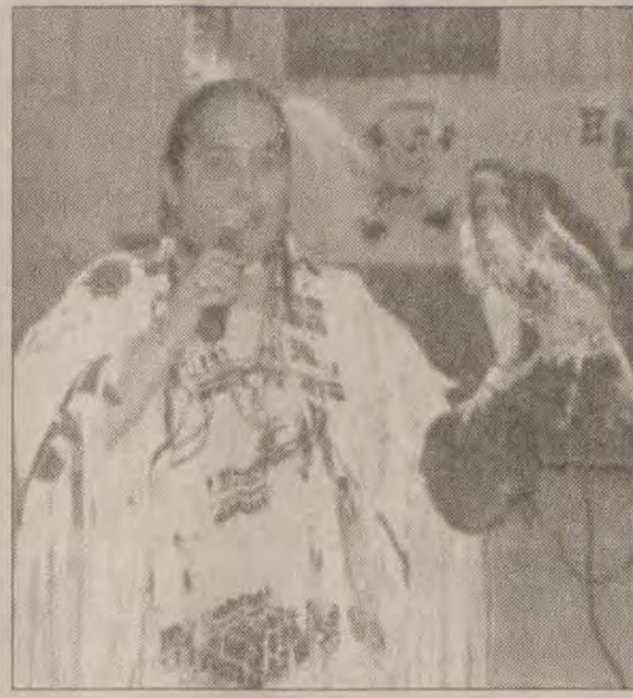
Duff students hold food drive

The Duff Family Resource Center and Mrs. Case's 4-H Club co-sponsored the Annual Food Drive. A total of 4,279 food items were donated!

These items were given to the needy in our community. Some of the groups receiving food were The Food Pantry, local churches, Wayland Senior Citizens and individual needy families in the Garrett and Wayland area.

A special thank you goes out to all those generous individuals who donated to this worthy cause.

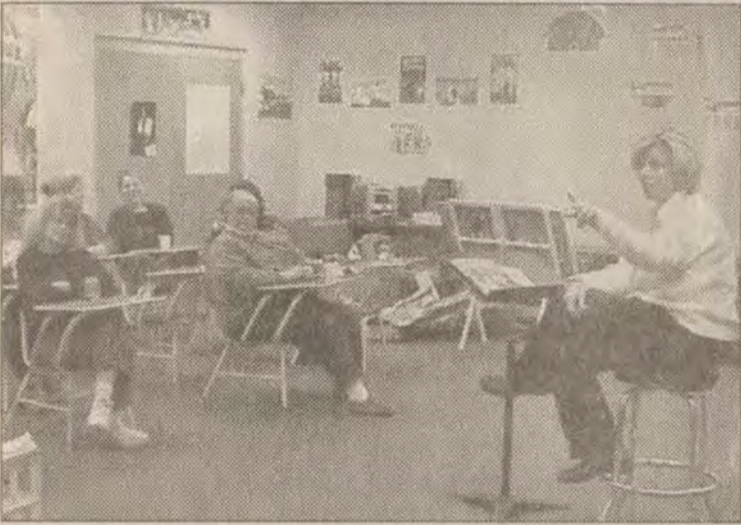
For this project: Kentucky Goal addressed: Goal 4: Students shall develop their abilities to become responsible members of a family, work group, or community, including demonstrating effectiveness in community service.



Native American Culture

The students at Duff Elementary were educated and entertained Friday, Dec. 13, by Mary "Mouse" Corral and Scott Crisp, two Native Americans from Cherokee, N.C. Dressed in full Cherokee attire, they performed dances and told of their Native American culture. Also, with them, was their Red Tail Hawk, Suni.

May Valley Elementary



May Valley Time Out for Parents December meeting. Stacy Bentley was the winner of the \$25 Kmart gift card in the drawing.



Recycling program.



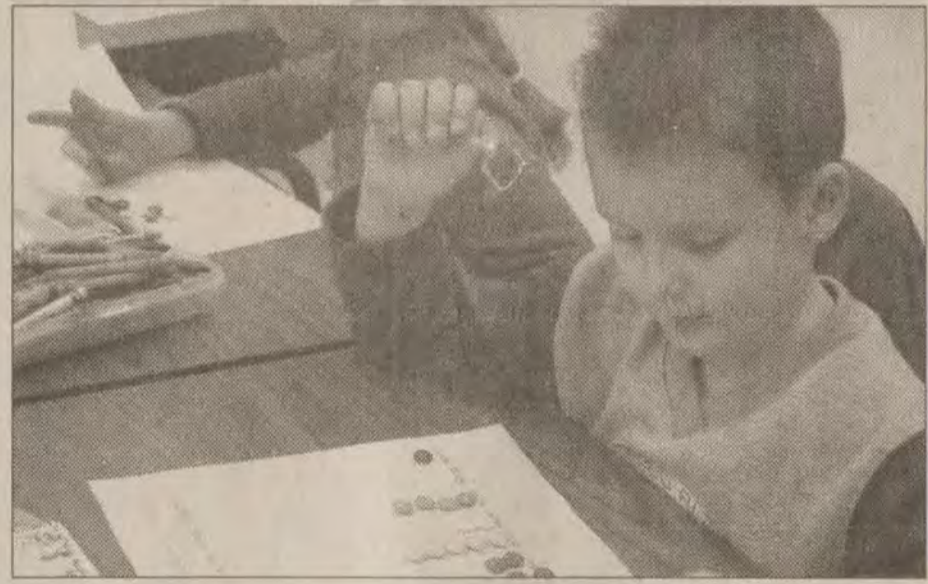
Jenny Williams and Courtney Mullins allow students to spend their earned points at the Mustang Gang store. These students have worked hard to earn the points that they spend at the store.

McDowell Elementary

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McDowell Elementary students are celebrating for the third month in a row as having the best attendance in the Floyd County School District. The winning school is presented the traveling monthly attendance banner.

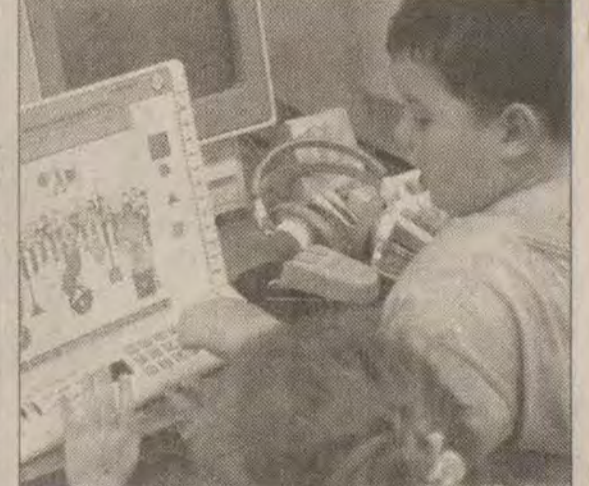
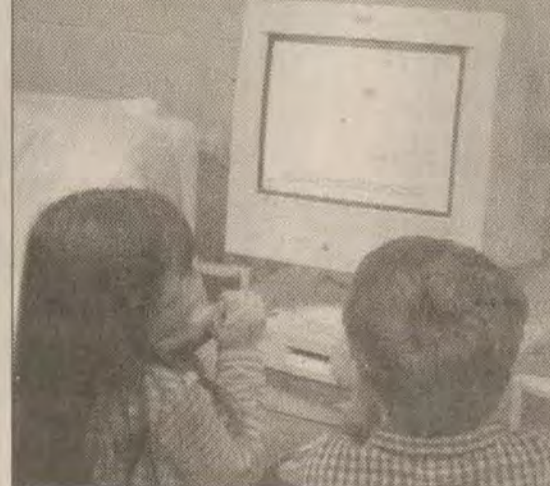


Mrs. Patti Dye's Class having been working in various centers, such as GeoSafaris, the paint center, the computer center and the graphing center.

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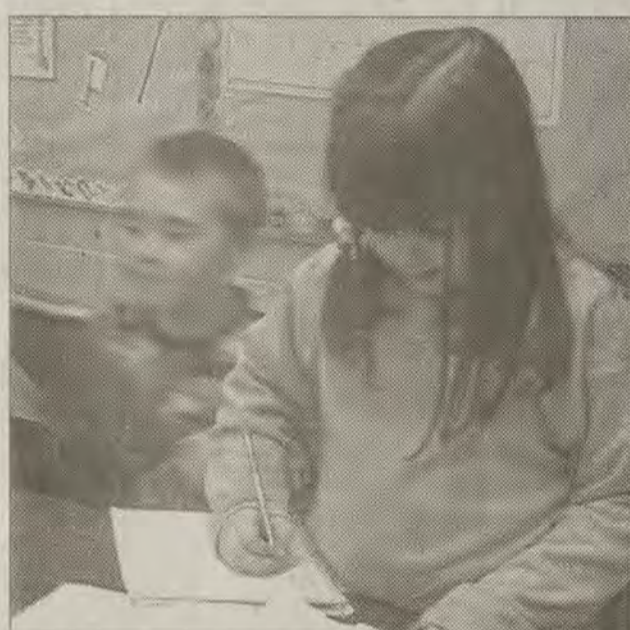
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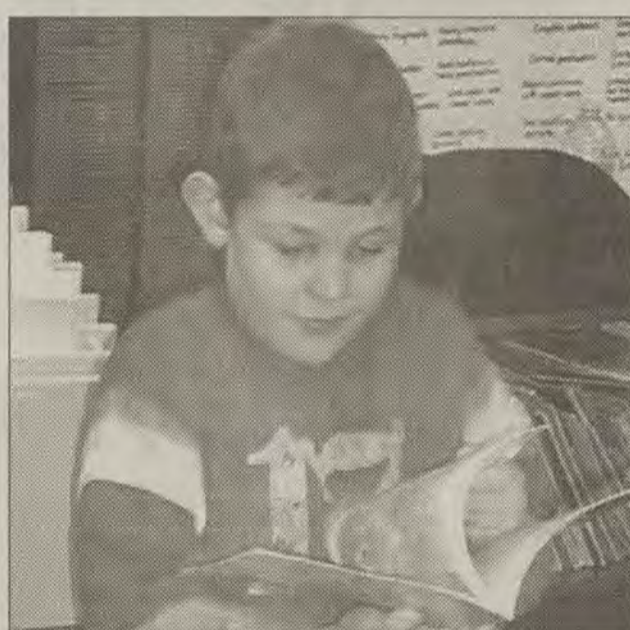
HOT STUFF PIZZA



**The entire school
enjoyed a
beautiful
Christmas play
presented by Mrs.
Wanda Johnson's
P4 class.
Great job!**



Mrs. Nikki Gearheart's class are preparing for the CTBS test.



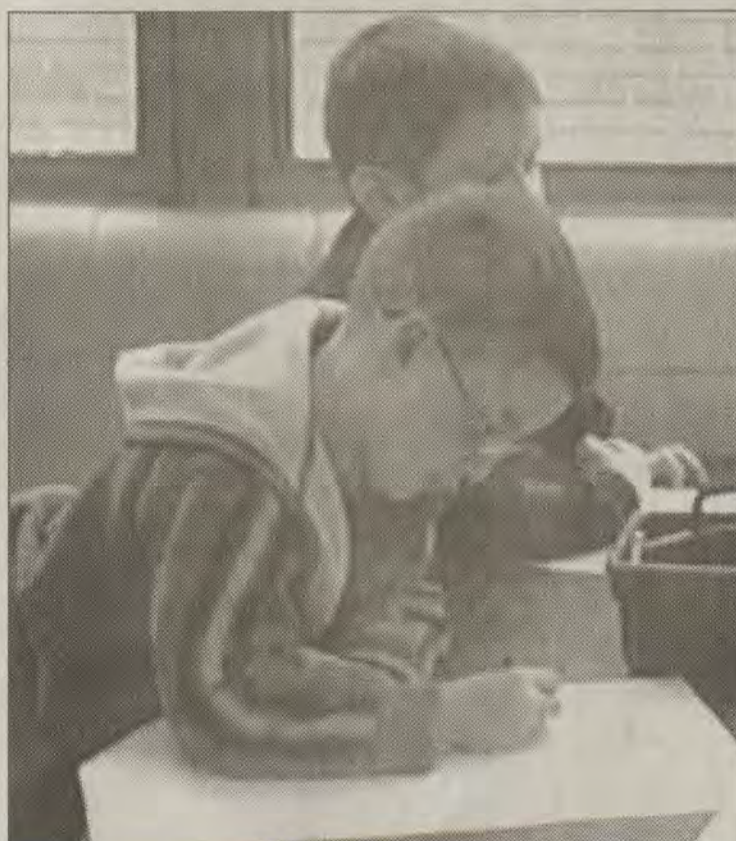
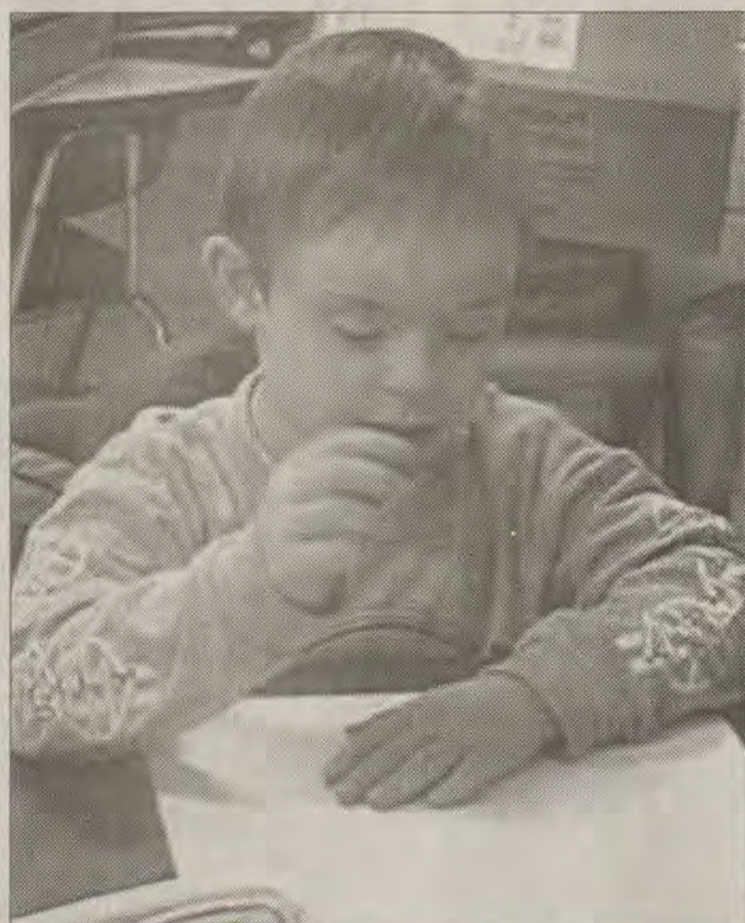
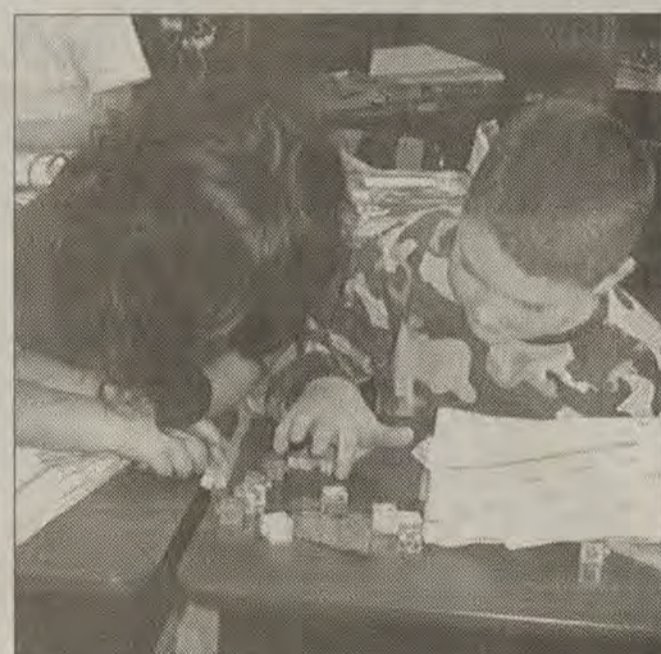
A special thanks to our cooks for their delightful goodies.



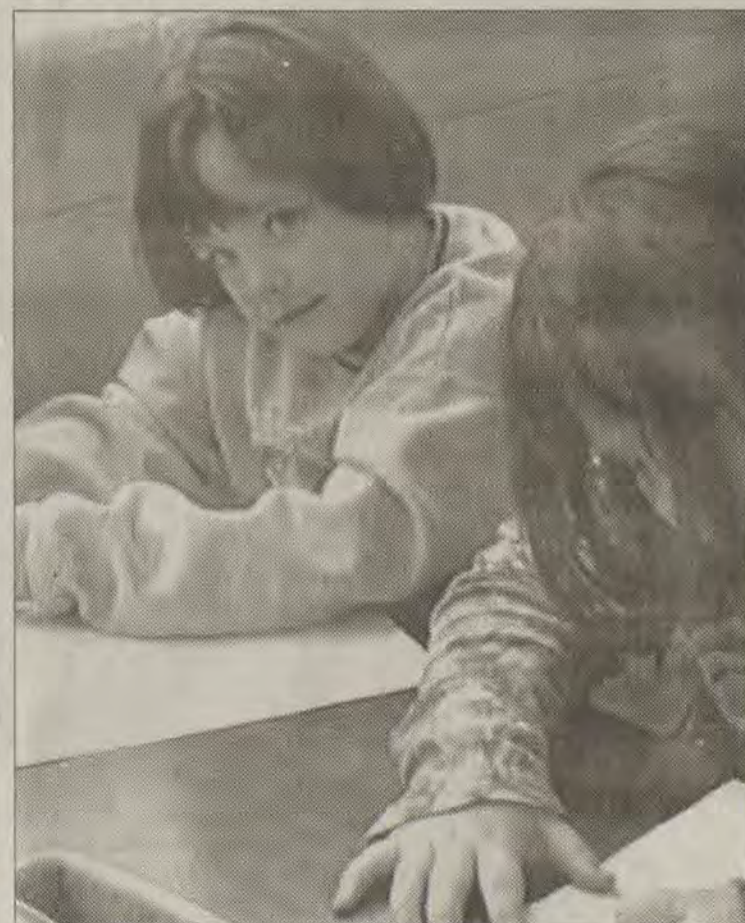
Mrs. Rhoda Paige's students, Courtney and Kirstan, created a "Tree of Hands" for their bulletin board. It was beautiful.



Mrs. Tonda Johnson's P3 class are currently learning how to regroup using manipulatives.



Mrs. Renee Allen's class worked very hard in Art class drawing their snowmen using geometric shapes.



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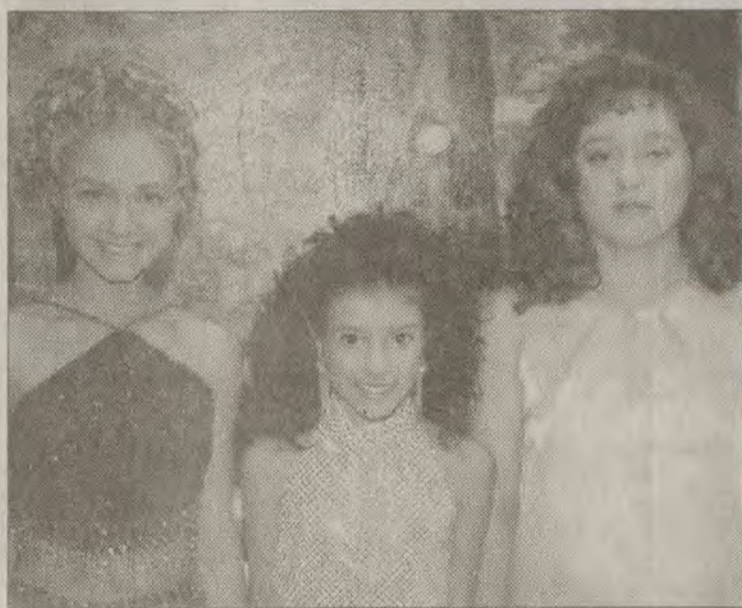
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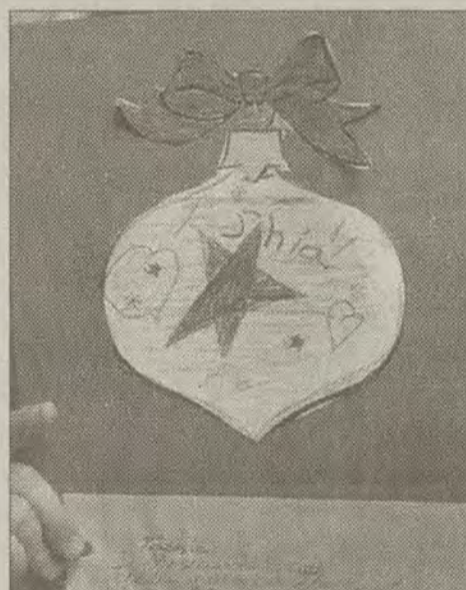
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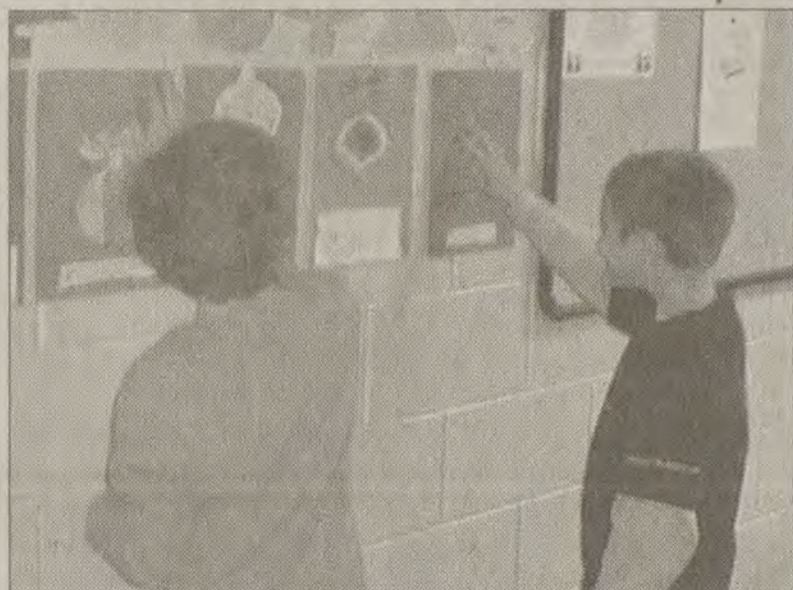
Sixth-grade Queen: Stephanie Conn. Sixth-grade attendants: Matraca Bentley, Trista Damron, Alex Howell, Morgan Howell and Taylor Howell. Fifth-grade attendants: Dorsa Hall, Bailey Hamilton and Megan Slone. Fourth-grade attendants: Laken Hamilton and Korri Hall. Flower girl: Caitlyn Shepherd



Mrs. Karen Hunt's Primary class made reindeer antlers.



Ms. Amie King's students worked diligently on their Christmas stories.



Mrs. Turner presented Melinda (Susie) Hamilton a 14-pound Butterball turkey as a result of a turkey drawing. Entry forms were available to parents in the school's monthly school newsletter that is mailed home monthly. Congratulations, Susie!

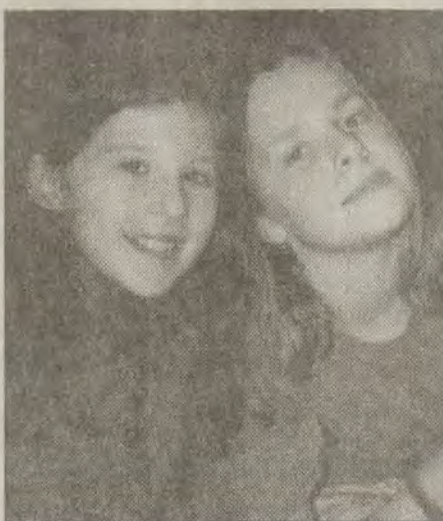


Mrs. Leah Moore's P2 and P3 class have been studying Christmas around the world. They created hats from Sweden and windmills from Holland. Feliz Navidad!

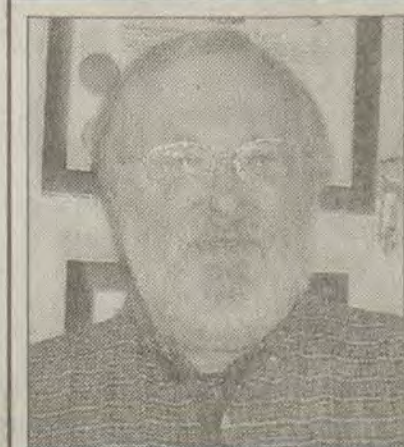
Mtn. Christian Academy



MCA Spanish classes recently collected items and made gift boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.



MCA's sixth-grade class went to the Mountain Arts Center to see the performance of "A Christmas Carol."



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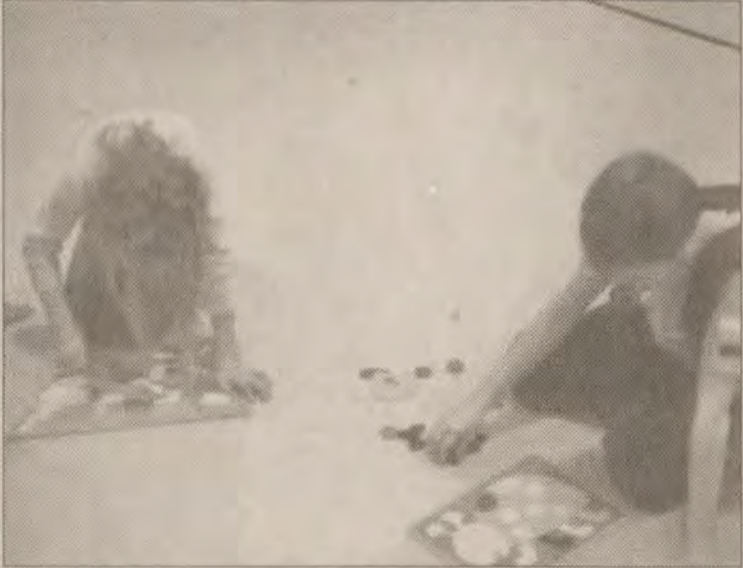
Program on bus safety, sponsored by Floyd County Schools.



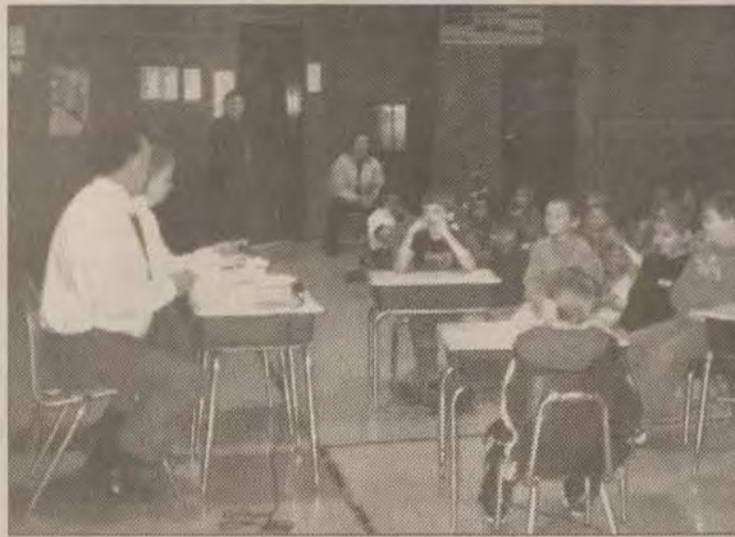
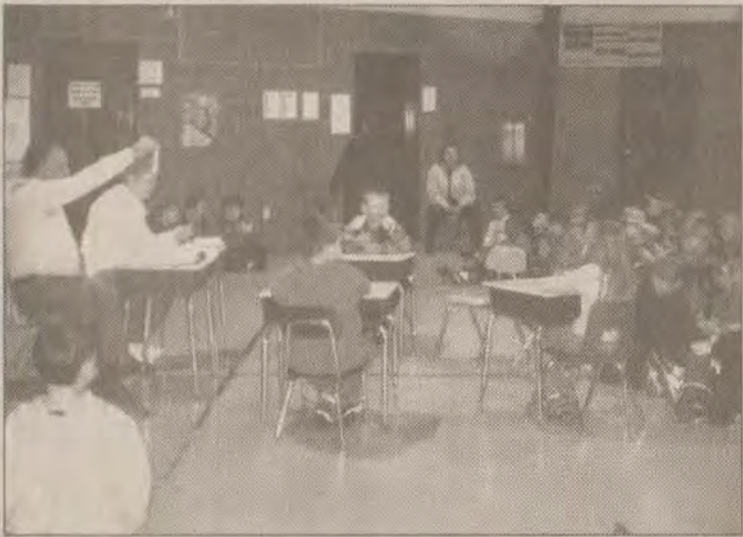
Jeanice Allen's classroom won a pizza party for collecting the most beef stew on "Make a Difference Day."



Jan Akers' primary class presented Native American projects as their culminating activity.



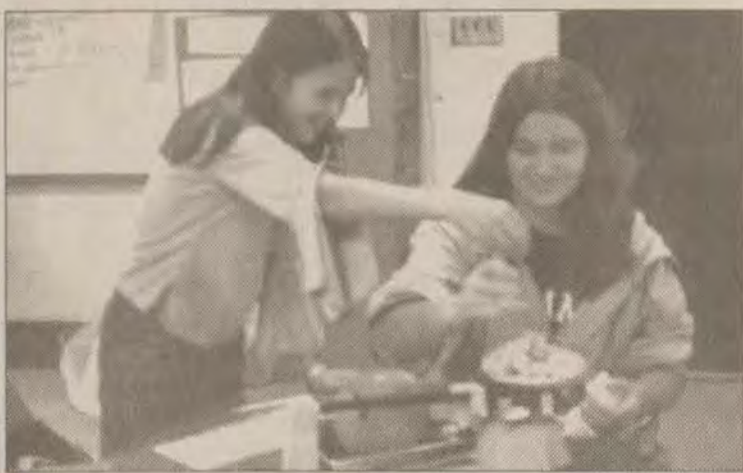
Students work and play together with items from the "after school activity cart," sponsored by the family resource center.



Osborne Elementary students participate in a Mathathon each month. Students are chosen through a Math Bee from their rooms and then proceed to the gym, where they compete between grades. Each grade level winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. All winners' names are put into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate. Students are quizzed on skills taught during the month from Kentucky Core Content and Program of Studies. \$25 winners are Brett Daniels, Crystal Osborne, Gordon Kidd, Bridgett Slone, Sarah Caldwell, Kiana Faine, Ronsheena Ray, Joslyn Isaac, Jazmin Mardis, Tyler Moore, Annie Hall and Cameron Butler. \$50 winners are Brett Daniels and Joslyn Isaac.

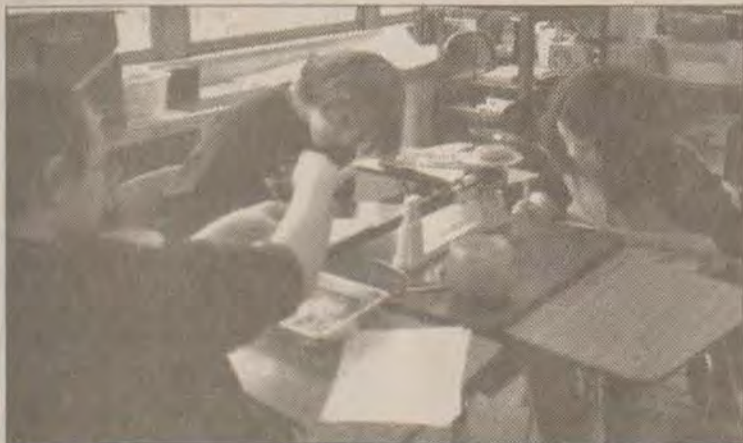
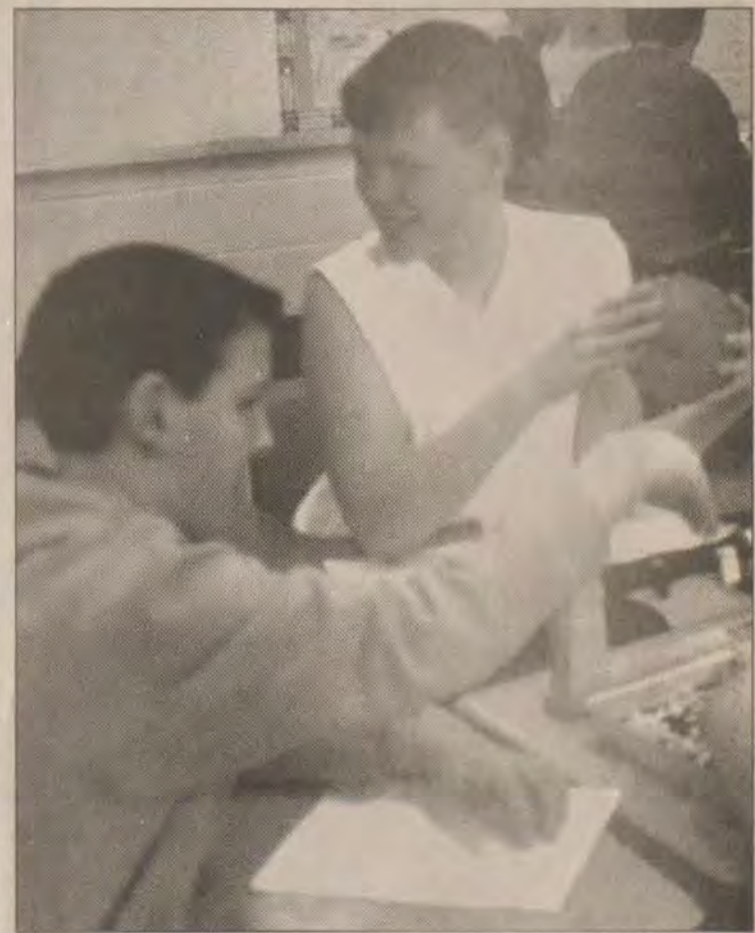



PRIMARY CHRISTMAS PLAY...



Pumpkin activity

Mrs. Sherry Caudill's fifth- and sixth-grade math class estimated and weighed pumpkin seeds and pulp. The class would like to thank Wheelwright First Baptist Church for donating the pumpkins for this fun and educational activity. Special thanks to Drema Bates for delivering them to our room and also special thanks to Ms. Cissy Williams of the Rainbow Family Resource Center for taking pictures for us.



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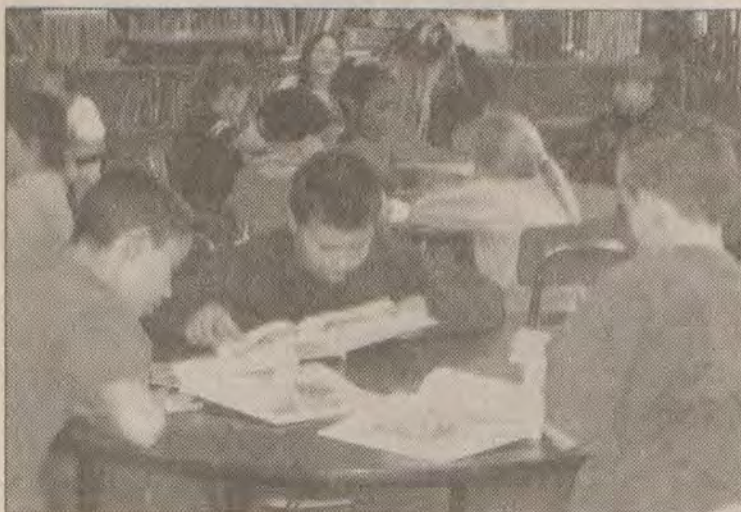


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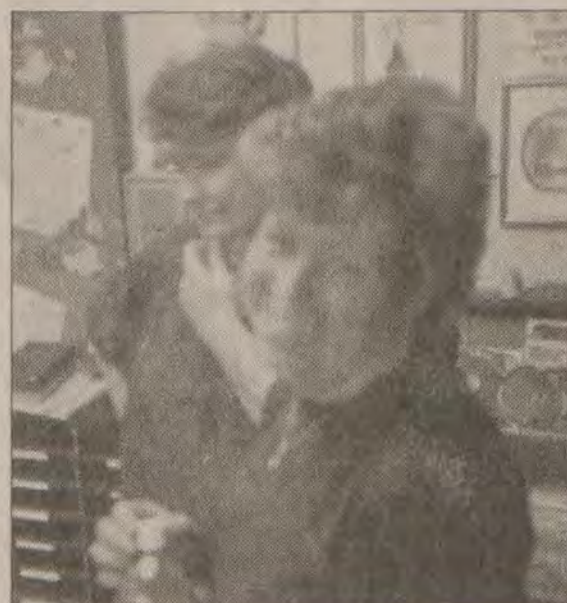
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Jan Akers' primary class recently received recognition for having the highest points in Accelerated Reading for the months of November and December.



Mrs. Amber Anderson's third-grade class celebrated Thanksgiving by making turkeys with their leftover pumpkins from Halloween.



One of our volunteers, for whom we are very appreciative.

Prestonsburg Elementary



Academic Team

Left to right, Tori Hunt, Cody McCoy, Victoria Petry, Nick Conn, Kaitlin Minix, Brad Stanley, Hannah Walker, Alexis Derosssett, Micaya Canterbury, Wil Allen, Tyler Whitt, Brittany Davis and Cassie Whitt. We are very proud of our team this year. Our last competition at Duff Elementary was very successful. Tyler Whitt tied for fourth place in social studies, Cody McCoy tied for fourth place in math and Victoria Petry tied for first place in language arts. Again, we are proud to have these students representing our school. Coaches: Ms. Betty Minix and Mrs. Joan Cornett.



Students from Prestonsburg Elementary share Christmas songs for the residents at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. The students are part of Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class. These students are Kyle Owsley, Zachary Coleman, Brandon Blackburn, Andrew Goble, Kennedy Collins, Lauren Davis, Sidney Hale, Taelor Blevins, William Wallen and Steven Little. The students made Christmas cards and delivered them to all the residents.



The Prestonsburg Elementary kindergarten classes presented the Christmas PTA program entitled, "The Night Before Christmas," under the direction of Ms. Rebecca Haywood, music teacher. Mr. Clark Allison was a guest reader for the evening. Kindergarten teachers are Mrs. Phyllis Allison, Ms. Reba Griffith, Mrs. Connie Parsons and Ms. Hope Tackett.



Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary had beautiful fall weather when the dressed in Santa hats at visited the Prestonsburg Health Care Center to sing to the residents before going home for Christmas break. The students are, front row, Sidney Hale, Zachary Coleman, Kaitlyn Fraley, Alexis Younce, William Wallen and Miles Goodman; second row, Kyle Owsley, Andrew Goble, Lauren Davis, Steven Little, Megan Mosley, Kennedy Conley and Jeffery Goble; and, back row, Brandon Blackburn, Ryan Rice, Lela Peppi, Verlon Rackey, Tyler Goble, Gabriel Walker, Matt Blackburn, Taelor Blevins and Emma George.



The Prestonsburg Elementary kindergarten celebrated the completion of their unit of study on Thanksgiving by enjoying a Thanksgiving feast prepared by parent volunteers.

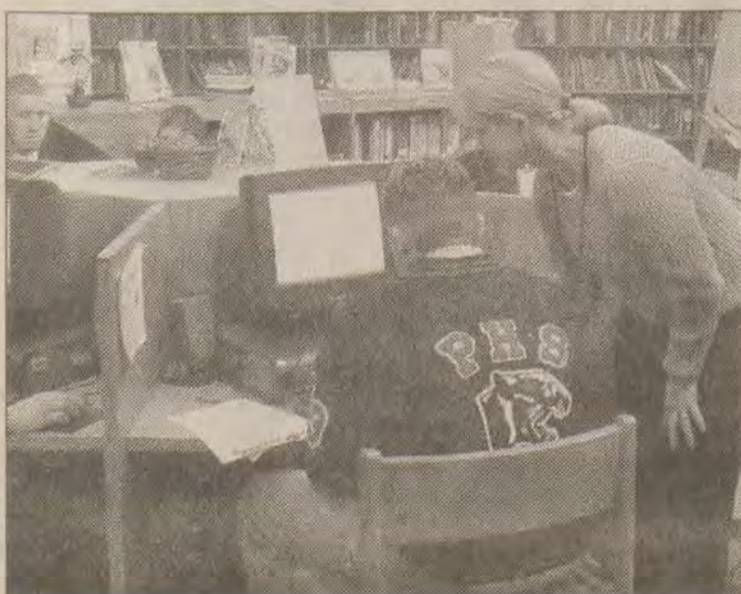


Logan Stumbo, Lauren Click, Grant Martin, Amber Kidd, Jared Little are dressed up for the occasion.



Mrs. Hale-Frazier and students enjoy their feast.

Prestonsburg High School



Mrs. Jamie Adams, library media specialist, collaborating with Mr. Terry Music's geometry class using Peanuts Geometry Online to measure the angle of a triangle.

PHS Library Media Center

The library media center is an integral part of the instructional program at Prestonsburg High School. The program provides an inviting, accessible and stimulating environment for meeting the informational needs of the total school community.

Resources are provided to influence student achievement and to increase their opportunity for success. Library media specialist Jamie Adams collaborates with teachers to provide opportunities for students to think critically. She promotes information literacy to help students to access, synthesize, produce and communicate information. Goals of the library media program include promoting information literacy, supporting integration of technology in teaching and learning and promoting reading.

Mrs. Adams uses projection technology when presenting lessons to students. In doing so, she finds students are more alert and more engaged. According to Mrs. Adams, "To teach today's

students, you have to get their attention. Technology is part of their life, and when you use it in a lesson, they are very attentive." Students are also taught in the LMC how to develop their own presentations and then use projectors to convey their information.

Another popular method of using technology in the LMC is a WebQuest. A WebQuest is an inquiry-based activity in which most or all of the information used by learners is taken from the Web. WebQuest are designed to use the learners' time well, to focus on using information rather than looking for it, and to support learners' thinking at the levels of analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

To visit the LMC online the address is www.phs.floyd.k12.ky.us/lmc/lmc.html

The Piarist School



Sophomores Lauren Preston and Shannon Hicks cheer on the basketball team as members of the school's new Pep Club.



Sophomore Rachael Hill is ready to begin as the other Piarist School students get ready on the school ski trip.



"You must be mad!" Senior Dave Hicks played The Mad Hatter in the Piarist School production of Alice in Wonderland.



Math team members, from left to right, sophomore Samantha Farthing, junior Amanda Keeton and senior Sarah Hill.



The Piarist School is a private, college preparatory high school located on Route 80 in Martin. Founded in 1990, 100 of its graduates have gone to college, many with scholarships.



Enjoying the school prom are juniors Ashley Gunnell and Matthew Francis.



"Are you sure Julia Child started out this way?" Junior art students Mary Beth Bentley, Hannah Goble and Amanda Keeton.

South Floyd High School

South Floyd High School November Students of the Month

Arts & Humanities: Megan Hall
Language Arts: Carla Hall
Social Studies: Meka Hall

Science: Leslie Mullins
Math: Jarrod Gibson
Vocational/Practical Living:

Adam Taylor
Psychology: Jessica Lafferty
French: Crystal Ramsey

South Floyd Middle School

STUDENT WRITINGS

Mrs. Joann Hamilton's reading class is writing to inform their audiences about works they have read and researched.

Below are a couple of samples:

The Thorn

By Kayla Anderson

Although I seem different, there's

beauty that lies within,
 You've called me dumb and ugly,
 time and time again,
 You taunt and tease me bitterly, as if
 I didn't know,
 My tears are from your mockery, I

just don't let them show,
 I lock my feelings up inside, until I
 leave the room,
 Then my eyes fill with tears, and it's
 all because of you,
 You laugh at me for things that you
 know I cannot help,
 Ask God why He made me this way,
 I'm sure you'll be overwhelmed,
 For I asked Him why He done this,
 and do you know what He said?
 He said He done this for a reason,
 and He knows it's for the best,
 Maybe He's right, 'cause once you
 look past, this mockery of you,
 Inside I have a heart that's pure, a
 heart that is true,
 You've heard the old saying, "Every
 rose has its thorn,"
 It's not my fault that mine has a few
 more than yours.

Cats, Eyes and Ravens

By Katy Hall

We often rule out anything that has to do with murder, ghosts or insanity as just plain weird. What if you found out that one of the most memorable authors of all time based all of his works on just that? Edgar Allen Poe was a very complex person who, supposedly, had a drinking problem and was, at times, considered crazy.
 Poe's wife, Virginia, was also his 13-year-old cousin. When Poe was about 27, Virginia died when a blood vessel broke in her neck. This event

caused great trauma in Poe's life. "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado" and "The Tell-Tale Heart" are some of his most famous short stories. All of which are based on murder, hauntings and his own insanity.
 "The Raven," "Annabel Lee" and "A Dream Within a Dream" are all very famous poems of his. Each piece was similar to another and his writing seemed to reflect upon his own feelings of loss and sorrow for his Virginia.
 The suspense builds and builds with each page. Do yourself a favor and read some of Poe's work. He lets you build from a prior knowledge to sustain the plots and twisted endings. If you're wanting something that makes you think, these are the stories for you!

Stumbo Elementary



First annual John M. Stumbo Elementary Kentucky Derby

The second- and third-grade students at Stumbo Elementary concluded a unit on Kentucky in November, by viewing the first annual John M. Stumbo Elementary Derby.
 The primary students invited the fourth- and fifth-grade students to view the Derby, so those students were also

very fortunate to get to witness this awesome event.
 This year's hopefuls included Blackie, Cheeto, Tornado, Elvis Presley, Keeko, Tato and Trigger. Dee Dee Hamilton, Stephanie Lawson, Bridget Vanover,

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Nathan Martin on his horse in Winners Circle

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Trigger was covered with roses after winning the Run for the Roses by Jamie Crisp and Karen Henry.

Derby

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Leslie Hall, Freda Hamilton, Melissa Little and Karen Henry rode the horses, respectively. The only horse to be scratched from this year's race was Mato. Mato was to be ridden by Mr. Jody Roberts. An injury prevented Mr. Roberts from fulfilling his dream of being a jockey in the John M. Stumbo Derby.

Trigger was the ultimate winner of the one-lap race. He won by two lengths and Cheeto came in second. Congratulations to both horses.

Students also ran their own Derby and the winner of that race was Nathan Martin. Congratulations Nathan!

Although the actual Kentucky Derby is run each May, the mock derby coincided well with the Kentucky unit and hopefully provided the older students with some information which will be beneficial to them on the CATS testing in April.



Class sends greetings to troops in Afghanistan

As part of their 4H project, Mrs. Stephanie Lawson's P4 class made Christmas cards for the American troops in Afghanistan. Pictured from left to right, first row, Ashley Tackett, Joshua Thacker, Dakota Salyer, Cory Reynolds, Clifton Mitchell and Eleshia Flannery; second row, Ashley Gillespie, Makeshia Hamilton, Brian Hall, Douglas Causey, Keitha Burchett, Darrin Gillespie and Isabella Hall; and third row, Kannon Newsome, Cody Akers, Brittany Newsome, Nick Justice, Colby Rogers and Courtney Taylor.

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Science field trip

On Friday, Nov. 15, students from J.M. Stumbo seventh grade traveled to Prestonsburg Community College for a morning of science, college style. The science and math department prepared a series of mini classes that the students described as "cool," "wow" and "awesome."

The students paid close attention in the chemistry lab as they were instructed on how to make slime and then assigned to a group to try their luck at making the slime. College students majoring in some area of science assisted the students in the lab and then talked to them on the importance of making good grades and taking every science class available.

When the students moved into the biology lab, they were amazed at the many animals and reptiles preserved in the lab. Even more exciting than looking around was making a slide and then studying it on a microscope.

Moving into the physics lab, students were fascinated when they learned about breaking light and color with motion. These

were a few of the activities that kept the students busy and filled with excitement.

After the groups had been through all of the mini classes the students boarded the bus and headed for Pizza Hut for a delicious lunch and some great social time. The students ate, laughed and discussed what they liked most about the day.

This trip was a joint effort of Prestonsburg Community College, East Kentucky GEAR UP Project and J.M. Stumbo School. The purpose of the trip was to expose students to the excitement of college life and to enhance what these wonderful students are learning in their science classes.

At both the college and at Pizza Hut, our students were complimented for their excellent behavior. This trip was so successful that more trips like this will be planned for the group.

The seventh-graders would like to thank all those who had any part in this day. It was nice to have a day out and what an exciting day it was.



Ms. Deresa Ray joined the John M. Stumbo Elementary staff as the new principal on Dec. 2. Welcome to our staff, Ms. Ray!



Student Spotlight

Pictured above is Cody Akers. Cody is the son of Ricky and Breana Akers of Grethel. He is in Mrs. Stephanie Lawson's P4 classroom at John M. Stumbo Elementary. Cody was named Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child school winner and was one of the conservation poster contest winner at JMS.



The Stumbo Head Start Class C recently spent a week discussing America. Each child made an American flag and Columbus Day hat. They celebrated by having a Columbus Day parade on the school grounds.

Wesley Christian School



Our preschool class prepares wreaths for Thanksgiving.



Ms. Ward's kindergarten class learns about sorting and graphing by using Lucky Charms cereal.

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