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### briefs

## Teachers to rally Feb. 12

According to Floyd County Education Association (FCEA) representative Betty Rowland, teachers and educational professionals and personnel are still planning to attend the "Rally for Education" event slated to take place on Feb. 12, in Frankfort.

Rowland says that the FCEA supports budget cuts that take place through a "reduction in force that goes from the top to the bottom."

Rowland informed the board that educational professionals from the area will leave at approximately 9 a.m. from the Mountain Arts Center parking lot on the morning of Feb. 12, in order to make their voices heard by state legislators in an effort to prevent further decisions and budgetary cuts that affect teachers, classrooms and the education of children.

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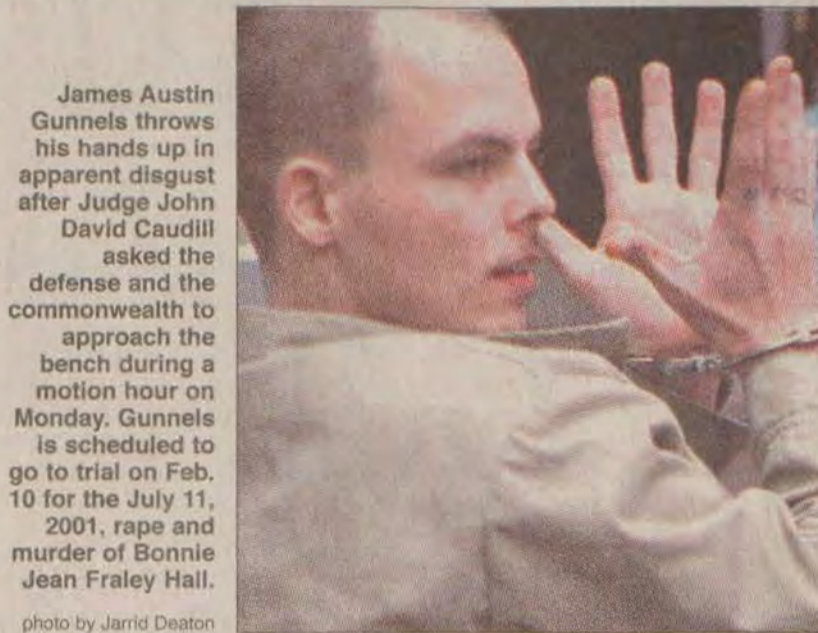
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##### Thursday



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James Austin Gunnels throws his hands up in apparent disgust after Judge John David Caudill asked the defense and the commonwealth to approach the bench during a motion hour on Monday. Gunnels is scheduled to go to trial on Feb. 10 for the July 11, 2001, rape and murder of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

## Judge denies attempt to throw out case

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The motion hour in Floyd County Circuit Court on Monday for accused murderer James Austin Gunnels included an attempt by the defense to have the indictment, death penalty and the commonwealth dismissed from the case.

Gunnels is accused of the July 11, 2001, rape and murder of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall, at the

Cardinal Mart in Watergap.

Bette Niemi, attorney for Gunnels, asked Judge John David Caudill to dismiss the indictment, exclude the death penalty and dismiss Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner and his office from the case due to the fact that the commonwealth had obtained records in reference to Gunnels that were confidential.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne

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Carol Stumbo, seated to right holding papers, who was recently named as the new chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education, paused during Monday's meeting to ask finance director, Matt Wireman, standing, a few questions about the upcoming 2003-2004 school budget appropriations.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

## Stumbo takes reins of board

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN—The Floyd County Board of Education held a meeting Monday evening at May Valley Elementary despite county school closings due to icy weather conditions. The meeting marked the first to be held since the departure of former board chairman, Rev. Johnnie E. Ross. As such, the first business conducted was that of naming long-standing board member, Carol Stumbo, as the board's new chairperson.

Stumbo, who has served as member representative for district 4 since 1998, was nominated by fellow member Jeff Stumbo, district 3, to hold the position of chair. Jeff Stumbo cited Ms. Stumbo's years of experience in the field of education, as well as her knack for being "extreme-

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## McGuire takes seat at board table

The newest member of the Floyd County Board of Education, E. Martin "Mickey" McGuire, was welcomed to his seat by fellow members at Monday evening's meeting, marking the first for the new year.

McGuire said that he was "excited" to be at the meeting

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## Shakeup changes ranks of P'burg public safety

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two years after integrating its police and fire departments, Prestonsburg is nearly finished setting the pieces in place to streamline their Department of Public Safety.

The blending of the two departments was jumbled last year when Deputy Director of Public Safety Gary Dotson-reenlisted in the military after the Sept. 11 attacks.

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## 45 running for statewide office

Drift man, ex-Cat file for ag commissioner

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Richie Farmer, the former University of Kentucky basketball player, filed Tuesday to run for commissioner of agriculture as a Republican.

Farmer, of Manchester, will be among 46 candidates for statewide office this year,

a total that includes eight candidate slates for governor and lieutenant governor.

In keeping with tradition, there was a last-day rush to the secretary of state's office by candidates who had to plunk down filing papers and a \$500 entry fee before a 4 p.m. deadline.

Farmer, who has been an insurance agent and currently is a financial planner in his hometown, was the closest thing to a celebrity.

Kentucky Republican Chairwoman Ellen Williams

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## P'burg still looking for money for sewer plant

### Most garbage bills to go up

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although moving toward expanding its boundaries and enhancing its attraction to tourists, the city of Prestonsburg is still struggling with the expenses of the sewer project and reports that an increase in garbage rates is state mandated as opposed to being generated by the

city.

The Prestonsburg City Council met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, where ordinance 3-2003 proposed that the city annex another 7,578 acres of unincorporated territory located in the Dewey Lake area. Councilman Harry Adams stated that the land was primarily ridgetop that runs from the spillway to German Bridge.

Upon passing the ordinance that met with no opposition, the city will have incorporated over 8,000 acres this year. The city also annexed a road going into Briarwood as a city street and named the road Victoria Street.

Representing Big Sandy Area Development District, Libby Ratchiff, project administrator, was present to sign a contract with the city in which BSADD agreed to prepare a Land and Water

(See SEWER, page seven)



Hansel Cooley offered a little light-hearted comfort to those who are dissatisfied with the cable service on Monday, as he announced that the rest of this seasons UK Wildcat basketball games will be aired on ESPN, as opposed to the Fox channel that Charter does not offer.

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**■ ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — There are about 39,000 students at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. And about 14,000 crows.

Experts aren't sure what has caused the noisy birds to congregate in such numbers. But two things they make in large quantities — droppings, and a racket — are causing them to wear out their welcome.

Entomologist Dale Hodgson, head of the campus pest management division, has been the point man for seven years in the effort to disperse the birds.

Hodgson has been trying to scatter the crows using "Bird Bangers" — fireworks that scream and trail flames after being launched. The goal is to scare them away, not hurt them.

"They're a fascinating bird," Hodgson told The Detroit News for a Tuesday story. "Their adaptability is incredible. It's amazing how they've adapted to an urban environment."

Hodgson most recently has

focused on the area around the President's House, which is unoccupied during renovations. President Mary Sue Coleman has been on the job only since last July, but she already knows what to watch out for.

"I am very, very careful to cover my head when I walk in that area of campus," Coleman says. "It beats me why they find the President's House so attractive."

**■ HARRISBURG, Pa.** — After being snubbed by Pennsylvania governors for nearly a century, groundhog Punxsutawney Phil will finally get respect this year in the form of a visit from Gov. Ed Rendell.

The new governor plans travel to Punxsutawney on Feb. 1 to speak at the Groundhog Banquet and spend the night there so he can attend the Groundhog Day observance on Feb. 2, spokesman Tom Hickey said Thursday.

"He knows a good thing when he sees one," said Bill Deeley, Punxsutawney Phil's handler.

It will be the first time that a governor has attended a Groundhog Day-related event in Punxsutawney since Gov. Edwin S. Stuart attended a Groundhog Banquet picnic there in the summer of 1909.

Groundhog Day is "certainly a Pennsylvania tradition, and the governor is excited about the opportunity to participate," Hickey said.

Phil and his handler were featured in Rendell's inaugural parade in Harrisburg last week.

On Feb. 2, at a spot known as Gobbler's Knob, Phil will emerge from his hole and "predict" the weather. According to folklore, if the groundhog sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter; if not, it signals an early spring.

**■ ENFIELD, Conn.** — The Stanley Cup — at least one that's made of Legos — has disappeared.

A replica of the championship trophy for NHL hockey, made from 6,000 Lego bricks, was apparently stolen in Las Vegas. The Denmark-based Lego company is offering a reward of NHL tickets and various Lego products for its return.

The model was taken sometime before the close of the annual sports equipment Super Show that took place in last week, officials at Lego's North American headquarters in Enfield said Monday.

The replica cup, one of two

the company built, was on display to promote a new line of Lego NHL hockey sets. The other model was a gift to NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

The cup was supposed to make an appearance in Florida this week at the NHL's All-Star festivities.

"We're hoping to convince Commissioner Bettman to let us borrow his personal cup so that others may enjoy viewing it," said Andrew Black, president of Lego Americas.

**■ ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — A retired Ann Arbor educator is taking a serious look at silliness in workshops she designed to better the lives of older adults.

Connie Craft's three-session workshop, called "Laughing in the Face of Old Age," started last week at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center. It is designed to encourage participants to become more active, Craft said.

"I think it's important for older people to exercise their brain, their body and to learn to play," Craft, 68, told The Ann Arbor News for a Monday story. "I hope they'll walk away feeling better about themselves with their shoulders back and head up."

Craft, a former principal of Ann Arbor's Community High School, said her father's cheerful nature inspired her to spread joy to other senior citizens. He was always singing funny songs and loved funny stories, she said.

Craft made the half dozen people at last week's session laugh by donning a variety of silly hats, from a safari helmet to a red and white umbrella hat. She also quizzed them on their lifestyle habits and encouraged them to identify an area of their life they would like to change and write a pep talk about it.

"I think laughter is very important and the opposite is detrimental to our health," said student Vivian Phillips, 67, who wore a red clown nose during the session. "I've learned there's a lot of people who need humor, and it's helpful."

**■ NEW YORK** — Nervous about navigating New York City's night spots? Forget asking people on the street where to eat. Just hop in a cab and quickly find the best places for food, drink and merriment.

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Operated by a wireless mobile computer, the \$3,500 touch-sensitive TV screens list restaurants by cuisine and location, movie theaters and show times. Cultural information comes from New York & Company, the city's tourism bureau; news, sports, weather and business updates come from

the cable channel NY1 and the Fox Network.

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More than 200 million riders per year spend close to \$1 billion to get around in Gotham's 12,187 yellow cabs.

**■ LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.** — It was a chilling mystery when a beachball-sized ice block crashed through a roof and landed in an unoccupied bedroom.

The sound was "like a door was slammed, but 20 times louder," said Joey Woodard, 14. "I looked around and wondered if a car hit the house."

No one was injured when the 2-foot wide chunk landed one morning last week. Neither Rachel Smith, 23, nor her 6-year-old half-sister Barbara, were in the bedroom they share.

The piece of ice may have

fallen from a passing airplane, homeowner Christine Woodard said she was told by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA said it is investigating.

"We've heard of cases happening before, but it is very rare," FAA spokesman Christopher White said. "A lot depends on the prevailing winds."

**■ HAMPSTEAD, N.H.** — A collie named Jarrod has earned the title of man's best friend.

The 1 1/2-year-old dog pushed his owner away from beneath his snow-covered roof down a stairway seconds before the roof collapsed onto the deck.

"If I was under it I would have been crushed," said David Levesque, who uses a wheelchair. "The way I was leaning over the rail I would have been cut in half, I would have been killed."

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Election

said Farmer could bring "star quality" to the lower half of the ballot — a collection of offices that have not been won by any Republican since 1967. However, that presumes Farmer would win a primary election against Leonard "Buck" Beasley of Bloomfield, who was the Republican nominee for agriculture commissioner in 1971.

Farmer, 33, said his renown as a former Kentucky basketball player "could help" in a race for which his experience is perhaps nebulous.

"I never ran a farm," Farmer told reporters. But he knows many farmers, he said, and he noted that his college degree is

in agriculture.

"I know agriculture is very important to the people of the state," Farmer said. "It's time for me to give back something to the people who have been so good to me. ... Farmer for the farmers, right?"

Farmer is part of the largest crop of candidates. Ten people are running for agriculture commissioner, eight of them Democrats, including two who filed on Tuesday — T.E. "Beck" Beckham of Louisville and Jimmy "Gabe" Turner of Drift, a onetime member of the erstwhile Railroad Commission.

Eight candidates filed for state auditor, including three

Republican women on Tuesday — Linda Greenwell of Taylorsville, Basha Cannon Roberts of Lexington and Peppy Martin, the party's 1995 gubernatorial nominee, of Bonnieville.

Greenwell, Republican chairwoman of Spencer County, said she was running for auditor because Crit Luallen, who formerly headed Gov. Paul Patton's executive cabinet, filed to run for the office on Monday as a Democrat.

Luallen resigned as secretary of the cabinet Jan. 15. She cited the scandal of Patton's extramarital affair with Tina Conner, a western Kentucky nursing home operator, as a reason.

Greenwell said she considered Luallen "a secondary Tina Conner" who used the administration to her own benefit. "If she was all that appalled" by Patton's conduct, "she would have left earlier," Greenwell said.

Roberts owns a computer technology consulting company in Lexington and is part owner of a 600-acre cattle and tobacco farm in Montgomery County.

Two other Republicans, both attorneys, filed for auditor before the deadline — Brad Moore, who lives in Berea and works in Lexington, and Osi Onyekwuluje of Bowling Green, a litigator for the Transportation Cabinet.

Onyekwuluje said he is a

native of Nigeria who was naturalized as an American citizen 15 years ago. He also said he would be giving up his job with the state. "That didn't bother me at all," he said. His wife, a pro-

fessor at Western Kentucky University, would be the breadwinner while he campaigns, he said.

Another Democrat, Michael Wayne Gayhart of Frankfort,

also filed for auditor. His papers were delivered by a relative.

The only race without a primary election will be for state

(See ELECTION, page seven)

Shoe Show clerk accused of theft

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former Shoe Show employee was arrested on charges of theft pursuant to allegedly taking over \$3,500 in money paid on lay-aways.

According to a court document, Rhonda J. Hughes, 28, Hagar Hill, was arraigned on Monday on charges of theft by

unlawful taking over \$300 for allegedly taking money paid on lay-aways and refunds, while she was employed by Shoe Show of Prestonsburg. The theft allegedly took place between Jan. 13, 2001 and Nov. 30, 2002, and totaled \$3,588.62.

The criminal complaint was issued on Jan. 14 and Hughes was served with a summons on Jan. 16 at Prestonsburg City Hall.

David man found guilty of cruelty

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The David man who was charged with two counts of animal cruelty for shooting a dog and dragging its body behind an ATV was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to two days in jail and a \$1,000 fine in Floyd County District Court on Tuesday.

John T. Thornsberry was accused of killing one beagle and wounding another belonging to Dexter Reffett on June 3, 2001.

Thornsberry told the court that he saw 12-15 dogs running around his barn and went outside to run them off. According to Thornsberry, four of the dogs came towards him and he fired in their direction with a shotgun.

Attorney Stacy Marshall, representing the county, asked Thornsberry why he did not just shoot in the air to scare the dogs.

"They might have had rabies, I didn't know what they were

going to do," Thornsberry said. According to Thornsberry, he found the dead dog about 45 minutes after the incident.

"I found two of my chickens that the dogs killed and got rid of them, then I noticed the dog beside the culvert," Thornsberry said.

That the dogs had allegedly killed some of the chickens was an important part of the defense used by Bobby Williams, attorney for Thornsberry.

Williams told the jury to keep in mind that it was legal to kill any dog that is attacking or threatening livestock or poultry.

Marshall used his closing statement to tell the jury he believed Thornsberry had a vendetta against Reffett and that was the main reason behind the incident.

"My job is to speak for those who do not have a voice, today it is two dogs," Marshall said.

The jury deliberated for over an hour before returning with the guilty verdict.

McGuire

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and was looking forward to serving the children of Floyd County as well as being hopeful that his presence on the board would serve to make a positive difference in the school system.

"One of my greatest strengths, I think, is that I have a lot of friends in the system," said McGuire.

He went to say that he hoped that these alliances would make for positive working relationships in the months to come.

Though Monday's meeting marked the first formal meeting for McGuire, Floyd Supt. Paul Fanning informed those in attendance that McGuire had already begun work toward earning his state required hours of professional development training through attendance of training meetings held this past December.

Dr. Chandra Varia welcomed McGuire by saying that the work of the board of education is "challenging" and that the future months would require "making lots of difficult decisions" but that "by working together" the difficult challenges would be met.

Ross, Frazier among names tossed out for LPC vacancy

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

An opening currently exists on the Floyd County school system's Local Planning Committee (LPC) for a community/business leader and former Floyd County Board of Education Chairman Rev. Johnnie E. Ross wants to fill it.

Ross, who vacated his seat as chair of the educational board in December due to a decision to not seek re-election, said at his departure that he would seek to find other ways in which he could continue to serve the communities and children of Floyd County. By casting his hat in the ring for the LPC seat, Ross makes a visible attempt to hold true to his promise.

However, at Monday evening's meeting, new board member Mickey McGuire, district 1, said that he supported a decision to name retired school board administrator, Gary Frazier, to the vacant LPC seat. McGuire noted Frazier's extensive experience with administrative affairs and educational needs as valid reasons to name him to the vacant position.

During discussion of the item, board member Glenna Slone, district 5, reminded the board that the last time a seat was vacant on the planning committee that the board had elected to hold public interview sessions with the applicants. Slone said

that she would wish to see the process handled in the same manner with the current vacancy.

Carol Stumbo, board chair, said that she agreed, thus a decision to table the issue for further discussion until interviews with the prospective applicants could be arranged was made.

Another item that was deemed as needing further revisional work before being held to a formal vote was that of formalizing the framework for the policy regarding student board representatives to the Floyd County Board of Education.

The idea of student representatives sitting alongside the members of the board during regular meetings was first proposed by former chair, Ross, who felt that student advocates would provide a much needed voice on future board decisions. Student representatives, as currently proposed, will be non-voting members of the board who will attend open meetings but will not participate in closed executive sessions. Their primary objective will be to "advocate the priorities of students in Floyd County," according to the current proposed policy.

During Monday's second reading of the proposal, Carol Stumbo said that she felt it was unnecessary to have each student representative attend each meeting. "We are not trying to create a 'mini' board of educa-

tion," she said. Stumbo said that she felt that having one student representative per meeting would be adequate to meet the policy's objective. She also added that she had recently spoken with Rev. Ross who had informed her that he "would be more than willing to help in any way" with the student representatives.

"Mr. Ross said more than once that he would help," Stumbo said as she urged further reconsideration of the policy before formal adoption.

McGuire, who was not a member of the board at the time the student representative proposal was initiated, appeared confused in regard to discussion surrounding the proposal as he made inquiry as to "Who is Mr. Ross?"

The new chair offered explanation as to the "Mr. Ross" of whom she was speaking before the board agreed unanimously to gather more information in regard to the framework of the proposed policy before making a formal vote on a second reading.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you."

—Mark Twain

Amendment 1

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Our View

## A victory for a free press

Pike County Circuit Judge Charles E. Lowe Jr. came to the right decision last week when dismissing a case against the Appalachian News-Express.

The newspaper had been sued by Jarrod R. Adkins, who was the subject of a story involving a brawl outside Shelby Valley High School. Initial reports detailed that Adkins, then a standout high school basketball player, suffered a broken hand and a head injury during the fight with students from a rival school. A later report noted that Adkins and others involved in the fight pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in juvenile court, where proceedings are normally kept secret.

Adkins sued, claiming the paper violated his privacy and cast him unfairly.

But in dismissing the lawsuit, Judge Lowe noted that the report was true and that the News-Express committed no wrong in obtaining it.

Lowe's decision is based on the simple concept that truth is the best defense. Under our nation's First Amendment, the press has the right to print the truth, even if it leaves some feeling embarrassed.

We don't believe Adkins was attempting to chip away at our constitutional protections. In all likelihood, he is just a young man who did not like how he felt he was portrayed in the newspaper.

But if we had a system of government which would have allowed his lawsuit to succeed, the result would be that no one would be truly free.

Newspapers, as well as other forms of media, have an obligation to report the facts. To do that, they cannot be concerned whether a particular news item will hurt someone's feelings.

That might sound cold to some, but just about every news story angers someone. A murderer certainly doesn't like the way he is portrayed in the press, nor does a public official caught stealing from taxpayers.

If the media attempted to avoid embarrassing people, those types of stories would never be published. That would leave a function important to the health of democracy unfilled, and democracy itself vanquished.

— The Floyd County Times



## Letters

### Admires legislator's bill

I admire Legislator Susan Westrom's introduction of a bill that would abolish clergy's right to stay silent when they learn of child abuse in a confessional.

She says "horror stories" of sex abuse in Roman Catholic Church and Jehovah's Witnesses led her to introduce the legislation. We're fortunate to have a legislator who appreciates justice for all.

She failed to mention that many organizations meant to help physical or mentally disabled are themselves a means of abusing the handicapped. Is our justice system maintaining equality for the disabled?

How dare any organization have nerve to enter life on grounds of comfort while being there for nothing but self satisfaction or theft, either mentally or physically. And it does happen. Danny Pigman Lexington

### Changes to VA health care

I want to alert your readers to three recent decisions that will improve health care for veterans in your community and across the nation.

First, President Bush will propose to Congress the largest budgetary increase for health care in the history of the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is 7.7 percent larger than the expected fiscal year 2003 level. The President, in a time of tough budget decisions, has again stepped up to the line on funding to keep America's promise to veterans.

Second, in the annual health care enrollment decision required by law, I announced the continuation of health care enrollment for 6.8 million veterans in Priority Groups 1 through 7, with a suspension of enrollment for new Priority Group 8 veterans.

Third is a new plan between VA and the Department of Health and Human Services for a program that will allow eligible

veterans to use their Medicare benefits for VA care.

Together, these actions will make a significant difference to our core constituency—the nation's service-disabled veterans and the nation's poorest veterans. VA faces the largest patient load in its history, and it is mushrooming. More than half of new enrollees are higher-income veterans without compensable service-related medical problems. Without an enrollment suspension, demand will outstrip our capacity in staff and resources, further reducing our ability to serve our core consistency. These actions together will help us maintain health care quality and continue to reduce waiting lists for services at VA hospitals and clinics.

I ask for support for these aggressive measures from veterans and their families, veterans service organizations and all Americans. These steps will allow VA to provide better access to reliable, timely and compassionate health care to those with disabilities related to their mili-

tary service, to low-income veterans and to those with special medical needs, such as blindness and spinal cord injuries.

Anthony J. Principi  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
Huntington, WV

### Deepest thanks

Elsie Hall and family would like to take this opportunity to thank each individual, church and organization from the different counties and states for their generosity following the loss of our home on Nov. 3, 2002.

It's impossible for us to express how thankful we are for the love kindness you have shown to our family during this tragedy. From our hearts, a deepest thank you. Also, thanks for all the thoughts and prayers. God has truly blessed us.

Elsie Hall  
Randis and Linda Hall  
Buford, Kayla Conley and daughters  
Dale and Johnnie Jude Roy, Nada Collins and son

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# Health Extra

## Cervical cancer screenings encouraged

FRANKFORT — Kentucky women are being encouraged to follow through on this New Year's resolution: get a screening test for cervical cancer.

Although cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent preventable, over 200 new cases of the disease were estimated in Kentucky during 2002, according to the American Cancer Society. The occurrence of deaths from cervical cancer has declined significantly due to the fact that the disease is preventable and curable if it is detected early.

During January, which has been designated Cervical Health Month, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services is encouraging women to receive a Pap test, a screening test for cervical cancer, especially if they have never had one or if they are rarely screened for cervical cancer. Women who are uninsured or underinsured may be eligible for low-cost cervical cancer screening through the local health department.

Use of the Pap test as a screening tool for cervical cancer over the past 50 years has reduced the incidence of this disease in the United States by 75 percent. Despite this success, each year thousands of American women are still affected and die. In 2002, an estimated 13,000 cases of invasive cervical cancer were diagnosed in the United States and about 4,100 women died from the disease. Most of the cervical cancers that occur in the United States occur in women who have not had a Pap test within the last five years.

Local health departments in Kentucky screened over 100,000 women for cervical cancer in fiscal year 2002. Nineteen of these women were found to have invasive cervical cancer and 760 had high grade lesions.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cervical cancer rates are higher among older women. However, dysplasia — abnormal cells on the cervix — is most common among younger women.

"This makes it very impor-

tant that we expand our outreach to older women for Pap tests and continue our efforts with younger women," said Trisha Mullins, clinical coordinator for the Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program.

Certain sexual behaviors, including intercourse at an early age, multiple sexual partners and sex with a partner who has had multiple sexual partners, are also associated with greater risk for cervical cancer. Women with immunosuppressive disorders such as

HIV/AIDS are considered at higher risk, as are women who fail to receive regular Pap testing and women who smoke.

The Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program recommends that annual Pap testing begin within three years after the onset of vaginal intercourse, but no later than age 21.

For more information about Pap testing, call your local health department or call the Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program at (800) 462-6122.

## Drug company to pay for withholding generic drug

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler announced Monday a proposed \$80 million settlement involving the popular heart medication Cardizem CD. The 50-state settlement resolves an antitrust lawsuit filed against Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Andrx Corporation and affiliated entities.

The suit alleged that Aventis and Andrx illegally agreed that Andrx would withhold offering a less expensive generic version of the drug Cardizem CD in return for Aventis paying Andrx nearly \$90 million. Delays in bringing the generic drug to market, the lawsuit alleged, resulted in higher prices for consumers and governmental agencies.

"Today's settlement should serve as a warning to the big prescription drug companies," Chandler stated. "If you illegally conspire to keep less expen-

sive medications out of the hands of consumers, we will take legal action."

Under the settlement, Aventis and Andrx must pay \$80 million into a fund that will compensate consumers, state agencies, and insurance companies who overpaid for Cardizem CD and its generic equivalents between 1998 and January 2003. The settlement is in addition to a \$110 million settlement reached earlier between the companies and drug wholesalers involving the same alleged violations. In total, the drug companies will be required to pay over \$190 million.

The proposed settlement was filed today with U.S. Federal District Court Judge Nancy Edmunds in Detroit and requires approval from the court to become effective. If approved, consumers who purchased Cardizem CD or its

generic equivalent at any time between January of 1998 and January 2003 may apply to a claims administrator for refunds.

An attempt will be made to directly notify consumers of the claims process, which is being finalized. The process will also be publicized in the media and on the Attorney General's website.

Chandler's office has also filed antitrust suits and obtained favorable settlements against pharmaceutical manufacturer Mylan Pharmaceuticals for allegedly fixing prices for the drugs lorazepam and clonazepam, which is used to treat Alzheimer's and other diseases. A settlement is pending with Bristol Myers Squibb regarding anti-anxiety medication BuSpar and ovarian cancer drug Taxol.

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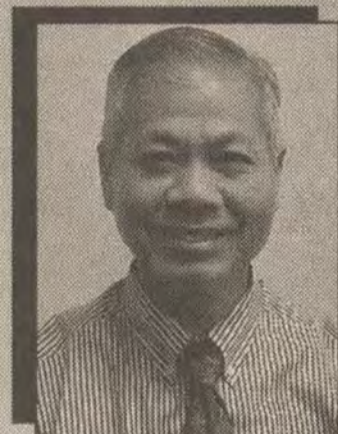
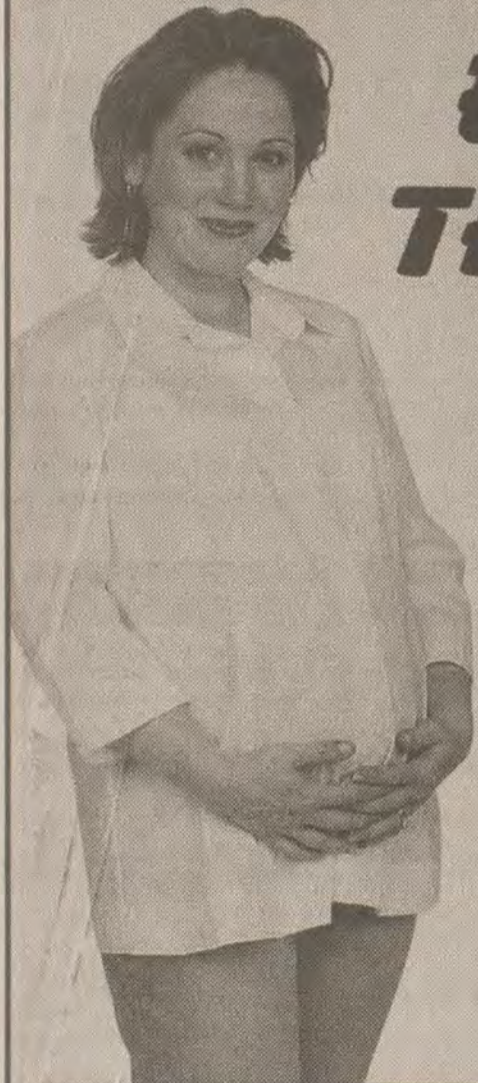
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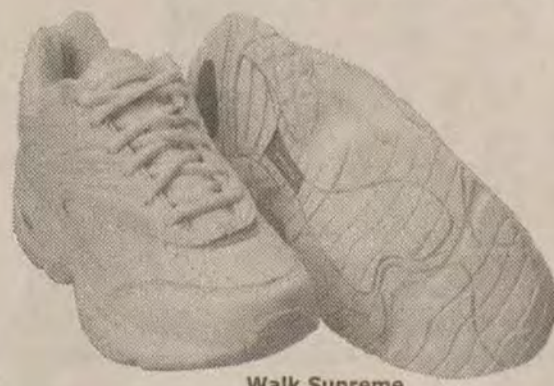
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# Obituaries

## Mary Belle Goble Hall

Mary Belle Goble Hall, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 13, 1913, in Emma, she was the daughter of the late George and Sally Hubbard Goble. She was a homemaker and a member of the Light of Christ Church, in Paintsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Hall.

Survivors include three sons, George Hall of Middletown, Indiana, Willie Hall of Anderson, Indiana, and James Charles Hall of Prestonsburg; four daughters, Cathy Crabtree of Columbus, Ohio, Minnie Lewis and Sally Jarrell, both of Prestonsburg, and Christine Holland of Salyersville; two brothers, Jesse Goble of Dwale, and Sammy Goble of Mansfield, Ohio; two sisters, Ruth Branham and Tommy Elizabeth Shepherd, both of Dwale; 27 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Roy Eugene Hall; four brothers, Loie Goble, High Goble, Charlie Goble, and Everett Goble; and two sisters, Susan Spears and Exie Lafferty.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jr. Hayton and Sammy Hamilton officiating.

Burial will be in the Burchett Cemetery, at Cow Creek, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

(Paid obituary)

## Lillie Mae Newsome

Lillie Mae Newsome, age 68, of Hi Hat, widow of Robert Newsome passed away Monday, January 27, 2003, at her daughter's residence in Wheelwright.

She was born April 1, 1934, in Beaver, the daughter of the late Riley Newsome and Ettie Newsome.

Survivors include three sons, Willie Hall of Ligon, Randy Eugene Pegrem of West Virginia, and Melvin Adams Jr. of McDowell; three daughters, Geneva Pegrem of Ligon, Nora Lou Hall of Galveston, and Betty Lou Slone of Wheelwright; six step-children; one brother, Riley Newsome Jr. of Price; seven grandchildren, Lou Tackett, Josh Slone, Char Adams, Areil Adams, Stephanie Slone, Dokota Adams and Jessica Slone.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, John Milford Newsome; and two sisters, Elvie Hall and Rosie Henson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 31, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hamilton Cemetery, in Teaberry, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

(Paid obituary)

## Mary Alice Stephens Herald

Mary Alice Stephens Herald, age 80, of Prestonsburg, widow of Edgar "Mutt" Herald, passed away Monday, January 27, 2003, at the St. Joseph Hospital East, Lexington.

She was born August 26, 1922, in Dock, the daughter of the late Bill Jack Stephens and Sallie Harmon Stephens. She was a homemaker and a member of the Spurlock Bible Church, Prestonsburg.

Survivors include two sons, Robert C. Herald of Prestonsburg, and Stephen D. Herald of Huntsville, Alabama; one daughter, Patricia H. LeMay of Lexington; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, William Herald and Thomas E. Herald.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 29, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Dan Heintzelman and Jim Stephens officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Mary L. Wagner

Mary L. Wagner, 62, of Wheelwright, died Friday, January 24, 2003, at her residence.

Born September 16, 1940, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Northern and Nora Alice Hall Little. She was a retired ward clerk for St. Joseph Hospital, and was a member of the Wheelwright United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Wagner and Tim Eads both of Wheelwright; two sisters, Pamela Krejic and Sue Bigalow, both of Lexington; five grandchildren, Britni Wagner, Justin Eads, Autumn Eads, Ryan Eads and Parker Eads; a brother-in-law, Homer Osborne; and nieces and nephew, Teresa Bowling, Carla Smith, Sandy Daniels and Gerald Osborne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Rose Osborne, Alpha Jean Workman and Willa Mae Little.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 27, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright United Methodist Church at Wheelwright, with Bobby Isaac officiating.

Burial was in the Hall-Little Cemetery at Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Grace Branham

Grace Branham, age 73, of Wheelwright, wife of Roy Branham, passed away Friday, January 24, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

She was born June 2, 1929, in Melvin, the daughter of the late Dove Newsome and Vangie McCray Newsome.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Terry Lee Branham of Paintsville, and Ralph Gilliam of Florida; two brothers, Ballard Newsome of Winchester, and Raymond Newsome of Florida; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Collins Blocker.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Louie Ferrari officiating.

Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: John Osborne, Ronnie Faine, Keith Faine, Martin Lafferty, Gene Mosley and Ashley Reynolds.

(Paid obituary)

## Lavilla "Aileen" Campbell

Lavilla "Aileen" Campbell, age 64, of Allen, passed away Monday, January 27, 2003, after an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Campbell.

Other survivors include her mother, Beulah Delong of Allen; three daughters, Gail Sheridan of Arlington, Virginia, Sheila Setser of Prestonsburg, Sandy Donahoe of Allen; one sister, Opal Boggs of Ashtabula, Ohio; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Estill Delong; one daughter, Lynn Campbell Tussey, and her sister, Rena Vanderpool.

Aileen was a loving and devoted wife, mother and daughter.

She was a member of the Amvets Post 27 Ladies Auxillary and was the owner of Aileen's Floral and Hobby. She worked many years at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Prestonsburg General Hospital, and Our Lady of the Way Hospital, as a nurse's aid and respiratory therapist.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 30, at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with burial to follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers are: Dan Sheridan, William Tussey, Randy Donahoe, Tim Setser, Winson Lee Slone, and Nathan Tussey.

(Paid obituary)

## Administration wants more mining inspectors

by LARA JAKES JORDAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, on the heels of last summer's Quecreek coal mining disaster in Pennsylvania, wants to hire 55 additional mining inspectors.

Labor Undersecretary Dave D. Lauriski said Monday the administration in its proposed budget for next year also will ask for \$2.4 million to fully equip, train and staff, with 21 additional new jobs, its newly created Office of Small Mine Health and Safety.

That office regulates the more than 6,500 mines nationwide with five or fewer employ-

ees, accounting for half of all metal and nonmetal mines and 20 percent of all coal mines, Lauriski said.

The small mine fatality rate in 2000, the latest data available, was nearly four times greater than in mines with 20 or more employees, Lauriski said.

Overall, however, the administration is calling for a modest 1 percent increase in spending, to \$266.3 million, for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, which Lauriski heads. It cut the agency's budget the previous year.

The agency has been under close scrutiny since the

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## Odds

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The weight of the 12-by-14-foot roof was later estimated at nearly 4,000 pounds.

Levesque, 61, disabled by severe arthritis and spinal problems, said he was leaning against a railing and reaching up with one of his arm crutches to remove some snow when Jarrod started pushing him.

Levesque says he believes Jarrod, who is trained to help him get around, knew exactly what he was doing and saved his life the morning of Jan. 6.

"Dogs and other animals have heightened senses that allow them to hear things we can't hear," said veterinarian Roger G. Wells. "He may have heard the rafters creaking or the timbers starting the break in the roof before it collapsed."

■ **CARPINTERIA, Calif.** — It turns out Santa was too big for his bridges.

Workers were preparing a 5-ton plaster-and-chicken wire

statue of St. Nick — a Highway 101 landmark for a half-century — for a move to Oxnard. They determined that the 22-foot-high Santa was too tall to clear overpasses and power lines along the 30-mile route.

Movers considered laying the him face down on a flatbed trailer but decided, after inspecting his crudely braced interior, that Santa had to remain upright to remain intact.

So workers lopped off the 5-foot plywood base painted to look like a red-brick chimney.

"We saved Santa, we couldn't save the chimney," said Mike Barber, board president of the Garden Acres Mutual Water Co. near Oxnard. "He just won't be as tall. He'll be 17 feet instead of 22."

The water company, which owns a freeway-adjacent parcel, plans to spend up to \$5,000 to install a concrete foundation, lighting and landscaping for the statue in its new home.

## State hasn't yet awarded black lung benefits under revamped law

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Despite changes last year that were intended to ease requirements to the Kentucky workers' compensation law, coal miners suffering from black lung disease still haven't received any benefits.

Since the changes took effect last July, 344 miners have filed claims, saying they suffer from symptoms of black lung, or pneumoconiosis, an ailment caused from inhaling coal dust.

None of the claims have cleared a time-consuming bureaucratic process that requires three randomly selected doctors to reach a diagnosis before the case goes to an administrative law judge for review.

"It's surprising to me how long it's taking," said Thomas W. Moak, a Prestonsburg attorney who has filed black lung claims for about 60 miners under the revamped law.

"Most workers' comp cases take four to six months to work through the system. It will take double that on the black lung cases. It's going to be almost a year from start to finish," Moak said.

Larry Greathouse, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Workers' Claims, acknowledged that the claims process is taking longer than originally anticipated. He had expected the first decision to be rendered by an administrative law judge by last October.

Greathouse said Tuesday the first case could make it through the process as early as March, with a few others following by late spring.

"It does take time, and it's complicated," he said. "But we're going to work at it with a sense of urgency every day."

Panels of physicians have reviewed the X-rays of 26 miners so far. Of those, Greathouse

said, only five were determined to have black lung. Even so, all 26 of the cases will be sent to administrative law judges for consideration.

Under the revamped law, more miners were expected to qualify. Miners with any evidence of black lung would be eligible for retraining benefits

worth nearly \$65,000 over four years. That would cover basic literacy instruction to college classes. Miners age 57 and older could receive cash instead of retraining benefits.

The modifications to the law loosened restrictions on black

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We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Rockfork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky., and the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, East McDowell, Ky., First Baptist Church of McDowell, Ky., Hospice of Big Sandy, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF  
AGNES AILEEN HAMILTON



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I can hear every whisper, I can see past the sun.  
My body is whole and my mind is so clear;  
I know all the answers and I'm free from all fear.

I know why you mourn me, I see how you weep;  
Your heart's full of aching from a Love that was deep  
And I'm grateful for loved ones that hold me so dear,  
But remember, I've found a better place here.

I will be there beside you, always nearby;  
So don't mourn me for long, nor forever cry.  
And whenever your sorrow bears down on your heart  
Think not of my ending, but of my new start.  
For on the earth there's no joy that I'd ever see;  
To compare to the joy of God smiling on me!

Author Unknown

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The family of Virgil Slone would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families, who helped during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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The family of Virgil B. Hall would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends and family who helped comfort them in any way upon the passing of our beloved. Sincere thanks to those who said a prayer or a kind word, sent flowers, food or cards, or assisted with arrangements. A special thanks to Jimmie Hall and the ministers from the Little Rosa Baptist Church, Denzil Ray and Donna Hall, the pallbearers, Roger Webb, Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and Hall Funeral Home for their services.

Pallbearers: Christina Hal Pitts, Renny Alan Hall, Stuart Hall, James Hall, Greg Hall, Les Hall, Doug Hall, Hugh Allen Hall, and Brother Stumbo.

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# Farler moves from sheriff's office to PPD

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A short while into his new term as sheriff, John K. Blackburn is mulling his first significant change in personnel.

Blackburn confirmed Monday that his chief deputy, Stan Farler, will be leaving the sheriff's department to take a position with the Prestonsburg City Police.

Farler, a former Kentucky State Police Trooper who took over the duties of the department's top deputy in mid-March, leaves on excellent terms, said Blackburn.

"All I can say is that he's a good man," Blackburn said. "The city's just giving him more

money, and I can't afford it. Stan's a good officer and he's good for any department he goes to."

Farler reportedly gave Blackburn his two week notice sometime last week and will leave the position he helped fill after former sheriff's department lieutenant Ricky Thornberry was indicted last year in a weapons permit scandal.

The move, according to Farler, was less about the money and more about the opportunity.

"The money's a little more than here," said Farler, "but I'm really just looking forward to the opportunity. Prestonsburg has a really good police department and I'm just looking forward to working and offering my experience."

Beginning next week, Farler will begin his duties as Prestonsburg City Police's assistant chief of operations, a job made available after the department split into two divisions — operations and administration. The job will afford a unique chance in police work, Farler said.

"I'm going to have the duties of chief without the paper work," Farler said Monday. "It's something I've always wanted and it's a good system. I'm not going over there to try and change anything, just offer my help and help make it work as good as possible."

In 1992, Farler retired from

the Kentucky State Police and then, a year later, helped form and became the first director of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force. Farler said when he left that task force, which covered five counties in its efforts, the move was misunderstood.

"I told them I would stay with them for a year and help

them get started," said Farler. "I wanted to help, but then I wanted to go and start my own business."

Farler says his decision to leave the sheriff's department was a similar situation, a chance at something he wanted to be

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## Stumbo

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ly organized" as reasons for his decision to name her as the new board chair. The nomination was seconded by member Glenna Slone and carried by unanimous vote.

Stumbo was presented with the chairman's gavel by Supt. Paul Fanning immediately following the vote.

Dr. Chandra Varia, member, district 2, said of the decision that she had "learned a lot from Carol" and that "once she has made a decision, you can see it in her eyes" as she offered words of congratulations to Stumbo.

The board voted to have Jeff Stumbo continue in his duties as vice-chairperson.

## Election

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treasurer. Democratic incumbent Jonathan Miller and Republican challenger Adam Koenig drew no opposition from within their parties.

Miller is the only constitutional officeholder eligible to run for re-election this year.

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Joey Pendleton (D), Hopkinsville  
T.E. "Beck" Beckham (D), Louisville  
Jimmy "Gabe" Turner (D), Drift

## Sewer

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Agency grant for the in-town sewer system. He reported that although the first phase of the project had begun, the second phase was waiting for funding.

Mayor Jerry Fannin stated that associates of Hal Rogers are currently setting up a meeting to find funding for the project. Horne stated that the utility company was also looking for funding to lay a water line to Highlands Regional Hospital and installing a one million gallon tank.

The council approved a garbage bill increase, bringing the residential rate for those under 65 to \$11.85. Commercial rates will be \$4.50 a loose cubic yard, while senior rates will remain the same. Hansel Cooley, councilman, pointed out that the increase was state mandated and not a decision that was generated by the city.

Referring to old business, Jimmy J. Derossett, councilman, brought up the cable com-

pany issues, stating that "prices had gone up" and "service had gone down". Derossett stated that he did not think that Charter's prices were in range with other systems in the area. Danny Hamilton, councilman, stated that he didn't understand why the company couldn't broadcast Fox South, commenting that he did not want to watch the "Pirates". Cooley stated that the rest of this season's UK games will be aired on ESPN, so no one would miss them. Mayor Fannin called for a meeting with Charter, which would be addressed by the cable committee next Monday at noon.

The council also reappointed Randy Burchett to the Planning Board, appointed C.J. McNalley to the Code of Ethics for a one year term, replacing Carmel Spears, and appointed Estill Carter to the Code of Ethics for a three year term, replacing Ditty Tackett.

## Contentment

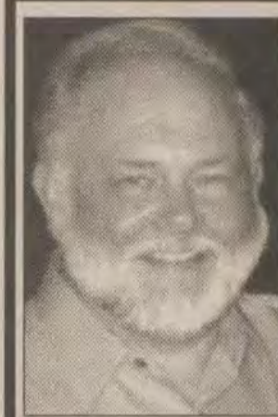
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lung claims that were enacted in 1996. With those restrictions in place, the Department of Workers' Claims approved only 11 claims over a five-year period.

Moak said decisions reached so far by the panels of physicians show that winning black lung claims will not be easy. He said he expects many of the first cases to follow the prescribed appeals process to the Workers' Compensation Board, the state Court of Appeals and ultimately the state Supreme Court.

Many of those cases could take two to three years to be decided in the appeals process, which, Moak said, likely will help iron out what he sees as questionable portions of the new black lung law.

Susie Davis, president of the Kentucky Black Lung Association in Pikeville, said her organization argued last year that the changes didn't go far enough to make the black lung law effective.

"It's not worth the paper it's written on," Davis said. "I'm disappointed. That was just another made-up piece of business, and I'm disappointed that the politicians from eastern Kentucky didn't fight for a better law."

Moak said he expects to challenge limits the legislature placed on evidence that can be presented to the administrative law judges, especially on which physicians can be called to testify. Under the law, a coal miner's personal physician would not be allowed to present medical evidence. Moak said that could be considered an unconstitutional violation of due process.

"There's a lot of miners who are waiting to see the outcomes of these early cases before they file claims," Moak said. "We consider these early cases to be test cases."

Coal miners in Eastern Kentucky had flocked to lawyers in hopes that changes made to the state's workers' compensation law last year might make them eligible for black lung benefits. Many, however, are waiting to see how the initial group of miners fare before applying themselves.

Greenhouse said the ages of miners applying for benefits vary widely. Only two were over 65; 116 were between 55 and 64; 190 were between 45 and 54; and 73 were under 44.

The National Black Lung Association estimates 1,500 people die each year due to black

lung disease. New cases continue to pop up despite efforts to control the amount of black dust inhaled by miners.

A study by the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration in 2000 found that about one in 50 coal miners who volunteered for free chest X-rays showed evidence of black lung disease. About 11 percent of those with signs of the disease were between 30 and 40 years old.

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**Mining**

Quecreek disaster last July that riveted the nation when nine miners were trapped underground for 77 hours after breaking into a flooded, abandoned mine in Somerset, Pa.

More recently, three people died and another three were injured last week during a mine explosion in Cameron, West Virginia.

Lauriski's agency has been under fire recently by the United Mine Workers of America, which filed a petition in federal court in November to overturn a Bush administration decision against setting stricter health standards for coal and metal miners exposed to carcinogens while on the job.

During the Quecreek accident, the mine safety agency was criticized because its budget had been reduced by 6 percent from the previous year.

Lauriski said the issue is "how do we allocate the resources to get the best return on our investments" in mind safety.

"Certainly, we want to look at Quecreek; we want to look at the accident that happened in West Virginia last week as how to best utilize those resources to make sure we make improvements in health and safety across this country," she said.

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# Community Calendar

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**AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS TO BEGAN WORKING, FEB. 4**

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will begin preparing income tax forms for the elderly and low-income taxpayer on Tuesday of each week, beginning February 4, at the Floyd County Library. Hours are from 9-3:30. Bring last year's tax return and information for 2002. The service is free.

**RETIRED TEACHERS TO MEET**

The Floyd County Retired Teachers meeting will be held at May Lodge on Feb. 6, 2003, at 10 a.m. All retired teachers are urged to attend.

**"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"**

■ **Fibromyalgia Support Group**—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ **Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group**—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ **The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group**—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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■ **Prostate Cancer Support Group**—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

■ **MS Support Group**—Meets 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous (O.A.)** meets every Monday, from 7-8:30 p.m., at St. Martha Catholic Church. For more information, call 886-2513.

**BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sandy will hold a "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraising event on the following dates at the following locations: Prestonsburg, Pin Zone, Feb. 22; Paintsville, Sparetime Bowling Lanes, March 1; Pikeville, Mark III Classic Lanes, March 8; and in Knott County, Alice Lloyd College cam-

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## Board takes first look at possible cuts

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

New Floyd County Board of Education member, attorney Mickey McGuire may be new to the board of education, but he certainly is not new to the business of asking questions as evidenced by the curiosity he exhibited during a presentation offered to the board by the school system's finance director, Matt Wireman.

Wireman presented a "draft budget" to the board for the 2003-2004 school year on Monday evening. Stating clearly that "this is a review, not an adoption," as Wireman began an early start toward the presentation of budget proposals for the upcoming school year.

Citing difficulties of the past fiscal year, Wireman outlined for the board several areas in which he felt that perhaps future cuts could be made in expenditures. Among those areas were extended services, health aides, travel, community education/public relations, substitutes and certified personnel, MAC (Mountain Arts Center) trips, special education programs, Opportunities Unlimited, and counselor aides.

Among those areas already budgeted are TAG (Talented and Gifted) programs, bus purchas-

es, district instructional programs, attendance officers, wage and hour losses adjustment, a finance department vacancy, maintenance staff cuts, building renovations and superintendent/central office expenditures.

Wireman informed the board that currently approximately 59 percent of allocated funds go toward employee salaries and that 51 percent of funds are "supposed to be" going directly into classrooms.

Wireman also said that he expects the upcoming year to have to face budget cuts on both the local and state levels.

McGuire expressed concern in regard to making any budget cuts that would directly affect teaching staff and classroom instruction. "I think we should look outside cutting teachers and cutting classrooms. I know that we are learning here tonight, but I would strongly support no cuts affecting teachers and our classrooms," he said.

"Maybe there are some people or services in the central office that may really be a luxury and not a necessity. Maybe we can look to cuts there. I agree with you (in reference to board chair, Carol Stumbo) that teachers and instructional programs are the last place to look for cuts," McGuire continued.

## Gunnels

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Taylor told the court that documents that were obtained by the prosecution were public records with the exception of some medical records that could contain confidential information.

"The information contained in those records is at least five years prior to the incident and has no relevance to the case," Taylor said.

Judge Caudill admitted that the commonwealth had acted improperly in obtaining the confidential records, but overruled all three of the motions by the defense.

Niemi then asked the court for a stay of proceedings in order to file the motion with the Court of Appeals, but that was also overruled by Judge Caudill.

Taylor later told The Floyd County Times that the commonwealth believes that the defense was trying to get the case thrown out on a technicality.

"There are numerous records that are obtained when investigating a case, they are grasping at straws," Turner said.

According to Turner, the murder trial for Gunnels will start on schedule unless the Court of Appeals grants a continuance because of the motions

by the defense.

Judge Caudill did not make a ruling on the admission of letters supposedly written by Gunnels because he had yet to read them first. The judge had previously ruled that any letter written to the court would not be admissible.

DNA evidence obtained by the commonwealth was also the subject of a motion by the defense. The defense informed the court that they would like to have more specific information from the DNA lab. Taylor believes that this is another attempt by the defense to continue the case.

"They have asked for this just to preserve appeal and to continue the case," Taylor said.

Judge Caudill told the commonwealth that they had to answer the motion from the defense by Feb. 7.

The murder trial for James Austin Gunnels is scheduled to begin on Feb. 10, in Mount Sterling.

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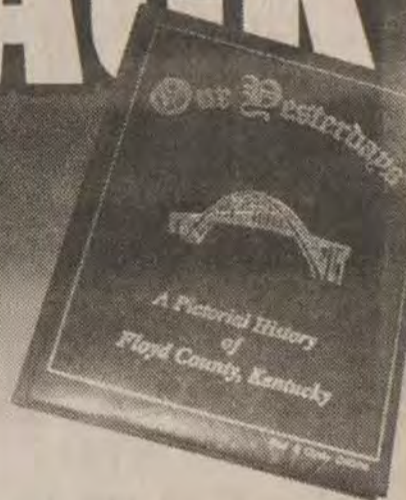
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**Shakeup**

Dotson was recently released from active duty and has returned to his position with the

city, initiating a wave of changes. With the recast of city offi-

cials, there will be at least one new face, two promotions and one top officer taking a cut in rank, according to public safety director Mike Omerod.

Retired KSP trooper Stan Farler, who will leave his position as chief deputy of the sheriff's department, will become the city's assistant chief of operations beginning sometime next week, an addition that will demand a high-level change in the city's police department.

This change means a step down for Prestonsburg Chief-of-Police Darryl Conley, who accepted a drop in rank to make room for Farler, according to Omerod. Conley will return to patrol status after Farler's arrival, Omerod said.

"He has no problem with the change," Omerod said of Conley. "He seems to be happy." Conley, who was Prestonsburg's police chief for nearly eight years, could not be reached for comment.

Other changes taking place with Dotson's return will be to move two firefighters — Tim Johnson and Chuck Davis — into the positions of major of operations and major of administration, respectively.

These positions mirror those of Farler's and police officer Roy Roberts, as Farler and Roberts will be the police department's assistant chief of operations and Roberts will take up duties as assistant chief of

administration.

"Stan's going to bring a lot of experience with him," Omerod said. "Part of his time will be spent assisting with the drug task force, but generally he will be in charge of patrol division and supervision of all the officers."

Dotson will return make his return to both deputy director of public safety and fire chief, allowing acting-fire chief Larry Adams to return his focus to code enforcement and arson investigations.

Omerod will also serve two positions, that of director of public safety and police chief, giving the fire and police departments a triangular heirarchy meant to promote efficiency.

"(We are) streamlining things to a certain extent," said Omerod, "but it doesn't mean we're going to be eliminating any positions, and it gives us better means of supervision in the department and better rank structure."

**Police chase ends on foot**

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

MAYTOWN — A hit and run incident involving a man from Martin led police on a car chase that began on Route 550 near Allen Central High School and ended at Maytown.

According to court documents, Christopher Don Castle, 24, was arrested on 10 charges on Sunday night, including a possible fifth DUI. An arrest warrant signed by Matt Varney, Floyd County Sheriff's Department, states that Varney received a call of a hit and run at a video store at the Route 550 and 850 junction near Martin. Varney reported that when he entered Route 550 from the Chevron Station on Route 80, a vehicle matching the dispatchers description was driving down the middle of the road and he had to swerve to miss it. He stated that he switched on his blue lights and turned to get behind the vehicle which had moved onto Route 80 and later veered into Maytown. He stated that Castle almost hit two vehicles on the side of the road as he turned off at Maytown.

Another citation signed by Chris Whicker, Prestonsburg

Community College Enforcement Intern, stated that he pulled behind Castle after he "finally" stopped. Whicker reported that Castle got out of the driver's side of the vehicle and ran. Whicker then called in a description to the other officers on the scene, while he and District 1 Constable Brandon Spencer were chasing Castle on the river bank. Whicker reported that they lost sight of Castle, but Varney and Spencer later located him in a building across the river, where they arrested him.

On yet another citation, J. D. Shepherd, FCSD, reported that the DUI charge against Castle was possibly his fifth offense. The citation reads that Castle had to be assisted to walk once he was located.

Other charges against Castle were wanton endangerment first-degree, fleeing or evading first-degree, leaving scene of accident (hit and run), no operators license, failure to wear seat belt, disregarding stop sign, no expiration registration receipt, DUI suspended third and reckless driving.

Castle is currently being held on a \$50,000 cash bond set by Judge Eric Hall during his arraignment on Monday.

**Farler**

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part of which was unrelated to his position as chief deputy.

"I've really enjoyed my time here at the sheriff's department," Farler said. "John (Blackburn) and I have been friends a long time and are still friends. This has nothing at all to do with that."

Farler said Monday that he and Blackburn would continue to work together with drug task

force efforts between the city and county.

"I'm going to continue to have a heavy hand in the drug task force and will still be working with the sheriff's department in that respect," said Farler.

As for Blackburn, the task of finding a replacement for Farler will be evaluated in the coming weeks.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do right now, but I'll be looking at it in the next couple of weeks," Blackburn said. "I will be looking for someone else to fill his position."

Blackburn said he wasn't sure, at this time, whether Farler's replacement would come from outside the department or be filled through promotion within the department.

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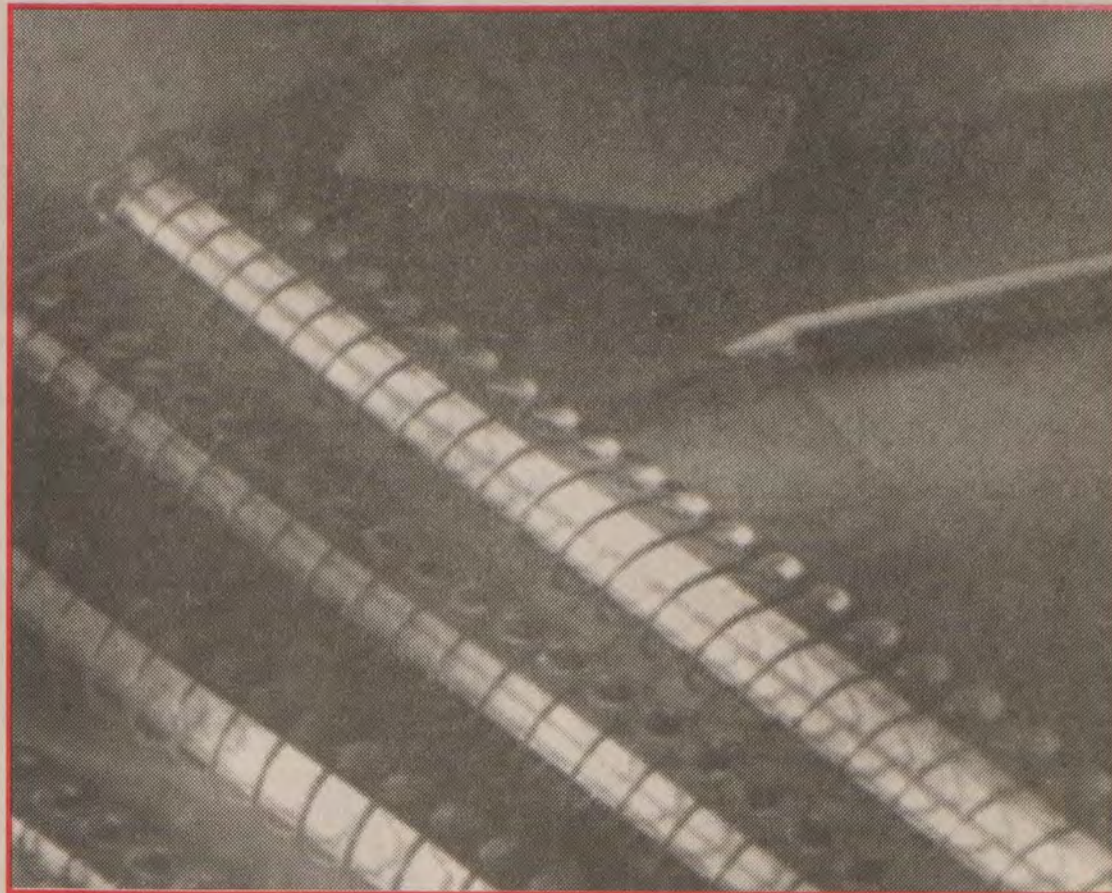
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This report card provides information about how well our district is doing, where it is succeeding, and where there is room for improvement. While it cannot tell everything about our performance, the report card is a good starting point for discussions with our teachers, administrators, school council members, and school board members.

About Our District

The mission of the Floyd County Board of Education is to educate all students to become proficient life-long learners. Curriculums are aligned with the Kentucky Program of Studies and Core Content for Assessment. All schools are ranked as having "met goal" or "progressing" on the 2002 accountability cycle.

How Our District Ensures Educational Equity

Our district strives to offer all students regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, or socioeconomic status an opportunity to succeed through equitable funding and equitable instructional practices. The effort to ensure educational equity for all students is monitored through analysis of disaggregated data, Extended School Services participation, gifted and talented services, special education services, Title IX reports, and student participation in extracurricular activities.

District Enrollment (end of year membership 2001-2002) 6827

How Our Students Perform

Kentucky uses the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) to hold schools accountable for student progress. CATS has three parts: the Kentucky Core Content Tests, the national Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS/5), and other measures of the school's performance, including attendance, retention and dropout rates.

Kentucky Core Content Tests

These tests measure the ability of our students to use knowledge in each subject. Kentucky's tests rate student performance using four categories: Novice, Apprentice, Proficient, and Distinguished. These categories translate into a scale of 0-140, with 100 being considered proficient.

Table with 3 main sections showing KCCT Tests results for Novice, Apprentice, Proficient/Distinguished levels, and Academic Index scores across various subjects like Reading, Science, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Arts & Humanities.

National Norm Referenced Test

The national norm referenced test used in Kentucky, the CTBS/5, measures the basic skills of our students while allowing us to compare their performance with national benchmarks established in 1996. These scores are reported in percentiles. A percentile shows the percentage of students who fall below a particular score on the test.

Table showing National Norm Referenced Test (CTBS/5) results for District, State, and Nation across subjects: 6th Grade Reading, 6th Grade Language Arts, 6th Grade Mathematics, 9th Grade Reading, 9th Grade Language Arts, and 9th Grade Mathematics.

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Other Measures

Other measures of district performance are the degree to which our district succeeds in getting students to come to school, our dropout rate, and the degree to which our graduates successfully move on to higher education or jobs. Another measure is the retention rate, which reflects the percent of students who were not academically ready to go on to the next grade and had to repeat the content of a grade for another year.

Table showing Attendance Rate, Retention Rate, Dropout Rate, and Transition to Adult Life (College, Military, Work, Voc/Tech Training, Work & Part-Time School, Not Successful) for District and State.

State Contest Results: Academic/Speech, Band, Chorus, and Orchestra

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Teacher Qualifications

Table showing Teacher Qualifications: % of Classes Taught by Teachers Certified for Subject and Grade Level (100%), % of Classes Taught by Teachers with a Major, Minor, or the Equivalent in the Subject Being Taught (75%), % of Classes Taught by Teachers Who Participated in Content-Focused Professional Development (99%), % of Teachers with a Masters Degree or Greater or the Equivalent (72%), and Average Years of Teaching Experience (11).

Our Learning Environment

School Safety

Table showing School Safety measures: Visitors are Required to Sign in (Yes), All Parents received the District Discipline Code (Yes), % of Classrooms with Telephone Access to Outside Lines (100%).

Procedures in Place in Our District for Drug and Weapons Detection

The Floyd County School District has effectively implemented procedures and programs which have minimized the risk of drugs and dangerous weapons entering the school environment. Components of the policy and procedures established are based on detection of weapons and drugs, recognitions and treatment of substance abuse, violence prevention plans, security plans and emergency plans. The school system has established programs such as D.A.R.E., Champions for a Drug-Free KY, and KYASAP-a program that helps identify individuals with substance abuse issues.

Table showing Violation statistics: Aggravated Assault (with intent to cause injury) 0 incidents, 0 suspended, 0 transferred; Drug Abuse Violations 25 incidents, 33 suspended, 0 transferred; Weapons Violations 0 incidents, 0 suspended, 0 transferred.

Student Resources

Table showing Student Resources: Spending per Student (District 6453, State 6846), Student Teacher Ratio (District 16:1, State 15:1), Student/Computer Ratio (District 2.6:1, State 5:1), % of Classrooms with at Least One KETS Workstation With Internet Access (District 100, State 99).

How We Use Technology to Teach

All Floyd County Schools have the capacity to integrate technology into instructional practice for the purpose of enhancing teaching and learning. The district has a technology resource teacher (TRT) who provides job-embedded professional development to staff. Additionally, the TRT provides school- and district-level training sessions on topics such as Use of the Smart Board, Marco Polo, and MicroSoft Suite.

Parental Involvement

Table showing Parental Involvement: # of Students Whose Parent/Guardian Had at Least One Teacher Conference (4526), # of Parents/Guardians Voting in School Council (SBDM) Elections (624), # of Parents/Guardians Serving on the School Council (SBDM) or its Committees (144), # of Volunteer Hours (46615).

Extracurricular Activities

Students enrolled in Floyd County Schools have opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. These activities include: Academic Teams with both conference and Kentucky Academic Association for Competitions Governor's Cup competitions, Kentucky Youth Assembly, Kentucky Jr. Historical Society, forensics, MATHCOUNTS, PRIDE/Conservation District activities, Beta Club, National Honor Society, GEAR UP, Bridges, 4-H clubs, FBLA, FCA, newspaper/newsletter staff, Young Author's Program, Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child Program, District Performing Arts programs, field trips for plays and performances at the Mountain Arts Center, basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, track, softball, cheerleading, dance teams, golf, tennis, ROTC, Science Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind, Gifted and Talented programs, Magic Me, Respect Me, STLP, and many school-specific clubs.

Awards and Recognition

All Floyd County Schools were shown to be either in rewards school or progressing according to the 2002 Kentucky Performance Reports. Six schools are classified REWARD SCHOOLS because they met or exceeded their goals: Allen Elementary, Clark Elementary, Duff Elementary, May Valley Elementary, Osborne Elementary, and Prestonsburg Elementary. Eight schools passed recognition points since the reporting of the last accountability cycle. One of the school guidance counselors became a National Board Certified Counselor. The district GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) national grant award was renewed.

What We Are Doing To Improve

Floyd County Schools are committed to short-term and long-term improvement in the quality of education they provide to students. The Local Planning Committee for Facilities and a Strategic Planning Committee, guided by staff from the Kentucky School Boards Association, are currently examining resources, programs, and facilities. Sixteen Family/Youth Service Centers support students and families to reduce non-cognitive barriers to learning. Aggressive staff development, implementation of the technology plan, and increasing the assessment program to include additional CTBS assessment for primary grades are contributing to the effort to improve teaching and learning for all students.

How to Get More Information

Call, e-mail, fax or write to our superintendent at the number and address on the top of this District Report Card. You may contact your School Board members at the numbers below. Visit our central office and ask for the Expanded District Report Card that contains a variety of information including Kentucky Core Content Test data and CTBS/5 national norm referenced test data disaggregated by gender, ethnicity, disability and other criteria. This disaggregated data is available to you at no cost. The remainder of the Expanded District Report Card may be free or provided at cost of copying.

Table listing Member's Name and Phone numbers for Earl M. McGuire, Glenna Slone, Carol Stumbo, Jeff Stumbo, and Dr. Chandra Varia.

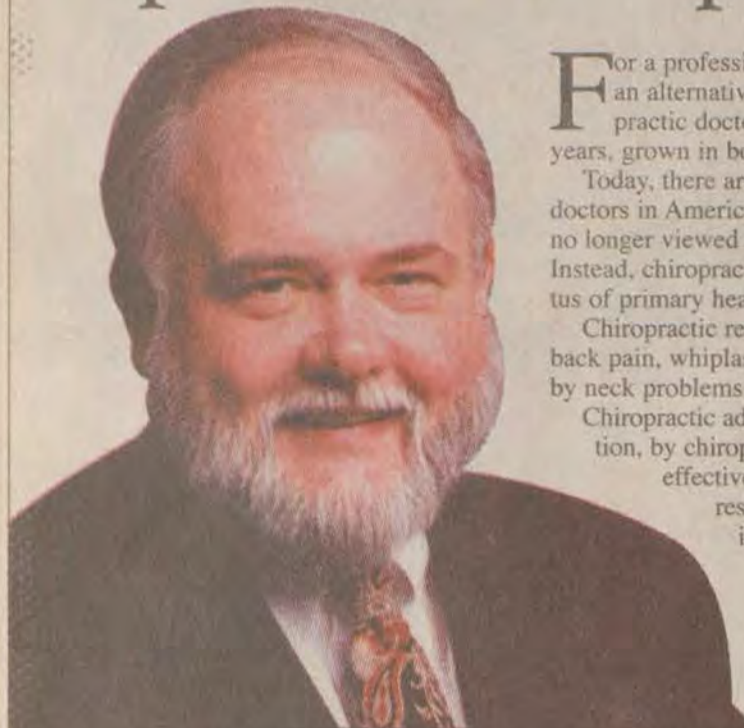
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Chiropractic adjustment, or spinal manipulation, by chiropractors has shown to be so effective and safe through this research that nearly every medical journal in the country is filled with results concerning the benefits of these procedures.

■ Dr. Philip Simpson

Hundreds of articles have appeared in the American Journal of Medicine in recent years praising the benefits of spinal manipulation, which has led to the medical world taking a different view of chiropractic treatment.

Many studies, including worker's compensation, health department and federal studies, spell out to the modern day medical doctor that, for any spinal condition, conservative chiropractic treatment should be attempted first before surgery or experimental drugs are recommended.

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If you would like more information or to schedule an appointment, call Dr. Simpson at 886-1416.

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Cerec 3 Crown Fabricator

## Dr. Dragomir feels at home at McDowell ARH



After finishing his residency work at the New York Hospital Medical Center in Queens, Flushing, New York, Dr. Dan Dragomir was eager to escape the rush of hassled city life and find a quiet place to settle down and practice medicine.

His first thoughts were of a place much like his home, Bucharest, the capital city of Romania, his home country. Those thoughts were fulfilled when Dragomir secured a job practicing general medicine at McDowell ARH.

The mountain ranges, the coal mines, the slow and deliberate lifestyle of area people are all things Dr. Dragomir says reminds him of home and has made the transition smooth and comfortable.

"It's not been a shock, coming here," Dr. Dragomir says, waving a hand to a nearby window showcasing one of many mountain ridges scattered across Eastern

Kentucky. "It's been really nice and much like where I come from with the mountains and the coal mines."

Hailing from a family of doctors, Dr. Dragomir says his interests in this highly important field of study came at an early age. As a young man in Romania, he had strong examples to learn from in a surgeon father and an older brother, also a practicing physician.

From this early exposure to the world of medicine, Dr. Dragomir went on to receive his medical degree in Romania, where he earned honors in Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine rotations.

Dr. Dragomir, the newest member of the McDowell ARH medical team, explains that his father was a surgeon at a small hospital in Romania and that the feel of a small town hospital was something he wanted to find for himself.

McDowell ARH has afforded him this

opportunity.

Dr. Dragomir, who says his first month at McDowell ARH has been more than pleasant, has seen a host of patients and is determined to improve every day in meeting the medical needs of the community he has embraced.

Dr. Dragomir, who is affiliated with the American Society of Internal Medicine, is now accepting patients. His office is located in the McDowell ARH Clinic.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the McDowell ARH Clinic at 377-3427.



■ Dr. Dan Dragomir

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| 4. Florida    | 10. Maryland      | 16. Creighton   | 22. Oregon            |
| 5. Duke       | 11. Notre Dame    | 17. Wake Forest | 23. Alabama           |
| 6. Oklahoma   | 12. Kansas        | 18. Marquette   | 24. Syracuse          |



## 15TH REGION AAU MEETING SET

There will be a 15th Region AAU organizational meeting at Jerry's Restaurant in Pikeville on Sunday at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions about the meeting should call Robert Newsome at 606/639-2252.

### COMMENTARY

## UK's athletics department has not been fixed

by BILLY REED  
SPORTS WRITER

A lot of former University of Kentucky athletics department employees and disenchanted boosters must secretly be snickering at Dr. Lee Todd's efforts to extricate himself from an incredible public-relations mess that he, himself, created almost as soon as he became UK's president.

Knowing that attacking the athletics department was the easiest and quickest way to make himself look good with editorial writers and academic reformers, Todd portrayed the athletics department as a corrupt, maverick, evil

empire that he intended to shape up. Unfortunately, however, Todd was only being disingenuous. From 1989 until 2000, UK had an athletics department that was clean as a whistle. It was unfair to tarnish the entire operation because of rules violations committed by football recruiter Claude Basset right under the nose of head coach Hal Mumme.

But that's what Todd did, even if it

(See REED, page two)



## Lady Panthers beat P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — A devastating loss to Betsy Layne in the finals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic just days earlier put Pikeville back into regular-season play Monday on the road at Prestonsburg. The Lady Panthers

trailed through one quarter, 7-4, but that would change. The visiting Lady Panthers took the lead in the second quarter and led 22-13 at halftime. Pikeville (10-8) edged Prestonsburg 32-30 in the second half en route to a 54-43 win.

Emily Colvin led Pikeville in scoring on the night. She had 13 points. Shawna Howard finished

with 11 points.

Darcey Hicks and Meaghan Stone each had 11 points for Prestonsburg (2-11). Junior Heather White chipped in nine for the host Ladycats.

Prestonsburg, with a young team at the center of its attack,

(See P'BURG, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

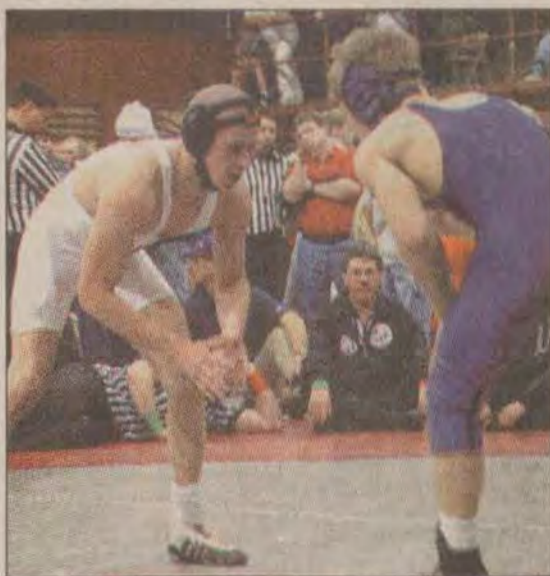
Prestonsburg's Darcey Hicks and Heather White (40) defended a Pikeville player for the in Monday night's game.

## — WSAZ WRESTLING TOURNEY —



Heath Chaffin went for the pin of an opponent in the WSAZ Wrestling Tournament held Friday and Saturday in Huntington, W.Va.

## P'burg Wrestling Club finishes 19th in WSAZ



■ Heath Chaffin (White)

## Heath Chaffin wins 119, Nick Chaffin finishes third in 125 group

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Prestonsburg Wrestling Club invaded Huntington, W.Va. over the weekend for the 25th Annual WSAZ Wrestling Tournament. The WSAZ tourney, one of the Eastern United States' top amateur wrestling tournaments, brings in some top-notch high school wrestlers from West Virginia, Kentucky and other surrounding states.

(See WSAZ, page C8)

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Walters-Woods duo too much for Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Host Johnson Central showed Betsy Layne just why it entered the current season as one of four or five favorites to take the 15th Region crown. The Eagles, behind a game-high 23



■ Kidd



■ Hurt

points from Lawrence County transfer Brandon Wheeler, and 16 more from Justin Woods, beat the visiting Bobcats 78-56. It was the 10th win of the season for third-year head coach Les Trimble and Johnson Central. Mike Walters added 10 points for Johnson Central and Chris Hurt chipped in nine. Reserves Josh Stapleton and Tony Hatfield each had six

points in the Johnson Central win. Jordan Kidd led Betsy Layne in scoring with 13 points. He was the only Bobcat to score in double figures.

(See DUO, page two)

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Webb, Rebels spin Phelps

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — On week after its original scheduled date, Allen Central High School held its homecoming Saturday against visiting Phelps. The Runnin' Rebels had five players reach double figures in the game, a 70-57 home victory.



■ Kyle Webb

Allen Central put 19 points up on the scoreboard in each of the first three quarters and on defense held Phelps to single digits in two of the periods en route to the win.

Kyle Webb paced the Allen Central attack with a game-high 20 points. Austin Francis scored 11 for the

(See REBELS, page two)

### 58TH DISTRICT

## Lady Raiders roll over Piarist

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — After shutting Piarist down 30-0 in the first quarter, the outcome of Monday's night's game was a just a matter of a final tally for the South Floyd Lady Raiders. Four different Lady Raiders scored in double figures as South Floyd held the Lady Knights to single digits in each of the four periods in an 84-17 rout.

Junior guard Megan Ousley led South Floyd in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Brandy Anderson scored 16 and Tabitha Trammell added 15. Ashley Johnson chipped in eight.

Just two players scored for Piarist.

(See PIARIST, page two)

### H.S. GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Betsy Layne keeps up winning ways, beats Magoffin County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE — There was a district tournament atmosphere at Magoffin County High School Monday night as the host Magoffin County Lady Hornets entertained Betsy Layne, the current 15th Region All "A" Champion.

Both teams have proven to be 15th Region powerhouses each of them having lost only one game against regional foes. In the end Monday night, visiting Betsy Layne would hold on for a 58-52 win.

The Lady Hornets had revenge on their minds after being eliminated from the regional tournament by

Betsy Layne last season.

In the early goings it appeared they would get that revenge as the Lady Hornets used senior center Amanda Shepherd's height advantage to score six quick points but the girls from Floyd County, fueled by

(See WINNING, page C8)

## Paintsville looks to repeat in "A"

## Tigers undefeated in 15th Region play

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Paintsville's defense of the 15th Region All "A" boys' title begins tonight in the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium. The Tigers, coached by veteran Bill Mike Runyon, won last season's tournament on the Allen Central High gym floor.

Paintsville captured last year's 15th Region All "A" crown, breaking a two-year win streak by Floyd County teams. Allen Central was the 2001 winner, giving head coach Henry Webb his first regional championship. Allen Central beat host Pikeville in a low-scoring in 2000 for its second regional "A" championship.

In pre-season voting, South Floyd was picked to win this season's 15th Region All "A" event. Paintsville was picked second followed by Allen Central (3).

(See TIGERS, page three)

# 'Chucky' Gruden buries Raiders in his house of horrors

by **BERNIE WILSON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Add one more impersonation to Jon Gruden's repertoire.

The coach known as "Chucky" — for his striking resemblance to a bloodthirsty doll from a horror movie — also does a crack job of playing Rich Gannon.

Gruden knew so much about his former team and its quarter-

back that he designed a perfect game plan that his Tampa Bay Buccaneers used to rout the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"Jon Gruden was Gannon," Bucs defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin said. "Nobody can be like Gannon like Gruden can. He taught Gannon. He was in Gannon's head."

Gruden got into Gannon's wheelhouse so much that the NFL's MVP threw a season-high

five interceptions, three of which were returned for touchdowns by Tampa Bay's stifling defense.

In Thursday's practice, Gruden even took over as quarterback on the scout team and ran several plays.

"The film illustrates that I did complete two or three passes. I was very intimidating under center," Gruden joked after the game, surrounded by his wife and three young boys.

"I've got great respect for Rich Gannon as a quarterback. I wanted our team to just get a feel for what it was going to be like with him in command. He's a special guy and I wanted them to try to feel it a little bit," he said.

"He's still bragging about it," strong safety John Lynch said. "He took it down the field. It was probably because we were laughing so much."

Seriously, though, "he gave us a tremendous scouting

report," Lynch said.

Lynch was miked for TV during the game. "Every play they've run, we've run in practice," he said on the sideline before halftime.

Linebacker Derrick Brooks said Gruden's practice appearance "was a huge key for us, to try to give us a small glimpse of how Rich Gannon sees defenses.

"We were embarrassed because he completed two passes," Brooks said, laughing.

The lesson paid off, though.

(See **HORRORS**, page C8)

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## Pro Wrestling to return to Ashland

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**ASHLAND** — Championship Pro Wrestling returns to Ashland National Guard Armory for its first big wrestling event of the new year on Friday. Professional boxer Jeremy "The Beast" Bates will be in the card's main event. He will wrestle Ohio's heavy-weight champion, Adam Cage. Cage is from Cleveland, Ohio and is one of the fastest rising stars in professional wrestling.

The undercard will feature Superstar Bobby Blaze from

Ashland going against 8 PAC, a former WWF (World Wrestling Federation) star. Manager "Classy" Roy Bass will be back in Ashland as well on this action-packed super card.

Other scheduled matches include "Pitbull" Brown against "Buzzsaw" Jones and Kenny Wynn vs. Kris King and Larry Phatt in a handicap match in which the 300-pound Wynn will face two opponents.

"CPW in mat wrestling at its best," said a company spokesman.

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The organization showcases family-oriented professional wrestling shows.

Tickets for the end-of-the-month event are now on sale at Harvey's Auto Parts in Ashland. Tickets are \$10 in advance. Children under six will get in free. Tickets will also be on sale the night of the show, but for \$12. Doors open at 6:30 and the matches start at 8 p.m. Door prizes and a money drawing for \$50 will be held as well.

**Reed**

meant besmirching the reputations of his predecessor, Dr. Charles Wethington, a former president of the NCAA, and former athletics directors C.M. Newton and Larry Ivy, both members of the mythical "good ol' boy" system that Todd vowed to dismantle.

Undoubtedly, the saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," didn't apply to UK. Sure, some things were broken and needed fixing. Still, Todd didn't need to throw out the baby with the bath water.

Consider, for example, the unnecessary flap over athletic department employees trading tickets for automobiles. That's SOP in Division I. UK should never voluntarily take away any perk that's permissible under

NCAA rules.

When Barnhart arrived from Oregon State, brandishing Todd's mandate to establish a new "culture" in the athletics department, he didn't discriminate between who needed to be kept, consulted, and cultivated and who didn't. He just assumed that anyone who had anything to do with the bad ol' past wasn't to be trusted.

As a result, Barnhart quickly alienated some of the reputable businessmen, ex-players, and alumni who had never done anything except try to help UK. He came off as an arrogant, cold, and ruthless outsider holding them at arm's length because they smelled bad.

So Barnhart had no safety net, except Todd, when he failed to retain football coach Guy Morriss, then turned the search for his replacement into a farce. The final blow to his credibility was the last-minute, desperation hiring of Rich Brooks, 61, without full disclosure to Todd about the coach's past with the NCAA.

Although Todd won't admit it, his athletics department is in much worse shape today that it was when he forced Ivy to resign a year ago. Much apologizing and fence-mending needs to be done if UK is to win back the support and goodwill that Barnhart, with Todd's backing, has needlessly thrown away.

Yet instead of admitting that the old athletics-department model wasn't as bad as he led the public to believe, Todd is attempting to salvage his credibility — and hide the fact that a new good ol' boy network has replaced the old one — by trying to dazzle the editorial writers and academic reformers with smoke and mirrors.

So instead of simplifying athletics department procedures, he's making an already cumbersome

bureaucracy even bigger by adding more checks and balances, more layers of committees and subcommittees, and more policies and rules.

At this rate, the UK athletics department's policy manual soon will be larger and more incomprehensible than the NCAA rules book or the IRS code. It shouldn't be this difficult.

Todd and Barnett need to be far more candid and accessible than they've been so far. They need to actually listen to the public and the media. They need to stop acting as if they're somehow morally superior to everyone who has been involved in UK athletics for the last 30 years.

They need to admit mistakes and apologize when necessary, learn more about the dynamics and history of UK athletics, and work as hard to embrace the athletic department's friends as they are to distance themselves from the cheaters — who, by the way, began to disappear when Newton took over in '89.

They should embrace the lettermen as one of their most important assets instead of trying to gouge more money out of them. They should know who somebody such as, oh, Humzey Yessin is and make sure he's treated with respect instead of disdain. They should, in other words, strive to be worthy of UK's loyal supporters instead of it being the other way around.

The thing Todd and Barnhart have missed so far is that a university athletics department can't be treated as if it's just another business because it's not. With many consumers, it's an affair of the heart, an illogical — but obsessive — love for a program that gets downright personal and unjustifiably important.

In the business world, there's nothing remotely close to it. Profit-and-loss statements, not human emotion, are all that matter to bankers and corporations. But in college athletes, the challenge is

to meet the bottom line, even in lean years, by nurturing the obsession, the hope, that alumni and fans hold for their program.

Todd and Barnhart can only hope they can get UK athletics back to where it was on Jan. 1, 1999. The football team lost to Penn State in the Outback Bowl. The men's basketball team was the defending NCAA champion. Newton was being hailed as a genius, and nobody even dreamed that Mumme and Basset would be dumb enough to screw up such a good thing.

At that time, UK was very close to achieving its goals in athletics. It'll happen again, but only if Todd and Barnhart change their ways.

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### Piarist

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Bethany Tackett tossed in 12 for the Lady Knights and Stephanie Williams ended the game with five. Mary Bentley, Lakita Lykins and Tommi Sue Tussey started for Piarist, but did not score.

**PIARIST (17)** — Williams 5, Tackett 12.

**SOUTH FLOYD (84)** — Skeens 2, Ousley 21, Hopkins 4, Anderson 16, Johnson 8, Hall 3, Trammell 15, Tackett 6, Blocker 6, Younce 1, Dean 2.

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### Duo

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Brandon Hall and Brent Newsome finished with nine and eight points, respectively.

**BETSY LAYNE (56)** — J. Kidd 13, Hall 9, B. Newsome 8, Hamilton 5, N. Newsome 4, Simon 4, Scarberry 2, Akers 2, B. Kidd 3, Case 1, Daniels 3, Bryant 2.

**JOHNSON CENTRAL (78)** — Wheeler 23, Walters 10, Hurt 9, Woods 16, Stapleton 6, Hatfield 6, N. Music 3, S. Music 2, Fairchild 2, Adams 1.

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### Rebels

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Runnin' Rebels. Neil Allen, Rossi Samons and Brian Page each had 10 points for Allen Central.

The win was Allen Central's ninth of the season opposed to five losses. Phelps, with the loss, remains winless, falling to 0-10.

Both teams will participate in this week's 15th Region All "A" Classic.

**PHELPS (57)** — Daniels 17, Stratton 5, Mayhorn 6, McCoy 4, Smith 10, Stephens 12, Hardin 1, Gentry 2.

**ALLEN CENTRAL (70)** — Allen 10, A. Francis 11, Samons 10, Webb 20, Kilgore 2, P. Francis 2, Paige 10, Hall 5.

**RECORDS** — Phelps 0-10, Allen Central 9-5.

**RECORDS** — Betsy Layne 6-8, Johnson Central 10-4.

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### P'burg

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continues to improve.

"We're just a real young team," said Prestonsburg head coach Harold Tackett. "And things take time with a young team."

**PIKEVILLE (54)** — McCoy 2, Sh. Howard 11, Sa. Howard 2, Dye 9, Colvin 13, Hartssock 5, Evans 5, Francisco 2.

**PRESTONSBURG (43)** — Stone 11, Hicks 11, Music 2, Harris 6, White 9, Shafer 4.

**RECORDS** — Pikeville 10-8, Prestonsburg 2-11.

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### POISON OAK

## Maybe we just talk funny

Although I don't quite understand all I know about Lexington high school teacher Janice Sevre-duszynska who had to spend time in jail for protesting at the School for the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga. — and lost her job because of it—I am aware that she taught English as a second language. Apparently, she had been recognized over the years for the fine job she had done teaching that particular subject.



Clyde Pack

For that reason, they sure had better hire her back. I'd be hard pressed to think of any other

subject that would require more skill to teach.

As a high school English teacher, every once in a while I was faced with that task as foreign exchange students attended Paintsville High. Although, these kids were with me only short periods of time—usually no more than one semester—I soon discovered that linguists may very well be right by maintaining that English is the most difficult language to teach as a second language.

Apparently, so many of our words mean so many different things, those who aren't familiar with all the possible connotations can't quite master our most basic terminology.

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### EXTENSION NEWS

## Pasture Renovation makes good economic sense

Submitted by Ray Tackett, Floyd County Agriculture Extension Agent

Renovating pastures and hayfields to renew grass productivity is one of the most important things we can do to improve the seven million acres that serve animal-based agriculture in Kentucky.

Pasture renovation is a win-win situation, because it decreases production costs and increases animal performance.

Farmers benefit from increases in yield, quality and summer production by establishing legumes in grass pastures and hayfields, according to more than 35 years' research by the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture.

Adding legumes increases the total forage yield per acre. One study showed that using red clover to renovate a fes

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Could there be a more elegant touch to a wedding than the music of a string quartet? If you agree that this classic touch is just what you're looking for to make your special day a little more special, then contact the folks at Paintsville's Mel-O-Dee Music. The Mel-O-Dee String Quartet is comprised of the following talented individuals: From left to right, Dee Wayne White, Barbara Caldwell, Michael Hall, and Rachel McKenzie. Mr. White, along with his wife, Thelma, (not pictured) are the owners of Mel-O-Dee Music.

# Wedding Dreams

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Tammy Whitaker, right, and her daughter, Melissa, are the creative forces behind Ramco Catering who can provide the delicious foods and distinctive tastes your wedding party and guests will delight in on your special day.

Paper hearts were strewn along the pathways of the Ramada Inn's Carriage House where love and romance were the hallmark of the day during the East Kentucky Bridal Fair & Expo held this past Sunday afternoon in Paintsville.

A large crowd gathered at the hotel where brides-to-be and their respective grooms toured the area to find out how to make their wedding day one to be remembered. Culinary artists, jewelers, photographers, musicians, florists and boutique owners were all on site to offer information about their services and to answer commonly asked questions about wedding planning and bridal etiquette. If the

bride needed to know, or if she simply needed to know "where to get it," she, without a doubt, had her questions answered during the afternoon event.

From the engagement ring down to booking the honeymoon (and even where to buy that special little honeymoon nightie) and everything in between could be found at the afternoon event where winter weather had no effect on chilling hearts full of heated passions.

Some of the local businesses that gathered for the Bridal Expo were: Enchanted World Travel, Castle's Jewelry & Gifts, Patty's Green Florist, Unique Boutique, Ramco Catering, Artrip's Photography, Mortimer's Studio, Trends and

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Karen Blackburn, seated, and her daughter, Leslie Rowe, were proud to display a beautiful selection of bridal gifts available through the bridal registry at Prestonsburg's "Trend and Traditions," located on S. Central Avenue. Among the items available are Mikasa China and Stoneware, San Francisco Music Boxes, and Pfaltzgraff tableware. The new owners of Trends and Traditions invite everyone to stop by their shop and see all the beautiful items they have in stock.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Wedding cake specialist, Vicki Crow, fashioned this lovely confection, complete with fresh roses, just for the Expo. Crow also does cakes for other occasions such as showers, birthdays and anniversaries. She can be reached at 265-4152.

### CRITTER CORNER



"Lacey," Lacey, a Bassett Hound, owned by Lindsay Cooley, of Prestonsburg, loves to take boat rides and is shown here preparing for an afternoon of fun. According to Lindsay, Lacey likes the rides "so her ears can fly in the wind." We like boat rides, too, Lacey!

## A Crocodile hunter

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS  
DVM

Although I don't get to watch much TV, it doesn't take a lot of channel surfing to realize that Steve Irwin is everywhere. We love the "Crocodile Hunter," but Pat thinks Steve is crazy, and he's a nervous wreck by the end of the show.

Could it possibly be that it hits a little too close to home? We've logged some time ourselves stalking critters. Stray dogs and cats are our usual targets, but the list includes several other species. Injured birds, an assortment of wayward frogs, lizards and ground squirrels who didn't belong in the house, terrapins on the center line of the highway, a few horses, and once, an escaped Jersey cow on the Mountain Parkway, are all among our list of adventures.

I can think of very few close friends or family members who have not, at some point, accompanied me into places they would prefer not to go, in search of some fugitive animal.

It wasn't long before I began to fantasize about a local-access cable channel version of the Crocodile Hunter. It would feature all the local "crazy animal people" and their adventures in rescue. Rather than Tasmania or the Australian Outback, our exotic locales would include the weed patches, blackberry thickets, ditch lines, creeks and garbage dumps of Floyd and its surrounding counties.

Regular segments would include use of such essential equipment as fetch poles, snappy snares and live traps. We would have visiting local experts explaining how to turn mundane household items into effective animal rescue equipment.

No muzzle? Once you know the proper knots, just use your shoestrings. Do you have a clothes hamper, a couple of laundry baskets or a minnow bucket? Then you do have a cat carrier!

We would demonstrate advanced techniques for luring in frightened pups, using only submissive body language and the loaf of bread that was intended for tomorrow's lunch.

Emergency first-aid measures

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# Kim's Korner: Keep underwear under there



Kim Little Frasure

Okay, so just about the entire nation has seen Super Bowl XXXVII. The halftime show was ... well, I am almost speechless. I mean what on earth did Shania Twain have on? Sort of reminded me of something from a Star Trek scene. Sure didn't look like no country singer I've ever witnessed before, but then hey, I'm no Joan or Melissa Rivers either.

No Doubt (the group) fol-

lowed Shania's performance, and I couldn't help but wonder, if somebody somewhere was having a special on silver studded bra's or what? And when, pray tell, did it become so popular to wear some garb making it absolutely apparent you had a silver studded bra on in the first place?

Yeah I've hit the down side of my 40s and can't fathom why on earth these star studded (no pun intended) per-

formers choose to wear their underwear on the outside instead of covering it up like a normal human being.

Just makes you sit and shake your head awhile, or does for me anyway.

Sting, God love him, took the "normal look," thank heavens, but when the camera took us for a glimpse of that drummer behind him on stage I thought my eyeballs were seeing black lines across the

screen. So, I blinked to adjust my sight, and lo and behold, he not only had thick black lines underneath his eyes, the boy had on black lipstick for crying out loud.

Children, what do you suppose he was thinkin'? And how about Shania's drummer? He was adorned in some type of get up that looked as though

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# Reader's Choice

**BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY**

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST FOOD**

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PEOPLE**

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Club President \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygiene \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT/Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_
- Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home Attendant \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- General Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Store Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
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- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
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- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
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- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewing/Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
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- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Dairy Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Dress Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Film Developing \_\_\_\_\_
- Frozen Foods \_\_\_\_\_
- Health & Beauty Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care Needs \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Mortgage Loan \_\_\_\_\_
- Kids Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Perm \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- School Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood items \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoe Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Stereo \_\_\_\_\_
- TV-VCR Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_
- Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_
- Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST BUSINESS**

- Antiques/Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Artwork/Framing \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Bait/Tackle \_\_\_\_\_
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VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. TIM WALKER AND SHANNON WALKER DEFENDANTS

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(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operations located 1.0 mile Southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

28 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 33 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Reevis Greer, Charles M c K i - n e y , Vernedith Meade, William and Dorothy

Martin, Roy (4) 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, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Table with columns: Settlement Number, Case Number, Estate Of, Fiduciary, Date Filed. Lists various estate settlements with details on case numbers and dates.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Jennifer L. Pennell Christopher M. Hill & Associates, P.S.C.





#### The Magic Key

One day, while I was walking down the street, I found a key. Every time I tried to open a lock it opened a door to a world of candy. I ate all the candy I wanted then I went home for dinner. Just as I was going to eat the roast beef, I woke up. It was all a dream. Some day I hope that I will find that key.

Rachel,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

One day I found a key. When I tried to open a lock, it would open right away. But then I stopped. I thought about what would happen if this key that could open any lock, got into the wrong hands. I decided it was safer to hide it. I locked it in a special box that had only one key. I put it away in my closet and I've never dared open it.

Briana,  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Every time I tried to open a lock, the key did not work. I tried it in the car but it didn't work. I went into my back yard and I buried it in the dirt. I decided that the key was probably a good luck charm.

Eric,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

One day while walking down the street, I found a magic key. Every time I tried to open a lock it wouldn't work. Finally, the last lock worked and inside was a very sparkly diamond. Underneath the diamond was a note that said, "I will grant you one wish." My wish was to heal my sick mom. Right after school I rushed home and I found my mom watching TV. She felt happy and well and my wish had come true.

Chris,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

My uncle drove me to the toy store but when we got there, it was closed. We were going to leave but right that second, I saw something in the corner of my eye flashing gold. It was a key! Engraved on it were the words, "Use wisely, for only one chance you will get." "OK!" I said to myself. Then I turned around, walked back and opened the door to the toy store.

Drew,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## KEEP OUT! LOCKED UP!

Do you have private stuff that you don't want your little brother or sister to get into? How can you keep others out of your private stuff?

This is not a new problem. For thousands of years, people have looked for ways to keep things safe from others.



## Coin Combos

Long ago, people used a broken clay coin to find out who had permission to get certain things and information.

Say your uncle had a treasure saved just for you, but he had not seen you since you were a baby. Your uncle would need a way to know that it was really you coming to get the treasure.

One way to do this was with a broken coin. When you were a baby, he would have given you half of the coin and kept the other half for himself.

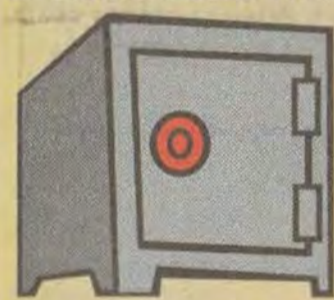
(Well, since you were a baby, he would have given it to someone to save for you.)

Then, when you showed up years later to get your treasure, you would show your half of the coin. If it matched the half your uncle had, the treasure would be yours!

Standards Link: Geometry; students make a direct comparison with reference objects.

## Modern Combos

Today people use locks with keys or combinations to keep things safe.



To unlock this safe, you must figure out which combination will work. Read the clues and see

if you can "unlock" this mystery!

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Analyze problems by identifying relationships and sequencing information; check validity of results from context of the problem.

ANSWER: 1389

2256  
1887  
2468  
3595  
3572  
5194  
1389  
6772  
3727

## CLUES

1. No two numbers are the same.
2. There are three odd numbers.
3. The only even number is greater than 6.

## Was it magic?

One of the world's most famous magicians was Harry Houdini. He made a name for himself by escaping from chains locked around his body, from handcuffs and other locked contraptions.

One time he was asked to unlock a bank vault. To make it even more difficult, he would unlock the bank vault from the inside.

He was locked inside the bank vault, and in a short time, he freed himself.

Houdini always said that there was no magic in his acts -- each was some sort of a trick. To discover the trick he used to get out of the locked bank vault, put each sentence part in numerical order from lowest to highest.

6. struggle with the lock, then
2. keep people out, not in.
7. open the door and walk out!
3. The trick was to get them to
4. lock him inside the bank vault.
1. The vault is designed to
5. He simply had to pretend to



## Extra! Extra! Words That Match

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that mean the same or nearly the same thing. For example: wind and breeze, tall and high, friend and pal. If you can't find a synonym for a word, find the letters that spell a synonym.

Standards Link: Word Analysis/Vocabulary; understand common synonyms.

## The Key That Opens Nearly Everything

There is a key that can take you around the world. It can take you back in time. It can even take you into the homes and lives of famous people. It is a key to knowledge, a key to adventure and a key to enjoyment.

And this key is available to everyone.

What is this key? To find out, circle every third letter below. Start with the starred letter.

★ **RKJEOPATYDUSIWQNVAG**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension; follow simple written directions.

ANSWER: READING



How many keys can you find on this page?

## Double Double Word Search

KEYS  
LOCK  
BANK  
MAGIC  
VAULT  
SAFE  
MYSTERY  
COIN  
TREASURE  
ADVENTURE  
CLUES  
OPPOSITE  
SYNONYM  
HALVES  
HOUDINI

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

A K S K E B A N K Y  
D E M E E P I O H R  
V T A Y V O T O U E  
E I G S C L U E S T  
N S I T U D A N A S  
T O C A I O W H F Y  
U P V N K C O L E M  
R P I M Y N O N Y S  
E O E R U S A E R T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Opposite News

Select five or more headlines from the newspaper. Rewrite each headline so that it means the opposite of what it originally said.

Standards Link: Vocabulary; understand antonyms. Comprehension; contrast information, understand how text features (headlines) make information useful.

## What keys won't open doors?



ANSWER: Mon-keys, don-keys and tur-keys.

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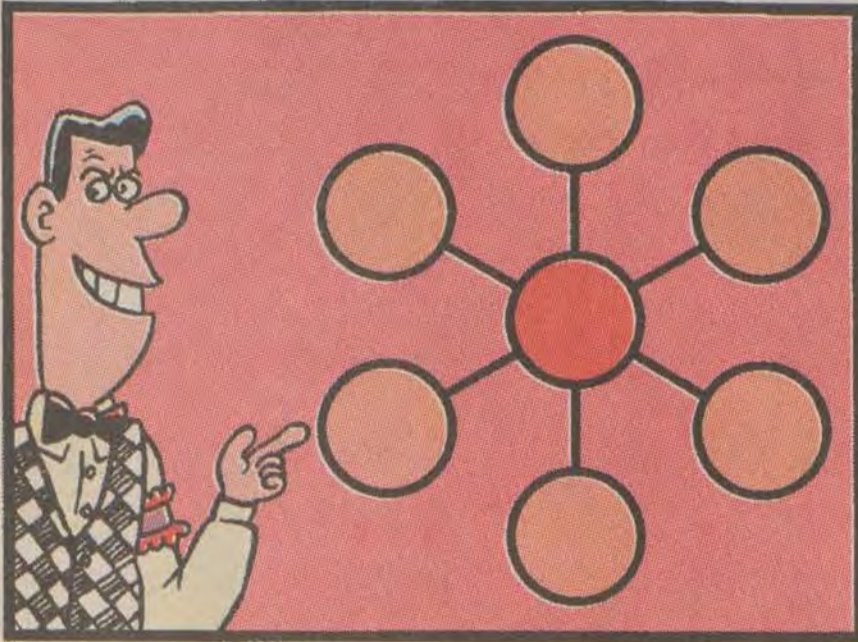
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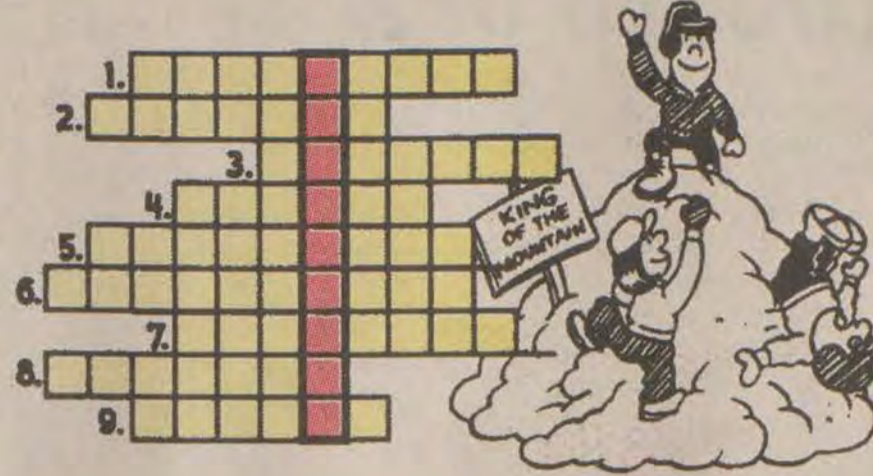


**WHEELER DEALER!** Can you deal the numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 into the seven circles above so that the totals of the numbers along any of the three lines will be 42.

Answer: Starting with the top circle, going around clockwise: 11, 12, 13, 17, 16 and 15. Number 14 goes in the center.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



## WINTER FUN IN THE NORTH!

Are you ready for some fun in the snow? In our puzzle grid there is room to list nine wintertime words. The following hints should thaw out the answers.

1. A winter breakfast treat.
2. Found in many front yards.
3. Loves a strong wind.
4. This activity has checks and balances.
5. Off to a fast downhill start.
6. Great fun in the evening.
7. Easily holds three or four.
8. You can't stay out long without them.
9. A warm place at the end of the day.

There's a dark frame around one of the columns. If you correctly find all the words, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a winter visitor.

Answers: 1. Flapjacks. 2. Snowman. 3. Iceboat. 4. Hockey. 5. Belly flop. 6. Sleigh ride. 7. Toboggan. 8. Mittens. 9. Hearth. The name of our winter visitor is Jack Frost.

Illustrated by David Coulson

**THE WISE SHOPPER!** Mr. Johnson went to the hardware store and bought something for his house. Now, one cost 20 cents and 12 cost 40 cents. He asked for 110 and paid the man 60 cents. What did Mr. Johnson buy?

Answer: He bought house numbers.

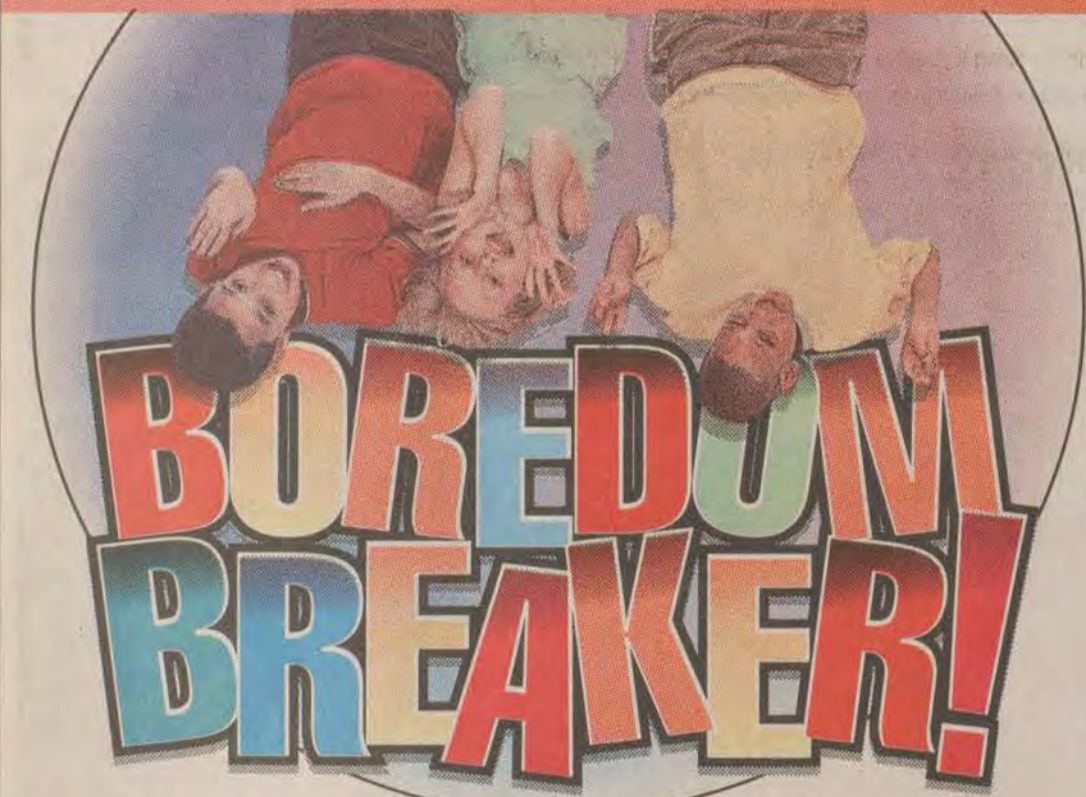


**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "GLIDER." Can you replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down? Time limit: 60 seconds.



Answers: (Across): Gar, are, are, lie, lad. (Down): Gall, ara, reed.

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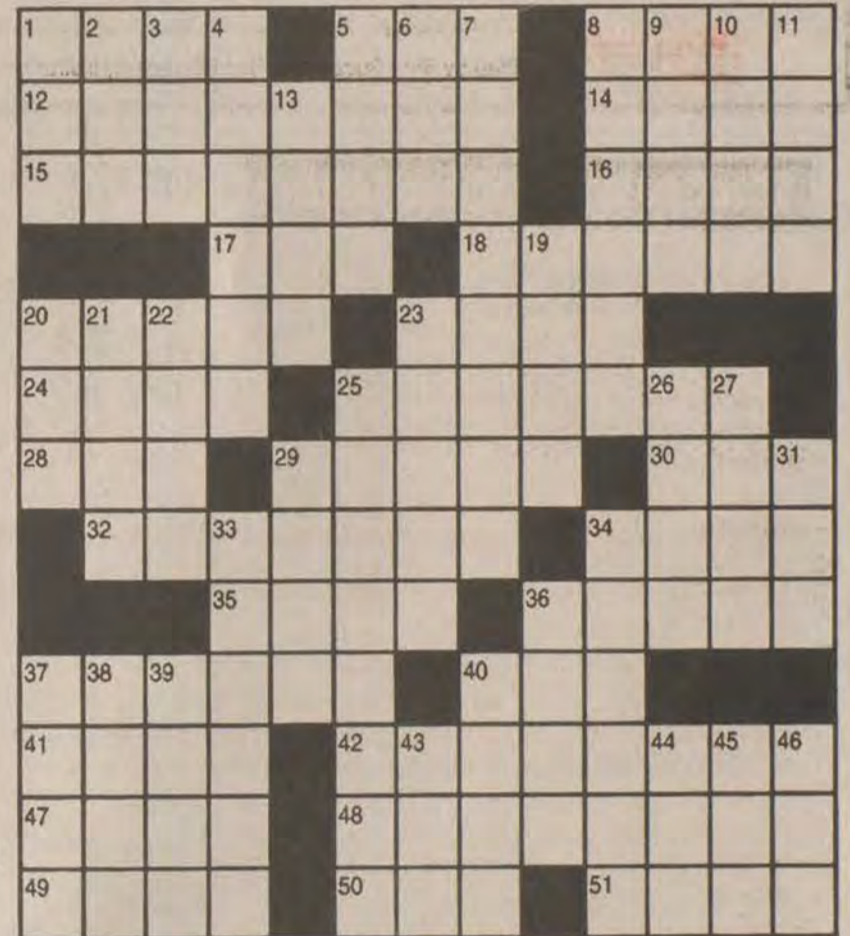
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## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 At leisure
  - 5 Resort
  - 8 Apportion
  - 12 Not so big
  - 14 "American -"
  - 15 Small top
  - 16 Occupation
  - 17 Expert
  - 18 Reviewer
  - 20 Mid-eastern patriarch
  - 23 Loafer, for one
  - 24 Delete
  - 25 Type of overpass
  - 28 Under the weather
  - 29 Civil War song
  - 30 Crone
  - 32 Scarlet bird
  - 34 Eli's school
  - 35 Coffee shop vessels
  - 36 Seraglio group
  - 37 Temperature unit
  - 40 Bottom line
  - 41 Gets one's goat
  - 42 Adolescent
  - 47 Eat
  - 48 Painful time in baby's life
  - 49 Individuals
  - 50 Shade source
  - 51 Helper (Abbr.)



- DOWN**
- 1 Hirsute Addams
  - 2 Sandra or Ruby
  - 3 Director Spike
  - 4 Involve
  - 5 Location
  - 6 Little, in Lyons
  - 7 Parlor piece
  - 8 Environment
  - 9 Wield a blue pencil
  - 10 Author Morrison
  - 11 A util.
  - 13 Punch
  - 19 Went by bus
  - 20 Schuss
  - 21 Sword handle
  - 22 Ms. Fitzgerald
  - 23 "Boxcars"
  - 25 Literary Sketch
  - 26 Burn something
  - 27 Andersen offering
  - 29 Show guts
  - 31 Sapphire, e.g.
  - 33 Soap opera extras, maybe
  - 34 Motorcycle
  - 36 Quest
  - 37 "Thank You" singer
  - 38 "- Brockovich"
  - 39 Chromosome component
  - 40 Appear
  - 43 Wet wiggler
  - 44 Joe's ilk (Abbr.)
  - 45 Type units
  - 46 44-Down grp.

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