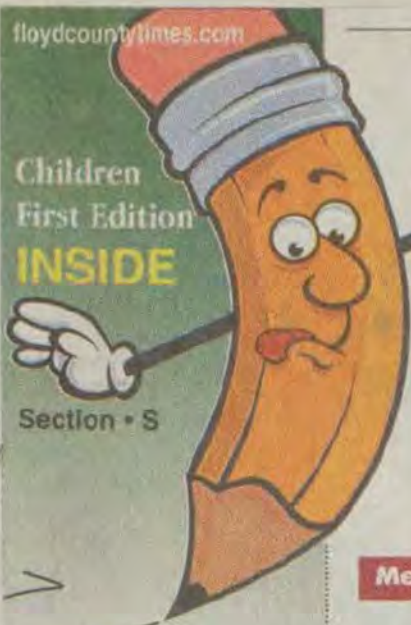


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Charges filed from gun incident

Times Staff Report

WHEELWRIGHT — A Wheelwright resident was arrested on a criminal summons charge of first-degree wanton endangerment Friday which claims he held a woman at gunpoint earlier this month at his mother's home in Golf Hollow.

Fred Isaac, 65, of Golf Hollow in Wheelwright, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Friday and charged with a single count of first-degree wanton endangerment following a criminal complaint from Hardy resident Dianna Marcum.

Although it was not stipulated in police reports following Isaac's arrest Friday, in Marcum's criminal complaint, sworn on Nov. 5, three days after the alleged incident, Marcum had said the incident had occurred at "their mother's home."

According to that Nov. 5 complaint, Isaac held a gun to Marcum's side and told her "not to bother his stuff." No further reference was made that would clearly explain the nature of the alleged disagreement.

Isaac is set to appear in District Court before Judge Eric Hall on Dec. 3 to answer to the charge.

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Half of Floyd schools flunk federal guidelines

by RALPH B. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

Eight Floyd County schools — including all of its high schools — have been put on notice: Improve by next year or prepare for penalties.

That warning came with the public release Monday of "report cards" based on

the federal No Child Left Behind Act. NCLB uses the same battery of tests as the state-administered Commonwealth Accountability Testing System. But unlike CATS, which clumps scores of each of a school's entire grade levels to determine whether a school is making progress, NCLB looks both at the student body as a whole as well as various subgroups of low-

income, disabled and ethnic students in passing judgment.

And NCLB takes a tough approach in judging schools. If one subgroup does not make adequate progress in either reading or math, but all other groups do, the school is still given a failing grade. To receive a passing grade, schools must meet all of their targets.

"All it takes is one," said Supt. Paul Fanning. "If you miss one, that's it."

Of 16 Floyd County schools, eight were judged to have made adequate progress at all levels. They include Allen Elementary, Clark Elementary, Duff Elementary, McDowell Elementary, May Valley

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Art professor Tom Whitaker, right, mingles with students and art enthusiasts Tuesday night at the opening of his showing at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Whitaker, who stepped down from the college to undergo treatment for cancer, plans to return to teaching next fall.

Art show foreshadows professor's return to class

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When you buy a painting or print at a showing of local artist Tom Whitaker, you get more than what you hold in your hands.

"That's Granny Stephens," the flamboyant artist says, cradling a small print of a bespectacled old lady. "She sold newspapers on the streets in Martin. I once told her, 'You've worked hard all your life,' and she said, 'No, I've not worked hard, but I've worked continually.'"

This is what Whitaker, one of the

most widely celebrated Appalachian artists of his time, would call insight.

"Isn't that all we do?" Whitaker asks. "We don't work hard, but continually."

It has certainly been the case for Whitaker.

Despite leaving his post as art instructor and resident Bohemian painter at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Area Community and Technical College after being diagnosed with cancer last year, Whitaker said he completed 12 paintings this past summer, as well as overseeing an art workshop with

more than 100 students in the McDowell area.

Tuesday night he was busy mingling with students, faculty and art seekers at his most recent gallery showing and discussing his road to recovery and plans to return to teaching.

"I plan to return next fall," Whitaker said, pushing his hat back onto his head and smiling. "I was still a little too weak to come back this semester and it wouldn't have been fair to the kids. I have a lot of doctors I still have to see and I

(See ARTIST, page three)

Newsome pleads guilty to sex charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A terminally ill man confessed yesterday to several felony sex crimes.

Rodney Newsome, 49, of Bryant Branch in Hi Hat, charged with four counts of first-degree rape, five counts of incest, two counts of second-degree sodomy and one count of first degree sex abuse, entered a plea of guilty in Floyd Circuit Court yesterday to all counts against him.

He was a former Wheelwright police officer and Sunday school bus driver.

Newsome was arrested

and indicted in March 2002 and charged with the rape of his 15-year-old daughter. He was indicted a second time by a grand jury in September and charged with various other offenses relating to sex crimes which occurred from Jan. 1993 to Sept. 2002.

Charges he faced with the second indictment, said Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wayne Taylor, involved the victimization of three other individuals living in the Newsome home.

"We're pleased with the guilty plea," said Taylor.

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Mine company under criminal investigation

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A Floyd County coal mine company is facing a federal criminal investigation after an explosion killed a miner in June, a newspaper reported.

According to documents obtained by The Courier-Journal under the state Open Records Act, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky has been asked by the federal mining agency to investigate possible criminal

charges against Cody Mining Co. in McDowell.

The June 13 blast killed Paul Blair, 21, and severely injured Robert Ratliffe Jr., 28, both of Paintsville. A third miner suffered less serious injuries.

Spokesmen for both the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration and U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove would not comment or confirm that a criminal investigation had been requested. But attorneys for

(See MINE, page eight)

Court sends money for floodplain project

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court agreed Tuesday to write the first check toward their obligation to fund part of the Martin Flood Project during a special-called meeting.

Court members passed a resolution that will see \$420,000 placed into an escrow account and later used as their 5 percent share of estimated project costs toward the relocation.

Floyd Judge-Executive

Paul Hunt Thompson said Tuesday the court had originally intended to provide the funding during its next regular meeting, which has been rescheduled for Nov. 25, but the Army Corps of Engineers had asked the money be made available sooner.

"The Corps called and asked where the money was," Thompson said. "We had just finished the second reading and were planning to do it at our next meeting, but they said they needed it now."

So, after two budget amendments and \$200,000

from the county's coal severance fund, the money required of the county to be put toward the project in the upcoming fiscal year is in place.

Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson said Tuesday that no land moving efforts have been initiated at this point, but that the Corps had purchased a number of vacant lots along Main Street, as well as two homes.

"They're still purchasing property along Main Street," Robinson said. "But, as far as

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The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted Tuesday to allocate \$420,000 to the Martin floodplain project. The money represents the county's share of the project's cost next year.

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2 DAY FORECAST

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Odds & Ends

The Associated Press

■ **KALAMAZOO, Mich.** — Children anxious to see Santa Claus at The Crosswinds mall this holiday season may have to wait, but it won't be in a long line.

Santa's helpers will instead hand out pagers that will beep, flash and vibrate to alert parents and kids when it's time for children to take their turn on Santa's knee.

Families can carry the pagers — similar to those handed out at restaurants — throughout the

mall, allowing them to get more Christmas shopping done without losing a precious place in line.

"We'll never have a line more than 12 families," Crosswinds marketing representative Al Shifflett III told the Kalamazoo Gazette. "No one should have to wait (in line) more than 30 minutes."

In previous years, visitors have had to wait up to two hours to meet the man from the North Pole.

Santa's helpers will continue paging until a family comes for its visit, Shifflett said.

Caring Communities is encouraging people to keep medical history forms in a plastic bag inside the refrigerator, where the information is easy to find for emergency personnel.

If the program is successful, organizers hope to go national, joining one other high-profile group with a similar effort.

EMS officials chose the refrigerator as the best place for the bags, which have stickers on them to indicate they contain medical information, said Kristine Mariotti, marketing director at Canton Regency Retirement Community. The retirement home donated the decals.

"We figure everyone has a refrigerator," she said. "It's a consistent place that EMS would be able to grab right away."

Kathryn Kilpatrick, who runs Caring Communities, collaborated with emergency medical service workers in Stark County south of Cleveland to get the program started last week.

"The only way you can do it is to work with EMS. If they don't know to go and look for it (the record), then that's a problem," Kilpatrick said.

The group gave 5,000 forms to emergency officials and health and community organizations, such as the Alzheimer's Association and Meals on Wheels.

■ **ALBANY, N.Y.** — New York's top court will tackle the tale — and the tail — of a pure-bred dog and whether the pooch is being discriminated against by hidebound and cruel dog show standards.

Jon H. Hammer has been trying since 2001 to get the American Kennel Club and the American Brittany Club to stop taking points away from dogs like his, a Brittany named Ms. Dale's Spooner, because he doesn't have a docked, or clipped, tail.

Breed standards at dog shows state that any Brittany with a tail "substantially" longer than four inches shall be "severely penalized" by show judges.

Hammer, a Manhattan lawyer, says docking a dog's tail violates state laws prohibiting cruel treatment of animals. The American Kennel Club counters that Brittanies were bred to hunt and that docking the tails prevents injury while the dogs are in the field.

The six members of the state's Court of Appeals were to hear cases starting Tuesday.

■ **ASPEN, Colo.** — Police in Aspen won't have to feel inferior driving around in their tony resort community — they can keep their luxury import cars, for now.

The Aspen Police Department has extended its deal with Saab that will allow officers to drive the sleek silver sedans until Jan. 31, 2005.

"We're all set," Assistant City Manager Randy Ready said late last week. "We have extended the lease for one more year."

After that, it seems unlikely

the partnership will continue. For a quarter of a century, the Swedish automaker has sold the vehicles to Aspen at a loss.

Though it's not like their new vehicles will be cause for embarrassment: In September, Vail police announced they were switching to Ford Explorers.

Still, officers said they enjoy driving Saabs. The police department Web site includes a photo of a Saab — an "expression of the unique nature of the Aspen Police Department."

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2003. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date:

■ In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

■ In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio.

■ In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

■ In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

■ In 1949, Monaco held a coronation for its new ruler, Prince Rainier III, six months after he succeeded his grandfather, Prince Louis II.

■ In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

■ In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

■ In 1985, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S.

Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

■ In 1988, shipping heiress Christina Onassis died in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at age 37.

■ In 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey gave birth to four boys and three girls — only the second set of septuplets known to have been born alive.

Ten years ago:

The U.S. Senate approved a sweeping \$22.3 billion anti-crime measure. President Clinton met in Seattle with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Five years ago:

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr laid out his evidence against President Clinton, then defended his investigation under withering questions from Democrats during a daylong appearance before the House Judiciary Committee. Movie director Alan Pakula died in a car accident on Long Island, N.Y., at age 70.

One year ago:

An oil tanker carrying 20 million gallons of fuel oil broke in

two and sank in the Atlantic Ocean off northwest Spain. U.N. weapons inspectors wrapped up a two-day visit to Iraq. The Senate, on a 90-9 vote, approved creation of the Department of Homeland Security. Singer Michael Jackson made an appearance outside his Berlin hotel and briefly held his youngest child, Prince Michael II, over a fourth-floor balcony in front of dozens of fans waiting below.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Alan Young is 84. Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick is 77. Talk show host Larry King is 70. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 67. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 65. Singer Pete Moore is 64. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 64. TV journalist Garrick Utley is 64. Actor Dan Haggerty is 62. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 62. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 61. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 54. Actor Robert Beltran is 50. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is

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School

Elementary, Osborne Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary and South Floyd Middle.

Eight others, however, did not. They include Allen Central High School, Allen Central Middle School, Adams Middle School, Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne High School, Prestonsburg High School, South Floyd High School and Stumbo Elementary.

All schools showed overall progress which met federal guidelines when looking at their students bodies as a whole, but the eight schools given failing grades showed deficiencies in other areas.

Looking at the results, one clear pattern emerges — the performance of disabled students. Of the eight schools given failing grades, five — Allen Central High School, Allen Central Middle, Betsy Layne High, Adams Middle and Prestonsburg High — showed deficiencies among disabled students. For three of those — Adams Middle, Allen Central Middle and Allen Central High — a lack of sufficient progress among disabled students was the only reason for

a school's failure. That was also the case for the district as a whole, which was also graded. Of 13 goals, the only one the district missed was the performance of disabled students in math.

Three schools also showed deficiencies among low-income students. They were Betsy Layne Elementary, Prestonsburg High School and South Floyd High School. At SFHS, the performance of low-income students in math was the only target not met.

Fanning said that the performance in those areas was not necessarily a surprise. He said CATS data has shown the same trends for years.

NCLB also judges one other academic indicator in pronouncing judgment, which differs according to the grade level of the school. For high schools, that indicator is dropout rates. For lower grades, it is the school's overall performance on the CATS test.

It was that additional indicator which prevented Stumbo Elementary from receiving a passing grade. Betsy Layne Elementary also did not meet

its objective on the overall CATS test, while Betsy Layne High School did not meet its dropout rate goal.

A school's failure to make a passing grade carries stiff penalties, but not in the first year. Once a school has received a failing grade two consecutive years, parents are given the option of having their children transferred to a school

within the district which has received a passing grade. If there is no school within the district that qualifies, parents could then request that their children be transferred to a school in a neighboring district. That point is especially relevant for Floyd County, where all four high schools received failing grades. Should that scenario be repeated next year,

Floyd County could find itself busing some of its students to Pike and Johnson counties — and paying to do so.

Penalties increase each consecutive year a school does not make a passing grade, culminating in the sixth year, when either the state takes over the school, or its teachers and administrators are fired.

School districts in Kentucky now find themselves facing two sets of standards to meet — CATS and NCLB — but Fanning says he believes it to be possible to meet both.

"As far as Floyd County schools go, we are definitely going to address both," Fanning said. "Hopefully addressing one will allow us to address the other."

Driver arrested after swerving in front of ambulance

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Johnson County woman was taken into custody Friday after police said they witnessed her swerve along the roadway, run a traffic light and then cross in front of a speeding ambulance.

Deborah L. Fitch, 37, of Paintsville, was arrested by Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey along Route 1428 in Prestonsburg Friday afternoon after Tussey noticed her 1996 tan Ford Contour swerving side to side along U.S. 23.

Tussey said in his report that Fitch was driving side to side before making contact with another vehicle at the U.S. 23 and Route 1428 red light.

Fitch allegedly ran the red light after striking the other vehicle and then crossed in front of a TranStar Ambulance traveling along the same road.

The ambulance had its emergency lights on when Fitch swerved into its path, according to police.

Tussey said when he made his way behind Fitch, she was traveling on the wrong side of the road. After he was behind her, Tussey said Fitch then ran

several more vehicles off the road before finally pulling into a nearby BP gas station.

When Fitch got out of her car, Tussey reported that she was having trouble standing and exhibited slurred speech. He noted in his report that Fitch had "blue residue" in her nose.

Fitch failed all field tests, including and ABC count and a hand count, Tussey said.

She was arrested at approximately 2 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, disregarding a traffic control device and four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

Tussey noted on his citation for the four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment that there were four people traveling in the ambulance Fitch allegedly crossed in front of while swerving along the roadway.

According to a criminal history record included with Fitch's case, the Paintsville resident was found guilty of public intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia and falsely reporting an incident in March of this year in Floyd County.

Guilty

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"It's a significant sentence that validates the word of all the victims. We're also pleased that the family members were not victimized once again at trial by having to relive all the trauma that Mr. Newsome had put them through all the years."

Newsome received a recommended sentence of seven-and-one-half years in jail, but Taylor says that his impeding medical condition may prevent Newsome from completing that sentence.

"Being provided medical records for Mr. Newsome, it's our understanding that his health condition is so bad that even a two- or three-year sentence in all likelihood would result in him spending the rest of his life in prison," he said.

According to Taylor, Newsome is suffering from the final stages of liver cancer.

Newsome was set to go to trial to face these charges in March.

He is currently being housed at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Fiscal

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I know, it'll be March or April, hopefully, when they start doing any big work."

The project is set to begin with the relocation of the city's fire department into another building at the lower end of the city, Robinson said, adding that the move should be completed by Jan. 15.

After that move, contractors can then begin land moving efforts that will begin along the hillside near where the fire department currently exists.

In mid-September, the Department for Local Government issued a check for \$400,000 toward work on the project, which officials say will take an estimated 10 years to complete.

The project, which will cost \$90 million to finish, is aimed at bringing the city out of the floodplain, ending decades of severe flooding.

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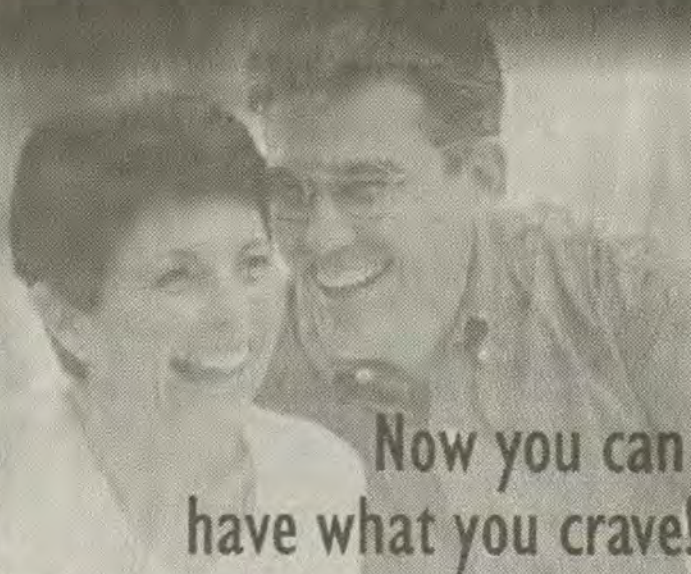
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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—Benjamin Franklin

Amendment 1

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Guest View

One year to improve

For all that has been said or written about the federal No Child Left Behind Act, it is now the law of the land and this time next year, many schools will begin feeling its effects in unpleasant ways.

That could include up to half of Floyd County's schools, which were placed on notice this week that they are not passing muster with federal officials.

Eight of Floyd County's 16 schools — including all four high schools — received failing grades for making adequate yearly progress in math and reading. While that certainly sounds bad and is cause for concern, those official pronouncements of failure are not necessarily as bad as they sound.

Under NCLB, schools are not merely judged on their performance as a whole. Instead, schools must also show that various subgroups of students — disabled students, those from low-income families, various ethnic groups and those with limited English proficiency — are making also progress. If just one group fails to meet its goal in either reading or math, the entire school is deemed to have failed.

Some have criticized this formula as too harsh, and it certainly has produced some anecdotal oddities. For example, one National Blue Ribbon school in Pennsylvania was deemed to have failed under the eyes of NCLB. Closer to home, the Paintsville Independent school district — long held as one of the best in Eastern Kentucky — saw both of its schools fall to a similar fate.

But we will not argue the pros and cons of this strict policy. Perhaps it is tough love or perhaps it is just too tough. But the point that needs to be made clear is that, fair or not, NCLB now defines the rules for our school systems.

Any school which receives failing marks two years in a row faces a series of consequences. Parents of students in schools which receive failing marks two years in a row can ask that their children be transferred to schools which are making progress. Should all of Floyd County's high schools receive F's again next year, that means Floyd County would suddenly find itself responsible for busing students to schools in Pike or Johnson counties.

The penalties grow stiffer with each succeeding year that a school does not pass. If a school does not receive a passing mark six years in a row, it faces either takeover by the state or mass firing of its teachers and administrators.

Those are stiff consequences, but they are the rules by which schools must play from now on. Hopefully, they will provide a much-needed impetus to improve.

The warning shot has been fired across our bow. Floyd County's dedication to education will be measured by how it responds over the next year.

—The Floyd County Times



Sticks & Stones

Mining violations too little, too late

The federal government, which cited a McDowell coal mine for 71 safety violations last month, is now seeking criminal charges against the company following the death of a miner in a June 13 blast at the location.

Other than the fact that it might, just might, set an example for others, why bother now?

Miner Paul Blair is dead. This past summer, he was working, alive and well.

Why weren't these 71 violations spotted by inspectors prior to the accident? Even barring that, in addition to those federal violations, our state inspectors had found 54 instances of both safety and health violations at the site. Further, barring even that, if the violations were noted, why were they left apparently unattended?

The laws surrounding this sort of thing are complex, to be sure, but it

seems some tough love or prompt and responsible action might have saved a life and spared injury in this case.

Mines are shut down, they call it being "red-tagged," which means it's entirely possible that a miner could show up for work one day and start to the face of the mine only to literally find a cereal box sized red tag hanging over the entrance.

Go to the house. Thank your lucky stars. Find yourself a safer place to work.

How is it a combined 125 federal and state safety violations go unnoticed, discovered or noted only after someone is killed?

This question is intended not as accusatory so much as merely inquisitive. Where none of these violations noted in prior inspections?

Were they noted and simply left alone?

Leveling a coal mine with even 1,000 violations in October following a death and two injuries in mid-June seems to

fall short of the purpose for which such study was implemented.

Ultimately, inspections and consequent violations are intended to preserve human life. Considering this, what happened at McDowell may well have been the result of something routine that simply did not take place before June.



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Our region has a long and proud coal mining history. Our grandfathers tell stories of moving caged parakeets through dark tunnels, watching the bird's breathing pattern in order to detect poison gases.

Danger is a big part of coal mining and most embrace this with a strong chin and backbone. But the basic risks of working in such an environment should be plenty enough to ask of a man or woman looking to put food on the table.

Adding to that with neglect of oversight should be nothing short of felonious.

Letters

Supreme Court ruling was correct

This week, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case regarding Judge Roy Moore's battle to have a Ten Commandments monument placed in the Alabama Hall of Justice. Why do I say this ruling is correct? Because the Constitution and Bill of Rights of our nation clearly state that the federal government shall not interfere with religion or its practices in this country.

This means that no federal court, including the Supreme Court of our land, has the constitutional right to make law regarding religion. Issues of religion are sovereign to the individual states. Any question regarding prayer, Bible reading, the Ten Commandments, the Pledge of Allegiance, etc. are solely

the responsibility of each individual state.

Now, I doubt the Supreme Court read the Constitution and Bill of Rights before ruling — they probably just wanted to pass the buck — but the ruling was correct.

What is not correct is the continuing interference by the federal courts in matters they have no constitutional right to be involved in!

If the people (I use the term loosely) want to remove "In God we trust" from currency, want to remove "one nation under God" from the pledge, or "so help me, God" from the oaths of office, then they need to reconvene a new constitutional convention and modify it. Until the Constitution and Bill of Rights can be changed, which is doubtful, praise the Lord, no federal authority has the legal right to supercede the Constitution!

We as a nation have let the lawless, the godless and those

who were allowed in this nation by our good will destroy our values, traditions, morals and the basis which made our nation great.

When 85 to 90 percent of the people like things just the way they are, then the status quo should remain. We should not and cannot allow one or two communists, atheists or revisionists to run roughshod over the rest of us! In a democracy, the majority rules. Allowing a small group to control the rest of us is no different than what went on in Hitler's Germany, the Soviet bloc or third-world dictatorships.

No one is forced to pray, read the Ten Commandments, the Bible or even sing the national anthem. You have a right not to; it's your choice. Denying the rest of us our constitutional rights and using the courts to trash the Constitution reminds me of North Korea, Iran or any totalitarian state — certainly

not America!

I had a history teacher in college who talked about the future years ago. He predicted a global conflict where those who "have" would battle those who have nothing. I partially agreed at the time, but in thinking about it recently, I know he was wrong. The coming battle will be between the good and the godless, between real Americans and those who seek to establish a godless socialist state. The battle has started, folks — which side will you be on?

Charles E. Scoville
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Pay attention to the road

I would like to bring to the public's attention a matter that concerns everyone in Eastern Kentucky. We need

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Health Extra

Shortfall in state Medicaid growing worse

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The state could face an \$888 million shortfall in its Medicaid program by 2005, according to figures released by Gov. Paul Patton's administration.

This year, state officials were able to cover a projected \$450 million shortfall with cost-cutting and some one-time state and federal money. They have projected a \$530 million shortfall in the fiscal year that

"They're huge," Health Services Secretary Marcia Morgan said of the latest numbers. "I think there's going to have to be some serious debate about what kind of Medicaid program Kentucky wants and what kind of program Kentucky can afford."

begins July 1 — growing to \$888 million the next year.

Officials say the shortfalls will keep growing because of the steady increase in people eligible for the government

health plan for the poor, disabled and seniors in nursing homes, and increased costs of health care.

"They're huge," Health Services Secretary Marcia

Morgan said of the latest numbers. "I think there's going to have to be some serious debate about what kind of Medicaid program Kentucky wants and what kind of program Kentucky can afford."

The program now serves 673,126 Kentuckians — the highest total since the number of those eligible began to climb in 1999. Advocates for seniors and the poor were stunned by the latest projected shortfalls even as they continue to protest previous cuts that are forcing hundreds of people out of nursing homes or off programs that provide assistance in the community, such as home health.

"Wow!" said Cathy Allgood Murphy, an advocate with AARP of Kentucky. "It will mean very dramatic cuts. It makes you want to sit and cry when you think about what will happen to the vulnerable of this state."

Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher has made health care a top priority and plans to thoroughly analyze Medicaid, said his spokesman, Wes Irvin. But Irvin said Fletcher doesn't want to comment on the latest projections until his team has a chance to gather more information.

"We're just not going to say a whole lot about it until we get over there and look at it for ourselves," Irvin said. He said the Fletcher administration believes it can tackle the problems. "It's with your biggest challenges that you can bring the most change," he said.

State Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown and chairman of the House human services budget subcommittee, said he understands that the Fletcher

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Number of West Nile cases in Kentucky drops in 2003

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Extra precautions taken by Kentuckians and stepped-up mosquito-control efforts are being credited for a drop in the number of West Nile virus cases in the state this year.

Heavy summer rain may have also helped prevent spread of the disease.

In its end-of-the-season report on the potentially deadly virus, the state Department of Public Health reported 14 cases in 2003, with one death. That's down from 75 human cases, including five deaths, in 2002 — the first year West Nile was reported in Kentuckians.

Kentuckians are fortunate to have the relatively small number of cases this year, said Sue Billings, a veterinarian and epidemiologist with the department. "But we need to be vigi-

lant."

This year 102 horses and 111 birds tested positive for West Nile, compared with 513 horses and 693 birds last year.

Nationally, it was a record year for West Nile, which struck some Western states particularly hard. There were 8,393 cases with a median age of 47, and 184 deaths, with a median age of 77. Kentucky's death was an 89-year-old Campbell County woman.

The peak of West Nile activity occurred about three weeks later this year than in 2002 — in September instead of August.

The human cases arose fairly evenly around the state, with two each in Barren and Daviess counties and one each in Campbell, Clark, Clinton, Fayette, Grant, Greenup, Hart, Kenton, Laurel and Marion counties.

Billings said the reasons for the drop in cases are complicated and uncertain to some extent. But they include intensified mosquito-control efforts, including killing mosquito larvae in pockets of standing water that provide prime breeding habitat. Mosquitoes spread the disease.

Billings cited such stepped-up control efforts in Jefferson County, where the number of West Nile cases dropped from 29 in 2002 to none this year.

Also, the summer's heavy rain flushed out many mosquito breeding spots.

Billings also credited Kentuckians with being more careful in protecting themselves by wearing insect repellent and long-sleeved clothing when outside during mosquito season.

She urged residents to continue taking precautions to eliminate standing water, such as making sure gutters drain properly, bird baths are changed often and water-trapping containers such as cans and tires are eliminated.

Nationally, health officials reported 8,393 human cases of West Nile this year; 184 people died.

Most infected people don't show symptoms. But severe infections come with high fever, head and body aches, neck stiffness, disorientation, stupor and muscle weakness.

History

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49. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 48. Newscaster Ann Curry is 47. Actor Scott Jacoby is 47. Actress Allison Janney is 43. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 43. Actress Meg Ryan is 42. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 41. Actress Terry Farrell is 40. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 37. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 37. Rock musician Travis McNabb (Better Than Ezra) is 34. Singer Tony Rich is 32. Dancer-choreographer Savion Glover is 30. Country musician Chad Jeffers (Pinmonkey) is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamika Scott (Xscape) is 28.

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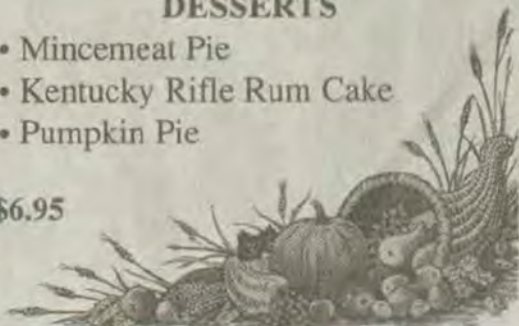
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With ethics settlement, Patton's legal troubles remain uncertain

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Now that he's settled the ethics charges, Gov. Paul Patton's potential legal troubles stemming from his affair with former mistress Tina Conner remain uncertain.

Patton's attorney, Sheryl Snyder, said it's unlikely other legal problems will pop up for his embattled client. Based on settlement of ethics charges brought by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, which has a lower burden of proof than criminal cases, Patton probably won't be charged criminally, Snyder said.

"Obviously, the prosecutors have not yet said anything to us on the record," Snyder said. "But that investigation has not been active for months now, and I believe their focus shifted from Patton to Tina Conner a long time ago."

As part of an agreement Sunday, Patton admitted to two of four ethics charges against him stemming from his involvement with Conner. Patton, who leaves office next month, agreed to accept a \$5,000 fine and a public reprimand. As part of the agreement, Patton said he admit-

ted to unknowingly violating portions of the state ethics law.

The governor said he agreed to the deal to avoid additional costly legal fees and to spare his family from a hearing that could last up to a week. Patton's ethics hearing was scheduled to start Monday.

"There's no point in going through a hearing unless you're ready to appeal because the commission had already made up its mind," Patton said. "They had all the information, they had all

the testimony and they obviously were going to do what they wanted to do. The only question was, was I going to agree with it or were they going to do it without me agreeing to it."

Snyder said he thought that was where the governor's legal troubles would end.

"That's pretty good evidence that if there's not even enough there for the ethics commission, there certainly is not enough

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Trial postponed in campus rape case

The Associated Press

MOREHEAD — A judge postponed the trial for two former Morehead State University students who are charged in the alleged sexual assault of a female student.

Nathan Blackburn, of Pikeville, and Jordan H. Tackett, of Jenkins, were scheduled to

stand trial Monday morning in Rowan Circuit Court.

Judge Beth Lewis Maze postponed the trial, but did not set a new trial date. Maze did schedule a status hearing for both defendants on Dec. 5, according to the circuit court's office.

The charges stem from an alleged incident involving a then-17-year-old female student last fall at Waterfield Hall, a coed dorm at Morehead State.

Blackburn, Tackett and a third suspect — Trevor K. Duncan — are all charged with using a minor in a sexual performance. Duncan, of Olympia, will stand trial in January.

Two other defendants, Quinton L. Martindale and Calvin G. Roach, both of Louisville, pleaded guilty to one count each of facilitation to using a minor in a sexual performance, a felony.

Two face charges for stealing from beaten councilman

The Associated Press

LOUISA — A Louisa woman and her son are facing charges for a burglary at the home of a former city councilman who was beaten with a baseball bat the night of the theft.

Carol Osborne, 44, and her son, Thomas Osborne Jr., 28, were each indicted on two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and one count each of second-degree burglary and theft by deception over \$300.

The indictment alleges that the two stole a checkbook from Elmer and Janice Frazier's home on Oct. 8, then used the checks to buy a TV and DVD player.

Elmer Frazier, 68, was attacked outside his home that same night, after returning from the grocery store, police said. Frazier's skull was crushed in the beating. He was hospitalized for about four weeks afterward. No one has been charged in the attack on Frazier.

Louisa Police Chief Kevin

Adkins said the Osbornes could be placed at the house at the time of the attack.

Police said a blood-stained bat was retrieved from the Louisa home of Wiley Mullins, 34, and is now being tested at the Kentucky State Police crime lab in Ashland.

Mullins and another of Carol Osborne's sons, James Osborne, 22, were arrested together in an unrelated robbery at an antique store in downtown Ashland.

Worse

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administration wants to develop its own forecasts. But he said he believes departing Gov. Patton's projected shortfalls "are in the ballpark." Lee said lawmakers are looking to the Fletcher administration for a solution to the Medicaid crisis as it begins work on the next two-year budget.

"I think that question will have to be answered by the new administration and I am anxiously awaiting that answer," Lee said.

Fletcher has said he opposes new taxes, as do leaders of the Republican-controlled Senate. But some familiar with the Medicaid program said that without new revenue, the state will impose harsh cuts on some of its neediest people.

"We're really going to have to raise revenue," said state Rep. Paul Bather, D-Louisville and co-chairman of the Medicaid Managed Care committee. "Medicaid cannot take \$500 million worth of cuts — it's just going to be catastrophic."

Sen. Julie Denton, R-Louisville and chairwoman of the Senate Health and Welfare committee, has said she supports an increase in Kentucky's 3-cents-a-pack cigarette tax to raise money for Medicaid. Some lawmakers have filed a bill that would increase the tax to 75 cents a pack. They project that would raise \$300 million to \$400 million a year.

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The family of James F. (Jim Bo) Howard would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent cards, food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to all the ICU nurses, doctors, and other employees at Highlands Regional Medical Center for your excellent care of Jim, and the compassion shown to him and his family. A special thanks to Rev. George Love for his comforting words, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for your love, understanding and professional care.

All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES (JIM BO) HOWARD

Obituaries

Walk L. Tackett

Walk L. Tackett, 64, of Minnie, died Saturday, November 15, 2003, at his residence.

Born July 10, 1939, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Marion and Minnie Vance Tackett. He was a retired conductor for CSX, and a United States Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Lee Weigle Tackett.

Other survivors include two sons, Craig Tackett of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Calvin Tackett of McDowell; two daughters, Chrissy Queen of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Minnie Tackett of Minnie; two brothers, Roy Tackett of Morehead, and Wade Tackett of Printer; six sisters, Irene Tackett of Printer, Helen Hall of McDowell, Columbia Mullins of McDowell, Gail Gayheart of Hillsborough, Verlie Mae Tackett of Printer, and Mary Patton of Glendale, Arizona; and seven grandchildren, Whitney, Jamie, Jesse, Cody, Alyssa, Gabriel and Brittany.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Roe Tackett, Junior Tackett, Alan Tackett, Billy Tackett and Timmy Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 18, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Entombment will be in the Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Alvin R. Newsome

Alvin R. Newsome, 35, of Teaberry, died Monday, November 17, 2003, following a car accident on Route 979 at Grethel.

Born June 4, 1968, in McDowell, he was the son of Bobby Ray and Gerlene (Geraldine) Hamilton Newsome of Teaberry. He was a disabled welder and truck driver.

Other survivors include two sons, Austin Ray Newsome and Dylan Kyle Newsome of Grethel; one daughter, Tara Nashae Newsome of Grethel; maternal grandmother, Edna Newsome Hamilton of Teaberry; three brothers, Bobby Joe Newsome of Pikeville, Mickey Hamilton of Cumberland and Ishmael Glenn Hamilton of Craynor; three sisters, Tina Dawn Hall of Galveston, Renee Kendrick of Teaberry and Janet (Toot) Hall of Tiffin, Ohio and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Willie Hamilton and paternal grandparents, Alvin and Nannie Newsome.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 21, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Donnie Hall, Billy Compton, Burmin White and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation will start Wednesday, November 19, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Richard D. Ball III

Richard D. Ball III, 55, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Born July 23, 1948, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Richard D. Ball Jr., and Lorraine Messer Ball. He was a retired captain for Continental Airlines, in Houston, Texas, where he worked for 17 years, and was a U.S. Army veteran.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Michael Ball (Sharon) of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two nieces, Melissa Ball and Cynthia Ball, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and one uncle, Print Ball of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 17, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mark Walz officiating.

Interment was at Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Visitation was Sunday, 5 p.m., until 9 p.m.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Ball family.

Pallbearers: Gary Wright, Robert Burchett, Charles Collins, Paul Messer, William David Messer, and Junior Porter. (Paid obituary)

John Woodford Howard II

John Woodford Howard II, son of Jane Davis Howard and the late Judge Harris S. Howard, was born November 9, 1955, in Prestonsburg. He departed this life, November 16, 2003.

John is survived by his mother; a brother, Harris (and his wife, Lee); a sister, Vanessa, and a very special nephew, Jonathan. His paternal grandparents, Jack and Florence Stephens Howard, and his maternal grandparents, Ralph and Myrtle Hill Davis, preceded him in death.

John graduated from Transylvania University, Summa Cum Laude, in 1977, and was in his first year of medical school when he had an automobile accident that left him a quadriplegic. After many months of therapy, and with strong determination, he decided that even though he would not be able to use his hands to become a surgeon, he could use his keen mind to become an attorney. Upon completion of law school, John worked as Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals, before going into private practice.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church, a member of the Floyd County, Kentucky, and American Bar Associations. He also served eight years on the Board of Directors of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center. John believed that achievement comes when you decide to live your possibilities and that it isn't life that matters, it's the courage you bring to it. He overcame monumental obstacles with courage, faith and integrity.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Thursday, at the First United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions suggested to the Harris S. Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund at Prestonsburg Community College, 1 Bert Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, or to the First United Methodist Church, 256 South Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Visitation will be 4 p.m., until 8 p.m., today, at Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Fred Culvertson, Keith Shannon, Brian Holbrook, Derek Hicks, Jim Combs, Ronnie Slone, Jerry Patton, and Jerry Meek.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Howard family. (Paid obituary)

Bertha Stephens Ousley

Bertha Stephens Ousley, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 16, 2003.

Born January 3, 1919, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Alex and Emma Johnson Stephens. She was a homemaker, and a member of the West Prestonsburg United Baptist Church for 55 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Ousley, to whom she was married for 63 years.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Alec Ousley and Russell Ousley, both of Prestonsburg, and William Ousley of Indianapolis, Indiana; two daughters, Ruby Shepherd of Prestonsburg, and Lula Belle Morrison of Popular Bluff, Missouri; two sisters, Dora Bradley of Stockbridge, Michigan, and Nola Stumbo of Prestonsburg; 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Edna Grace Ousley; three brothers, Henry Stephens, William Stephens and Joe Stephens; three sisters, Betty Hunter, Julie Hunter, and Mary Bradley; two grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 19, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Don Neeley, and other United Baptist ministers, officiating.

Burial will be in the Ousley Cemetery, Spurlock, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Warren G. Risner

Warren G. Risner, 81, of Bypro, died Friday, November 14, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born November 29, 1921, in Martin, he was the son of the late Tom and Kate Hunter Risner. He was a retired merchant, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Pratt Risner.

Other survivors include his daughters and son-in-laws, Debbie and Johnny Belcher of Prestonsburg, Delona and John Roth of Amherst, Massachusetts, Denise and Keith Wilson of Winchester; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Martin Risner; and two half-brothers, Woodrow Taylor and Macfarland Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Martin, with Bishop Ken Carrier officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Walk L. Tackett

Walk L. Tackett, 64, of Minnie, died Saturday, November 15, 2003, at his residence.

Born July 10, 1939, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Marion and Minnie Vance Tackett. He was a retired conductor for CSX, and a United States Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Lee Weigle Tackett.

Other survivors include two sons, Craig Tackett of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Calvin Tackett of McDowell; two daughters, Chrissy Queen of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Minnie Tackett of Minnie; two brothers, Roy Tackett of Morehead, and Wade Tackett of Printer; six sisters, Irene Tackett of Printer, Helen Hall of McDowell, Columbia Mullins of McDowell, Gail Gayheart of Hillsborough, Verlie Mae Tackett of Printer, and Mary Patton of Glendale, Arizona; and seven grandchildren, Whitney, Jamie, Jesse, Cody, Alyssa, Gabriel and Brittany.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Roe Tackett, Junior Tackett, Alan Tackett, Billy Tackett and Timmy Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 18, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Entombment will be in the Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Oliver (Bud) Spurlock

Oliver (Bud) Spurlock, of Oak Hill, Ohio, passed away, Saturday, November 15, 2003, at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Oliver was a farmer in the Oak Hill area since 1954, and was a bus driver for the Oak Hill Local Schools for 23 years. He retired from the school system in 1985. Prior to moving to Oak Hill, he was a coal miner in Floyd County, for 17 years.

He was born August 14, 1920, in Printer, the son of Randolph and Dolly Dingus Spurlock.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Edith Hamilton Spurlock.

Other survivors include three sons, Jack and (Carol) Spurlock of New Carlisle, Ohio, Joe and (Susan) Spurlock of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bob and (Jannie) Spurlock of Oak Hill, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Karen Spurlock of Milford Center, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Amalee Spurlock of Printer; ten grandchildren, and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Franklin Beriah; two brothers, Ottis and (Lucretia) Spurlock, and John Spurlock; and one sister, Elizabeth Spurlock Martin, and her husband, Luther Martin.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 18, at 1 p.m., at the Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home, Oak Hill, Ohio, with Rev. Elza Green and Carson Hunt officiating.

Burial was in the Hill Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Loretta Gilliam

Loretta Gilliam, 62, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, died Tuesday, November 4, at the Kamanos Center Institute in Detroit, after a long and difficult battle with cancer.

She was the wife of the late Woodrow Gilliam, who died in 1991.

She was born in Wheelwright, the daughter of Clarence and Montina Henley.

She lived in Hendersonville, North Carolina, for 35 years, where she was employed by Carolina Village, before moving to Michigan to be with her family, after her retirement this year.

Surviving are two sons, David Gilliam of Atlanta, Georgia, and Daniel Gilliam of Asheville, North Carolina; three brothers, Warnie Spurgeon of Hager Hill, Elmer Henley of Applegate, Michigan and Ed Henley

of Hanover, Indiana; five sisters, Opal Young of Marion, Ohio, Gennette Thacker of Youngstown, Ohio, Joyce McCain of Caledonia, Ohio, Sue Thomas of River Rouge, Michigan, and Ann Miller of Wyandotte, Michigan.

Visitation was held Thursday, November 6, at the Thomas Shepherd and Sons Funeral Home, and one hour prior to the service at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Friday, November 7, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, with Reverend Keith Sizemore officiating.

Burial followed in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 120 Executive Park, Asheville, North Carolina, 28801. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Herma Holbrook Bentley would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Danny P. Curry and Mabry Holbrook for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF HERMA HOLBROOK BENTLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Tony Soler would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Lori Vannucci for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, for the wonderful job, and, as always, the professional courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF TONY SOLER

Card of Thanks

The family of Kate Alice Perkins Goble would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thank-you to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Gary Justice for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF KATE ALICE PERKINS GOBLE

Card of Thanks

The family of B.J. Bryant would like to say thanks from the bottom of our hearts, for anything you may have done in our time of sorrow. If you sent food or flowers, or said kind words, thank you. A special thanks to Joppa Church; the sheriff's department; and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for a wonderful job.

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Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

the service, past and present. For more info., contact Cindy Hackworth at 886-6681.

from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

2668 for more info.

RED CROSS CPR/ FIRST AID

The American Red Cross Big Sandy Chapter is offering Instructor Training Course in CPR/First Aid on Nov. 17, 18, & 19. If interested, call 886-8330. Space limited, registration required.

CRAFTS FAIR

To be held Dec. 8, from 6-8 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office, South Lake Drive. Bonnie Crisp, local crafter, will present decorative ideas for the holidays. Refreshments will be served. Call Theresa Scott, at 886-

'HOLIDAY MEMORIES'

The Holiday Memories event will be held on Fri. and Sat., Dec. 5 & 6, at the Oil Springs School Center for Cultural Heritage Education, beginning at 10 a.m. Event will feature homemade gifts, arts & crafts, artist demonstrations and refreshments. \$1 admission fee. Free gifts for all. Tree lighting ceremony to be held Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. For more info. or to register to participate, call Kay Stover at 297-5083 or Johnson Co. Ext. Service at 789-8108. Deadline to register is Dec. 1.

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CARDIO DIAGNOSTIC MANAGER TO ADDRESS AARP MEETING

Zina Goble, Cardio Diagnostic Manager at Highlands Regional Medical Center will be the guest speaker at the final meeting of the year, of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, at the meeting to be held on Friday, November 21, in the office building at Highlands Regional.

The Chapter will elect and install new officers at this time.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all members and friends are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Meetings of the Chapter will resume on March 19, 2004.

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (located beside Jerry's), in Prestonsburg. SNOOP fundraiser for spay/neuter program.

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1 killed in collision with tractor-trailer

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

TEABERRY — A Tinker Fork man was killed Monday when his vehicle collided with an 18-wheeler while traveling along Route 979 at Teaberry.

According to the Kentucky State Police, Alvin R. Newsome, 35, was driving north along Route 979 when he lost control of his 1989 Ford Crown Victoria. When he regained control and made his way back onto the road, he collided with an 18-wheel commercial vehicle driven by Ronald C. Tackett, of Virgie.

Tackett had been traveling

south along Route 979 when the collision occurred at approximately 7 p.m. Monday evening, police said.

Newsome was pronounced dead at scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson and was later taken to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin.

Other than the state police, officials with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, the Mud Creek Fire Department, the Left Beaver Rescue Squad and DHP Ambulance Service were also on hand at the accident Monday.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Mine

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two mine employees filed motions last week asking the state to put its actions on hold because of a criminal investigation by the U.S. attorney's office. The company was cited last month by the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration last month for 71 safety violations. The Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals also has cited Cody Mining for 54 safety and health violations, ranging from unsafe blasting practices to inadequate ventilation.

Robert Ratliff Sr., owner of the mine, and Eugene Conley, a section foreman, could have their mining certificates revoked by the Kentucky Mine Safety Review Commission.

Conley's attorney, John David Preston of Paintsville, said no decision had been made on prosecution but that the state matter should be put on hold so that his client "is not placed in a position of being required to assert his rights to not offer testimony against himself."

In the motion by Ratliff's attorney, Billy Shelton of Lexington, Shelton said he was "unaware of Mr. Ratliff is a target of this investigation."

But Shelton said his client "would rather wait for a conclusion of the federal investigation prior to proceeding with this (state action), based upon constitutional grounds."

Each of the federal violations — from poor mining practices to altering the scene of the blast — carries a maximum penalty of \$60,000. But David Lauriski, the agency's head, said last month that no penalties had yet been levied. He said Cody Mining could face criminal and civil penalties.

Investigators also discovered a plastic bag containing 0.3 grams of marijuana at the mine. County and state autopsies found no marijuana in Blair's system but did find traces of hydrocodone, a powerful painkiller and cough suppressant. However, Dr. Gregory Davis, associate chief medical examiner in Frankfort, said Blair was not under the influence at the time of the blast.

Two file charges against Pike man

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Residents in two counties have taken out sworn complaints against a Pike County businessman saying he took a combined \$6,000 from them for jobs they say were never completed.

The complaints were filed against Joseph Wells Jr., 43, of Pikeville, in Floyd District Court on Nov. 10 and 12.

On Nov. 10, Prestonsburg insurance salesman Denzil Allen swore in a complaint that he had paid Wells \$3,000 to do improvements to his home on Aug. 13. Allen says Wells took the money, but did not complete the job.

Two days later, on Nov. 12, Pikeville resident Shawn Combs swore an identical complaint against Wells, who runs Wells Masonry.

Combs had said Wells agreed to make improvements to the Pikeville man's home for a payment of \$3,000. Combs said he gave Wells the payment, but claims the job was not completed.

Wells was arrested late last week on warrants charging him with two separate counts of theft by unlawful taking in connection to Allen's and Combs' claims.

Shortly after his arrest, Wells was lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$1,000 cash bond. He is set to appear for arraignment on Nov. 18.

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Mended Hearts Chapter 220 plans 'Lights of Life' memorial

The Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chapter #220, will sponsor a "Lights of Life Tree" this holiday season. The display of light and beauty will be located at Highlands Regional Medical Center, on a handsome live tree. The "Lights of Life" tree will illuminate the night from December 2, until past New Year's Day, as a reminder to all, of the importance of remembering and caring for others.

For a gift of only \$5, a light will be placed on the "Lights of Life" tree, symbolizing the life of a person you wish to honor or memorialize. Each donation will be acknowledged by a card sent to the person you wish to honor, or to the family of the person you wish to remember. In addition to the card, a receipt will be mailed in acknowledgment of your tax-deductible contribution.

A gift to the "Lights of Life"

holiday tree will automatically register your invitation to be a guest at a reception and tree lighting ceremony, that will take place on Tuesday, December 2, at 6 p.m., in Meeting Room B. The lighting ceremony will take place at 7 p.m., at the entrance to the medical center.

The objectives of the Mended Hearts organization is to offer help, support and encouragement to heart disease patients and their families. This objective may be achieved in the following manner: By visiting heart patients, with physician approval; distributing informational material of specific educational value to members of the Mended Hearts

Inc., organization, and to heart disease patients and their families; by establishing and maintaining a program of assistance to physicians, nurses, medical professionals, and health care organizations in their work with heart disease patients and their families; by cooperating with other organizations in education and research activities pertaining to heart disease; by establishing and assisting established heart disease rehabilitation programs; and by planning and conducting suitable programs of social and educational interest for members,

and for heart disease patients and their families.

Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chapter 220, currently sponsors two nursing scholarships at the Prestonsburg campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. To make a donation to the "Lights of Life Tree," make your check payable to "Big Sandy Mended Hearts," and mail to the following address: Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chapter 220, P.O. Box 1821, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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State says 470 schools didn't make 'adequate yearly progress'

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Two in five public schools in Kentucky failed to make "adequate yearly progress" as defined under a federal education law, according to data released Monday.

For entire school districts, the rate was higher. At least 119 of the 176 school districts were found to have missed at least one objective, which was enough to be classified as inadequate.

No district had fewer than six objectives to meet. The two largest districts, Jefferson County and Fayette County, each had 25. They met 16 and 15, respectively.

"The more diverse your population, the more targets you have to reach," said Carolyn Martin, assessment coordinator for Fayette County schools, where 27 foreign languages are spoken by more than 1,300 students.

Individual schools had as many as 17 objectives to meet and as few as four. At least 702 schools met all their objectives and 470 did not. Results remained to be determined for seven other schools.

The federal law, which President Bush coined "No Child Left Behind," requires each state to report how its schools and districts are progressing toward a goal of proficiency by 2014. The system depends heavily on reading and math test scores.

Average progress is not sufficient. Students in each of four categories — minority students and those with disabilities, low household incomes or limited English proficiency — also must be progressing.

Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit said reporting achievement by student groups "will be eye-opening for many people." The federal law applies

a broad brush, "giving only a thumbs-up or thumbs-down" on whether schools and districts progressed sufficiently, Wilhoit said.

Complicating matters is that results must be reported for all schools but only schools with federal funding, known as Title I, potentially face consequences for failure. Of the 470 Kentucky schools deemed to have made

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to be more attentive to our driving habits when approaching the narrow, winding curves of the hollows and side roads in our area.

I live on Big Mud Creek and upon a hill that oversees the heavy traffic that occurs daily on Route 979. It has been a familiar sound through the years as coal truck drivers have to slam on their brakes making their way into the curves and trying to

avoid a collision with oncoming motorists who fail to stop well before their approach into the curve. It is very hard for these coal-laden trucks to stop quickly and they need to lay over into the other lane on these curves to avoid ditching their trucks or going over an embankment.

It is very bad in the winter on these roads and even more so on the curves. I have had to call the ambulances many times to trans-

port people seriously injured on the road just below our home to the hospital.

I know most of us have been guilty of not stopping far enough back to allow the trucks the extra room needed to round the curve and I also think that many times we just have our thoughts on something else or are distracted for other reasons. But we need to put some serious thought to the possible and, in many cases, the imminent danger we are putting our families and others in.

I know we hear many stories of how the truck drivers drive too fast with little concern for others and that may be so. But that is a matter for the state patrol, and I'm sure they can handle anyone that violates traffic rules. My desire is to remind all drivers on our roadways to be extra cautious when traveling our highways and back roads. Our families are worth protecting.

Ann Tackett
Gretel

Cardio Diagnostic Manager to address AARP meeting

Zina Goble, Cardio Diagnostic Manager at Highlands Regional Medical Center will be the guest speaker at the final meeting of the year, of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, at the meeting to be held on Friday, November 21, in the office building at

Highlands Regional. The Chapter will elect and install new officers at this time.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all members and friends are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Meetings of the Chapter will resume on March 19, 2004.

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less than adequate progress, 150 are Title I schools.

Twenty-five schools already have lagged badly enough that their students must be given a chance to transfer at public expense and to be offered supplemental services. The schools also are required to have an improvement plan.

A further complication is that scores for students in individual categories — minorities and the rest — are reported only if there are at least 10 students per grade and 30 students in the school. The Kentucky Board of Education decided that reporting for smaller concentrations might make it possible to identify individual students, which would violate a federal privacy law.

Four districts — Bowling Green Independent, Warren

County, Fayette County and Jefferson County — had populations of limited-English students large enough to be reported. All four were penalized because of a policy fight Kentucky waged and lost with the U.S. Department of Education.

Kentucky's practice had been to assess limited-English students after two years in school. Federal officials insisted on assessment after one year. As a result, the four districts were found to have failed to test their limited-English

students often enough. Joe Tinnius, assistant superintendent of Bowling Green schools, said the state Department of Education has been asked to print tests in languages other than English but has no plans to do so, citing the cost.

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there for federal charges," Snyder said.

Federal prosecutors had "never issued a target letter" to Patton indicating he was the focus of an investigation, Snyder said.

Still, there is a residual charge against the governor from Conner's lawsuit against him.

And, the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of Kentucky has an ongoing investigation into corruption in state government, said Wanda Roberts, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove.

"Today at this point, all we can say is the investigation is ongoing," Roberts said.

But Conner's attorney, Thomas E. Clay, said he hadn't heard whether federal prosecutors would pursue criminal charges against Patton.

"The governor comes out with a \$5,000 fine and a clean bill of health from any criminal prosecution. It seems somewhat disproportionate to me," Clay said. "I have seen no indication that he's going to get charged criminally. But of course, that decision rests with the U.S. attorney."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lady Eagles beat Pikeville, drop two

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles played three games last week. On Tuesday they lost a hard fought battle with Berea at home, falling 87-81. Thursday night the Lady Eagles lost on the road at Midway, 73-68. On Saturday, things turned around and the ALC women got



Reynolds

back on track with a very impressive 56-54 win over the Pikeville College Lady Bears. In the Berea game on Tuesday, the Lady Eagles were led by three players in double figures. Senior guard Delores Jenkins had 26 points and four rebounds, followed by sophomore guard Belicia Mullins

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ALC men top Berea

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's team hosted the Berea College Mountaineers last Tuesday night at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center in what proved to be a very exciting game. The Eagles led 38-30 at halftime. Berea came back and led 71-66 with about five minutes to go, but the Eagles went on a 19-2 run for

(See ALC, page two)

Ross resigns from JCHS post

PAINTSVILLE – Veteran coach Bill Tom Ross resigned from his position as head football coach at Johnson Central High School Monday evening. Ross, who before coming to Johnson Central, led programs at Boyd County and Raceland, spent two seasons as the Golden Eagle head coach. School officials are now looking for a replacement.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Whitney Lykens is ranked as the top player in the 15th Region.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Lykens named top player among 15th Region 'A' teams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND – Betsy Layne's Ladycats will be playing toward a third straight trip to the 15th Region All "A" Classic during

the 2003-04 season. A trip to Richmond and the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic is on the line.

Pre-season player rankings say Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens is the top player in the

15th Region among Class-A teams. Allen Central center Becky Thomas was ranked second, followed by Kim Clark of Betsy Layne, third; Emily

(See LYKENS, page two)



PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The 2003-04 Prestonsburg Junior Basketball season got underway Saturday with teams in three different divisions taking to the hardwood. Left: Chase Baldrige of the Bulls drove to the basket as the Sonics defended. Above: Dustin Moore of the Cavaliers went for a loose ball.



Results from the season-openers will appear in Friday's edition.

photos by Jamie Howell

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Meet the Blackcats Night

Event on tap for Saturday

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – This Saturday evening the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team will hold its annual Meet the Blackcats Night. The 2003-2004 Blackcats will be introduced at 7:30 p.m.



Coach Crisp

Another exciting part of the evening will be the second annual businessman shootout in which area men will shoot 25 free-throw shots in order to raise money for the Blackcat basketball team. Several other activities will take place as the team will play an intrasquad

(See CRISP, page three)

H.S. GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pairings announced for Lady Invitational of the South

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Allen County-Scottsville High School will host the annual Lady Invitational of the South girls' basketball tournament Dec. 27 -30. Defending 15th Region Champion Betsy Layne is in this year's event. The tour

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ortega helps Centre to share of title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE – It's title time at Centre College. The Centre football team defeated Rose-Hulman in the last game of the season 21-19. The win enabled

Centre to tie Trinity for the conference championship. Wide receiver David Crowley had a big day for Centre, catching seven passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns. Safety John Ortega intercepted a pass in the end zone to help preserve the victory.

Centre (8-2, 5-1 SCAC) shares the title with Trinity, which defeated Millsaps 42-14. A 52-7 victory over Centre gives Trinity the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs. The title is Centre's first since 1995.

"It's a dream come true," said

Ortega, a three-sport star for Centre. Ortega's interception stopped a Rose-Hulman drive that had reached the Colonels 5 late in the third quarter. Ortega appears headed to an all-conference honor and possibly defensive player of the year honors.

STATE TOURNAMENT

National City Bank to serve as title sponsor for Boys Sweet 16

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Brigid DeVries, along with representatives from the KHSAA Board of Control and staff announced that National City Bank of Kentucky has signed a three-year agreement to serve as title sponsor of the

Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament beginning with this year's event.

The announcement, along with the unveiling of a new tournament logo, was made at a press conference held Monday afternoon at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium along with National City representatives and iHigh, Incorporated, the KHSAA marketing repre-

sentative.

"We are extremely pleased to be partnering with National City for sponsorship of our Boys' State Basketball Tournament," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "We continue to look for ways to help the Association maintain the services it pro

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HUNTING

Fall 2003 bull elk hunt a success



Martin resident Terry Ratliff made the most of the recent statewide elk bull hunt.

Terry Ratliff of Martin waited until the fourth day of the 2003 Kentucky bull elk quota hunt to take his bull elk. His monster 780-pound bull, taken Oct. 7, may be the new state record bull elk.

"I'm more than a little excited, I'm floating around," Ratliff said a few minutes after taking the elk. "I watched and watched him and waited for the sun to

come up and the fog to burn off. I thought to myself, this is the one right here. This is a beauty."

The huge elk sported a 6 x 6 set of antlers that green scored 314 points on the Boone and Crockett scoring system (308 points after deductions). Antlers must dry for 60 days before they can be officially scored. If the

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A look at Sports: Bengals no longer holding up AFC

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

After 10 weeks of the National Football League, the

American Football Conference (AFC) is not stacking up like it was expected. The Cincinnati Bengals has thrown a few irons in the works and with a not so

impressive record, are tied for first place in the AFC North with the Baltimore Ravens. Both teams have identical overall records, 5-5, but the

Bengals are 2-1 in conference play.

The hapless Bengals handed previous unbeaten Kansas City a 24-19 setback that vaulted them into the top spot in the conference, a position they last held in 1990. Cincinnati seems to have found the right coach with the right formula for success in Marvin Lewis. The Chiefs was the leading defensive team in the NFL but not last Sunday. After a 3-3 tie it was all Cincinnati the rest of the way.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh round out the rest of the conference. Actually, the Steelers have a 2-1 conference record as

well, but the Bengals have a better overall record. The Bengals play at San Diego this Sunday. Peter Warrick's 68-yard punt return was the play that seemingly broke the back of Kansas City.

■ MVP: It is not often you find a major league Most Valuable Player coming from a last place ballclub but that is what happened this season as the Texas Rangers' Alex Rodriguez captured the award.

However, rumors continue to swirl that Rodriguez is on the trading block if any club has the right price. But lets face it,

the only ballclub that can afford the Rangers shortstop are the New York Yankees. One has to wonder just how long even the Yankees can keep the payroll they have developed over the years. Sooner or later, it has to catch up with the Bronx Bombers.

■ MANAGER: The delay continues for the Cincinnati Reds in naming a manager for the 2004 season. I still can't help to believe that the Reds are possibly waiting for major league baseball to



Ed Taylor

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ALC

an impressive 85-73 win.

The Eagles were led by sophomore Jeremy Daniels and junior Shannon Akers. Both players scored 14 points apiece and jerked down six rebounds each.

Freshman center Micah Oden had 12 points and eight rebounds in only eighteen minutes of action because of foul trouble and freshman Brandon Wheeler checked in with 10 points and four rebounds.

The Eagles got good floor play from point guards Ryan Shannon (nine pts., two assists) and Chris Hurt (six pts.). Other stats: Matt Spencer (eight pts., three assists); Jeremy Jackson (four pts.); Jeremy Jones (four pts., three assists, three rebs.); Jason Knott (two pts., two rebs.); and Tim Parks (two pts.).

Johnson Central grad Dock Johnson also saw action in the game.

Junior forward Charles Marshall led Berea with 27 points. On Saturday night, the Eagles

hosted Pikeville College in another exciting game. The Eagles got off to a very good start, controlled the tempo and led the much bigger Bears at halftime by the score of 29-24. The Bears were five-for-five from behind the arc in the second half and used their muscle and strength in the second half to pull away with a 68-58 win.

Oden, in only 18 minutes of action and Shannon were the only two Eagles in double figures. Oden scored 12 and Shannon flipped in 10.

Wheeler scored eight for the Eagles. Daniels and Akers each had seven points in the loss to Pikeville. Chris Hurt saw action and scored six points. Jeremy Jones, a freshman from Powell County, scored two points and pulled down five rebounds.

The Eagles shot only 38-percent (25-of-66) from the field while Pikeville hit 51-percent (23-of-44). Alice Lloyd was five-of-11 from the line while Pikeville was

16-of-29.

This week, the Eagles (2-2) will play three games on the road. On Tuesday night, they were on the road at Kentucky Christian College in Grayson. They will have a road trip this Friday and Saturday as they travel to Lookout Mountain, Ga. and Montreat, N.C.

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Six Bears named All-MSC in football

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - Two Pikeville College offensive stars and three defensive standouts were named first-team All-Mid-South Conference Tuesday afternoon in a poll of the league's 10 head coaches.

In addition, the Bears had one player on the second team.

Leonard Moore and Michael Madrazo were named to the first team on offense, while Antwan Brown, Michael Sheppard and Antwan Marsh were selected top defenders. On the second team, Bryan Jones got the nod.

Moore is a 5-7, 174-pound junior from Rock Hill, S.C., and got the nod at tailback opposite Lambuth's Kevin Haynes. Moore became the first Bear to gain 1,000 yards in a season, finishing with 1,031 on 201 carries, averaging 5.1 yards per carry and 103.1 yards per game. He also scored 11 touchdowns, second most in school history.

In addition, he caught 14 passes for 116 yards. Madrazo is one of the first-team offensive tackles. A 6-5, 262-pound senior from Miami, Madrazo had an outstanding career and provided solid leadership the last two seasons.

"Michael Madrazo is a tremendous talent on the football field," said Coach Jerry Mynatt. "He has the size to play a lot of places and the skill level you don't normally find in an offensive lineman. He was one of the players we were going to line up at tight end because he

ment include Henderson, Tenn., Warren Central, Wilson Central (Tenn.), Ohio County, Russell County, Monroe County, Louisville Ballard, Louisville Christian Academy, Graves County, Hart County, Franklin Simpson and Woodford County.

Washington County in the first round of the tournament. Allen County-Scottsville, the host team, lost several key players during the previous two seasons. They have a relatively young team who are very aware of the storied tradition of the Lady Patriots and will give it their all to add their own chapter into the history of ACS.

Other teams in the tournament annually ranks as one of the top girls' basketball events in the nation. This year, defending LIS champion Christian County is back to defend its title. Last year, Christian County defeated Beech, Tenn., in the championship game. At that time, Christian County was number 2 in Kentucky and Beech was number 2 in Tennessee. From there, Christian County went on to the final 4 in the Kentucky Sweet Sixteen and Beech lost to Shelbyville, Tenn., in the state championship game of Tennessee's division of largest schools.

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LIS First Round - Dec. 27

- 9:30 a.m. - Hendersonville (Tenn.)-Warren Central
- 11 a.m. - Wilson Central (Tenn.)-Ohio County
- 12:45 p.m. - Christian County-Russell County
- 2:15 p.m. - Betsy Layne-Washington County
- 4 p.m. - Monroe County-Louisville Ballard
- 5:30 p.m. - Louisville Christian Academy-Graves County
- 7:15 p.m. - Allen County-Hart County
- 8:45 p.m. - Franklin Simpson-Woodford County

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Lykens

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Colvin of Pikeville, fourth; and Jerica Dye of Shelby Valley, fifth.

The boys' rankings, which were done prior to Shane Simpkins suffering a season-ending injury, place Shelby Valley's Seth Kiser first, Simpkins second, Patrick Tackett of Shelby Valley third, Betsy Layne guard Jordan Kidd fourth and Kelsey Friend of Shelby Valley fifth.

Team rankings for the 15th Region follow.

■ Girls - 1. Betsy Layne; 2. Allen Central; 3. Shelby Valley; 4. Pikeville; 5. Paintsville.

■ Boys - 1. Shelby Valley; 2. South Floyd; 3. Paintsville; 4. Betsy Layne; 5. Allen Central.

Participating schools in the 15th Region All "A" Classic are Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Phelps, Pianist School, Pikeville, Shelby Valley and South Floyd.

Team and player rankings for all regions have been released. Team and player rankings for the 14th Region follow.

Team rankings:

■ Girls - 1. Whitesburg; 2. Wolfe County; 3. Owsley County; 4. Hazard; 5. Jenkins.

■ Boys - 1. Hazard; 2. Wolfe County; 3. Whitesburg; 4. Owsley County; 5. (tie) Jenkins; Lee County.

Player rankings:

■ Girls - 1. Camille Cook, Whitesburg; 2. Austin McIntosh, Owsley County; 3. Cierra Pitman, Jenkins; 4. Hope Thomas, Wolfe County; 5. Lateisha Ousley, Fleming-Neon.

■ Boys - 1. Steven Sizemore, Hazard; 2. Tyler Halsey, Wolfe

County; 3. Tyson Goss, Owsley County; 4. Bo Cook, Whitesburg; 5. (tie) Eric Elam, Wolfe County; Lamar Williams, Hazard.

Participating schools in the 14th Region are Buckhorn, Cordia, Fleming-Neon, Hazard, Jackson City, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Lee County, Letcher, Owsley County, Riverside Christian, Whitesburg and Wolfe County.

About the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic

Through the efforts of small school coaches such as Stan Steidel of Dayton, Bill Frey of Covington Latin, and others, the inception of a small school basketball tournament began in January of 1980. The first Class "A" tournament was held at Holy Cross High School in Latonia with eight teams participating. In 1981, the tournament moved to Bellevue with 10 teams, all from northern Kentucky.

Steidel helped to transform the tournament into a statewide event.

From 1982 to 1989, the Classic went statewide by inviting six Class "A" schools from around the state to compete with the 10 northern Kentucky schools.

In 1990, the All "A" Classic experienced quite a dream come true. A statewide championship tournament occurred that year with 16 boys regional tournament winners competing in Lexington in February. In 1991,

Today, the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic is a statewide basketball tournament for schools with an enrollment of 425 students or less in grades 10-12. The winners from the 16 boys and girls regional tournaments advance to the statewide tournament held in Richmond. Today, small school teams from across the state get a shot at the state event.

Eagles

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with 22 points and three rebounds. Senior forward Erica Webb had 14 points, six rebounds, and four assists.

Betsy Layne product Devon Reynolds scored six points and dished out nine assists.

he Lady Eagles hit 50-percent of their field goal attempts (35-of-70), but only made good on five-of-11 from the line, while Berea hit 22-of-37 free throw attempts.

On Thursday, the Lady Eagles traveled to Midway College. They started slowly, trailing 43-32 at halftime. They fought back in the second half to take the lead by one point. However, Midway regained the lead and held on for the win.

Mullins scored 22 points to pace Alice Lloyd against Midway. Jenkins scored 18 and Webb netted 10.

The Lady Eagles hit 44-percent (24-of-55) from the field and 13-of-17 free throws (76-percent).

On Saturday, the Lady Eagles were involved in a barn burner against Pikeville. It was a close game all the way. The host Lady Eagles led 25-24 at halftime en route to a 56-54 win.

Jenkins led the way again with 21 points, five rebounds and two assists. She was followed by Mullins with 15 points and three

rebounds. Reynolds checked in with eight points and eight assists.

The Lady Eagles, against Pikeville, shot 43-percent from the field (21-of-49) and hit 10-of-14 free throws (71-percent).

"This was a much needed win," said ALC women's head coach Tim Rice. "It felt good to hold a lead instead of trying to come back. It was a total team effort."

This week the Lady Eagles will play three games on the road. They were on the road last night Grayson against Kentucky Christian. Results were unavailable at press time.

This weekend the ALC women's team will travel to Lookout Mountain, Ga. to play Covenant College on Friday and then back to Montreat College in North Carolina on Saturday.

Webb hopes to play through injured ankle

Senior Erica Webb only played a few minutes against Pikeville because of an ankle injury she sustained in practice on Thursday night. She hopes to play on Tuesday night vs Kentucky Christian. Webb is the Lady Eagles's second leading scorer and leading rebounder.

Hunt

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score stands, it will eclipse Jimmie Garrett's 2001 state record elk that scored 290 4/8.

"Their size, their rack and everything about them is simply awesome," Ratliff said. "They are majestic beasts of the field. They are something to see."

Ingrid Poole of San Diego, California had similar feelings after taking her Kentucky elk. She is the first female elk hunter to take an elk in Kentucky in modern times. "It was almost a spiritual experience," Poole said. She bought her hunt with one of the tags awarded to Shikar Safari International Club to raise money for the Kentucky elk restoration project. She harvested a 6 x 7 bull elk that weighed 690 pounds. "I am going away with a glow," Poole said. "It was a tremendous experience."

All six hunters participating in Kentucky's 2003 bull elk hunt tagged out within four days. It was the state's third bull elk hunt held since Kentucky

started its elk restoration program in eastern Kentucky in 1997. Other hunters and their harvest included:

- John Coots of Allensville, in Todd County took a 725-pound, 6 x 6 bull elk October 4.
- Eddie Cox of Pound, Va. harvested a 740-pound bull elk October 5. His elk was a 6 x 6 with a broken left main beam.
- Bruce Davis of Berea killed a 6 x 6 bull elk the evening of October 5.
- Frank Allen of Burlington, Kentucky killed a huge 780-pound bull elk October 6. The 6 x 7 bull elk was nearly the new state record size, but the antlers had two tines broken off and a sticker point that will cause a deduction of points.

Ten hunters received their elk tags following a public drawing held in July. The remaining two tags are auctioned by sporting organizations. Six hunters will participate in a cow elk hunt beginning Dec. 6.

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Vanderbilt 28, Kentucky 17

by COLIN FLY
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jay Cutler took it upon himself to stop a streak he didn't start. Cutler threw four touchdown

passes and accounted for 304 of the Commodores' 421 yards of offense as Vanderbilt snapped the nation's longest conference losing streak at 23, beating Kentucky 28-17 Saturday.

"I'm happy for this team, we deserved this," Cutler said. "We didn't start the streak, but we ended it."

Conference wins have been far apart for Vanderbilt (2-9, 1-6). The Commodores' last SEC victory was in November 2000 — also against Kentucky — and their last league victory at home was in 1998 against South Carolina.

"We played mistake-free football today," Vandy coach Bobby Johnson said. "This win,

of course, builds a lot of confidence for our players. I'm glad to see that now I don't have to answer any more questions about the streak."

Kentucky (4-6, 1-5) ran the ball efficiently early and led 3-0. But Vanderbilt bounced back, scoring 21 straight points and didn't turn the ball over.

The Commodores also constantly hurried Wildcats quarterback Jared Lorenzen, sacking him four times. He completed just 15 of 35 passes, and the majority of his 234 yards came late. He completed a 10-yard TD pass to Chris Bernard with :29 left.

"We had real good pressure on Lorenzen," said Vandy

defensive end Jovan Haye, who had two sacks and nine tackles. "We just had to get after him."

Cutler was proficient, completing 14 of 17 passes for 175 yards. He also led the

Commodores to touchdowns on Vandy's first two possessions of the second half.

"Jay is capable of doing exactly what we want him to do in our offense," Johnson said.

"He was patient today and took what Kentucky was giving him."

Cutler found Marlon White wide open beyond Kentucky's secondary for a 43-yard TD pass on the first possession of the third quarter to make it 21-3.

The Wildcats answered with 10 straight running plays, capping a 72-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown by Arliss Beach, who finished with 18 carries and 109 yards.

But Cutler, who had 129 yards rushing, took Vandy right back down the field that started with a 51-yard run and ended four plays later when he found Erik Davis in double coverage for his second receiving touchdown, a 10-yard completion to make it 28-10.

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Doff Drone Justice killed his first 10-point buck over the weekend. He is an avid deer hunter from McDowell.

AUTO RACING Labonte wins race dominated by Elliott

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — A blown tire on the last lap cost Bill Elliott a second straight victory and gave Bobby Labonte the win Sunday in the era-ending Winston Cup race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Elliott had a dominating victory a week ago at Rockingham and was even stronger in the Ford 400, leading 189 of 267 laps on the reconfigured 1 1/2-mile Homestead oval.

He held off Labonte on a restart nine laps from the end and pulled away, driving into the first turn of the last lap leading Labonte by about five car-lengths and apparently on the way to an easy win.

As Elliott drove off turn two on the track newly changed from a nearly flat 6 degrees of banking to 20 degrees, his Dodge wiggled and slowed as his right rear tire came apart. That sent pieces of sheet metal and rubber flying and ignited a fire in the wheelwell.

Labonte, who struggled early in the race and had not led a lap all day, shot past Elliott on the backstretch and beat runner-up Kevin Harvick to the finish line by 1.749 seconds — half the front straightaway.

This was the last race for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. after 33 years as a major sponsor for NASCAR. Beginning in 2004, NASCAR's top stock car series will be sponsored by Nextel Communications and will be known as the Nextel Cup.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Bears, Lady Bears earn split

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Lady Bears of Pikeville College suffered their first loss of the season but the men rallied to gain a split in the annual visit to Alice Lloyd College.

Alice Lloyd got 21 points from Delores Jenkins and held off the Lady Bears 56-54, while the men rallied from a five-point half-time deficit to knock off the Eagles 68-58 Saturday night.

In the women's game, poor shooting and a boatload of turnovers doomed Pikeville.

The game was tight all the way, with the Lady Eagles outscoring

Pikeville by one point in each half. But in the end, 27 turnovers — 16 of which came off the bench — ended Pikeville's chances of a win.

Pikeville's fate was also sealed by its shooting, hitting only 20-of-58 for 34.48 per-

cent for the game and going 3-of-17 from the arc.

Ramanda Music and Caitlyn Ryan led Pikeville with eight points each, as no player hit double figures in a game that saw six score at least six. Ashley Ratliff and Ashley Damron both had seven.

Pikeville won the rebounding battle 42-30, getting eight boards from Selena Williams and six from Ashley Wireman.

The 3-1 Lady Bears will be back in action Friday, playing Indiana-Southeast in the Gatti's Classic.

The Bears found their range from outside and rallied to outscore the Eagles 44-29 in the second half



Music

to pull out the 10-point win.

Trailing after the break, Pikeville hit five of its six three-point shots — three by Jarell Jones and two by Greg Davis — in one stretch to pick up the comeback win.

Kevin Gaines flipped in 16 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out six assists to lead the Bears in all three categories. He was joined in double digits by Morease Gray, who scored 14 to go along with eight rebounds, and Jones who finished with 11.

Teon Knox, who recorded double-doubles in each of the Bears' first two games, just missed on both accounts with nine points and nine rebounds, as Pikeville won the battle of the boards 38-31.

Alice Lloyd (2-2) was led by Micah Oden with 12 markers, while Ryan Shannon flipped in 10.

The Bears, 3-0, will be back in action Tuesday night, traveling to Louisville to play Spalding University. They return home on Friday, playing host to Cincinnati Bible College at 5 p.m.

Sports

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reinstate Pete Rose so he could become their new skipper. I just have that feeling.

■ CONFERENCE ON HOLD: Finally, Joe Crawford, a highly recruited basketball play out of Detroit, canceled a scheduled press conference last Monday. Crawford was to announce the college of his choice in a 5:30 p.m. conference. Crawford's parents urged their son to not be too hasty in making the announcement.

Crawford had narrowed his choices to Michigan and UK. The delay in the announcement seems to favor UK over Michigan. Crawford had made an earlier commitment to Michigan but changed his mind. UK entered the pictured with Crawford showing a lot of interest in the Wildcats. He will wait until the spring signing period in April.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Serve

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vides the student athletes of the Commonwealth, and this will help us accomplish that objective."

This is the first time in the history of the Association that a title sponsor has been secured for the Boys' State Basketball Tournament and only the fifth such title sponsorship for a KHSAA event. Valvoline was title sponsor of the KHSAA State Soccer and Football Finals in 1999 and Big Blue Nation served as title sponsor of the 2003 State Baseball Finals. Currently, Houchens Industries is the title sponsor of the Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament, a partnership that began in 2003 and runs through 2006.

"Part of the Association strategic plan directed by our Board of Control is to continue to find ways to secure funds for the overall programs of the KHSAA to help offset rising costs," DeVries added. For example, this year our cost to continue to provide the athletes at each of our member schools catastrophic insurance increased by \$40,000. Hopefully, as corporations continue to recognize the value of high school athletics, we will continue to announce more beneficial partnerships in conjunction with each of our sports programs."

"We are excited to be partici-

pating with the KHSAA on the premier high school sports event not only in Kentucky but in our country, and one that is beloved statewide," said Ted Parker, President and CEO of National City Bank of Kentucky.

The National City package includes title sponsorship as well as support at the local school district level. In addition to supporting the KHSAA, National City will underwrite 32-\$500 individual scholarships. Sixteen \$500 scholarships will be awarded to boys and 16 will be awarded to girls — one from each region and the winners will be recognized during the state basketball tournaments.

Also, additional support at the local level includes underwriting the cost of the district and regional championship trophy in boys' and girls' basketball. The deal is a cost savings of an expense usually paid for out of gate receipts by the schools competing in the district and regional tournaments. The KHSAA does not receive any revenue from District and Regional Tournaments and receives its only postseason revenue in basketball from the State Tournaments.

The official title in all references is now the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament for the duration of the agreement.

Crisp

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scrimmage and the Dance Cats as well as the Prestonsburg cheerleaders will perform. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting evening that is planned and door prizes will be given out

at several different points during the event.

Prestonsburg hopes to make a run at a region title this season as most of last year's regional semifinal team returns for Jackie Day Crisp.

H.S. FOOTBALL

All-BluegrassPreps.com Football Team in the works

Continuing its tradition of leadership in Kentucky high school sports information, news and discussion, BluegrassPreps.com has announced plans for the first All-BluegrassPreps.com Football Team.

BluegrassPreps.com will honor the state's top 36 players, starting with the best players at 12 offensive and 12 defensive positions. As a special feature, the All-BGP team will recognize 12 players whose versatility and

all-around contributions on offense, defense and special teams embody the spirit of high school football.

The staff of BluegrassPreps.com is currently accepting nominations for this award from across the state. Nominations must be received by November 26. The honorees will be announced on December 9.

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Brooks says Kentucky still has a lot to play for

Georgia next opponent for Wildcats

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — In the aftermath of a "nightmare" loss to the Southeastern Conference's worst team, Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks said Monday the Wildcats still have a lot to play for this season.

Kentucky (4-6, 1-5 SEC) must win its final two games to reach Brooks' preseason goal of bowl eligibility. He and his players expressed confidence that the Wildcats can upset No. 6 Georgia (8-2, 5-2) on the road on Saturday and follow that up with a win over No. 9 Tennessee on Nov. 29 — even if Kentucky hasn't beaten a top-10 team since 1977.

"I think our players understand what is on the line here," Brooks said during his weekly press conference. "They know what they're capable of doing when we function on all cylinders. We need to get back to that, obviously, after a week off of not doing it."

Kentucky's 28-17 loss last Saturday to Vanderbilt, which hadn't beat a NCAA Division I-A team all season, was the Wildcats' ninth in a row after a bye week, a streak that dates to the 1998 season. Kentucky never found a way to stop Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler, who had 304 yards rushing and passing and threw for four touchdowns. Only a Kentucky touchdown in the final

minute kept it from being the Wildcats' most lopsided loss of the season.

"This is to me the first time this year that we really haven't responded with some type of an emotion during the game," Brooks said. "I think everybody was waiting for that somebody to make a play to get everybody excited, and that play didn't happen."

Immediately after the game Brooks said that if Kentucky had a similar performance against Georgia — which hasn't lost to the Wildcats at home since 1977 or at all since 1996 — the score would be "a million to nothing." He didn't back down from that statement Monday.

"Georgia is a great football team, now," he said. "You want to talk about talent, speed, guys that execute (and) fly around and get excited about making plays, this is Georgia. If we play as lethargic as we did last week against Georgia, they'll run us out of the stadium. It will be, whew! It will be ugly — ugly ugly."

Brooks said Kentucky players did not quit against Vanderbilt.

"We just didn't get started," he said. "If we had quit we wouldn't have scored a touchdown late in the game. We wouldn't have stopped them a couple of times. But we just

never got started. We never got the car out of park. The motor was running, but it wasn't moving."

Senior tackle Sylvester "Big Kat" Miller echoed Brooks' comments.

"This team, we're never looking to quit," Miller said. "This whole season has been up and down. If it were like that, we would have quit from the get-go after the (season-opening) loss to Louisville."

"We're still excited about the season. We know if we're able to do what we need to do these next two games (and) come out with wins, we'll be able to be where we actually want to be at the end of the season, in postseason play."

That's the reality, Brooks said, and one of two motivating factors for his team.

"If we beat Georgia, we have a chance. If we don't, we're done, so that's one point," he said. "The other point is, as disappointing as that loss was to Vanderbilt to everybody connected with Kentucky, the elation (with a win) over a No. 6-ranked Georgia team would be just as great."

"There's a lot to play for if you like football and we've got a lot of players that like football. Those guys need to take charge this week and go out and get the rest of the guys excited."



photo by Jamie Howell
New Raider head coach Dwayne Johnson talked with his team during a timeout. The Right Beaver Classic is currently underway at Allen Central Middle School.



photo by Jamie Howell
South Floyd forward Justin Isaac drove to the basket against Allen defender B.J. Spurlock.

Sports BRIEFS

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez won the American League Most Valuable Player award. He is only the second player from a last-place team to win the honor. Rodriguez received 242 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado was second with 213 points, followed by New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada with 194.

TOKYO — Seibu Lions shortstop Kazuo Matsui, a seven-time All-Star in Japan, announced that he's decided to pursue a big league career in North America. Matsui is already a free agent and can sign with any major league team.

BASKETBALL

SALT LAKE CITY — Doc Rivers was fired as coach of the Orlando Magic after the team got off to the worst start in its 15-year history.

The Magic are an NBA-worst 1-10 this season and have lost 10 consecutive games.

NEW YORK — The NBA's board of governors approved a realignment plan that creates three divisions of five teams each in the Eastern and Western conferences starting next season.

The expansion Charlotte Bobcats, the NBA's 30th team, were placed in the Eastern Conference and the New Orleans Hornets were moved to the Western Conference.

Divisional winners each earn a playoff berth. The remaining five playoff berths for each conference will be based on regular-season records with no regard to divisional alignment.

NEW YORK — Maurice Taylor's suspension was reduced to six games by the NBA, and the players' union

withdrew its grievance over the penalty.

Taylor was originally suspended 10 games without pay for violating the league's substance abuse policy. The union contended that the maximum suspension should have been five games.

FOOTBALL

DENVER — The Broncos lost a third linebacker for the season when rookie Terry Pierce was placed on injured reserve with a torn chest muscle.

Pierce, a second-round draft pick, injured his pectoral muscle while covering a punt in Denver's win over San Diego on Sunday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ohio State moved past USC into second place in the BCS rankings. Oklahoma remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which two teams will play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl. LSU was fourth, followed by Texas, Georgia and Tennessee.

TCU, the only undefeated team in Division I-A along with Oklahoma, fell from sixth to eighth. The Horned Frogs, who finish the season against Southern Mississippi and SMU, need to be in the top six to guarantee an at-large berth in a BCS bowl.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saint Joseph's used its victory over Gonzaga to move from 17th to No. 13 in The Associated Press' Top 25. The loss dropped the Bulldogs from 10th to No. 16.

Connecticut held the No. 1 spot from the preseason voting as did the first nine teams in the poll.

— From staff wire reports

H.S. Football Scoreboard

Kentucky High School Athletics Association Football Playoffs Second Round Games

Class A

Beechwood 46 Fairview 22
Lou. Holy Cross 52, Frankfort 14
Lynn Camp 55, Hazard 34
Mayfield 28, Hancock Co. 21
Metcalfe Co. 21, Murray 18
NCC 42, Cov. Holy Cross 20
Pikeville 20, Somerset 7
Danville 48, Carroll Co. 14

Class 2A

Belfry 27, Prestonsburg 19
Corbin 51, Lou. Western 6
Elizabethtown 36, Garrard Co. 0
Fort Campbell 23, Glasgow 7
Lloyd Memorial 63, Fleming Co. 28
Middlesboro 26, Sheldon Clark 14
Owensboro Catholic 28, Trigg Co. 7
Russell 31, East Carter 8

Class 3A

Ashland Blazer 24, Boyd Co. 15
Boyle Co. 47, Pulaski South, 0
Highlands 31, East Jessamine 6
Hopkinsville 20, Bowling Green 13
Mason Co. 21, Rockcastle Co. 19
Oldham Co. 28, Lex. Catholic 24
Pad. Til. 24, Hopkins Co. Central 0
Pulaski Co. 82, Lou. Waggener 68

Class 4A

Henderson Co. 45, Christian Co. 9
Lex. Paul Dun. 38, Lex. Lafayette 7
Lou. Ballard 30, Lou. Seneca 14
Lou. Male 25, Meade Co. 24
Lou. Trinity 46, Shelby Co. 7
Mad. Gen. 30, Lex. Henry Clay 21
Lou. St. Xavier 31, Lou. Butler 7
Warren Central 44, Graves Co. 10

UK

"That's the Jay Cutler we're used to," Davis said. "We see that every day in practice, making plays."

Kentucky opened scoring with a 36-yard field goal by Taylor Begley, but Vanderbilt took the lead for good when Cutler found Davis, who wig-

gled by a pair of tacklers for a 24-yard TD to make it 7-3 with 11:48 left in the first half.

After exchanging punts, the Commodores pinned the Wildcats deep in their own territory by sacking Lorenzen twice. Vanderbilt used a personal-foul penalty on a punt return for excellent field position, and Cutler found Matthew Tant for a 17-yard TD pass to make it 14-3.

"The way we played in this game makes me sick in my stomach," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said. "It is a simple case

that Coach Johnson had his team more ready to play."

The Wildcats tried to cut into lead before halftime, but safety Kelechi Ohanaja forced the game's only turnover, an interception of a Lorenzen pass at the Vanderbilt 13.

Kentucky return specialist Derek Abney had 110 total return yards on six chances. Abney extended his consecutive catch streak to 43 games with a 24-yard reception in the first quarter that set up Kentucky's field goal.

South Floyd runs past Allen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — The South Floyd Middle School boys' basketball team is under the direction of new head coach Dwayne Johnson. In his first season at South Floyd Middle, Johnson

replaces Tony Isaac, who left the program to take the girls' basketball job at the high school. South Floyd got off to a nice start Saturday, beating Allen soundly.

Host South Floyd Middle ran out to a 29-9 first-quarter lead

and never looked back in a 74-38 win over the Eagles. Wes Akers hit six three-point field goals and tossed in a game-high 27 points to lead the host Raiders. Tyler Mitchell and Justin Isaac each scored 13. Derek Triplett and Tyler Greer each had six apiece for South Floyd. Ethan Mullins flipped in four.

South Floyd led 44-21 at halftime and 58-30 at the end of three quarters en route to the victory.

Josh Rodebaugh netted a team-high 15 points for Allen. Austin Gearheart added eight points for the Eagles, Adam Gearheart and Jason McKinney tossed in six apiece.

South Floyd also took the B-team game, winning 32-14. The Raiders led in B-team game 8-4 at halftime and 23-6 through three quarters.

South Floyd's Kyle Howell scored seven and Matt Tackett netted six, all in the fourth quarter.

Brandon Tackett scored five. Mitchell and Marty Dye each had four.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Panthers upset Somerset 20-14

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SOMERSET — All week, Pikeville head coach Chris McNamee told anyone who would listen how his team had to some how limit and keep off the field an explosive Somerset offense. Well, Pikeville did that. The Panthers, playing on the road at Somerset one week after a convincing win over Williamsburg, raced out to a 20 lead before holding off a late Briar Jumper rally and posting a 20-14 victory.

The Pikeville defense held Somerset to just a couple of possessions in the first half.

Throughout the game, the Panther defense just gave up one big play, and that was late in the second half. The Somerset offense came in as a collective group known for big plays.

The performance even surprised the Pikeville head coach.

"It surprised me that we held them defensively like we did," McNamee said. "I thought our defense played extremely well. They played their hearts out."

Pikeville junior running back Robert Shurtleff carried the load for the winning team, scoring all three Panther touchdowns while carrying the football 35 times for 162 of Pikeville's 222 yards. One of Shurtleff's touchdown receptions came on a pass from teammate and Panther starting quarterback Derek Sword.

Pikeville led 14-0 at halftime

and quickly capitalized on a Somerset fumble to begin the second half. Shurtleff put the Panthers up 20-0 when he ran six yards for a touchdown with 6:04 to go in the third quarter.

Somerset quarterback Neal Tucker found an open Ray Norman for an eight-yard touchdown for the first Briar Jumper score of the game with 1:09 left to play in the third quarter.

Speedy running back Scotty Newell hauled in a Tucker pass and went up the sideline 71 yards for Somerset's second and final TD of the game.

The host Briar Jumpers tried an onside kick, following the second score, while trailing with a touchdown and an extra-point, but Pikeville recovered it and ran out the clock.

Highly regarded Somerset now says goodbye to a talented group of gridiron seniors, led by the likes of Neal Tucker.

"I hate it for my seniors but you have to take your hat off to Pikeville," said Somerset head coach Jay Cobb.

Somerset got very little done on the ground. On the night, the Briar Jumpers ran the ball 13 times for a mere 39 yards. Tucker was 12-of-18 for 181 yards passing for a total of 220.

Pikeville finished with 277 yards total.

Pikeville will play host Lynn Camp Friday night on the road in Corbin for a regional championship. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Tickets remain for first three UK home hoops games

LEXINGTON — Unused student tickets for Kentucky's first three regular-season men's basketball games — Nov. 21 vs. Winthrop, Nov. 28 vs. Tennessee Tech and Dec. 23 vs. Eastern Kentucky — are now on sale to the public. The upper-level seats are \$22 apiece and can be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets also may be purchased online at ukathletics.com or via phone at 859-257-1818 or 800-928-CATS.

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CO-OP NEWS

Fall Maintenance Tips for Lawnmowers

by RAY TACKETT

FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

As we move from fall into the winter season, it's time to think about winterizing our lawnmowers. The effort

getting your lawnmower ready for winter hibernation will pay dividends in good service next spring and longer equipment life.

Now also is a good time to winterize other engine-powered yard and garden

equipment such as blowers, string trimmers and tillers. Also remember to clean lawn and garden tools. Putting a thin coat of oil on tools like shovels, grass clippers and trowels after you've cleaned them helps prevent rust.

Following these maintenance procedures will help you avoid the frustration of repeatedly trying to start a lawnmower in the spring. Using some of these procedures also will ensure smooth operation and a longer life for

other lawn and garden equipment. ■ First, change the oil to prevent engine sludge that can cause the internal engine parts and seals to deteriorate.

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KIM'S KORNER

A Living Miracle of God

Many are the times in this cold, and often cruel, chaotic world of ours we overlook the miraculous "Miracles" of God!

And, it seems this time of year makes even those who are "NON-Believers," if you will, find themselves being thankful for a number of different things in life.



Kim Frasure

There is no doubt there are multitudes of us who could fill every page of this very paper with lists of

things we're thankful for.

When asked by our Pastor this past Sunday how many of us in the congregation have actually witnessed a miracle, it was one of those times the "God Bumps" (a.k.a. "goose bumps") raised upon the skin, for many hands were raised.

There is also "No Doubt" that there

(See KORNER, page three)

POISON OAK

Playing hob... and some more stuff to ponder

Although when I was growing up I wouldn't have known a linguist from a load of coal, for some reason I've always wondered about some of the

expressions we heard. But surely I'm not the only person who ever really wondered about "playing hob," and this Pat character who went to the army.

Over the years, I bet I asked every grown person I ever knew about

these two things, and if I ever got an answer from a single one of them, I can't remember it.

But as sure, anything, when I'd make a statement, like, "Paul's got twenty dol-



Clyde Paack

(See OAK, page four)



photo by Rita Brock

These folks show they care about the future of Floyd County's animals through the work they do with SNOOP and by supporting the organization's fundraising efforts. Back row, from left to right, are: Pat Morris, Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, Teresa Warrix, SNOOP Vice-President, Laura Sakow, SNOOP Director, Debbie Johns, Kathy Collins, SNOOP Secretary, and Dr. Terry Milon. Front row, from left to right: Kelly Stephens, "Woodrow," "Santa Claus" (a.k.a. John Faulkner), and Bonnie Faulkner (a.k.a. "Mrs. Claus).

SNOOP & Santa

Partners with a mission

by KATHY J. PRATER AND RITA BROCK

The Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (SNOOP) held its second annual "Pet Photos with Santa" event this past Saturday at Prestonsburg's First Presbyterian Church. According to local veterinarian, Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, turnout was not what was hoped for, most likely due to the weekend's cold, damp weather conditions, but, nonetheless, a "respectable" turnout was had all the same.

John Faulkner, animal obedience trainer, posed for the day as

(See SNOOP, page four)



photo by Rita Brock

Is this basset hound a little too big for its britches, or just a little too big for ole' Santa's lap? No matter, either way, professional photographer Alys Fraley was sure to get a great pic of the two at the second annual SNOOP "Pet Photos with Santa" event, held this past weekend in Prestonsburg. The doggie in the overalls is "Woodrow," a three-year-old basset owned by Teresa Warrix, of Hueysville.

Critter Corner: If you're not part of the solution...

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

Last week, I let off a lot of steam about euthanasia of domestic animals. I'm sure you didn't enjoy the article, and I didn't enjoy writing it.

Composing an essay of that sort, having to confront my own feelings, is much the same as actually performing euthanasia. It's a distasteful, emotionally draining

process that I hate.

So why did I put myself (and you) through it? The answer is simple—you have to know about a problem and understand it before you can come up with a solution. My standard response to people who express their disapproval of euthanasia as a means to control animal overpopulation has become, "Then tell me a better way."

I am not naive enough to

think that a time will come when there is no need for euthanasia. At times, it is the only relief we can offer for sick and hurting animals. I do think we can work toward a world where euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals is the exception rather than the rule. Although I talk mainly about shelters, because they deal in such large numbers, each of

(See CRITTER, page three)



"Iccabod." Iccabod, a beautiful black and white feline, is 1 1/2 years old. The pampered kitty is, according to owners Tammy and Charles Conn, of Allen, "big as a mountain lion."

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts!! Please send them in now through March.

AMS is currently organizing a school recreation room. Items needed include ping-pong table, air-hockey table, video games, etc. Anyone who would like to make a donation may contact the Youth Services Center at 886-9812.

The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

****HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**** To be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. Quilts, wood, candles, needlework, crafts, wreaths, and a holiday bake shop will be just a few of the featured vendors. Also, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., an all you can eat "Breakfast with Santa" in the Garfield Room. Also, photos with Santa and door prizes. For more info., call 886-0001 (Holiday Inn), or 358-9543 (ask for Virginia Cooley).

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beta Club Canned Food Drive now being held.
 ■ Nov. 20 - Picture retakes,
 ■ Nov. 20 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.
 ■ Nov. 25 - Movie (can food drive).

■ Nov. 25 - Proficient and Distinguished Ice Cream Social.

■ Nov. 25 - Hygiene presentation, 6th grade.

****NOTICE**** School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

Contact the center at 878-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

Jr. and Sr. classes are now taking orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas fruit delivery. Thanksgiving fruit will be delivered Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas fruit will be delivered the week of Dec. 15. Place orders now. For more info., call 478-9138.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

Nov. 21 - Health Services. Floyd County Health Dept. will be on site to provide immunizations, physical exams, flu shots, WIC, and pre-natal exams. Services provided to community regardless of income. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. We are currently scheduling Hep B

immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Nov. 24, and Nov. 26, 1993)

Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones spent most of a day, Friday, in Floyd County, icing a cake that a number of local officials have been baking for months. The result will be new jobs for Floyd Countians. The Governor's first stop, Friday, was at Wheelwright, where speeches were made and a ribbon was cut for the dedication of the Otter Creek Correctional Facility, a 300-bed minimum security prison situated on a hilltop overlooking the town...Thursday was an evening filled with frustration at a special school board meeting after pleas for help in the district's financial and technology departments fell on deaf ears. After the board passed, without fanfare, a slightly lower property tax rate for the 1993-94 school year of 59.9 cents per \$100 valuation, intense discussions were held on how to spend revenues for the coming year...Floyd County Sheriff's deputies are continuing an investigation into a fatal car crash, Saturday afternoon, at the intersection of US 23 and KY 460, the fourth fatality there since the road opened last year. William Bert Adkins II, of Delbarton, West Virginia, was killed when he apparently pulled into the path of a pickup truck driven by Richard P. Seymore, address not available...In just over a year, city water customers, at Martin, will see a hike in sewer rates, which is necessary to pay for the construction of a new city sewer plant. Martin City Council met in special session, Monday, to debate the rate increase which is, in part, due to the city's failed attempts to collect delinquent water bills...Possible flood control plans are in the works for the City of Prestonsburg. During Monday night's regular meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council, Mayor Ann Latta told the council that she had been in contact with the Corps of Engineers and asked them to do a feasibility study on a flood control project for Prestonsburg...Floyd County Sheriff's deputy Homer Neeley, arrested an Alabama man, Monday, who is wanted in that state on a sexual abuse charge. Lloyd Ray Back, 57, of Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested at a home in Blue River, where he was staying with family members...Flem Burchett pleaded guilty, Monday, to the murder of Johnson County Sheriff, Cecil E. "Gene" Cyrus last year, though Burchett told special judge Bayard Collier, that he could not remember the shooting...Floyd County Fiscal Court members addressed a relatively light agenda, Tuesday, with discussions centering on an allegation that a county road has been purposely blocked, and plans to build a new jail. Residents of the Copperas Lick area told the court that a neighbor who lived in the area, had blocked the county road in the gap from Copperas Lick to Lick Fork Road...DeMoris Thompson, of Martin, and his dog, "Hacksaw," a 105-pound American Pit Bull, took a break,

Monday, from their repair work after a fire, last Thursday night, consumed part of Thompson's house. Hacksaw saved Thompson's life by waking him up after a sealed off fireplace burst into flames, and fire began spreading through the kitchen...Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and deputies have cracked what appears to be a local chop shop operation, after a two-week investigation. Two Floyd County, men were arrested over the weekend and charged with theft by unlawful taking, after officers found pieces of several stolen cars in a building at Pyramid. Eddie Williams, 29, of Prestonsburg, and Donnie Hatfield, 18, who is from Floyd County, and is living in Johnson County, were arrested by Sheriff Thompson, last weekend...Floyd County school officials received bad news this week with the announcement that Finance Officer David Johnson has taken a job with the Magoffin County School System. At last Thursday's special board meeting, Johnson appeared to be frustrated after the board refused to consider purchasing updated computer equipment for the finance department, and to hire an additional finance clerk...The Big Sandy Area Labor Management will invite John C. Wells, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, to be the featured speaker during its annual event next April. Wells, a native of Auxier, took over the reins of the Mediation and Conciliation Service on November 15...Floyd Countian Janet Stumbo will be sworn in, December 4, at 11 a.m., as Kentucky's newest Supreme Court judge. The public ceremony will be held on the steps of the Floyd County Courthouse, and a reception hosted by U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood will follow at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center...Students at Prestonsburg High School have discovered that Thanksgiving is a time for giving, as well as a time for thanks. A Thanksgiving food drive spearheaded by the school's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) netted 1,060 pounds of nonperishable food earlier this week...There died: Pearl L. Cline, 58, of Albion, Michigan, a native of Martin, Friday, at her residence; Willievene Keathley, 64, of Harold, Tuesday, at her residence; Ruth Ann Stevens, 50, of Allen, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ada Bradley Allen, 75, of Adrian, Michigan, formerly of Pyramid, Thursday, at the home of her son in Winchester; Frank Powers Stewart, 69, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia; Jerry Lewis, 58, of Lima, Ohio, native of Martin, Saturday, at the Lima Memorial Hospital; Normel Combs, 63, of Ashland, native of Topmost, Saturday, at his home; Minnie Bell Shelton, 80, of Martin, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sam Ritchie, 69, of Talcum, Tuesday, at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington; Holecene Hall, 67, of Bypro, Saturday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Pearly Johnson, 75, of Melvin, Monday, at Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago

(November 30, 1983)

Hepatitis cases total 18 for November in Floyd County...Mary Vinamae Tackett, 19, of Knott County, died, apparently by suicide, in the Floyd County Jail, last Tuesday evening, after she had received a 30-day sentence earlier that day for shoplifting...U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy took a look at poverty on his tour here Wednesday...A state police investigation of alleged irregularities in Floyd County finances, which, several weeks ago, was thought nearly ready to lay before a grand jury, has recently been expanded...There died: Jewel Fay Gibson, 52, of Wayland, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Biddie Jane Prater, 77, of Hueysville, Saturday, at her home; Josephine Wallen, 76, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, November 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Frankie Little, 90, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maggie Haywood, 83, of Wayland, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Henry McKinney, 86, of McDowell, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Josie Crow Crabtree, 104, November 23, at the home of her daughter at Hueysville; Mary Walk Branham, 82, of Martin, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Marie D. Stumbo, 67, of McDowell, Saturday, at the home of her brother; Elizabeth Triplett, 87, of Bevinville, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Adrian Boyd Truesdell, 61, of Langley, Friday, at his home.

Thirty Years Ago

(December 5, 1973)

Floyd County escaped major damage from floodwaters, last week, but two days of steady, sometimes violent rainfall, and the rise of streams, beyond their banks, gave residents of lowlying areas many hours of anxiety...The Housing Authority of Martin has won its seven-year effort to become the first in the area to construct a housing complex, especially for the elderly...Condemnation of property on the Lancer-Water Gap road as a site for a future elementary school was authorized by the Floyd County Board of Education, at its Saturday meeting...A Floyd County man's distaste for stolen property may have given detectives the break they needed toward solving the recent burglary, here, of the Western Auto Store, from which an estimated \$10,000 worth of merchandise was taken...Construction is scheduled to begin, soon, on two new food carry-out facilities, on U.S. 23 south, here, and tentative completion dates were set for sometime next spring for Long John Silver's and Dairy Cheer...The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary, tomorrow, Thursday,

with a special golden anniversary, meeting at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park...Of Kentucky's 190 school districts, last year, 162 paid their classroom teachers an average salary below the statewide average of \$7,794...The Floyd County Board of Education, at its Saturday meeting, here, gave Superintendent of Schools, Charles Clark, and Schools Transportation Director, James Salisbury, broad powers in affecting gasoline and oil products conservation, during the current fuel crisis...Lovel Hall, is sworn in Saturday, by Henry Stumbo, county judge, as Floyd County Tax Commissioner...There died: Emmett Newsom, 63, of Ligon, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital...Mrs. Nancy Bentley Hamilton, 81, of Ligon, Wednesday, at Wheelwright; Mrs. Ethel T. King, 70, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Ligon, Tuesday, at Marion General Hospital...Henry Jarrell, 62, of Dwale, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ella Stephens Miller, 75, of Middle Creek, Sunday, at Highlands Regional; Basil Compton, 61, of Washington, Indiana, formerly of Martin, Wednesday; Mrs. Elizabeth Neeley Fannin, 91, of Marion, Virginia, formerly of Inez, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional; Arthur Foster, 84, of Drift, Thursday, at McDowell Hospital.

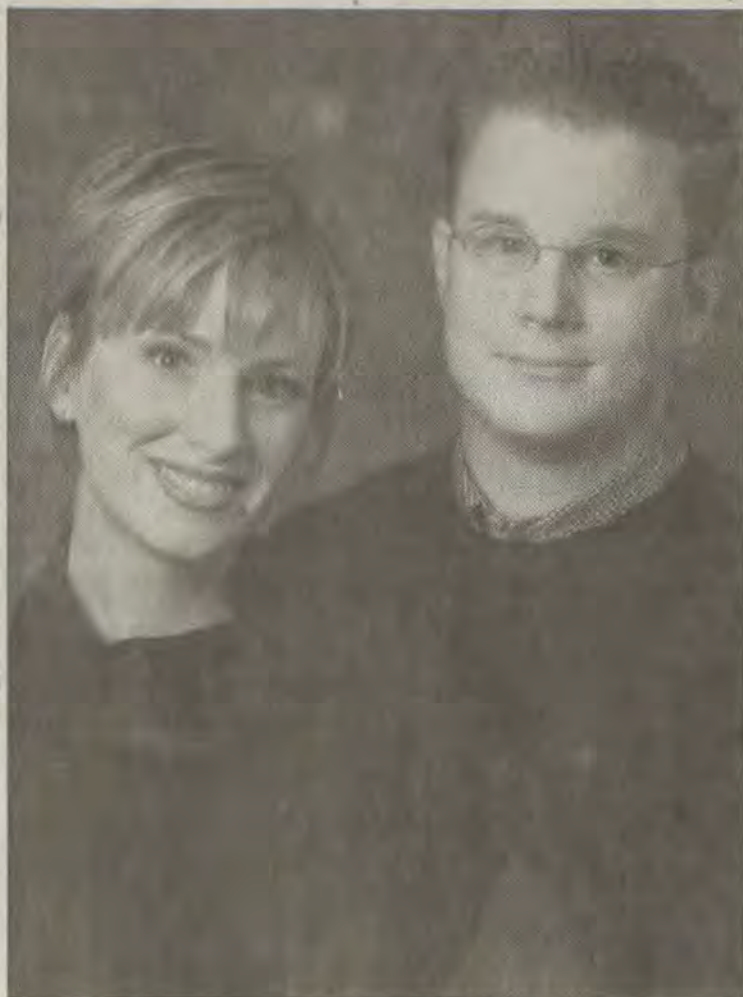
Forty Years Ago

(December 5, 1963)

When Edward T. Breathitt is inaugurated Governor of Kentucky, next Tuesday, the Floyd County float will be No. 3 in the parade...An official probe into the cause of the death, early, Tuesday night, of Fred Burchett, 45, of Cow Creek, was initiated, when death by poisoning was suspected...Two persons were killed, and two others injured, Wednesday night, in a collision of automobiles on the new U.S. 23, a short distance north of the Prestonsburg-Paintsville Community Airport. A. R. Workman, Prestonsburg, was reelected president of the Floyd County Fish and Game Club at its annual election of officers, held at Maytown, Monday evening...When, and if, Prestonsburg's urban renewal development gets final approval, Floyd County will be paid \$116,250 for the present courthouse property...Dr. Martin J. Leete, 73, a dentist here for 48 years, died at his Court Street office, late Saturday afternoon, the victim of a heart attack...The teachers of Kentucky, on the day after Thanksgiving, expressed their thanks, at Frankfort, to Governor Bert T. Combs, for his efforts in behalf of public education during his term of office...The Floyd County Board of Education, and the Prestonsburg Gas and Water System, are at the point of agreement on a plan whereby the municipally owned system will supply water to the Middle Creek elementary school, now under construction...A

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Wedding Engagement



McGuire-Maggard

Lori McGuire and John Scott Maggard are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. McGuire, of Prestonsburg, is a graduate of Morehead State University, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in public relations and advertising. She is currently employed by Pikeville Methodist Hospital as a public relations specialist. Maggard, of Paintsville, is also a graduate of Morehead State University. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, and is currently employed as a financial analyst for the Pikeville Independent School District. The nuptials will be exchanged in a private, ocean-front ceremony held on the island of Jamaica, on Saturday, December 20, 2003. The couple will spend their honeymoon in exotic Ocho Rios following the ceremony. Once back in the States, they will reside in Pikeville.

Critter

us has to also think about what we can do on our own level. What are our options?

Don't put so many animals to sleep. Many people are advocates of "No-Kill" shelters. This is an attractive concept. However, another term for "No-Kill" shelter is "Limited Admission". This type of animal shelter does not euthanize animals except for those that are too sick or injured to treat. But once they are full (and that happens fast—many shelters fill to capacity in less than a week), they don't accept any more animals until adoption and/or natural attrition opens up a spot. This type of shelter only works in an area where there is also an "Open Admission" facility to handle the overflow.

Also, as I pointed out last week, euthanasia is not the worst thing that can happen to an animal; far better to humanely end a cat or dog's life than to put it out beside the road, defenseless against whatever fate awaits it.

Increase adoptions. Almost all shelters try hard to find homes for as many of their animals as possible. At the same time, they must

screen the potential adopters as best they can. It defeats the purpose to adopt out a pet only to have it "recycle" back through the shelter, or worse, to learn that the original adopter gave it away for whatever reason. This concept applies to individuals, too. You have no idea or control over what happens to the pet you place through a "free to good home" ad in the paper. Nobody is going to tell you they have a BAD home—that they need bait for their fighting dog, they belong to a Satanic cult, or that they have a three-year-old at home who is going to carry the kitten around by its neck. Know where your animal is going. The ideal adoption results in a happy owner who provides a secure and loving home for the pet for the rest of its life.

Reduce the numbers of animals coming into the shelter or otherwise need a new home. Here's where we have a chance to make a difference. Think about where the animals come from. I have statistics that say that one mated pair of dogs has the potential to generate, within 7 years' time, SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND animals

(counting all the offspring of their puppies and their puppies' puppies). The statistics for cats are even worse, coming closer to 100,000 within the same time frame.

I realize that I drive people crazy with my preaching on spay and neuter, but when you look at the magnitude of the pet overpopulation problem, it's the only thing that makes sense. I think it's starting to sink in at last with the general public—witness the release of the spay/neuter commemorative stamps (the last I read, they are the second most popular stamps in history, behind only the Elvis Presley commemoratives), and the new spay/neuter Kentucky license plates.

Now that we have the public's attention, we have a golden opportunity to help others understand how each one of us is part of the solution. Start at home, with your own pets. With them "fixed", you don't have to worry about bringing even more animals to an already overcrowded world. Sometimes

the only way to be a responsible breeder is not to breed at all.

You may think you can't afford your pet's surgery. With programs like SNOOP (the Spay & Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg) in place, you can't afford not to have your pet altered. Although SNOOP is based in Floyd County, there's no reason similar programs can't be set up all around our region.

How about that little old lady, next door with all the cats that keep reproducing? Maybe she just doesn't recognize the problem; maybe she doesn't know about an existing program to help her get the population under control. Maybe she just needs a neighbor to volunteer transportation to the vet's and back.

Look around and see what you can do to help. Perhaps you still can't bear to think about euthanasia, but if you're doing your part through spay/neuter and humane education, you can rest easier at night knowing you didn't contribute to the problem.

Korner

isn't a handful of souls in this county and those adjacent that haven't heard of Lea Spradlin Bentley and the unfathomable experience this young woman has endured.

Blessed with one of the most precious and beautiful of baby boys, Lea and her husband, Eddie, along with their families, found themselves in a trial like

no other many of us have ever had to face.

After giving birth by C-section to this beautiful baby son, Noah Edward Bentley, Lea has gone through so many horrendous complications that the mind simply boggles.

Multitudes of prayers have gone out and still continue daily for Lea, who holds a very special place in my heart as well as the hearts of so many others.

Lea and our firstborn daughter, Ashleigh, have been the best of friends since the fourth grade. There were a couple of times during their childhood the Spouse and I actually thought of letting Mike and Linda claim Ashleigh on their taxes for she was under their roof more than our own.

When Noah was born, Lea experienced what on-line medical literature titles a "Mysterious" occurrence, called (AFE) - Amniotic Fluid Embolism.

AFE is blockage of the pulmonary (lung) artery by amniotic fluid, the fluid surrounding the fetus in the uterus.

After reading the results, a major frog in the throat, and chills covering my entire being were experienced. The results of an amniotic fluid embolism read: "May cause rapid heart rate, irregular heart rhythm, collapse, shock, and/or even cardiac arrest and death."

Keeping in contact daily with Lea's condition and hearing of the multitudes of complications, the "Flesh" wanted to be scared, and, oh, yeah, fearful.

But just as quickly as that fear would come, so would that unexplainable gut wrenching feeling of knowing that you know that you know, that God was in control and Lea was going to pull through!

You see, statistics report that as many as half of the women AFE effects die within an hour of the onset of an amniotic fluid embolism. Many the report stated die the same day or suffer permanent neurological impairment.

Well, my friends, I am here to share with you, Lea is so ALIVE, so beautiful, and so blessed with such awesome Miracles of God completed and continuing throughout her body that it is a pure joy to witness!

To say this Thanksgiving is going to be extra Special is probably the biggest understatement to date. There just aren't enough words to describe the thankfulness or ways to show our Lord Jesus Christ how truly thankful each and every one of us who love this very special young woman, truly is!

The Miracle of Birth has always, always been considered just that, a Miracle!

Noah's birth has added new meaning to the word "Miracle" for me, and for many others.

To each of you who have prayed and continue to pray for Lea - Eddie, Linda, Mike, and the entire family and host of relatives and friends extend much gratitude. Words simply cannot explain the appreciation.

To Lea-bug, I love you - & Thank God for you!

'Til Next Week, God's Blessings & Miracles to each of you...

Yesterdays

hearing to determine the mental condition of a veteran of two wars, who terrorized his family, and later resisted State Police arrest, is scheduled this week...The 1963 Christmas Seal campaign is lagging badly in Floyd County, one of Kentucky's high incidence counties for tuberculosis...Frank Ramsey announced the sale, Monday, of the Norton Floral Company, here, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Don Colvin...Applications were being filed last week for a loan to enable Victoria Weaving Mills Inc., to construct a manufacturing plant near Paintsville...There died: Mrs. Opal Emogene Parsons, 43, of Grethel, at home, on November 25.

Fifty Years Ago

(December 3, 1953)

The Prestonsburg Board of Education submitted, Tuesday, to the Floyd County Board of Education a nine-point proposal for merger of the two systems, and discussed the need of a new gymnasium, here...Election of Gormon Collins, Republican, as sheriff, and DuRan Moore, Democrat, as county court clerk, are under attack by contest suit...Helen Marie, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Spencer, died Friday, in a fire which destroyed the Spencer home on Little Paint Creek...Miss Pat Osborne, 25, of Martin, was critically hurt, Friday, when a truck in which she was delivering flowers to a Garrett wedding, collided with another truck...B. F. Reed, secretary-treasurer of the Turner-Elkhorn Mining Co., at Drift, has been appointed by Governor Weatherby to the Morehead State College board of regents...Charles W. McGuire, 21, a minister, and a veteran of the Korean conflict was killed, Wednesday, in a fall at Lima, Ohio...Floyd County, in the last three years, has had a population loss of 7,700...Gordon Moore was elected, Monday, to the presidency of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, here...The Floyd County Bar Association, last Friday morning, conducted a memorial service in honor of a former president of the Association, the late Edward L. Allen...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. C. Kilmer Combs, on November 25, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, their first child, a son, Michael Kilmer...There died: Mrs. Eula Ward Hunley, 76, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at McKeesport, Pennsylvania; John L. Pitts, 83, last Thursday, at his West Prestonsburg home; Mrs. Darcus Wright, 20, of Martin, last Wednesday, at a Martin hospital; Vernon Combs, 59, of Garrett, Wednesday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, at Lackey.

Sixty Years Ago

(December 2, 1943)

Contractors have begun work on facilities for Mine No. 2, of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David...Wounded in action: Pvt. George Deal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Deal, of Grethel, and S-Sgt. Brownie Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hicks, of Hippo...Ivan E. Ball, who served with U.S. forces in England, has been employed as coach of the Prestonsburg High School basketball team...David Mayo Patton, 49, formerly of Prestonsburg, was fatally injured, Saturday, while employed by an Ashland firm...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Messer on November 18, at the Paintsville Hospital, a daughter—Paula Marie...There died: J. D. Campbell, 67, found dead on the Lackey-Hindman highway, near Mousie, last Thursday; Bill Hatfield, 32, Thursday, at his home on Johns Creek; Dora Sue, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Robinson, of Wayland, Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago

(December 2, 1933)

M. J. Meador, of West Prestonsburg, was elected commander of Floyd Post American Legion, last Saturday. Other officers named are C. B. Keck, Prestonsburg, vice-commander; Ed Sutton Langley, second vice-commander; Vernon Rice, third vice-commander; W. G. Africa, adjutant; W. C. Rimmer, finance officer...Two mules, a cow and a calf, a dog and 75 bushels of corn were destroyed in a fire which levelled the barn of Andy Shepherd of Bull Creek, before daybreak, Sunday morning...The charter of West Van Lear as an incorporated municipality was dissolved recently...Grayson Turner, 18, formerly of the Wheelwright section of this county, was killed, Wednesday, in a hunting accident near Jonesboro, Tennessee...Charlie Wright, of West Prestonsburg, has located his half-brother, Britt Wright, in Cedar Bluffs, Virginia, after his help in finding the latter was requested by a Los Angeles firm. Britt Wright is reported to be an heir to the "considerable estate" left by Frank Harmon, who moved from this county 25 years or more ago, and died recently in Virginia...There died: Thomas J. "Hoss" Webb, 70, Maytown farmer, Saturday; Leon, infant son of Earnest Mulkey on Prater Creek, Saturday.

Birthdays

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Seth is one!

Seth Ousley, the son of Shawn and Sarah Ousley, of Danville, celebrated his first birthday on October 9, 2003, with a "Hot Wheels" theme birthday party held at his home. Many family members and friends were in attendance. Seth is the grandson of Garry and Helen Ann Vickers, of Lancaster, and Dennis and Juanita Ousley, of Martin. He is the great-grandson of Betty Francis, of Prestonsburg, and the great-great grandson of Lucille Davis, also of Prestonsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley as well as Mr. and Mrs. Vickers are all former residents of Floyd County.

It's a Girl!

Sydney Allyn Newsome was born on September 23, 2003, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, to proud parents Misty Dawn and Rocky Edward Newsome. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the maternal granddaughter of Sharon Duncan, of Betsy Layne, and the late Alan Duncan. Her paternal grandparents are Ed and Yolanda Newsome, of Teaberry. Her family welcomes her arrival and rejoices in the special blessing of her birth.



It's a Boy!

Jonah Wendell Matthew Porter was born on October 23, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center to proud parents, Matt and Angela Porter, of Martin. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. He is the maternal grandson of Dennie and Joyce Blackburn, of Hippo, and the late Jerry Bailey. His paternal grandparents are Vernon Porter, of Allen, and the late Linda Faye Wallen Harris, formerly of Water Gap. He is the great grandson of Arnold and Geneva Bailey, of Hippo, Margaret Porter, of Allen, and the late Vernon "Buster" Porter, Joanna Lafferty, of Printer, Doris Ann Wallen, of Mt. Sterling, and the late Billy D. Wallen, and Phyllis Blackburn, of Regina.

Happy Birthday, Tiffany!

Tiffany Victoria Owens celebrated her fifteenth birthday on November 17, 2003. Tiffany is a freshman at Allen Central High School where she is a member of the school's volleyball team and a member of the boy's varsity cheerleading team. She is the daughter of Joe and Teresa Owens and the granddaughter of Margaret Conley, of Garrett, and the late Virgil Conley, and Molly Owens, of Langley, and the late Ralph Owens. She has one brother, Ryan.



Troxell receives MSU Alumni Award



Jeremy W. Troxell

Jeremy W. Troxell, of Prestonsburg, recently received an Alumni Award to attend Morehead State University. Troxell is currently enrolled at MSU. Troxell, the son of Shawn Troxell, is a

graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He was a first place overall winner in the Literary Passage for German in the Regional Foreign Language Festival, and a member of the Floyd County All-County Chorus and Honor Choir. He is a member of the National Honor Society and National Honor Roll, and a member of the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" honor organization.

To be eligible for the Alumni Award, at least one parent or grandparent of the applicant must be an MSU alumnus and an active member of the MSU Alumni Association. The qualifying candidate must be admitted as an entering freshman or transfer student and have a minimum ACT composite of 18.

Applications and information on scholarships and grant programs at MSU are available from the Office of Admissions, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351-1689. You may also telephone: (800) 585-MSU1 (6781).



Prater to study abroad

Staci Prater, currently a junior at Alice Lloyd College, will spend the upcoming spring semester, 2004, studying in London, England, at the Imperial College. Staci is a 1999 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is majoring in business at ALC. Staci is the daughter of Gary and Sheila Prater, of Prestonsburg, and Rita and Jon Combs, of Georgia. She is the granddaughter of Edna Nelson and Pearl and Paul Greene, all of Prestonsburg.

School

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Nov. 24 - "Eddie Eagle" program by OLWH for kindergarten classes.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them

with a student.**
 ■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Dec. 8 - Stress management.
 ■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.
 ■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.
 ■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

SNOOP

the North Pole's "jolly old elf," Santa Claus as he handled the wiggles and squirms of an assortment of pets as local photographer Alys Fraley snapped keepsake photos for owners.

In addition to the pet photos, the organization sponsored a bake sale, also held in the church, and a children's poster contest.

Dr. Carol reports that more than 700 animals have been spayed or neutered through the SNOOP program as the organization moves into its fourth year of existence. "We have been fortunate enough to secure a grant that will assist us in funding the surgeries, and this is a tremendous help, but the organization is growing so fast that the grant money is covering only about half of our expenses," she said. Fundraisers, as a result, prove to be an invaluable asset to the organization and SNOOP members greatly appreciate any and all community support.

SNOOP invites everyone to contribute any fundraising ideas they may have and to consider membership in the organization. SNOOP's mission is to help fund spay and neuter operations for pets of owners with low or fixed incomes, and for those whose

finances have been strained by taking care of stray animals. SNOOP is actively at work promoting public awareness of the need to reduce the numbers of homeless animals in our area.

A one-year membership to SNOOP is available at the low cost of \$15. Membership includes a membership card, e-mail and postal mail updates on the organization's latest efforts and achievements via the Eastern Kentucky Spay & Neuter News, and a SNOOP T-shirt featuring the slogan, "Prevent a Litter, Fix Your Critter." T-shirts are also available separately at the purchase price of \$10 each.

Membership applications, T-shirt orders, or tax-deductible donations may be made to the following address: SNOOP, P.O. Box 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Please provide the following information: Your name, address (including zip code), telephone number, e-mail address (if you have one) and size (medium, large, extra large) and color (light blue or yellow) desired of T-shirt.

SNOOP is also currently holding its annual Christmas raffle of a girl's Christmas stocking, a boy's Christmas stocking, and

a beautiful Longaberger basket. Raffle tickets are available from any SNOOP member.

For more information about the SNOOP program, its fundraisers, or time and place of meetings, call 889-9982 at any time.

Following are the names of the SNOOP poster contest winners:

Grand prize winner: Tori Hunt, 5th grade, Prestonsburg Elementary.

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■ K-1st: 1st place - Taelor Blevins; 2nd place - Caitlin Kaessinger; 3rd place - Mariah Ratliff.

■ 2nd - 3rd: 1st place - Jordan Marcum; 2nd place - Savannah Bryant; 3rd place - Tyler Honeycutt.

■ 4th - 5th: 1st place - Emily Hammonds; 2nd place - Ashley Dean Daniels; 3rd place - Latosha Lafferty.

Pageants



Pageant Baby

Tiny Miss Carmen Paige McKenzie, the daughter of John Alan McKenzie, of Drift, and Denise Porter, of Hazard, was recently crowned 2nd Runner-Up, in the 12-24 months age category, at the recent Red, White & Blue Pageant. Carmen Paige is the granddaughter of Claude and Martha McKenzie, of Drift, and Bernice Porter, of Salyersville, and Michael Porter, of Royalton. She is 12 months old.



'Teen Miss Jenny Wiley'

Sarah Michelle Markland was crowned "Teen Miss Jenny Wiley" in a pageant held Sunday, October 10, 2003, at the Mountain Arts Center. Seven lovely young ladies competed for the title. Sarah was also bestowed the titles of "Most Beautiful" and "Audience's Choice." She is the fifteen-year-old daughter of Randy Markland and Jackie Markland, of Salyersville. Sarah is a sophomore at Magoffin County High School. Sarah and her family thank everyone who supported her in this event. She looks forward to representing Floyd County in the upcoming year.

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Oak

and say, "He plays hob, too!"

Now, while I—or anybody else who had heard what had been said—knew exactly what the speaker had meant, that he didn't really believe that Paul had twenty dollars; I was still curious about what "playing hob" really meant. And to this day, I still don't know for sure. I've even done research on it, and all I can find suggests that "playing hob" has something to do with playing the part of a mischievous person. And if that's the case, the way we used it back then makes absolutely no sense at all. Which does make sense, in a way, because we were always using nonsensical expressions when we communicated.

Take the Pat fellow I mentioned earlier.

Someone would say that so-and-so had got a job with the Northeast Coal Company, and someone else would chime in with, "He won't last as long as Pat stayed in the Army." And, just like "playing hob," no one could tell me who Pat was, what army he'd joined, and how long he'd really stayed.

Research in that department revealed that Pat was not a real person, but instead was the name the British used for a fictitious Irishman who was sort of incompetent.

Apparently, then, if this was indeed the intent of the speaker in our case, he was meaning that the fellow who had been hired by Northeast was incompetent.

Even though the kids with which I grew up weren't familiar with the word "slang," other than when we talked about our "slangshots," we sure were exposed to a lot of it. Sort of like somebody being as "ugly as home-made sin." And when someone talked of being

confused, he'd often state he "didn't know whether to wind his watch or go home." When someone who was one hundred percent sure of something would offer to bet a "shiny country nickel" on something, one had to wonder how much shinier a "shiny country nickel" was than a shiny city nickel.

We'll probably never really know when and how all these expressions originated, but they sure are fun to ponder.

Highland Avenue church to host 'Veterans Appreciation Day' this Saturday

The Highland Avenue Free Will Baptist Church will host a "Veterans Appreciation Day" on Saturday, November 22, at the church. All veterans and their families as well as those with loved ones currently serving in active military duty, especially those in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other parts of the Middle East.

The day will begin at 6:00 a.m. with a trumpet sounding reveille and the veterans raising the

American flag. Then, a typical military breakfast will be served, followed by fellowship and reminiscing until 11:00 a.m., at which time a special prayer will be offered for all veterans and active military personnel. A lunch of soup, beans, cornbread, and sauerkraut and wieners will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Dave Garrett invites all to visit anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., to share in fellowship and to show support for all veterans and our men and women who continue to serve, fight and die to protect the freedom that we hold so dear.

Co-op

■ Add fresh oil of the proper viscosity. The owner's manual will list the appropriate oil.

■ Check the air filter. Now is a good time to change or clean the air filter if you've not done this during the mowing season. A dirty air filter can restrict air flow into the engine and cause the engine to run rich.

■ Also check the spark plug to be sure it's not fouled and is properly gapped.

■ You shouldn't leave gasoline in the fuel tank at the end of the season, because residues can form that might plug the small fuel jets in the carburetor. There are two approaches to remedy this situation. One is to drain out the fuel. The second option is to use a gas stabilizer.

You can do this yourself, or have a professional do it as part of an annual service.

■ After you drain the fuel, start and run the engine to remove gasoline from the fuel lines and carburetor; then, let the engine cool, take the spark plug out of the cylinder and put about one tablespoon of oil into the cylinder. With the spark plug wire off, pull the starter cord or use the starter to turn the engine over several times to distribute this oil over the cylinder and piston's internal surfaces.

A gas stabilizer will keep gas fresh up to two years when added to the gas can right after you buy the fuel. If you use a gas stabilizer, it's not necessary to drain the tank or get fuel out of the carburetor. However, you do need to let the engine operate several min-

utes to be sure the fresh gas gets into the carburetor.

■ Now also is a good time to sharpen or replace the blade. Mowing with a sharp blade is more efficient and uses less power. A dull blade tears and chews at grass.

■ Also, lubricate wheel bearings and throttle cables; grease height-adjuster brackets, tighten all nuts and bolts, and check belts, filters and safety shields. Clean the outside of the engine and deck area because caked grass can trap moisture, causing metal mower decks to rust. It also reduces a mower's service life.

■ If possible, store your lawnmower in a dry, open area indoors to protect it from the weather. Otherwise, loosely cover it with a waterproof cover that you've secured.

Mowing safety precautions is another important topic this time of year. While it's easy to remember mowing safety in the summer, we sometimes forget it in the fall.

Follow these helpful safety reminders.

■ Remove debris such as rocks, limbs and sticks before you mow. Hitting these objects with a lawnmower is a safety hazard. It also can dull and damage the blade.

■ Wear the right clothing, including long pants and sturdy shoes with good traction.

■ Never allow young children to ride on or operate a lawnmower. Remember, this is a dangerous piece of equipment.

■ Keep children and pets

indoors when you're mowing.

Although it might be tempting to put the lawnmower away for the season, you need to continue mowing grass as long as it's growing. Otherwise, grass might slump over and mat down, creating conditions ideal for winter or early-spring diseases.

Grass mowed to the proper height stores energy needed for winter survival and good growth next spring. Another reason it's important to regularly mow this time of year is to mulch tree leaves into the turf to keep them from shading the grass. This enables it to produce more energy through photosynthesis. Mulching leaves back into the turf doesn't cause a problem unless the leaves are so thick that they cover the grass blades.

Mulching leaves with a mower is a lot easier than having to rake and remove them.

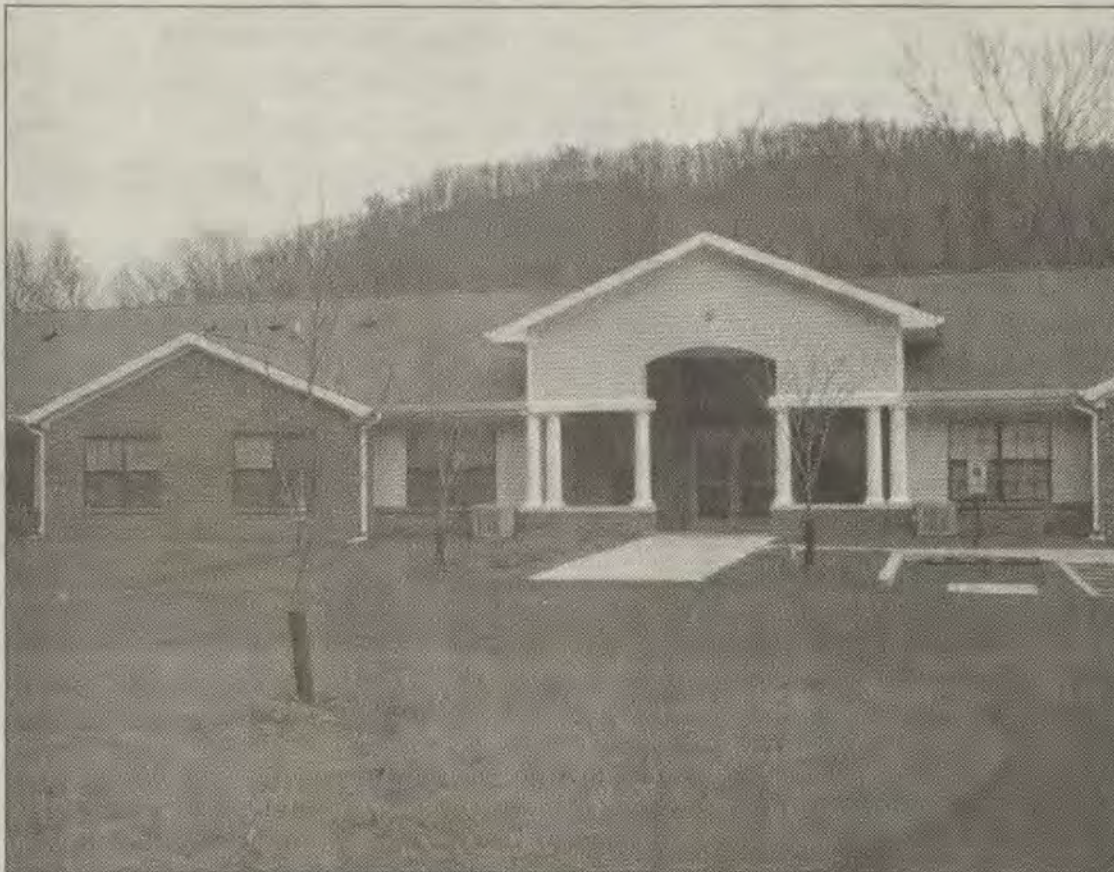
The recommended grass height depends on the species.

Mow Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue and creeping red fescue to a height of 2-2.5 inches; perennial ryegrass and bermudagrass, 1-2 inches; and zoysiagrass, three-fourths to one inch.

Contact the Floyd Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668 for more information about fall lawn care.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Business/Professions



FCHA constructs senior housing unit at Minnie

The new senior housing complex recently constructed through the work of the Floyd County Housing Authority (FCHA). The complex, intended for the use of persons over the age of 62 who might be in need of supportive services, is located in Minnie, adjacent to the Left Beaver Townhouses. For more information on the new complex, contact the Floyd County Housing Authority at 285-3833, or 886-1235. photo by Kathy J. Prater

2004 Elk Sighting Tours

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Elk were reintroduced to Kentucky in 1997 as a restoration project from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Approximately 1510 elk have been transported into Kentucky in the last five years. Reproduction has been very high, as approximately 90 percent of the adult cows have produced calves. Currently, the estimated elk population in Kentucky is 3100 elk. The best areas for elk habitat are on reclaimed surface mines in Eastern Kentucky.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is sponsoring elk tours throughout the 2004 calendar year. The cost of the tour is \$12 per person/\$7 children 12 and under. This fee includes your transportation via van to the viewing sites. Please choose a date below to pre-register as the tours do fill up quickly. Call Ron Vanover, park naturalist at 606-886-2711, ext. 2269 or e-mail him at rvanover@setel.com to pre-register. www.jennywiley.com

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December 11

Kentucky Commission on Women to hold regional meeting in Prestonsburg

The Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW) announces the beginning of a year-long series of regional meetings across the Commonwealth to address the economic status of Kentucky women and their families. The series will begin Dec. 2, in Prestonsburg, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Room 203 A-B. Light refreshments will be served.

KCW will conduct meetings in each of Kentucky's 15 area development districts from December 2003 through November 2004.

Meeting participants will discuss how recommendations made by the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women can be implemented in the Big Sandy area. The recommendations were released at the Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women in June 2003 in "A New Vision for Kentucky," the final report of the task force.

"One of the most frequent suggestions made by Summit participants was for KCW to continue reaching out to local communities in the effort to improve the lives of Kentucky women and their families," said KCW Executive Director Betsy Nowland-Curry. "We are partnering with local organizations in each region to ensure everyone has a seat at the table."

The meeting will provide

participants with an opportunity to determine priorities and action plans for the Big Sandy counties. The series is intended to be another step in increasing the network of individuals

interested in strengthening Kentucky by strengthening Kentucky women.

Call 502/564-6643 or visit www.women.ky.gov

It's your money



Jonathan Miller

by State Treasurer Jonathan Miller

With Kentucky facing at least a \$262 million revenue shortfall, it was very encouraging to me when Governor-elect Ernie Fletcher created a Blue Ribbon Commission to identify waste and inefficiency in state government so that he would be able to bal-

ance the budget while protecting vital state services and not having to raise taxes.

The last four years as Treasurer, I have made eliminating waste in my office and other areas of state government a part of my continuing effort to protect your tax dollars. So in an effort to continue my mission and work with Governor-Elect Ernie Fletcher in a bi-partisan approach, I sent a recommendation to this Blue Ribbon Commission - it is called bulk purchasing.

You are already familiar with the concept. If you have shopped at Sam's Club or Big Lots, you know that if you buy in bulk, you can save money. Vendors are willing to lower their prices on items if they can sell them in larger quantities. Savvy businesses have also used bulk purchasing for many years to save costs and watch the bottom line.

Recently, a few state governments have experimented with the idea of bulk purchasing to save taxpayer money. Instead of each separate government agency buying its paper, pens, computers and furniture from separate vendors, state government as a whole used its bulk purchasing power to save millions of dollars in expenses.

Over the course of the next few years, Delaware is expected to save over \$39 million using this concept, while Virginia expects to

save up to \$90 million. Using this approach, studies demonstrate that Kentucky could save over \$70 million over the next several years.

While bulk purchasing makes perfect common sense for Kentucky, the proposal would face a few political hurdles. Entrenched bureaucracies are likely to object because it means a change in the status quo with which they have become comfortable. Prominent state vendors, many of whom give politicians large campaign contributions, might object because they could lose business or have reduced profits.

Bulk purchasing is neither Republican nor Democrat. It is, however, the perfect example of a common sense approach. It is an approach where ultimately the taxpayers win because less of their dollars are used for government expenses, and more of their dollars are freed up to balance the budget, and promote important services, like education and health care.

Putting Kentucky on the right track will require strong bipartisan leadership, as well as new ideas to make state government work more efficiently. While bulk purchasing would not solve all of the state's fiscal problems, it can be one important step in the right direction.



Nadine Mitchell, of Floyd County, left, and Denise Thomas, MSU SBDC instructor.

NxLevel announces graduates

The MSU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is pleased to announce the 2003 class of their NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Program.

The program, done in collaboration between the SBDC and the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, is a 10-week concentrated itinerary for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The course took place from July 15 to Sept. 16 in Paintsville. Participants attended a three-hour class, one day a week to focus on the diversity of a current business or considerations in establishing a new business venture. The SBDC functions under a regional umbrella and extends this program option to the Eastern Kentucky region.

Participants reviewed the vital components of a business allowing them to conduct a comprehensive evaluation, cre-

ate a viable business plan, and investigate the feasibility of a business along with financial management and effective marketing research. Business professionals visit the sessions to share personal experiences and give one-on-one business counseling.

MSU Small Business Development Center is pleased to announce the 2003 class receiving their certificate of completion on September 16, 2003: Lawrence County: Laverne Roberts, Patricia Estep and Jerrie Cossett; Martin County: Mike Begley; Johnson County: Virginia Blanton; Rebecca Harp and Kay Hughes; Floyd County: Nadine Mitchell and Anna Howell.

If you are interested in learning more about the SBDC NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Program contact the Pikeville SBDC at 606-432-5848.

Entrepreneurial course to be offered in Pikeville

The Morehead State University East Kentucky Small Business Development Center and JobSight of Pikeville, in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy are presenting a "Tilling the Soil of Opportunity" entrepreneurial course beginning Dec. 2. This ten-session course will be held at the Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville campus, on Tuesdays, from 6-9 p.m. This course will cover topics such as product research, marketing and financial man-

agement, and will include speakers from the fields of accounting, insurance, legal and more. The ten-session program is suitable for anyone who would like to start or own their own business and includes study guides, snacks, and all necessary materials for only \$45/participant. For more information, or to register, contact the Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848, or email Linda Casbolt at lcascho@moreheadstate.edu.

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Renewal #3

In accordance with
KRS 350.055, notice
is hereby given that
FCDC Coal, Inc., 750
Town Mountain
Road, Pikeville, KY
41501, has applied for
a Renewal of a permit
for an existing
underground mining
operation, affecting
7.60 acres of surface
disturbance and
underlies 560.0
acres, for a total per-
mitted acreage of
567.60 acres, located
0.25 mile northwest
of Beaver, in Floyd
County.

The operation is
approximately .25
mile northwest from
Tackett Fork Road's
junction with KY 979,
and located .20 miles
west of Mud Creek.
The latitude is 37
degrees, 23 minutes,
55 seconds. The lon-
gitude is 82 degrees,
39 minutes, 32 sec-
onds.

The operation is
located on the
McDowell 7 1/2
minute quadrangle
maps. The surface
area is owned by the
Elkhorn Coal Corp.
and Clifford
Reynolds, the opera-
tion underlies land
owned by the Elk
Horn Coal Corp.,
Noah Vance, Willie
Tackett, Timothy
Reynolds, Samuel
Hamilton, Walker and
Ella Hall, Crit and
Daisy Mitchell, and
Carl Mitchell.

This application has
been filed for public
inspection at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Prestonsburg
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653. Written com-
ments, objections, or
requests for a permit
conference must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Permits,
#2 Hudson Hollow
Complex, Frankfort,
KY 40601.

This is the final
advertisement of this
application; all com-
ments, objections,
and/or requests for a
permit conference,
must be received
within 30 days of
today's date.

**NOTICE OF
BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with
KRS 350.093, notice
is hereby given that
Peter Fork Mining
Company, P.O. Box
2666, Pikeville,
Kentucky 41501, has
applied for Phase II &
III bond release on
Increment No. 10 of
Permit No. 898-0042,
which was last issued
on October 20, 1997.
The application cov-
ers an area of
approximately 7.69
acres, located 2.0
miles south of
Owsley, in Pike and
Floyd Counties.

The permit is
approximately 1.0
mile from KY 1384's
junction with Dog
Fork Road, and locat-
ed 1.0 miles south in
Hurricane Creek.
The latitude is 37° 28'
05". The longitude is
82° 35' 08".

The bond now in
effect for Increment
No. 10 of Permit No.
898-0042, is a certi-
ficate of deposit in the
amount of twelve
thousand six hundred
ninety-four dollars
(\$12,694.00). Forty
percent (40%) of the
original bond amount
is included in the
application for
release.
Reclamation work

performed includes:
backfilling, final grad-
ing, seeding,
mulching and tree
planting, completed
in the spring of 1987
and 1991. Results
thus far include the
establishment of the
approved post-min-
ing land use.

Written comments,
objections, and
requests for a public
hearing or informal
conference, must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Field
Services, #2 Hudson
Hollow, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601, by
December 19, 2003.

A public hearing on
the application has
been scheduled for
December 22, 2003,
at 9:00 a.m., at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Pikeville Regional
Office, located at 121
Mays Branch Road,
Pikeville, Kentucky
41501. The hearing
will be canceled if no
request for a hearing
or informal confer-
ence is received by
December 19, 2003.

This is the final
advertisement of the
application. Written
comments, objec-
tions, and requests
for a public hearing or
informal conference
must be filed with the
Director, Division of
Field Services, #2
Hudson Hollow,
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601, by December
19, 2003.

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION TO
MINE**

Pursuant to
Application Number
836-5333
Renewal #3

In accordance with
the provisions of KRS
350.055, notice is
hereby given that
MATT/CO., INC., 432
Meadows Branch,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653, has applied for
renewal of an
underground coal
mining operation,
located 2.0 miles
north of Emma, in
Floyd County. The
proposed operation
will disturb 7.50 sur-
face acres, and will
underlie 590.13
acres, and the total
area within the permit
boundary will be
597.63 acres.

The proposed opera-
tion is approximately
1.0 mile east of KY
Route 1428's junction
with Sugarloaf
Branch Road, and
located in Dial
Branch. The latitude
is 37° 39' 47", and the
longitude is 82° 41'
41".

The proposed opera-
tion is located on
the Lancer U.S.G.S.
7 1/2 minute quad-
rangle map. The sur-
face area to be dis-
turbed is owned by
Joe Burchett, and will
underlie land owned
by Grace Weedman,
Roland Blackburn,
Clyde Burchett,
Rosie Woods,
Leonard Gobel,
William Jarrell, J.G.
Porter, Tri-Star
Development, Inc.,
Vivian Franklin, Rudy
Harris, James Wells,
Martha Johnson,
John Harris, Roland
Reid, Joe Burchett,
Ed & Bertha Cline,
and Bradis Goble.

The application has
been filed for public
inspection at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Prestonsburg
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653. Written com-
ments, objections, or
requests for a permit
conference, must be
filed with the Director
of the Division of
Permits, #2 Hudson
Hollow, U.S. 127

South, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601.

This is the final
advertisement of the
application. Written
comments, objec-
tions, and requests
for a public hearing or
informal conference
must be filed with the
Director, Division of
Field Services, #2
Hudson Hollow,
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601, by December
19, 2003.

**NOTICE OF
BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with
KRS 350.093, notice
is hereby given that
Peter Fork Mining
Company, P.O. Box
2666, Pikeville,
Kentucky 41501, has
applied for Phase II &
III bond release on
Increment No. 3 of
Permit No. 898-0011,
which was last issued
on August 6, 1996.
The application cov-
ers an area of
approximately 64.54
acres, located 2.0
miles south of
Owsley, in Pike and
Floyd Counties.

The permit is
approximately 1.0
mile south from KY
1384's junction with
Dog Fork Road, and
located 0.5 mile
southeast of the Left
Fork of Toler Creek.
The latitude is 37° 28'
38". The longitude is
82° 35' 38".

The bond now in
effect for Increment
No. 3 of Permit No.
898-0011, is a certi-
ficate of deposit in the
amount of fifty three
thousand one hun-
dred dollars
(\$53,100.00). Forty
percent (40%) of the
original bond amount
is included in the
application for
release.

Reclamation work
performed includes:
backfilling, final grad-
ing, seeding,
mulching and tree
planting, completed
in the spring of 1987.
Results thus far
include the establish-
ment of the approved
post-mining land use.

Written comments,
objections, and
requests for a public
hearing or informal
conference, must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Field
Services, #2 Hudson
Hollow, Frankfort,
Kentucky, and more

Kentucky 40601, by
December 19, 2003.

A public hearing on
the application has
been scheduled for
December 22, 2003
at 9:00 a.m., at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Pikeville Regional
Office, located at 121
Mays Branch Road,
Pikeville, Kentucky
41501. The hearing
will be canceled if no
request for a hearing
or informal confer-
ence is received by
December 19, 2003.

This is the final
advertisement of the
application. Written
comments, objec-
tions, and requests
for a public hearing or
informal conference
must be filed with the
Director, Division of
Field Services, #2
Hudson Hollow,
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601, by December
19, 2003.

**COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT
COURT**

**DIVISION NO. 1
C.A. NO. 03-CI-
00443**

**CHELSEA
REALTY, A
PARTNERSHIP
PLAINTIFF
VS.**

**ERMEL STURGILL
HEIRS, ET AL.
DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF
COMMISSIONER'S
SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF
Order of Sale of the
Floyd Circuit Court,
entered on the 24th
day of September,
2003, in the Floyd
Circuit Court, in the
above styled action,
to determine the
divisibility of said
property, I shall pro-
ceed to offer for sale
at the Old Floyd
County Courthouse
Door, South
Central Avenue,
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky, (behind the
new Floyd County
Justice Center), to
the highest bidder, at
public auction, on
Thursday, the 20th
day of November,
2003, at the hour of
9:15 a.m., the follow-
ing described real
estate, located in
Floyd County,
Kentucky, and more

particularly described
as follows:

Beginning at a pre-
sent corner at drive-
way going North 24
ft. thence going West
to the Big Sandy
River thence South
along the river to the
drain joining Troy
Layne property,
thence East along
the drain to present
property owned by
parties of the second
part, thence along
property line to the
beginning of the party
of the second part.

This conveyance is
made subject to all
restrictions and ease-
ments, which may
appear of record.

Source of Title:
Deed dated June 21,
1966, to Norman
Sturgill and Carma
Sturgill, his wife, from
Grace Sturgill,
recorded in Deed
Book 190, Page 531;
Affidavit of Descent
of E. K. Sturgill,
recorded in Deed
Book 230, Page 92;
Last Will & Testa-
ment of Norman
Sturgill, recorded in
Will Book S, Page
466, all of record in
the Floyd County
Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of
sale, the successful
bidder, if the other
than the Plaintiff,
shall either pay cash
or 10% of purchase
price, with the bal-
ance on credit for
thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser
shall be required to
assume and pay all
Floyd County,
Kentucky, real prop-
erty taxes for the year
2003, and all subse-
quent years which
are not yet due and
payable. Any and all
delinquent Floyd
County, Kentucky,
real estate taxes will
be paid from the sale
proceeds.

(d) If the successful
bidder is a party to
this action, he/she
shall be given credit
on the balance of the
purchase price to the
extent of his/her own-

ership interest in the
above described real
property, subject to
payment of sufficient
funds to satisfy the
costs of sale, and for
the Master
Commissioner.

Any announce-
ments made on date
of sale take prece-
dence over printed
matter contained
herein.

**PLAINTIFF'S
COUNSEL:**
Hon. Leo Marcum
P.O. Box 178
Lowmansville,
Kentucky 41232

**WILLIAM S.
KENDRICK**
Master
Commissioner
P. O. Box 268
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION TO
MINE**

Pursuant to
application number
836-5376, Renewal

In accordance with
the provisions of KRS
350.055, notice is
hereby given that
FCDC Coal, Inc., 750
Town Mountain Rd.,
Pikeville, KY, 41501,
has filed an applica-
tion for renewal of a
permit for an under-
ground mining per-
mit, located .25 mile
east of Drift, in Floyd
County. The opera-
tion disturbs 14.99
surface acres, and
underlies 588.14
acres, and the total
area within the permit
boundary is 603.13
acres.

The facility is
approximately 0.5
mile northeast from
KY 1101's junction
with KY 122, and
located .1 mile east
of Left Beaver Creek.
The latitude is 37-29-
18, and the longitude
is 82-45-25.

The facility is locat-
ed on the Wayland
and McDowell USGS
7.5 minute quadran-
gle map. The surface
area is owned by
Harry and Reba
Martin. The permit
will underlie land
owned by Alma Land
Company, Harry and
Reba Martin, Reba
Martin, H.D. Martin,
Clinton Martin, Pete
Butler, and Robert
Martin.

The operation will

affect an area within
100 ft. of a public
road, in Stumbo
Hollow. The opera-
tion will not involve
relocation or closure
of the public road.

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, KY
41653. Written com-
ments, objections or
requests for a permit
conference, must be
filed with the Director
of the Division of
Permits, #2 Hudson
Hollow Complex,
U.S. 127 South,
Frankfort, KY 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby
given that Ramsey
Enterprises, 85
Weddington Branch
Road, Pikeville,
Kentucky, 41501, has
filed an application
with the Natural
Resources and
Environmental
Protection Cabinet to
grade and fill a por-
tion of property locat-
ed within the flood-
plain of Levisa Fork
of the Big Sandy
River. The property
is located on the west
side of S.R. 1428,
just south of West
Porter Street in
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky. Any com-
ments or objections
concerning this appli-
cation shall be direct-
ed to: Kentucky
Division of Water,
Water Resources
Branch, 14 Reilly
Road, Frankfort
Office Park,
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601. Phone (502)
564-3410.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 98-CI-00615 ANN HALL PLAINTIFF VS. EARL RAY SLONE AND SALLY OWENS SLONE, HIS WIFE; KENTUCKY MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC.; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment of the Floyd Circuit, Court entered on the 13th day of July, 2000, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$6,014.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 20th day of November, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Buckeye Fork of the Left Fork of Middle Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Bob Haywood's line; a marked rock; thence running with his line to top of the point to a tree marked; and Troy Brown's line, thence running with said Brown's line back to the road; thence running with the road and creek back to the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Earl Ray Slone by inheritance from Eveline Slone and Henry Slone, whose Affidavits of Descent are recorded in Deed Book 243, Pages 307 and 309; and by deed dated August 18, 1982, recorded in Deed Book 269, Page 68, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

*Only the undivided interest (which is 12.062%) of Earl Ray Slone will be sold by the Master Commissioner.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate

taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
Hon. James A. Combs
Combs & Isaac
199 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master
Commissioner
P. O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Martin has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan is available for review and comment at the Grigsby Heights office, located at 109 Raymond Griffith Drive #1101, Martin, KY 41649. The Authority's office hours are 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., except for being closed Wednesday afternoon.

In addition, a public hearing will be held at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at the Grigsby Heights Community Room, 109 Raymond Griffith Drive #1101, Martin, KY 41649. Anyone requiring assistance for sight or hearing impaired individuals, may contact the agency at (606) 285-3681 (voice) or 1-800-648-6056 (TDD).

If you require special accommodations or translation services, please advise the Housing Authority of Martin, 72 Hours in advance.

The Housing Authority of Martin is an Equal Opportunity Agency.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mitchell's Grocery, mailing address, Box 2261, Ky Rt 3379, Grethel KY 41631, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Beer License, no later than October 19, 2003. The business to be licensed will be located at 2261 Ky Rt. 3379, Grethel Kentucky 41631, doing business as Mitchell's Grocery. The owner(s) are as follows: Paul E. Mitchell, of 2229 KY Rt. 3379, Grethel KY 41631. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic, may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail A-2, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 28, 2003, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 01/02/03.

1997 Mazda Millennia S/N 3823

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank
311 N. Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 28, 2003, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 7/06/01.

2001 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4 S/N 2592

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank
311 N. Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 28, 2003, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 7/03/01.

2002 Chevy Avalanche 4x4 S/N 8041

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank
311 N. Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 28, 2003, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 03/11/03.

1998 Chevy S-10 4x2

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 28, 2003, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 07/08/02.

2001 Chevy Cavalier S/N 2395

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank
311 N. Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 28, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of the installation of HVAC equipment in dwelling units @ KY157-12

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Drawings, Specifications, and other contract documents, may be examined at the following locations:

Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc.
401 West Main Street, Suite 318
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

The Housing Authority of Floyd County
402 John M. Stumbo Drive
Langley, Kentucky 41645

Additional information is provided in the bidding documents. Copies of the bidding documents may be purchased at the following location:

Lynn Imaging
328 Old Vine Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
Telephone: (859) 255-1021
Attention: Plan Distribution Department

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 25, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., (prevailing time), at the Housing Authority's main office for purposes of answering Bidders' questions, and to consider any suggestions.

The Housing Authority of Floyd County
By: Patsy Ryan, Executive Director

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT ORDINANCE NO. 2003-06

SUMMARY
An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1999-03, repealing that portion of said ordinance which allowed increases to be passed directly to the customers of the wheelwright utilities, and authorizing the City Commission of the City of Wheelwright to set all utility rates.

So ordained on this the 12th day of November, 2003.
Timothy A. Parker
City Attorney

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Floyd County Health Department (hereinafter referred to as the "OWNER") will receive proposals through Codell Construction Company (Hereinafter referred to as the "CONSTRUCTION MANAGER" or "CM") to furnish all labor and materials necessary to complete the New Floyd County Health Department, located in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. All work is to be performed in accordance with plans, specifications, and addenda as prepared by Randall C. Burchett, Architect (ARCHITECT/STRUCTURAL ENGINEER) and Technical Horizons (ME ENGINEER). Drawings, specifications, and the project manual may be obtained by contacting Lynn Imaging, Lexington Kentucky 859/255-1021. Questions should be directed in writing to the C.M.'s attention

Codell Construction Company
P.O. Box 17
Winchester, KY 40392
Mr. Travis Curry
PHONE: (859) 744-2222
FAX: (859) 744-2225

A complete set of Plans and Specifications requires a deposit of \$125.00 payable to Floyd County Health Department. Bids will be due by

2 p.m., December 16, 2003, at the Floyd County Health Department, 144 N. Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Each bid must be accompanied by a five percent (5%) Bid Bond. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

The Project is to be finally complete by within twelve months from the date of the Official Notice to Proceed and liquidated damages will be \$500.00 per day thereafter. The successful Bidders will be required to furnish a One Hundred Percent (100%) Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond for this Project.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled December 4, 2003, at 11 a.m., at the Floyd County Health Department, 144 N. Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bidders are urged to attend this meeting.

FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND CODELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the public housing Modernization Project KY36P157-501(03) will be received by The Housing Authority of Floyd County, Langley, Kentucky, on December 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of the installation of HVAC equipment in dwelling units @ KY157-12

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Drawings, Specifications, and other contract documents, may be examined at the following locations:

Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc.
401 West Main Street, Suite 318
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

The Housing Authority of Floyd County
402 John M. Stumbo Drive
Langley, Kentucky 41645

Additional information is provided in the bidding documents. Copies of the bidding documents may be purchased at the following location:

Lynn Imaging
328 Old Vine Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
Telephone: (859) 255-1021
Attention: Plan Distribution Department

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 25, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., (prevailing time), at the Housing Authority's main office for purposes of answering Bidders' questions, and to consider any suggestions.

The Housing Authority of Floyd County
By: Patsy Ryan, Executive Director

The Floyd County Health Department is accepting BIDS for work to be performed at the Betsy Layne location. Work to be performed includes:

- Removal and construction of a hand-capped ramp
- Construction of a covering for the ramp entrance
- Gravel and repair of parking area
- Minor roof repair, to include roof coating the modular unit
- Removal and or repair to back porch and steps

Quotes need to include all supplies, and costs of removal of any debris.

For further information, you may contact Thursa Sloan @ 606-886-2788.

All BIDS must be received by COB day, November 26th.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CA NO. 02-CI-00585 FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS. LANGLEY TURNER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LANGLEY TURNER; VIOLET TURNER; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, BY AND ON BEHALF OF F. MICHAEL HAYDON, SECRETARY OF REVENUE DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of October, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$66,753.21, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of December, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 2174 Right Fork of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake above road, 1.75 feet below power pole, South 14 degrees 52 minutes West 117.25 feet to a stake; thence South 5 degrees 47 minutes West 141.55 feet to a stake at corner; thence the following 7 courses and distances: North 82 degrees 47 minutes West 233.09 feet to a stake; North 5 degrees 12 minutes East 148.65 feet to a stake; North 9 degrees 41 minutes East 50.31 feet to a stake; North 21 degrees 07 minutes West 40.04 feet to a stake at fence; North 51 degrees 50 minutes East 131.12 feet to a stake; South 58 degrees 41 minutes East 134.48 feet to a stake; thence South 72 degrees 29 minutes East 70.31 feet to a stake above road and 1.75 feet below power pole, the beginning.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-854 U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTAR BANK, NA, F/K/A STAR BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS. EDWARD SAZABO AND BARBARA SAZABO

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Revised Survey (additional land) N 82°47' W, 23.22 ft. to a stake at corner; N 41° 20' W, 130.46 ft. to a nail in roof of 30" White Oak; N 41° 20' W, 37.26 ft. to a nail in roof of 16" Black Oak, N 56° 06' E, 45.76 ft. to a nail in roof of 6" twin dogwood; N 47° 00' E, 118.33 ft. to a stake at fence.

Being the same property conveyed to Langley Turner and Violet Turner, husband and wife, by Deed dated June 19, 1984, being of record in Deed Book 285, Page 560, and further devised to Langley Turner by Will of Violet Turner, lodged on May 31, 1994, of record in Will Book M, Page 327, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 24th day of October, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$15,712.53, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of December, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at Route 850, Brush Creek Road, Hippo, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a culvert on the county road of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek, following the Hicks Fork Creek South approximately 325 Feet to the fence line of the Philadelphia Old Regular Baptist Church property, hence northwest approximately 150 feet following the Philadelphia Old Regular Baptist Church property line to the county road, and following the county road approximately 450 feet to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Edward Sazabo and Barbara Sazabo from Robert G. Smith and Charlotte Smith, his wife, by deed bearing date September 26, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 411, Page 335, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

As additional collateral, there is a 1979 Clayton 24 x 55 Mobile Home, I.D.#3792. To further secure the above referenced debt, a Fixture Filing was duly lodged for record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, on September 29, 1997. Fixture Filing #9727203600 54.

TERMS OF SALE:

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(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of

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Notice is hereby given that Emmitt Branham, 2136 KY Route 979, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.6 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY 1426, and 1.4 mile north of the community of Grethel, on Parsons Branch of Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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Notice is hereby given that John M. Hall, 2500 KY Route 979, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 1.75 mile southwest of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with U.S. Route 23 near the community of Harold, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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JEFF L. HALL, GENIA D. HALL, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, BY AND ON RELATION OF SARAH JANE SCHAAF, SECRETARY, REVENUE CABINET, FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY, KENTUCKY FORESTRY SERVICE, FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION, AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC. DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$18,587.25, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of December, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at Wheelwright, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land, lying on Shop Fork of the left fork of Otter Creek, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1 Beginning approximately 3 feet south of southeast corner at a brick store building owned by Robert & Shirley Hall this point being marked with 1/2"

gal. pipe, thence southwest 1 ft. west and with a stone storage building said line continued beyond stone building in a southwest direction to a fence line where another 1/2" galvanized pipe marks the south west ending thence a westward direction with said fence line to the original Elkhorn Coal Co. line now known as the Old Inland Steel on Island Creek line thence northeast with said line to beginning so as to enclose approximately 1 acre of line and all buildings within said boundary.

This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, by Deed dated September 18, 1981, as recorded per Deed Book 226, Page 515, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT NO. 2 Beginning at an iron pin or road right of way and in a drain; thence leaving drain with road right of way S 6° 12' W 150 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving road right of way S 75° 45' W 1160 feet to a stake; thence N 6° 12' E 150 feet to a stake thence N 75° 45' E 1160 feet to an iron pin at the beginning, containing 4 acres more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors by Deed dated February 15, 1988, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, from Bill L. Hall and Ruth Hall, his wife, as recorded per Deed Book 317, Page 047 in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all

delinquent Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5979, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.90 mile north of Wales, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 14.38 surface acres, and will underlie 1,599.45 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,613.83 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.20 mile northwest from County Road 3514's junction with KY 122, and located along Arnold Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coastal Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by William III and Shirley Hickman, Greg and Velvet Johnson, Randall and Pauletta Johnson, Estill and Stella Johnson, John Jr. and Bonnie Smith, Coastal Coal Company, LLC, Claudius and Helen Tackett, Francis Tackett,

Pearl Hylton, Jody and Trula Wright, Arthur and Sally Hall, Gary and Shirley Johnson, Gladys Justice, Hursel Tackett, Pete and Rita Little, Hugh Reynolds and Geraldine Tackett, Jerry and Tammy Hobson, Jerry Hobson, John and Nora Hylton, Marie Mullins, Milton and Delle Hall, Christine Jones, Darling and Nelva Hall, Shirley Hylton, Bennie and Eleanor Hall, Maudie Sorenson, Conley and Melinda Johnson, Georgia Taylor, Bluemont Corporation, Hassel and Alberta Johnson, Sterling and Floella Johnson, John and Ethel Collins Estate, Harold and Pamela Gunter, Bessie Newsome, Randall Bentley, Foster and Violet Stone, Gardner Stone, Kevin, Kenneth Jr., and Rosana Ray, Fleetwood Johnson, McKinley and Nellie Akers, Jerry Hall, Ernie Stone, Roy Vernon Hall, Peggy L. Newsome, Walter Hall, Mable Tackett, Darrell Bentley, Shelby Jean Tackett, Joel Newsome, Linda Johnson, Mack and Clara Cantrell, Augustine Bentley, Pery and Polly Younce, Johnny and Shirley Johnson, Michael and Anna Johnson, Dixie Harmon, Steve and Allean Campbell, Burlean and Donna Hall, Conley and Eartha Bartley, Carol Newsome, Ernest and Terra Hall, Terry Newsome, Loretta Stanley, Jenny and Paul Ratliff, Lulu Newsome, Teddy J. Newsome Estate, Bill Hall, Jr., Alvania Hall, Cassie Ward, Fannie Adams, Alma Land Company, Luther and Ethel Curry, Luther and Helen Mullins, Elbert and Sarah Cole, Gordon Tackett, Walter and Janet Hall, Frankie and Paul Tackett, Tammy and Morris Gilliam, Department of Transportation, Jean and Jerry Mullins, Sonny and Karen Jones, Thelma Jones, Agnes Younce, Brenda Anderson, Brenda and William Anderson, Tony and Tracy Keen, Ruth and Buck Keen, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, and two unknown tracts.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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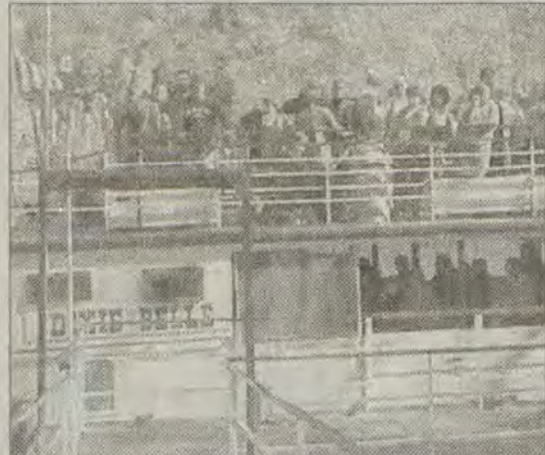
Adams Middle School



Alli Hackworth, Whitney Caudill, Megan Goble, listen to a Shaker woman explain the process of spinning wool.



Mrs. Pelphrey and her 8th Grade class listen to the Captain of the Dixie Belle explain the history of the Kentucky River.



AMS 8th Grade students riding down the Kentucky River.

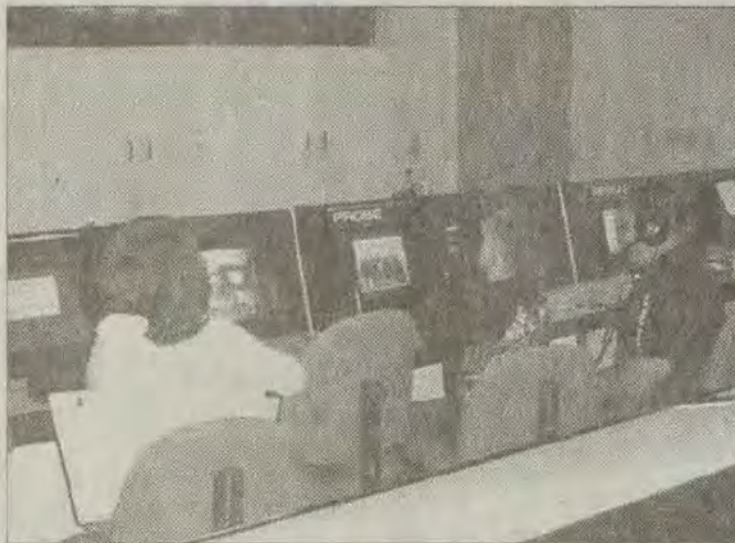


Mrs. Ortega explains the economic importance of the Kentucky River.

The 8th graders at Adams completed an Interdisciplinary Unit on life in 19th Century America with a trip to visit Harrodsburg, KY. While in Harrodsburg, students toured the National Historic Landmark of Shaker Village to experience the simple life of a 19th Century Shaker. Students also were able to ride the Dixie Belle, an authentic sternwheel riverboat cruising on the Kentucky River.



Brittany Marsillett and Beth Justice built a probe at the Challenger Learning Center.



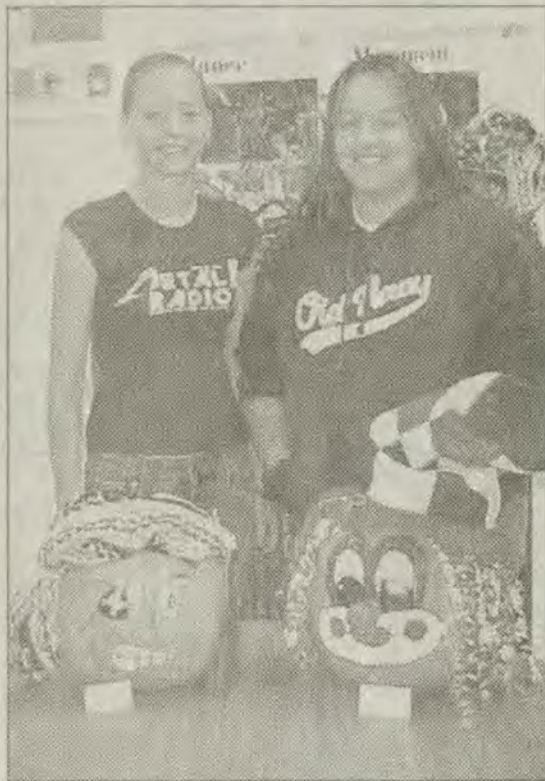
6th grade students in Mission Control communicate and work with their counterparts in the Space Station.



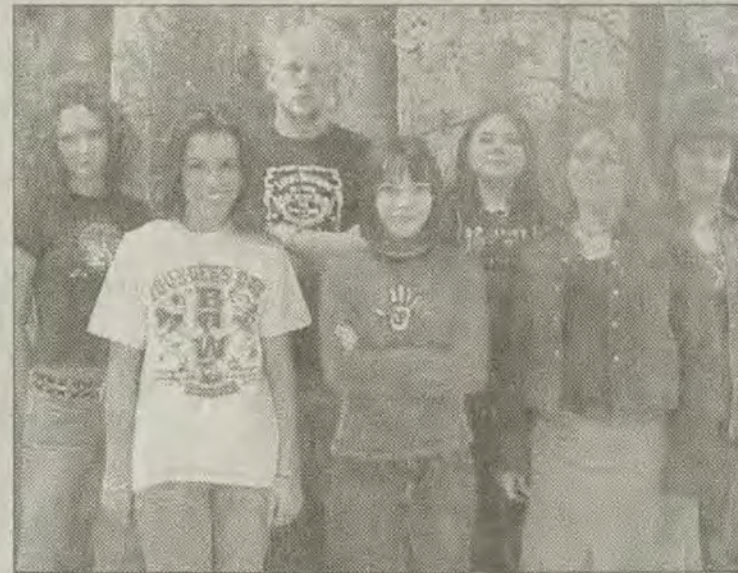
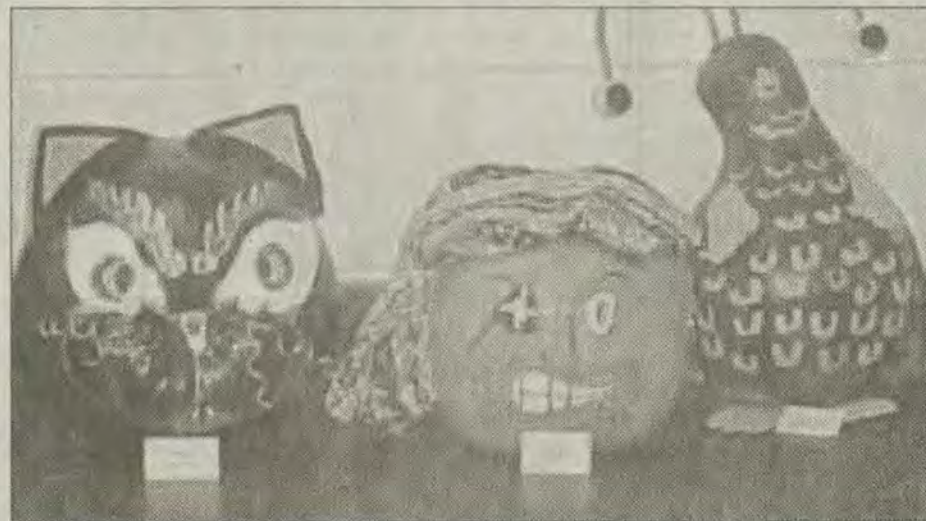
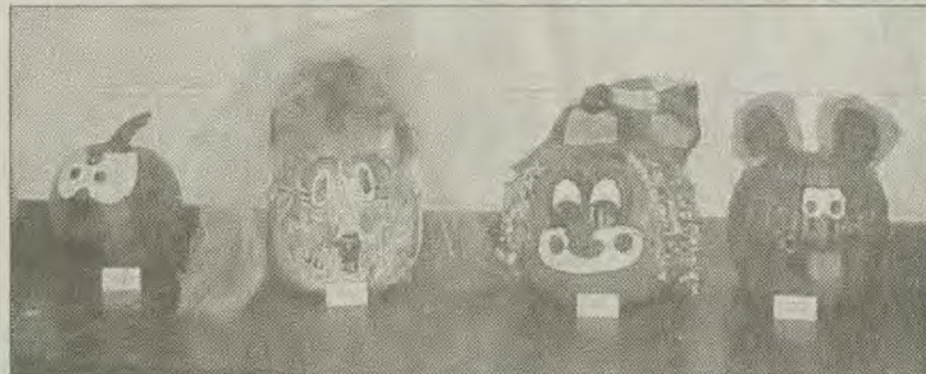
Jamie Chaffins and Dustin Coleman work together to complete a successful mission.

The AMS 6th grade students participated in a field trip to the Challenger Learning Center in Hazard, KY on October 30 and 31. To complete a successful mission, students used science and math skills, plus some teamwork, to construct a simulated space probe, solve unexpected problems, and work together to simulate scientific experiments to explore the structure of a comet.

Allen Central High School



Allen Central High School art students celebrated Halloween by painting pumpkins for display at school. They were ready for Open House where they were enjoyed by parents and other visitors. A competition was held for "Best Pumpkin" and the winners were Christa Mosley and Mary Beth Hall. Second place winner Mary Beth Hall of Martin is the daughter of Johnny and Carol Hall. First place winner Christa Mosley of Hindman is the daughter of Eugene Mosley and the stepdaughter of Mollie Mosley. The pumpkins were painted in Mrs. Caralita O'Quinn's art classes.



These students had art work exhibited in the Youth Expo held at Pikeville High School.

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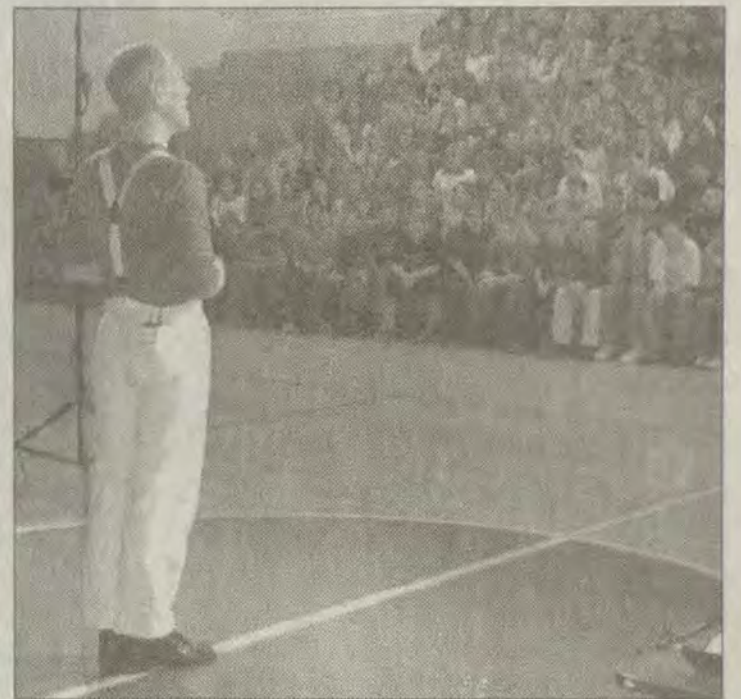
ACMS students who received a proficient or distinguished on the CATS Test were presented with a Rebel PRIDE Card. This card entitles each student to one homework pass each week, free entry into any extracurricular activity, and admittance to all CATS recognition ceremonies.



Allen Central Middle School Beta Club Members provided Veterans with donuts and coffee during the Red, White and Blue Day celebration.



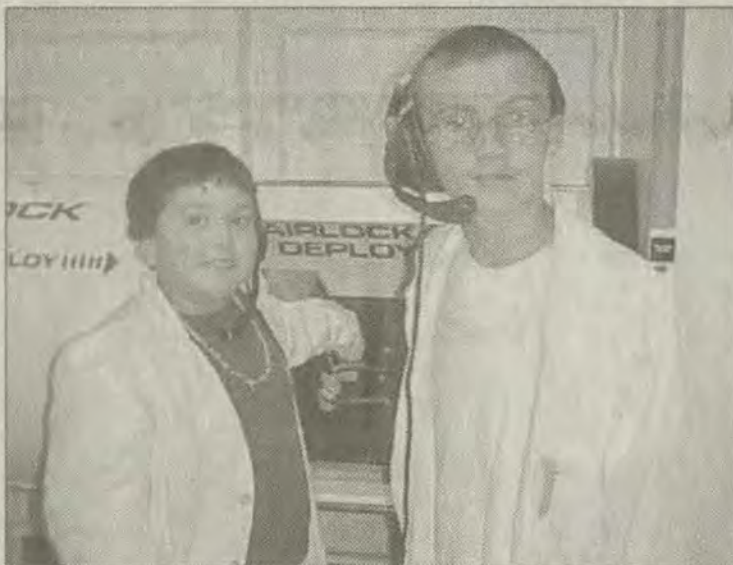
ACMS Youth Service Center sponsored a presentation by Mr. Trent Arterberry who modeled the art of miming.



Brent Hall entertained the students with his own miming.



Preparing for take-off



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Challenger

Allen Central Middle School 6th Grade students recently participated in the Challenger Space Program at Hazard. The students each were assigned specific jobs for the space mission and then had to complete their given task to successfully accomplish their operation.

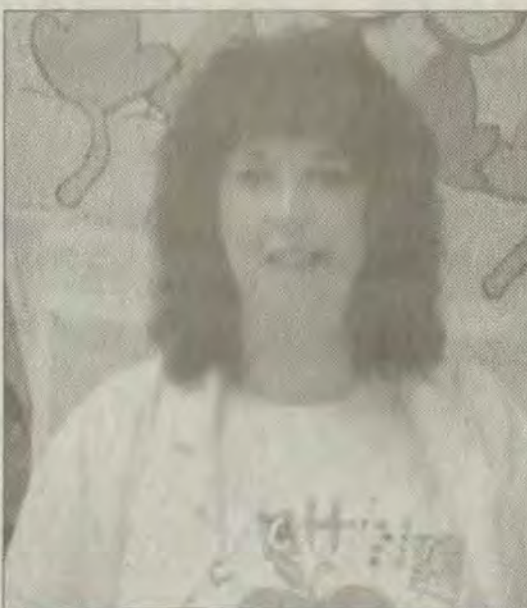


Alex Hammonds, student council president

Student Government

ACMS student body recently elected officials for their Student Council. The officers were elected from the 8th grade with representatives from the 8th, 7th, and 6th. Alex Hammonds was elected president, Cindi Samons was elected vice president, Sara Johnson was elected secretary, Jessica Martin was elected treasurer, and Felicia Salisbury was elected public relations coordinator. Billy Randolph will serve as 8th grade representative, Chelsie Cordial will serve as 7th grade representative, Haley Kidd, Kate Vanderpool, and Whitney Ousley will serve as 6th grade representatives. The Student Council is sponsored by Mr. Jeremy Hall and Mr. Larry Begley.

Allen Elementary



Mrs. Ellen Trimble is a graduate from Morehead State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She has taught in Floyd County for the last nine years. During that time, Mrs. Trimble was chosen as Teacher of the Year, receiving \$500 for art supplies for the school she was teaching in at that time. She and her art students created murals for Jenny Wiley Theatre, completed paintings on full-size wooden rocking chairs for Floyd County Tourism, and designed and created handmade Christmas stockings for the children in Highlands Regional Medical Center during Christmas time. Numerous art students have received many awards for the artworks they had created under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Trimble. "I believe that a quality art program cultivates learners who are able to make positive contributions to society," Trimble said. "Through a quality arts experience, all students benefit as they are encouraged to ask questions, to think, to learn and to create."



Ms. Barnette's third-grade students at Allen Elementary are studying ecosystems. These students are gathering data about living and non-living things in their environment.

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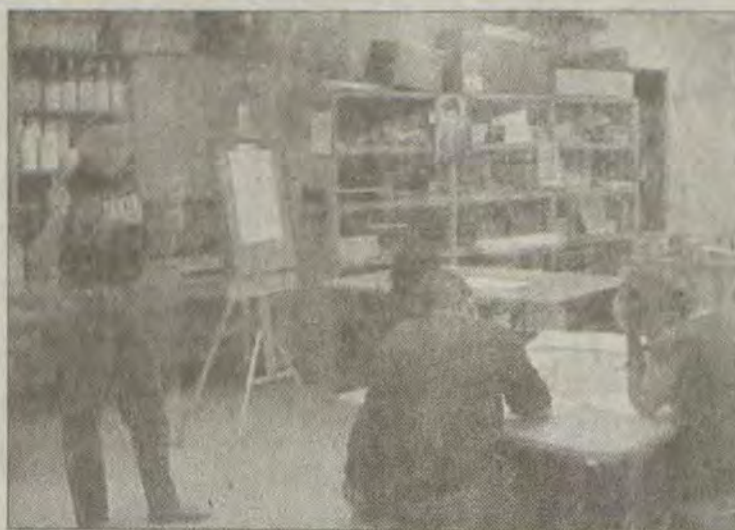
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Mark Stephens performed on the guitar and discussed the music profession with Allen Elementary students.



Thora Sutton Parker demonstrated portrait techniques in the art lab.



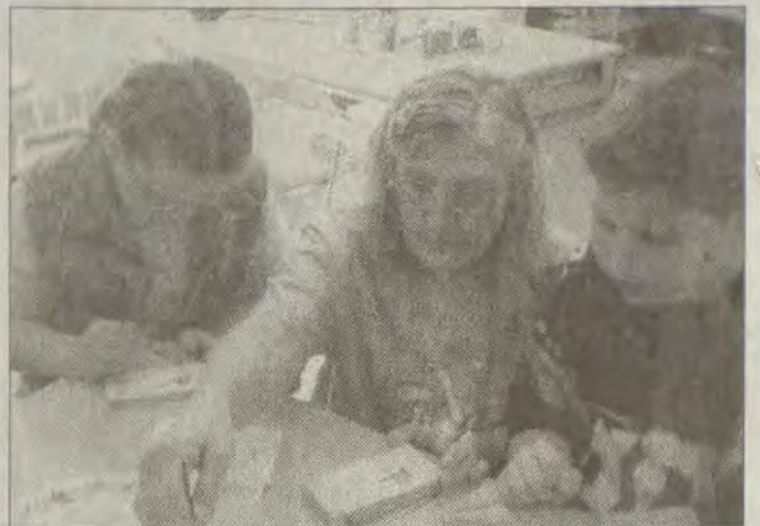
Imogene Caldwell share segments from her recently published book, "From the Top of the Fence."



Meredith Stone shared with students the process of building and playing the dulcimer.

Arts & Humanities Month

The month of October has been national Arts & Humanities Month. Allen Elementary welcomed local artists and performers throughout the entire month. The students and staff would like to thank those who participated and made Arts & Humanities Month an educational and enjoyable success.



Ruth Ann Iwanski helped with painting and shared weaving techniques with the students.



Adam Gearheart, an eighth-grade student at Allen Elementary, was elected District 5 representative for the 2003-04 school year at the Kentucky Junior Historical Society's conference. Part of his duties are to have regular contact with clubs in his district and to make a report of the club activities to the executive committee. Schools that are interested in starting KJHS clubs may contact Adam at the school. Adam is the son of Ashland and Linda Gearheart, of Prestonsburg.



Mr. Mike Bell is a graduate from Morehead State University with a bachelor's degree in music education. He has taught in the Floyd county School System for the past seven years. During the time, Mr. Bell was chosen as KMEA District 9 High School Teacher of the Year and selected for Who's Who Among American High School Teachers. He is excited to now be a part of the AES staff and to see such an interest in the arts from the students.

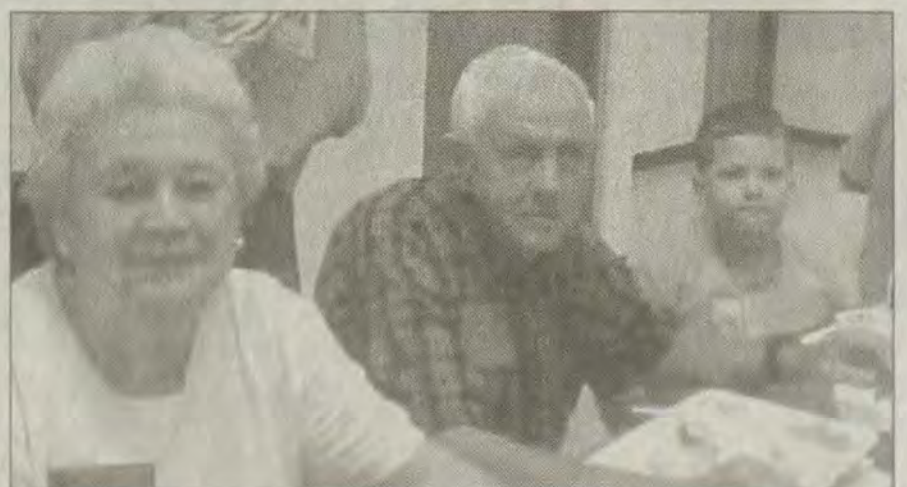


Shakespeare Alive!
The fourth-grade students of Allen Elementary were treated to a presentation by the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival of Louisville. During the presentation, students learned the six elements of drama and basic theater vocabulary. The event was sponsored by the family resource youth service center.

Betsy Layne Elementary

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Grandparents were invited to have breakfast with their grandchildren and visit classroom.



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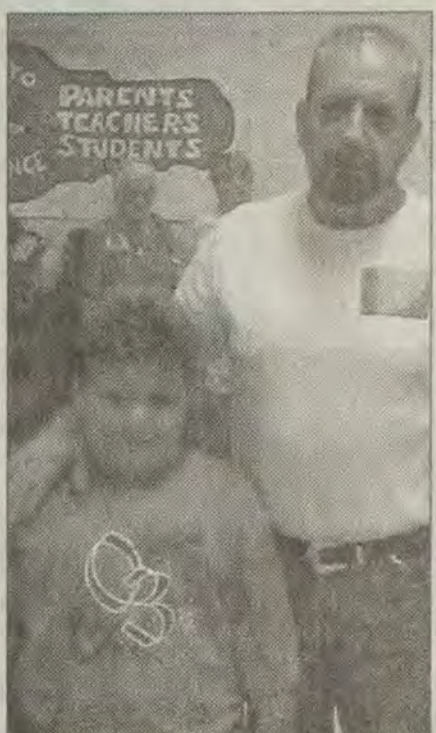
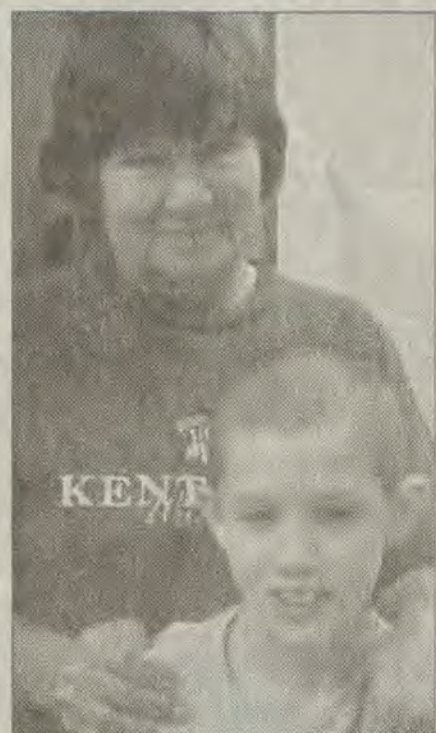
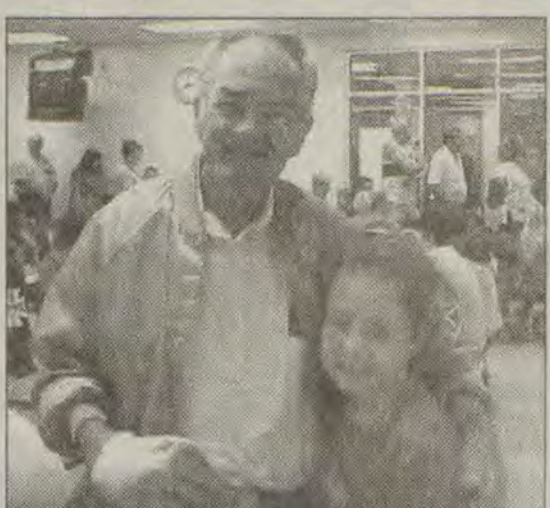
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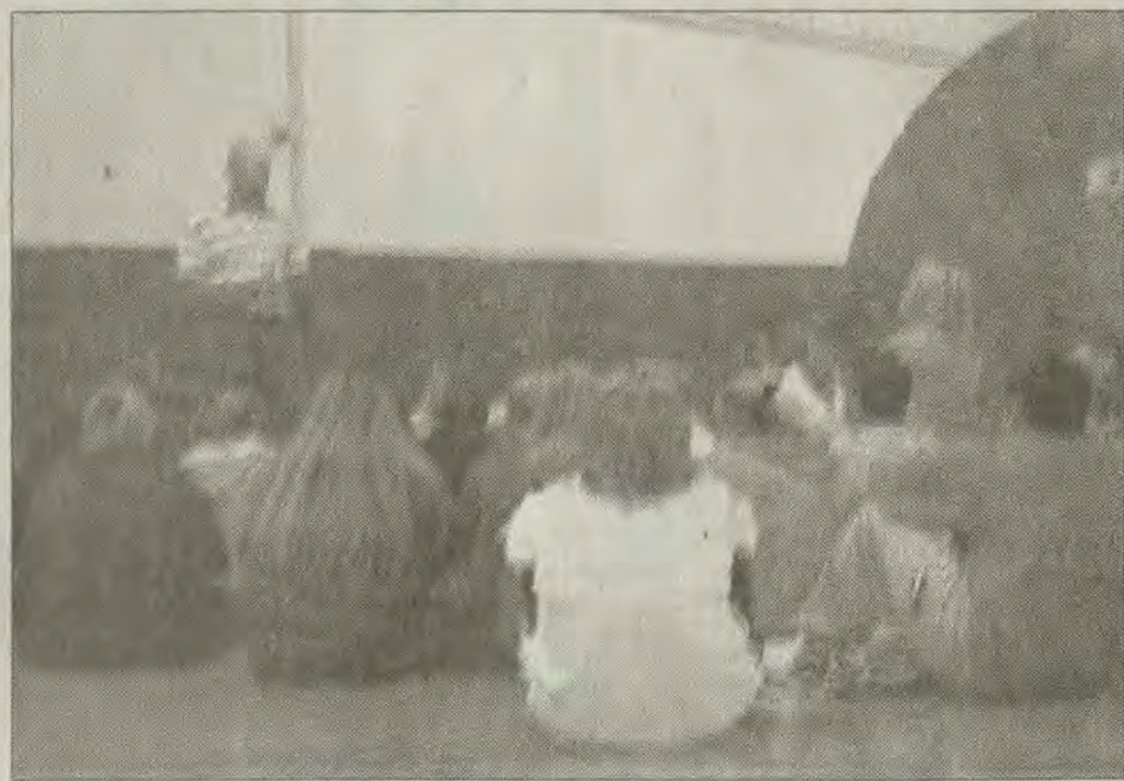
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BLHS students have a "real life" experience at the polls with a mock election.

Class Coordinates Mock Election at BLHS

by **MEAGAN WILLIS**
BLHS SENIOR

Although Tuesday, November 4th was Election Day across the state, students at Betsy Layne High School were given the opportunity to vote earlier on Monday. Several state officials were up for election, most importantly, our next Governor. As a culminating performance project, Ms. Jackie Dillion's Political Science class coordinated a mock election and even used a real electronic voting machine in the process.

Throughout the day, while the rest of the student body voted, students of the Political Science class role played as sheriffs, clerks, and judges, taking on the real duties of these people. These students had to report anyone who illegally campaigned around the voting area, instruct those who were ignorant of

the machine, and maintain an accurate ballot.

County Court Clerk, Chris Waugh, visited Mrs. Dillion's class on the Friday, prior to the mock election, instructing the students about the voting process. Waugh explained his duties as Court Clerk, including being the person responsible for elections as well as a long list of duties ranging from licensing to deeds and even wills.

During Mr. Waugh's visit, Brett Steele, Political Science student, asked Waugh what he thought about getting young people to vote.

"Hopefully these mock elections that are held in schools will inspire the younger people to vote when they are able," Waugh replied.

Waugh explained that people are obviously more prone to vote about something that interests them. As a pop-quiz, Waugh

asked the Political Science class if anyone could tell him every candidate on the ballot.

To add some zing to the challenge, he also said that he would personally pay \$25.00 to the student with the correct answer. To his surprise, senior Heather Hamilton correctly identified all of the candidates. She received a \$25 check from Mr. Waugh.

At the end of the day, the results of the mock election were announced, and the outcome closely reflected those of the actual election on Tuesday.

When asked about the event, Ms. Jackie Dillion said that the students learn better with hands-on activities such as the election.

"I hope this will jump-start the students' curiosity for the political process and help them to better appreciate their right to vote," explained Dillion.

Clark Elementary



Buster came to visit the students at Clark Elementary to teach what to do for bus safety.



A lesson in fire safety was a combination of hands-on learning as students dressed their parts.



Mimes brought a unique, thought provoking arts/humanities program to students at Clark Elementary.



Character Counts Rainbow brought an emphasis of good character traits.



Mrs. Warrix's class had the best attendance for the 2nd month of school. CONGRATULATIONS!



Mrs. Parsons' 4th grade students read the story, "The Prince's Pumpkin Contest". They had a contest to see who could find the most creative way to use a pumpkin. Pictured is First Place Winner, Victoria Hammonds who made her pumpkin into a purse. 2nd Place went to Samantha Howard made her pumpkin into a toboggan, and 3rd Place went to Chris Cook who made a pumpkin helicopter.



Red Ribbon Week

Clark Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Kristen Thomsbury used the power verb of the week, "DESCRIBE", to let you know how she felt.

"Red Ribbon Week is a very important week for me because I think it's awful that people want to destroy their lives doing drugs. These people do not recognize how beautiful life truly is. I think most people who take drugs think drugs make them look big or cool but all it does is destroy their life. We all need to ask ourselves, "What good are drugs to

me and will they help me or destroy me? No. They won't help me or anyone else in this world. When I die I want to die old, happy and healthy. I would not want to die at an early age because of drugs. So many people have died because they do not understand the consequence of taking drugs. In my school we're trying to stop the use of drugs. We just completed Red Ribbon Week. We decorated food city bags that read "just say no" and other say no to drugs phrases. We wore red clothes and red ribbons on our shirts. The 5th graders tied

red ribbons on the trees outside. On Friday the whole school went outside and we all had one red balloon and it had a shrunk note inside the balloon about what we thought about drugs. When Mr. Combs let go of his balloon that was the signal for the whole school to let go of their balloons.

"I hope you think the same thing about drugs as I do. The reason we celebrate Red Ribbon Day is because of the officer Kiki who lost his life in 1988 in Mexico trying to stop drugs. I hope what I wrote helps to stop drugs."



Clark Elementary Junior Miss Representatives are Mika Hackworth and Zach Taulbee.



Little Miss Red, White, & Blue Representatives from Clark Elementary are Brianna Blankenship and Garrett Hammonds.



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The David School



Student Council Elections

by JESSICA BURKE

The David School had the Student Council elections last week. We had ten students running for these six positions of Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior Representatives, Treasurer/Secretary, Vice

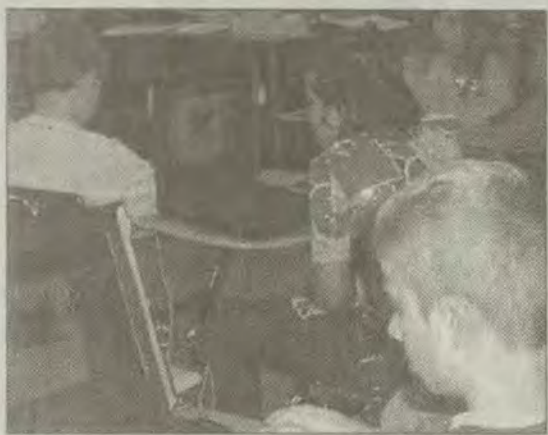
President, and President. The winners of the Student Council elections were as follows: Freshman Representative Tiffany Martin, for Sophomore Representative Justin "Nelly" Bohr. For the first time in the history of the David School, there was a tie. Adam Meade and Jon

Gayheart tied and will both serve as representatives. Mary Jones was elected as Treasurer/Secretary. For Vice President, we had Cristy Crum and for President, Eddy Kuss. We all look forward to an exciting year with these individuals leading Student Council!

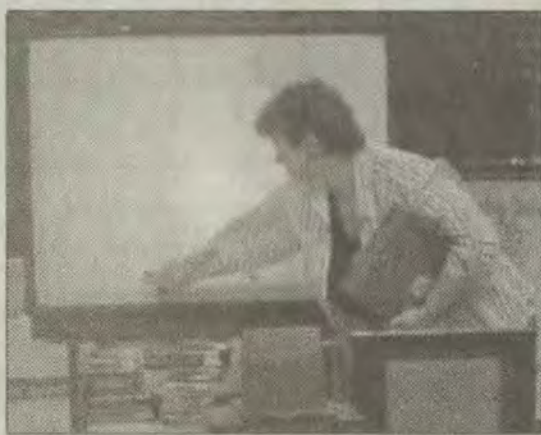
Community Service at The David School

Students actively participate in a variety of community service activities from working around the campus to helping in the community. Students help unload trucks for the God's pantry, St. Vincent Mission and Our Lady of the Mountain School.

Duff Elementary



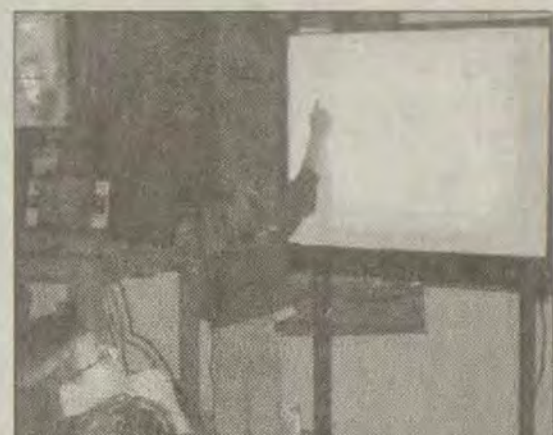
Students in Mrs. Case's class use wireless laptops to test their knowledge of history with on-line interactive quizzes via "History Alive!"



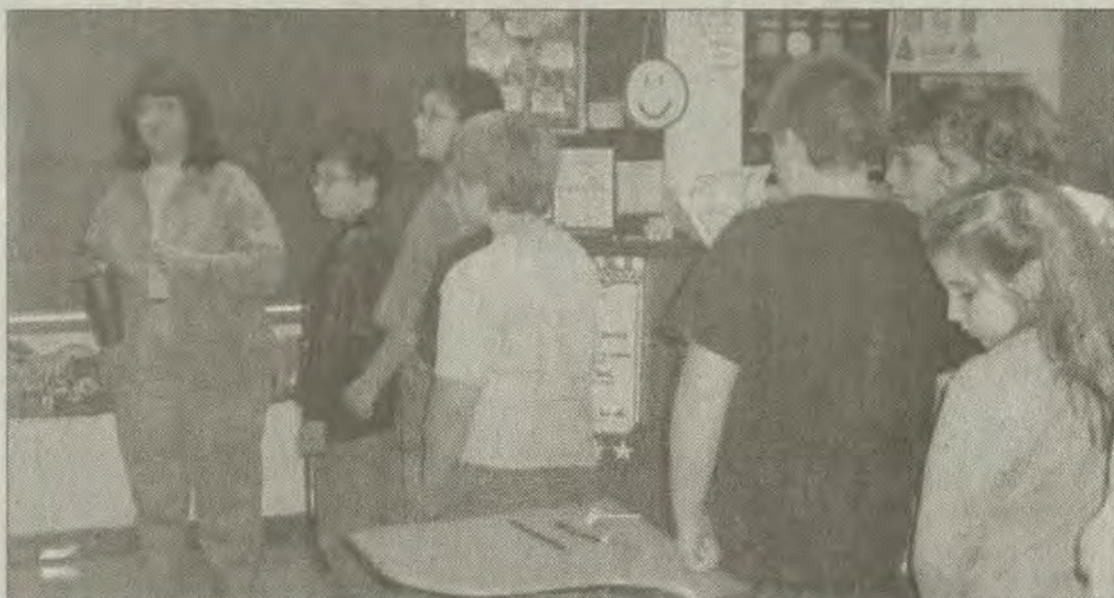
Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Case host a PowerPoint Jeopardy game for students studying government.



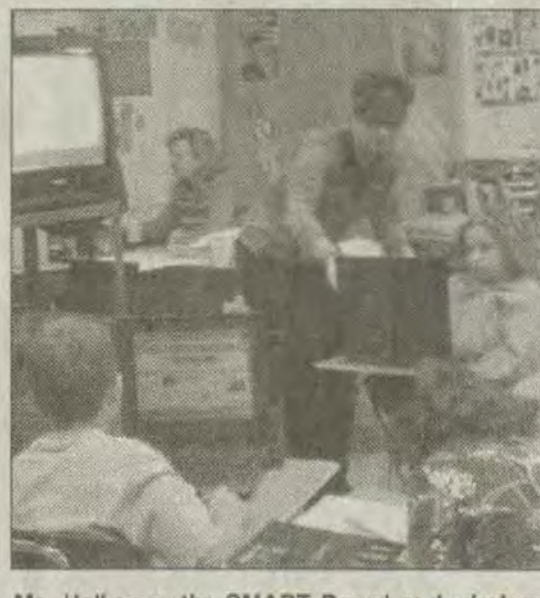
Mrs. Sexton's and Mrs. Lawson's second grade classes use the touch sensitive interactive SMART Board to enhance their Four Blocks Reading activities.



Mrs. Ratliff introduces a lesson on immigration and cultural diffusion using a scanned book, "Everybody Cooks Rice".



Fifth grade student, Kindle Bailey, filmed Mrs. O'Quinn's class participating in a mock election.



Ms. Hall uses the SMART Board and wireless laptops to reinforce math concepts.



Mrs. Ratliff introduces a lesson on immigration and cultural diffusion using a scanned book, "Everybody Cooks Rice".

May Valley Elementary



Students from May Valley Elementary visited the Martin Community Center.



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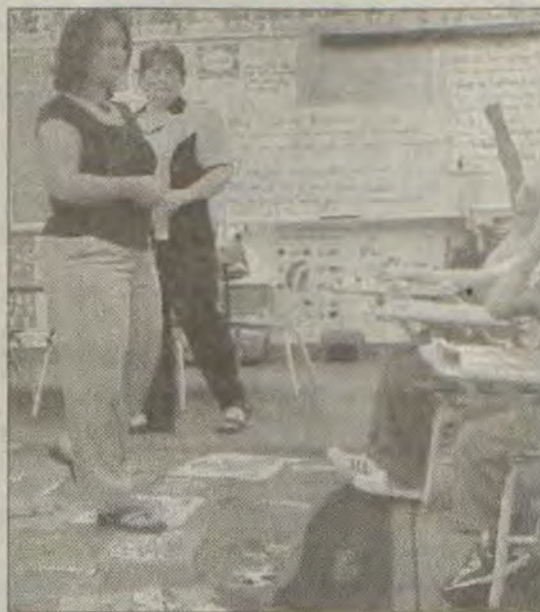
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May Valley Family Resource Center sponsored the Prestonsburg Fire Department's demonstration of Fire Safety for the students.



Grandparents Day Celebrated
Grandparents are welcomed at May Valley by staff and treated to refreshments and activities planned by students.



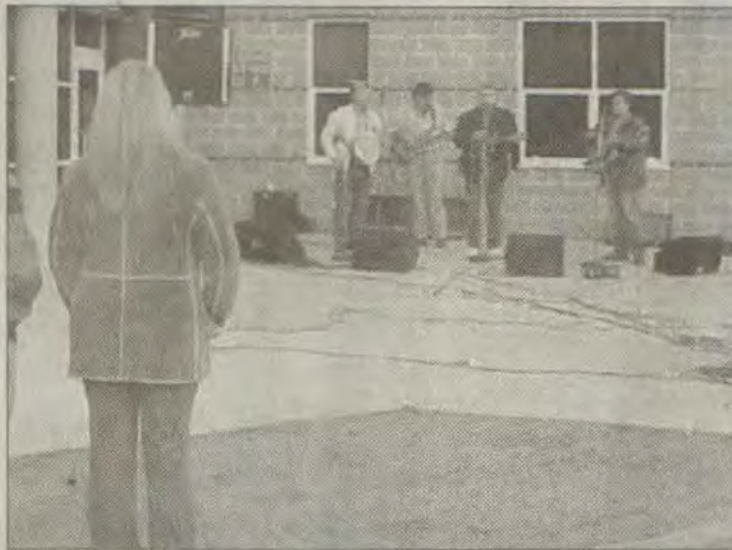
Quality Kids Incorporated teach "Manners Matter", sponsored by the Family Resource Center



Red Ribbon Celebration -Carol May/OLWH. Sponsored by the Family Resource Center.



May Valley Staff work hard on the Annual Heritage Night 2003 with gracious helpings of Soup beans, cornbread, Sauerkraut & wieners and Pepsi, free to the community.



May Valley Family Resource Center provided entertainment by the Kentucky New Grass for the crowd at the Heritage Night 2003.



May Valley Staff serve Soup Beans, Sauerkraut, wieners and Pepsi to the crowd for Heritage Night 2003.



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ECSTASY interferes with serotonin, a chemical in the brain that helps regulate body temperature. Ecstasy, alone or in combination with physical activity, can cause high body temperatures. Users frequently drink water to rehydrate. The body of one Ecstasy user in Florida was measured as high as 110 degrees.

ECSTASY is taken orally, usually in tablet or capsule form. The tablets are often "stamped" with icons or logos intended to appeal to a young audience. Its effects last approximately four to six hours.

Short Term Effects: increased heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature; jaw and teeth clenching/muscle tension, hypertension, dehydration, chills and/or sweating, nausea, blurred vision, faintness, dizziness, confusion, insomnia, paranoia

Long Term Use: depression, sleep disorders, drug craving, persistent elevation of anxiety, paranoia, aggressive and impulsive behavior, rash

Medical Complications:

Large Dose: muscle breakdown, hyperthermia, kidney failure, cardiovascular system failure

Long Term: liver damage, brain damage, paralysis, and death.

Domestically, the DEA seized 196 MDMA tablets in 1993, and more than 3 million tablets in 2000. The amount of seizures made by Customs has increased from 400,000 in FY 1997, to 7.2 million in FY 2001.

Source: DEA, US Customs Service

In 2001, MDMA use among young people jumped an additional 20 percent. Since 1999, teen MDMA use increased by 71 percent. More than 12 percent of teens report trying MDMA at least once in their lives—an increase from 10 percent in 2000 (a year-to-year increase of 20 percent), 7 percent in 1999—an increase of 140 percent from 1995 to 2001.

Source: 2001 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study

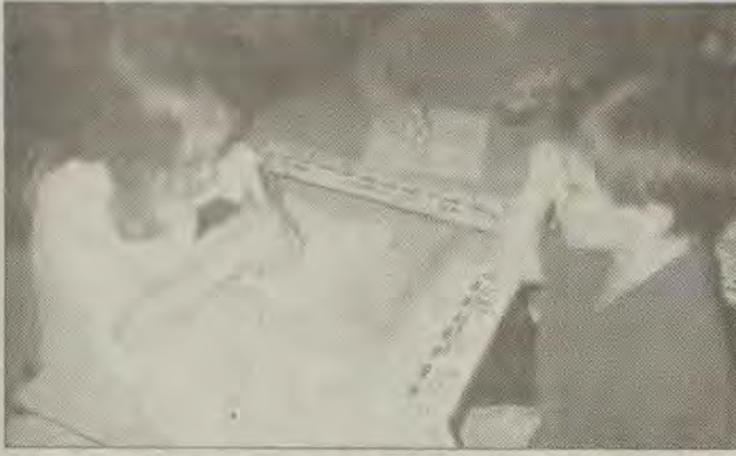
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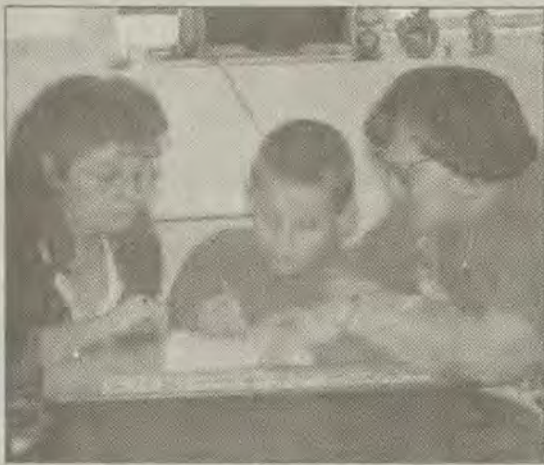
Ecstasy is not a recreational drug. It is a lethal drug. It killed Danielle.

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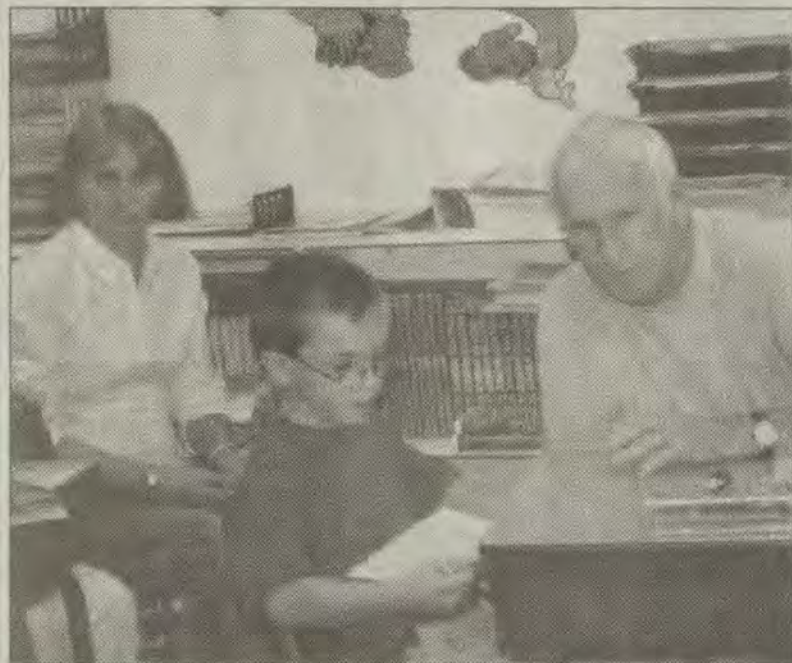


Mrs. Gibson's 1st grade class was involved in many exciting activities during their study of apples. Students participated in observing and tasting various types of apples, preparing and interpreting graphs, making arts and crafts, learning about Johnny Appleseed, and enjoying an apple feast.

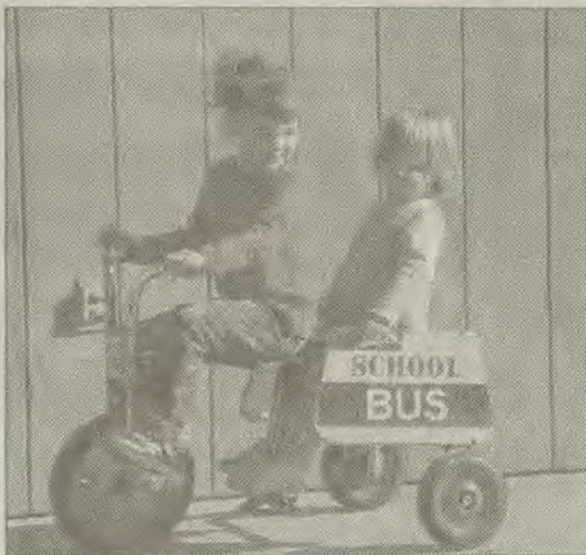


Grandparents/Friend Day

Friendship and love were the theme of the 10th annual Grandparents/Friends Day. Children spent the day, ate lunch, performed for, and shopped at the Bookfair with their special quests.



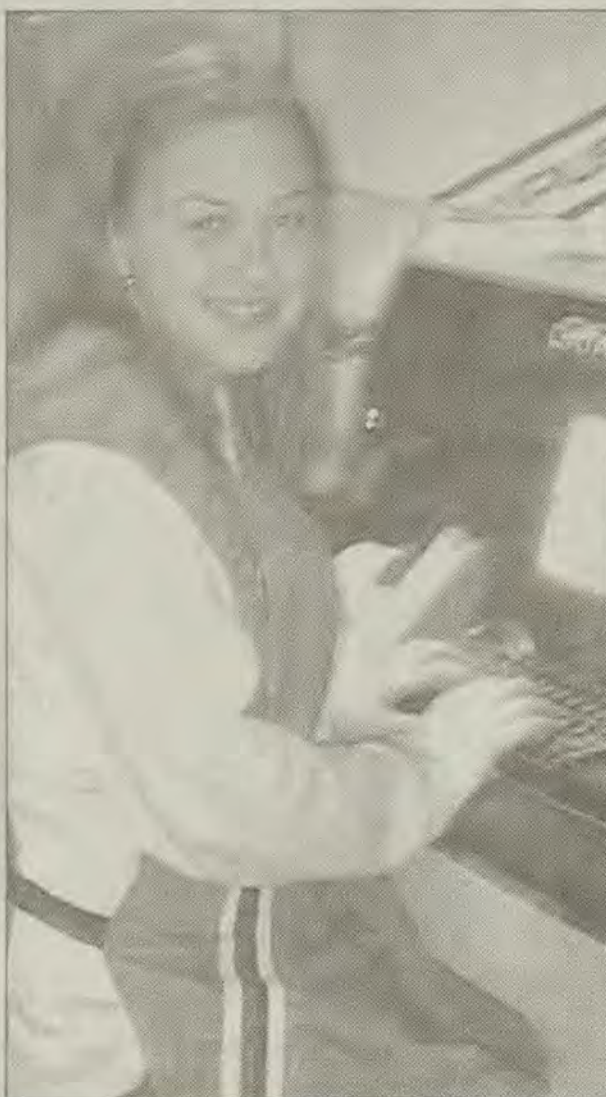
Eighth Graders Taylor Clark, Jonathan Hall, Shilpa Sachdeva, and Robyn Warrix attended a Leadership Conference at the Lexington School on Friday, September 26, 2003. These students were nominated by their teachers for the conference based on their leadership potential. They were accompanied by Mr. Joe Hall.



MCA's preschool held a trike-a-thon with proceeds going to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



McDowell Elementary



Challenger Trip

Sixth graders at McDowell Elementary recently went to the Challenger Center at Hazard Community College. Students learned many concepts to prepare for the trip. The students learned many new science skills during their challenger adventure.



Native American Dwellings

P 4 students in Mrs. Johnson's, Mrs. Cook's, and Mrs. Howell's classes made Native American dwellings to show how the Native Americans lived long ago.



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Kindergarten students at McDowell Elementary recently completed a unit of study on animals. For their culminating activity the students got to share their animals on "Pet Day".



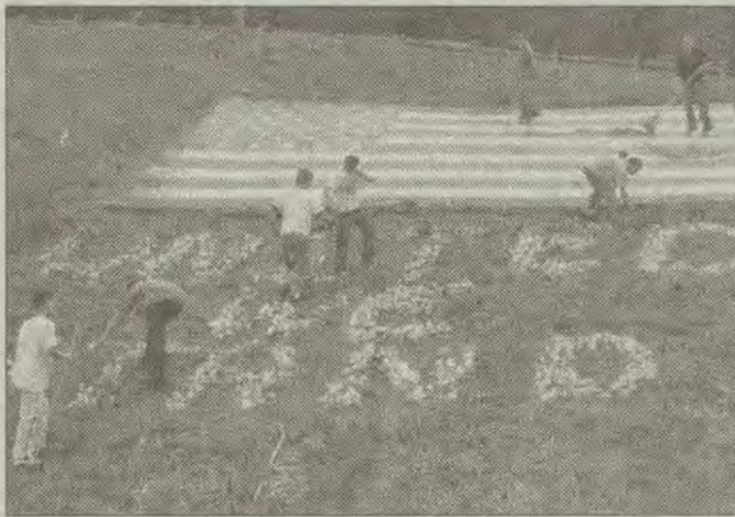
Kindergarten students at McDowell recently finished a unit on fairy tales. They read the story The Three Little Pigs and made pig houses with a little help from their parents!



Opportunities Unlimited



Before Fall Break, a group of students pleaded with Ms. Compton to let them tag along. "Myrtle Beach or Bust!"



A group of students from OU take some time out to help the city of Martin prepare for the Red, White, and Blue festival.



These students are hard at work, repainting the large flag that graces a hillside in the city of Martin. Our students take pride in their school and in their community. Keep up the good work!

Osborne Elementary



Academic meet held at May Valley on October 25. Kyle Bailey placed second in math. Trevor Stovall placed first in science.



Dreama Bates, Osborne Elementary's health-aide, pictured here as the Cat in the Hat, helped the Floyd County Health Dept. (Wheelwright Branch-Tammy Mosley and Tora Stone) organize flu shots for the staff.





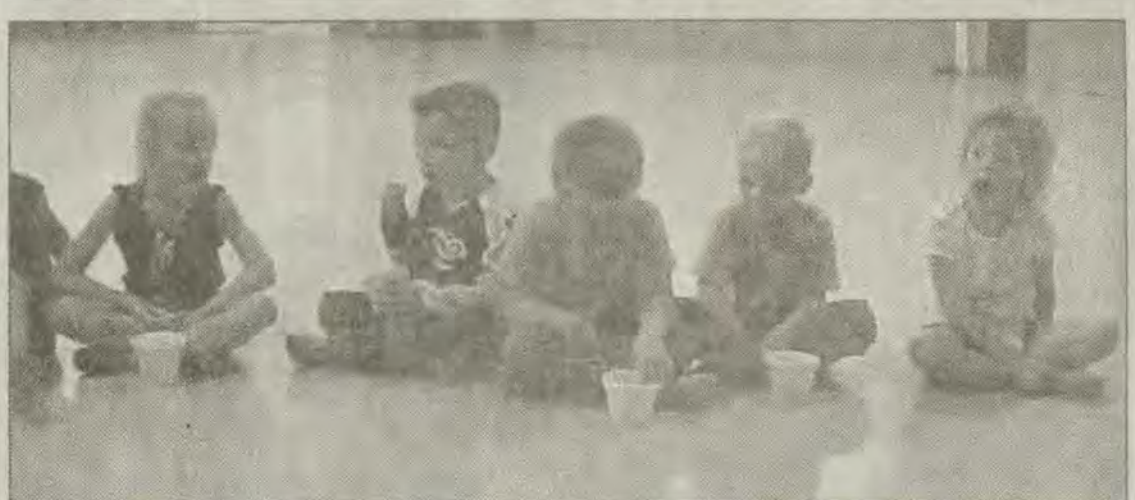
Carol Joe May gives a presentation on hygiene.

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Carlotta Jones' kindergarten class ate Fruit salad in bareFeet, while studying the letter F.

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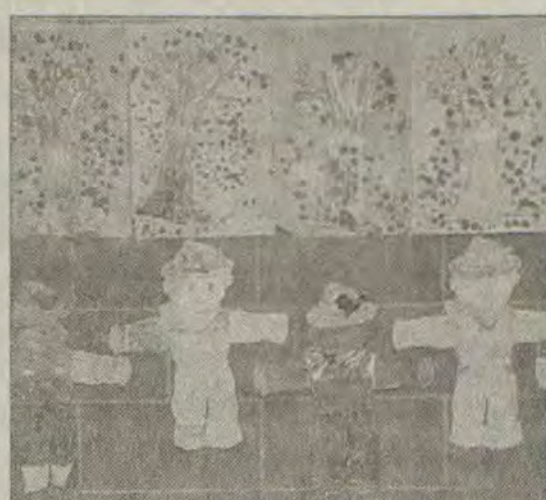




Gary Booth presents a magic show geared toward character and honesty.



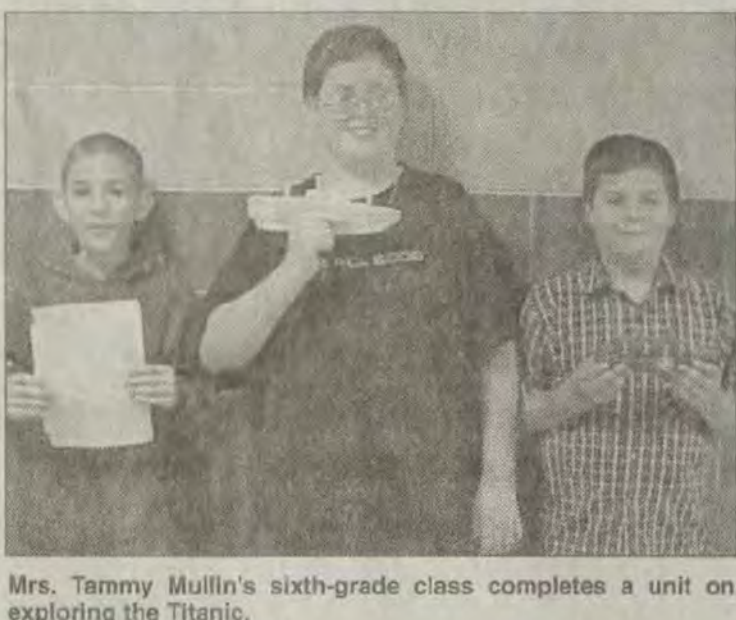
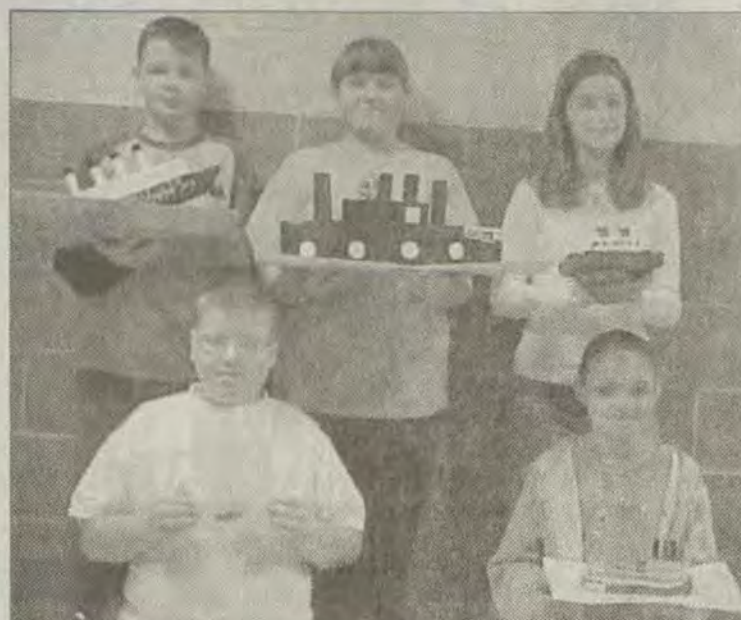
W.D. Osborne Elementary's open house dinner.



Mrs. Sheilah Vance's kindergarten completes a unit on seasonal activities.



Mrs. Joyce Johnson assisted the sixth-grade class in doing a play called "Exploring the Solar System". The play was presented to parents at open house.



Mrs. Tammy Mullin's sixth-grade class completes a unit on exploring the Titanic.



The Piarist School



The Piarist School Junior Class in front of George Washington's winter house in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. From left to right: 1st row: Shannon Hicks, Ina Howard, Justin Frasure; 2nd row: Whitney Friend, Brian Jones, Keisha Slone; 3rd row: Lakita Lykins, Ashley Gunnell, Savannah Jarrell; 4th row: Rachael Hill, Trista Tackett, Lauren Preston.

Junior Field Studies

by SAVANNAH JARRELL AND RACHAEL HILL
PIARIST SCHOOL JUNIORS

From October 26th through the 31st, the Junior class of the Piarist School went on their field studies to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

In Philadelphia, the group saw the Franklin Institute, Valley Forge, the Amish Village and Gettysburg. In Baltimore, the students visited Fort McHenry and then went on to Washington.

D.C. There the group went to the Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery and all the well-known monuments.

Field studies was chaperoned by history teacher Kenneth Rose, art teacher Jennifer Boyd, and principal Father Thomas Carroll.

The entire class had a lot of fun, and the trip was very successful.

Field Studies is an educational experience in which each class goes on a trip to key points in our nation.



Piarist School seniors Tommi Sue Tussey and Hannah Goble explore the Vatican Museum in Rome, Italy while participating in their school's field studies.

Piarist Seniors Visit Rome

by TOMMI SUE TUSSEY
SENIOR JOURNALISM STUDENT

Monday November 3rd, the senior class at the Piarist School departed for an eight day field studies trip to Rome, Italy.

The senior class this year consists of three girls, Mary Beth Bentley, 17, of McDowell, Hannah Goble, 18, of Auxier, and Tommi Sue Tussey, 18, of David, all of whom went on the trip. The girls were accompanied by English teacher Kristi McGarvey, 24, of Prestonsburg and guidance counselor Father David Powers.

The students left from the Cincinnati airport early Monday morning and arrived at the Leonardo Da Vinci airport in Rome the following day, after stops in Detroit and Amsterdam.

Once arriving in Rome, the group stayed with the Calanziane sisters in their convent. The Calanziane sisters are a female branch of the Piarist Fathers, the group who operates the Piarist School here in Martin. The convent was located inside the Vatican City, directly beside Saint Peter's Basilica.

While in Rome, the group saw many famous sites. Among those were the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and Senate, the Vatican Museum, and the Sistine Chapel. The group was also lucky enough to attend a Papal audience and see Pope John Paul II in person. They received special seating and were only seven rows away from where he sat, welcoming pilgrims and visitors in various languages.

The trip was made possible due to generous donations from local businesses as well as parents and friends of the Piarist School. The girls had a wonderful time and with to thank everyone for making the trip possible.

Field studies is an important tradition of the Piarist School. Every year, each class takes a trip from five to seven days exploring the history and traditions of various parts of our country (and with this trip, our world). The Piarist Fathers believe in educating the whole person and that traveling to see the world with one's own eyes is a wonderful way of accomplishing this.

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Kaitlyn Allen and Brittany Slone are buddy reading. Kaitlyn is in Mrs. Parson's Kindergarten class. Brittany is in Mrs. Conn's 3rd grade class.



Merkle Slone and Samantha Lafferty are buddy reading together. Merkle is in Mrs. Parson's Kindergarten class and Samantha is in Mrs. Conn's 3rd grade class.



Hannah Spurlock and Catherine Garza read together in Mrs. Conn's 3rd grade class. Catherine is in Mrs. Parson's Kindergarten class.



Morgan Haywood, Nathan Marsillett, Britanni Hall and Brianna Holbrook really got into their pumpkin experiment. They are in Mrs. Conn's 3rd grade class.



Jonathan Murrell, Samantha Lafferty, Charity Cole, and Rachel Hall are busy counting pumpkin seeds during an experiment in Mrs. Conn's 3rd grade class.

B Honor Roll: 1st Nine Weeks

First Grade

■ Pam Collins:
Matt Blackburn, Joshua Crider, Cody Goble, Chloe Little, Angela Owens

■ Jennifer Stewart:
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Second Grade

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■ Tina Petry:
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■ Vicky Stumbo:
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Cleve David Stephens Jr.

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■ Jennifer Wells:
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Third Grade

■ JoAnn Conn:
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■ Debra Holland:
Brandi Frasure, Caleb Petry, Ashley Poston, Taylor Tackett

■ Jalenda Shepherd:
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■ Phyllis Allison:
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■ Reba Griffith:
Hunter Hawkins, Joshua Shepherd, Scott Stapleton, Ryan Thompson, Ethan Wright

■ Connie Parsons:
Kaylee Bates, Dustin Boyz, Lance Buckley, Cathy Garza, Alexia Hefner, Devon Pinson, Harvey Poston, Alexis Reynolds, Tyler Reynolds, Merkie Slone, Jonathon Spradlin

■ Hope Tackett:
Grace Powers, Bryce Hancock, Jacob McIntosh, Chris Coahran, Amber Marsillett, Charity Hess

First Grade

■ Pam Collins:
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■ Jennifer Stewart:
Jeffrey Goble, Shaelynn Hicks, Caitlin Kaessinger, Brittany Waddles, William Wallen

■ Scott Tackett:
Mckenzie Collins, Nicholas Collins, Kennedy Conley, Andrew Goble, Miles Goodman,

Steven Little, Summer Shepherd, Catherine Spurlock, Gabriel Walker

■ Deborah Walker:
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Second Grade

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Nathan Marsillett, Britanni Slone, Hannah Spurlock, Alyxa Wease

■ Joan Cornett:
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■ Sharon Justice:
Clarissa Bryant, Britiney Sparks, Kendra Hayden, Eric Osborne, Tommy Osborne, Elizabeth Vaughn

■ Diana Turner:
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■ Tonja Little:
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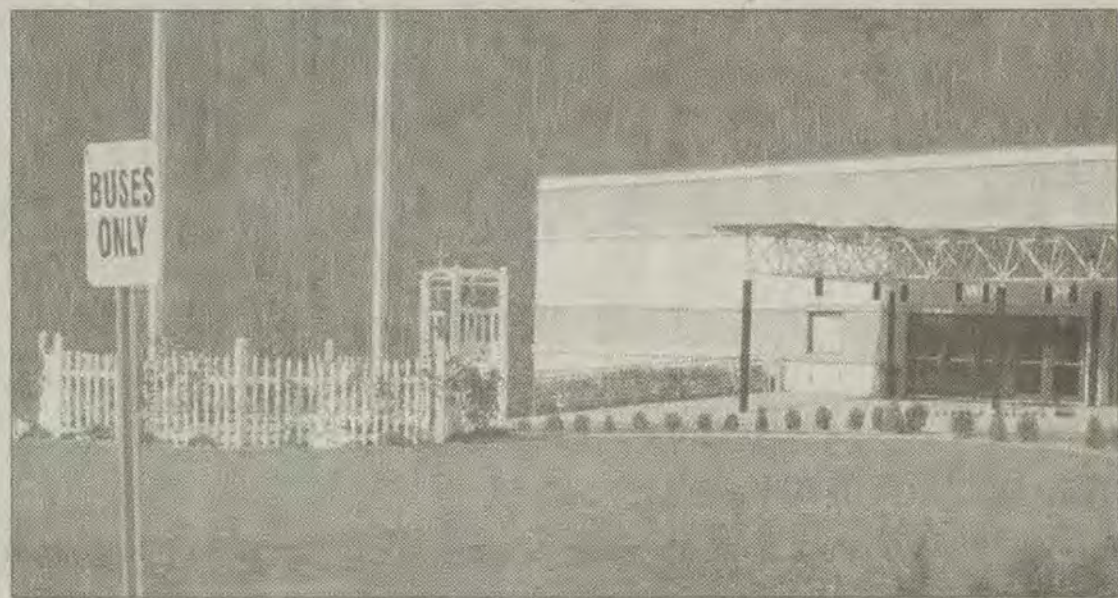
Katherine Adams, Kory Caudill, Brittany Zimmerman, William May, Mandy May, David Joseph, Zach Ousley

Katherine Adams, Mandy May, William May, and David Joseph were chosen after an extensive selection process to participate in the Governor's Scholar Program this Summer. The Governor's Scholars Program is a stimulating, five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. Established in 1983, the popular program provides academic and personal growth in a challenging, non-traditional experience that balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. Students must complete an application and compete with others for across the state. Those selected attend the program free of charge. Katherine studied Psychology at Northern Kentucky University, Mandy studied Astronomy at Eastern Kentucky University, William studies Psychology at

Eastern Kentucky University, and David studied Astronomy at Northern Kentucky University. Brittany Zimmerman, participated in the Carter G. Woodson Institute at Berea College this Summer. Forty-five students from southern Appalachia were chosen to attend this program which focuses on math and science. The six week long program includes academic enrichment and programs designed to help students define their values, explore career options, and prepare and plan for attending college. A wide range of recreational activities and field trips round out the program. Kory Caudill, was selected to participate in the Governor's School for the Arts this Summer. From cities and suburbs, from farms and coal fields, from every corner of the Commonwealth, Kentucky's most talented, creative high school student gather for three weeks each Summer to

learn and grow together at the GSA. Juniors and seniors in high school are offered in-depth instruction in one of several artistic disciplines. Kory participated in instrumental music. Over 1200 students audition for the program and 230 are selected. Zach Ousley, was selected to participate in the PAEMS (pre-college academic experience in math and science) at Georgetown College this summer. The Georgetown College Natural Science Department conducts this two-week residential program for 10th, 11th, or 12th grades students who have an exceptional interest and aptitude for mathematics, computer science, and/or the natural sciences. A select group of 22-24 students who are interested in expanding their knowledge receive innovative classroom instruction and hand-on laboratory experiences in biology, chemistry, mathematics, environmental science.

South Floyd High School

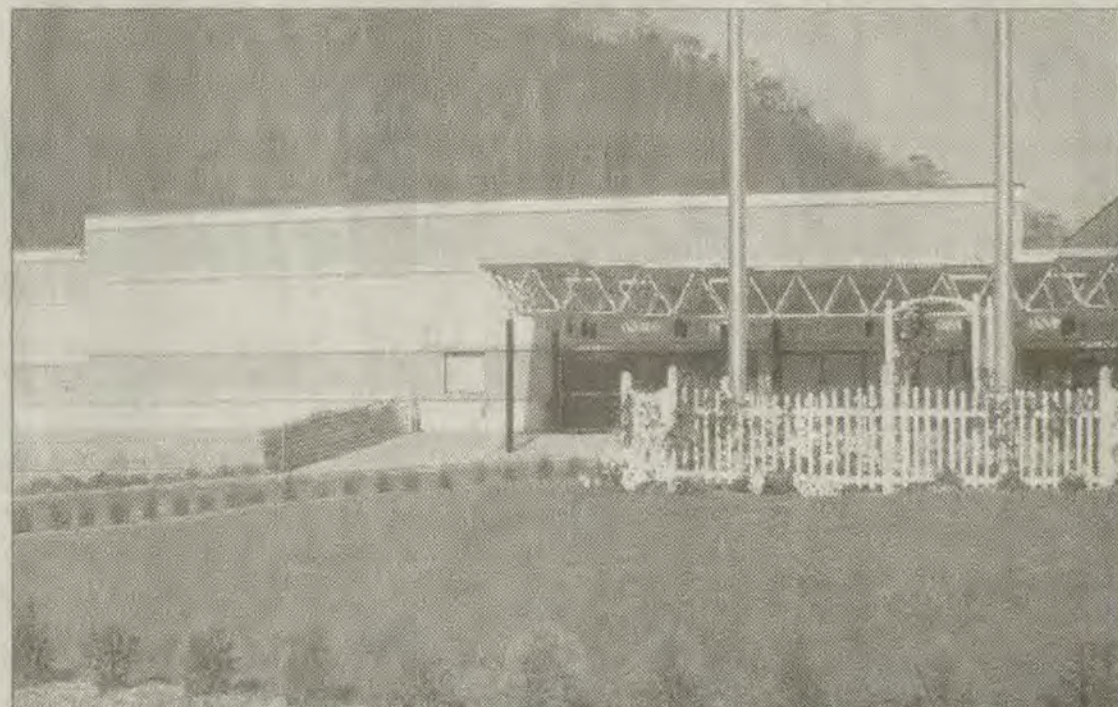


SFHS landscaping boosts morale

by COURTNEY BLOCKER
Mr. James Staggs, Special Topics/Greenhouse teacher, at South Floyd High School has decided that South Floyd needs a bit of a "facelift." He and his students have begun the task of landscaping the front of the school. Mr. Staggs said, "We decided to spruce up the front of the school in order to give students and faculty alike a little more pride and appreciation for their school." After getting together a team of around ninety students, Staggs began the task of requesting funding for the project. After having

the class write letters to Principal Henry Webb requesting money, he finally received the funding they needed. South Floyd High and its Greenhouse decided to fund the project. With costs reaching around \$4,000-6,000, it was a very expensive task. After receiving the funding and materials, Staggs and his team began the landscaping the first of August. "We should be done with everything by the first week of November," commented Staggs. "I think everyone will be pleased and proud of the job that the kids have done." Staggs said he feels that the students should be held responsi-

ble for this "job well done". "After all," he said, "they did just as much, if not more work, than I did." When asked how South Floyd High will look in five years, Staggs replied, "We should have a beautiful school. By then, the hedges should have grown and filled out a lot." After the last hedge is planted, the shovels put away, and everyone stands back to admire this beautiful piece of scenery created by Mr. Staggs and his students, it will stand as an example of how time, effort, and old fashioned hard work can create a lasting monument of beauty.



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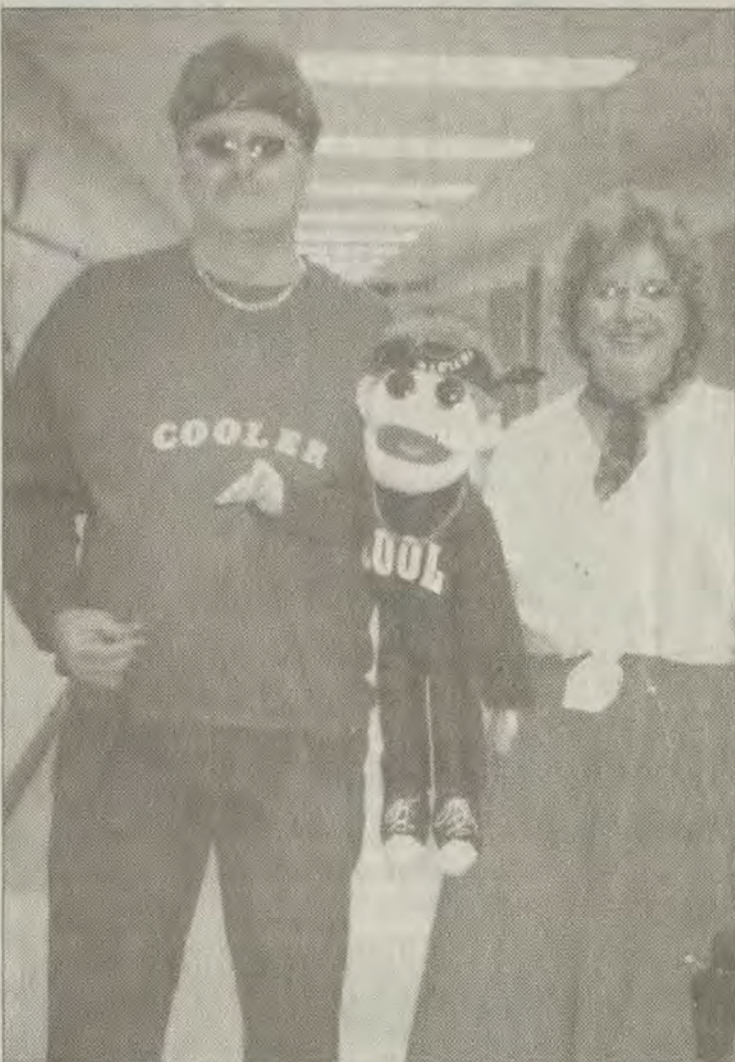
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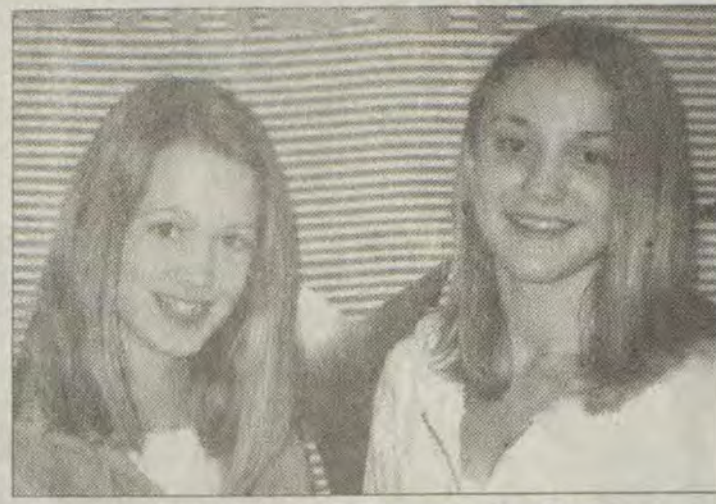
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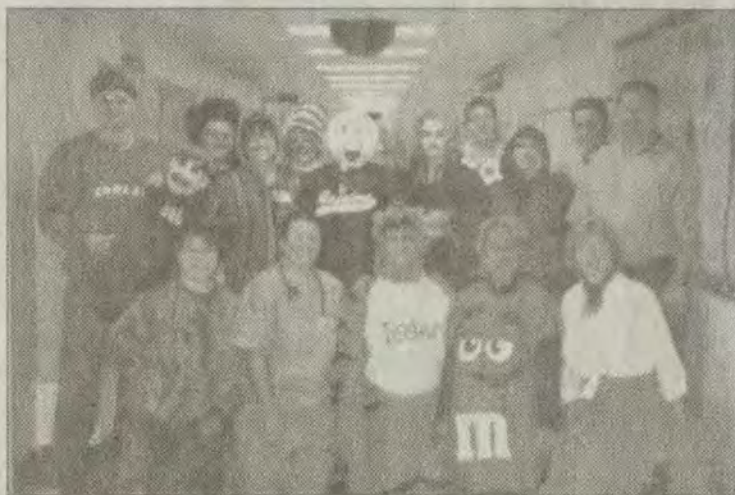
South Floyd Middle School



SFMS faculty and staff dress for Halloween.



South Floyd Middle School's Red, White and Blue representatives, left, seventh-grader Megan Slone, first runner-up, and, right, eighth-grader Kim Patton, second runner-up.



Bobby Isaac, former diesel mechanic, discussed many career options with Melinda Osborn's practical living class.



SFMS student council officers were elected in October. Chris Waugh assisted the seventh- and eighth-grade students with the election and using the voting machine. The officers are Secretary Kim Patton, Vice President Whitney Tackett, Treasurer Vanessa Skeens and President Wes Akers.

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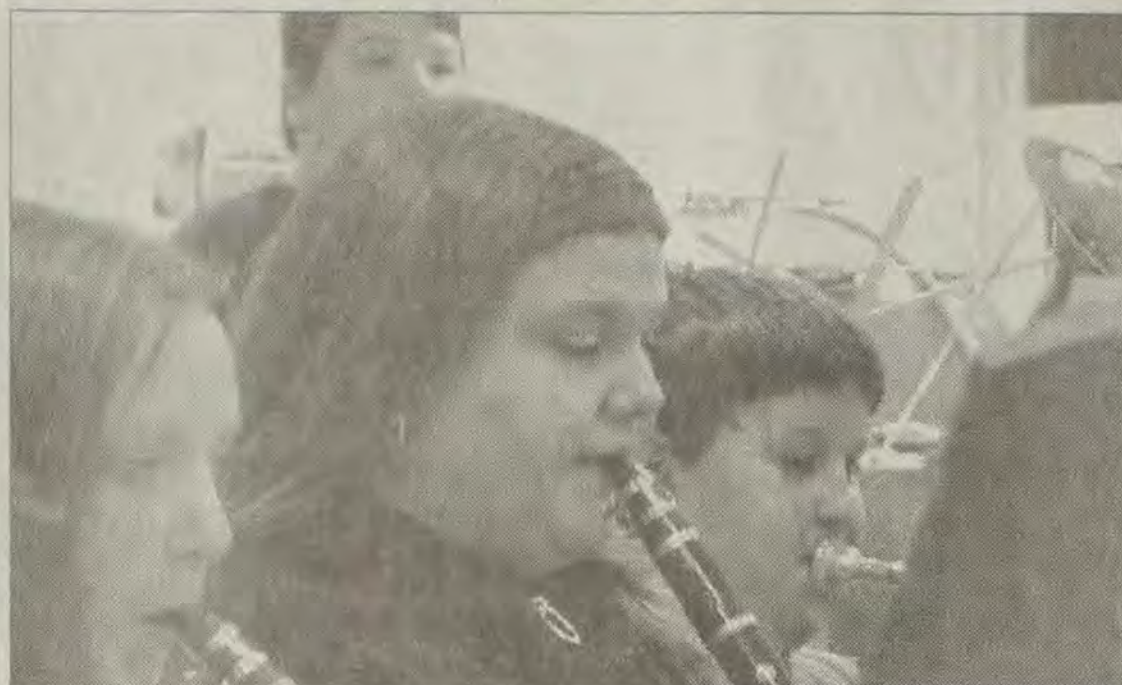
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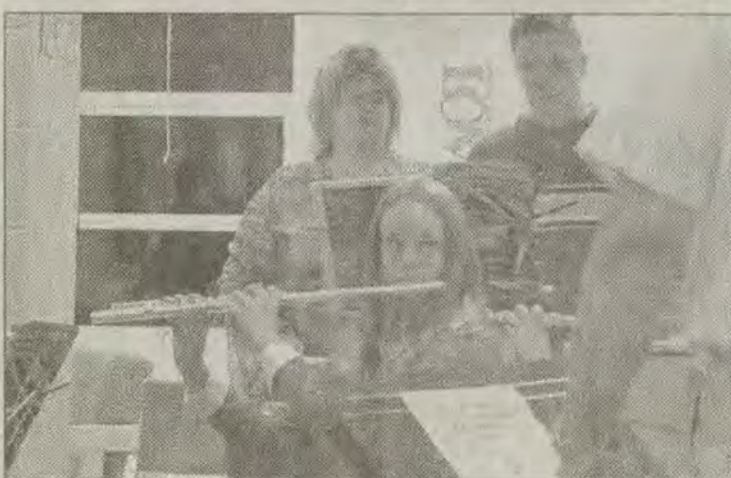
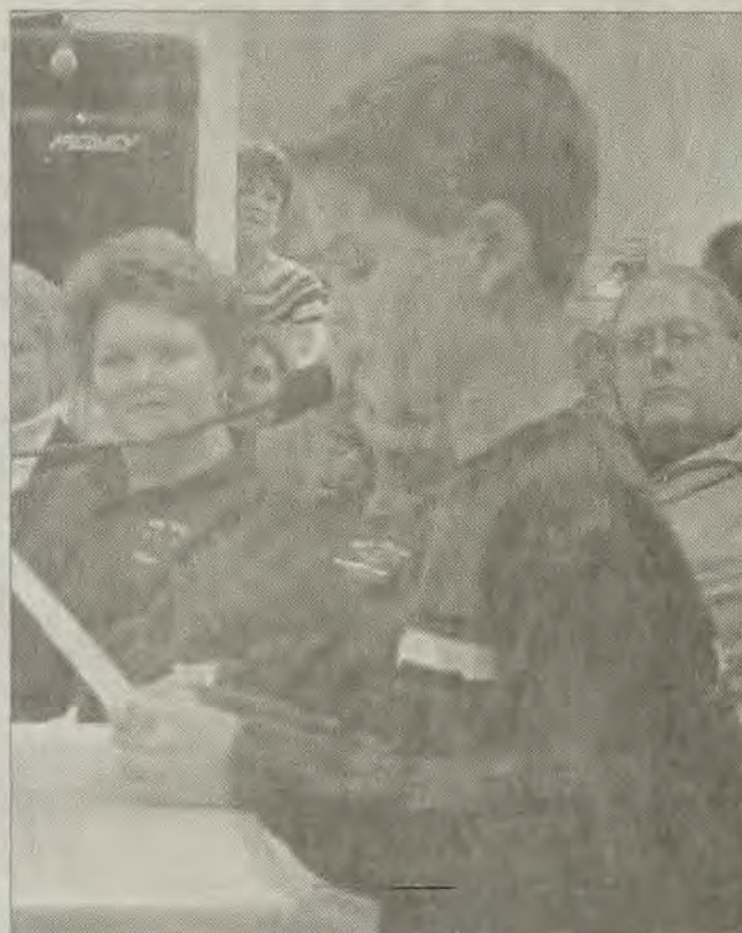
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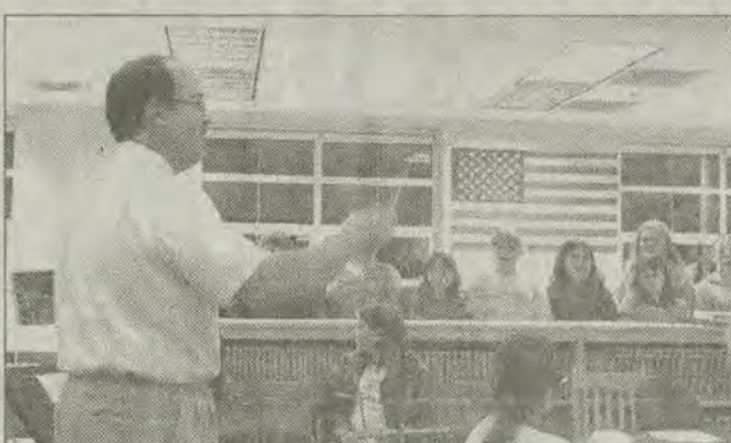


Community and board members had the opportunity to visit the new Media Center at Stumbo Elementary at Monday's Board meeting. The Stumbo Elementary Band & Chorus under the direction of Music Teacher Walter Ord, entertained with beautiful songs. Cody Akers, son of Breana Akers and Ricky Akers shared with those present how he created his soil conservation poster that won the county poster award.



Fourth Grade Ecosystems

The fourth graders in Lori Newsome's class have been studying ecosystems. The students researched various ecosystems and created a model of their favorite ecosystem. Students learned about the tundra, taiga, ocean, rain forest, desert, and deciduous forest ecosystems. They enjoyed learning about the different climates, landforms, and animals of each ecosystem. We feel that our unit was a success and wanted to share our ecosystems with the readers of this paper.



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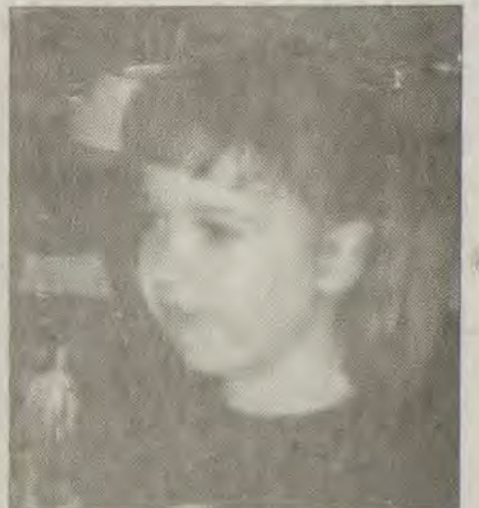
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Mrs. Laura's K4 class enjoys their Halloween party.



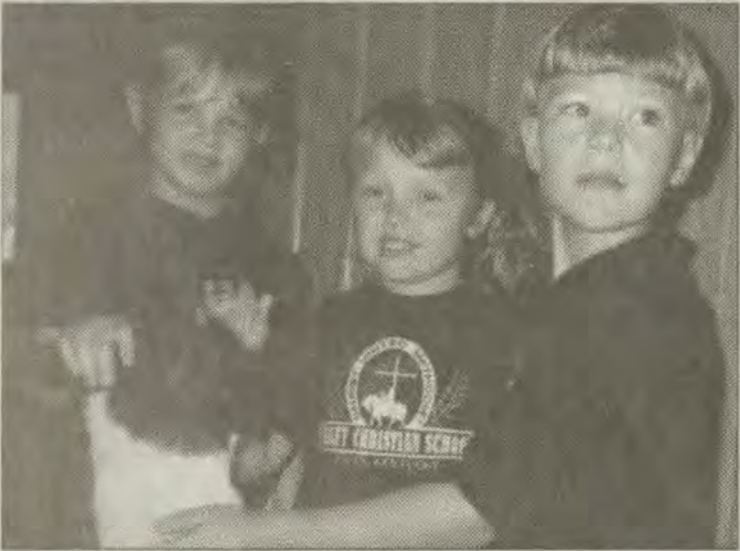
Lizzie, Kasey and Nicole ride their new school bus to the stables.



Lizzie enjoys a horseback ride, led by Cheryl May of May Stables.



Wesley students watch the playful horses at May Stables.



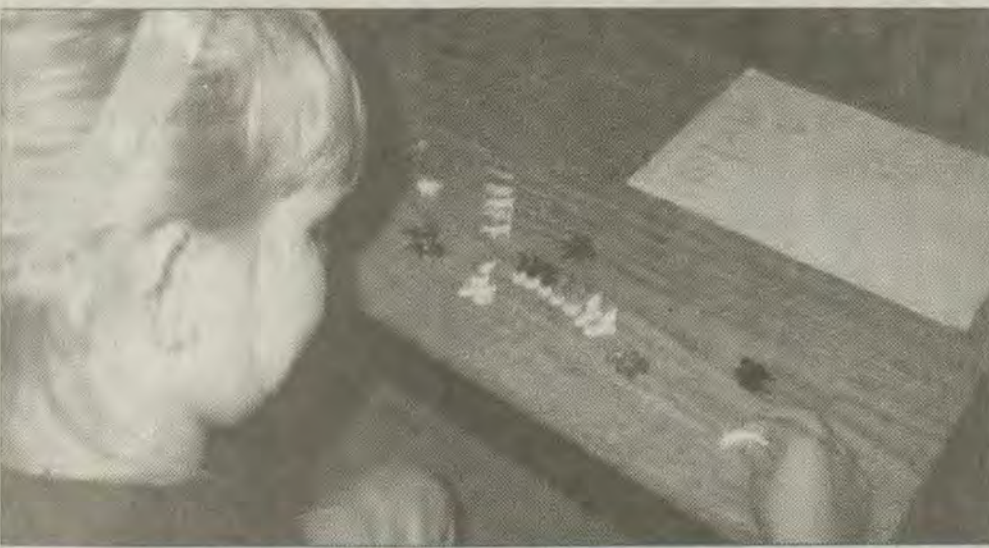
First-graders Chelsea, Katie and John pet the baby llama "Sassy".



Wesley students take a break from horseback riding and enjoy a game of "red rover".



Second-graders James, Tyler and Hunter enjoy a friendly greeting from T.J. at May Stables.



Mrs. Tincher's first-grade class learns sorting, addition, subtraction and patterning as they use their farm animal counters in math class.

Wesley Christian School would like to welcome Mrs. Shawna Howell to our staff.

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