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End of food stamps brings change to groceries

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

A new food stamp debit card, which looks and behaves much like a credit card, has now been fully integrated in the Floyd County area; meaning the end of traditional paper food stamps.

Mike Hall, field service supervisor for the Kentucky Department of Community Based Services, said while there were a few problems with the card initially, most of the problems have been worked out.

"Floyd County is one of the last remaining counties to get online with the new sys-

tem, so many of the system's bugs were worked out before it got to us," said Hall.

"They're working real well for us," said Dewayne Scott, manager of Food Land of Prestonsburg. "One of the problems has been the customers were trying to use them before the due date."

The funds within the cards' account are allotted just like the food stamps were. If a the user's Social Security number ends in a zero, funds are placed in that person's account on the first. If it ends in a one, the funds are transferred on the second and so on. Those funds become available at 8 a.m., said Hall.

When the card is used, the customer's balance will be printed on the receipt, said Scott.

Many of the area grocers have said that handling, counting and depositing food stamp purchases has become easier.

"The ease of handling the food stamps has improved overall," said Lois O'Neal of Lillie Campbell & Sons Grocery in Garrett. "It went over better than I anticipated. I was worried about how the customer would respond to it. It seems like it streamlined things."

Because the card is used like a credit card, some stores have put in an extra phone

line to accommodate the customers using the card. Grocers have to call on those lines to sign on or off to allow the cards to be used at their stores.

"The card is used like a credit card," said Scott. "The customer swipes the card and types in a (personal identification number) and the groceries are purchased."

While it took some getting used to, grocery dealers admit there have been few problems. One of those problems is learning when the money is due in their accounts and how to activate the accounts.

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Clarification

A story in Friday's edition of The Floyd County Times may have misled readers concerning burglary charges dropped against a Garrett man.

According to court records, charges against Arley Michael Jackson, 22, related to the burglary of property belonging to Eugene Mullins were dismissed without prejudice on November 11. The charges included second-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking.

However, a separate set of burglary charges not mentioned in the story are still pending against Jackson. Those charges, which include three counts of third-degree burglary and one count of theft by unlawful taking, pertain to an October 26 burglary which took place on property belonging to Danny Allen in Garrett. Those charges were waived to a grand jury for consideration.

Jackson also disputes testimony given in Floyd District Court by Kentucky State Police Trooper Mickey Watson. During a hearing last week, Watson testified that Jackson turned in one of his alleged accomplices, 19-year-old Byron Rister, of Garrett. Jackson, however, says he did not give Watson any information concerning Rister.

Pike woman killed in wreck

A one-vehicle crash in Majestic in Pike County has left a Phelps woman dead.

Kentucky State Police report that Howard Hurley was driving his 1992 Chevrolet Camaro west

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Drug suspect's quick thinking doesn't pay off

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

A late evening blunder by a Langley man resulted in his arrest and being charged with multiple counts of drug possession and trafficking.

At about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Martin City Police Officer Dennis Hutchinson was posted at the housing authority office of Grigsby Heights when Michael K. Allen, 25, caught the officer's attention.

Riding as a passenger in the vehicle, Allen had apparently laid a .22 caliber Ruger handgun with laser sites upon the dash of the vehicle. But as the car approached the police officer sitting at the

housing authority office, Allen tried to hide the weapon from the officer's view.

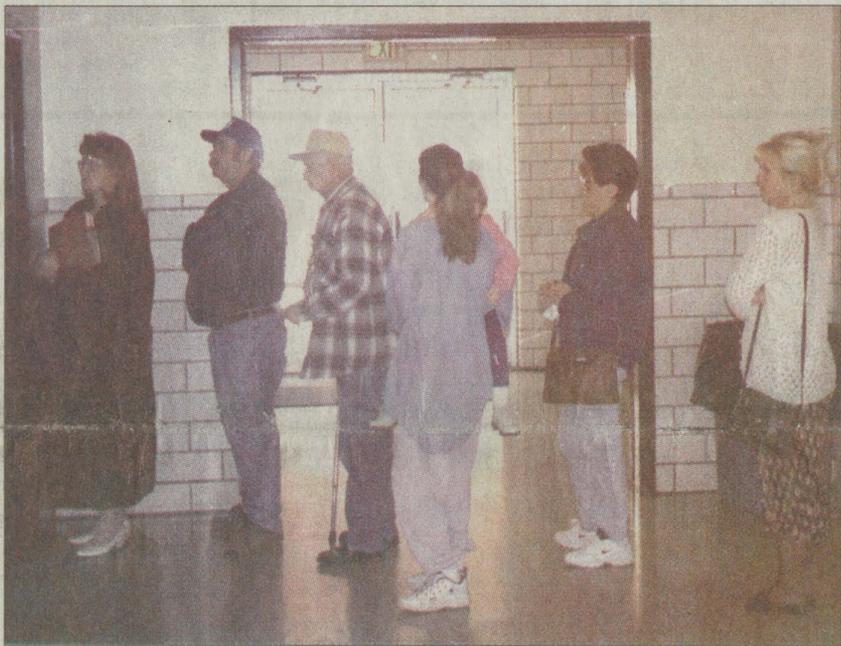
In his cleverness to act fast, Allen apparently grabbed the weapon and activated the laser, drawing even more of the officer's attention.

Hutchinson pulled the vehicle over just in front of the complex to question the passenger, but during the stop the officer discovered much more than a hidden handgun.

Allegedly found on Allen's possession were 19 bags of processed marijuana, a nine-millimeter handgun, the .22 Ruger handgun stashed in a shoul-

(See Drugs, page two)

Paying the tax man...



Lines were long for taxpayers looking to get a break on their bills. Yesterday was the deadline for early payers to receive a discounted rate on property taxes. (photo by Randell Reno)

David man killed in Lawrence County fire

By Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

A David man was killed over the weekend when the Lawrence County trailer he was sleeping in caught fire.

Randall Scott Holbrook, 35, was apparently staying in the trailer along Sand Branch Road in Webbville as part of an overnight fishing trip, Lawrence County Coroner Mike Wilson said.

The trailer caught fire around 11:30 p.m. Holbrook died due of smoke inhalation, Wilson said.

Kentucky State Police continue to investigate the cause of the fire, but Wilson said arson has been ruled out.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon tomorrow at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel in Prestonsburg.

A full obituary can be found on page A9.

None killed but many cited on local roads over Thanksgiving

Times Staff Report

The number of fatalities on Kentucky's roadways this Thanksgiving holiday was down two from the same period last year.

Eight people died in seven crashes on Kentucky highways during the holiday weekend, compared to 10 who died in nine crashes during the same period last year.

None of the fatalities involved Floyd Countians or local roads.

Of the seven fatal Thanksgiving holiday crashes, preliminary data indicates alcohol was a suspected factor in one of the accidents. Four of the victims were not wearing safety belts and one of the victims, a 12-year-old, was riding a bicycle.

Single-fatality crashes occurred in Bell, Campbell, Hart, Kenton (bicycle fatality), Jefferson and

McCracken counties and a double fatality occurred in Russell County.

The official Thanksgiving holiday period ran from 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday. All statistics are from that time period.

A number of traffic safety checkpoints were conducted over the holiday weekend by Kentucky

(See Roads, page two)

Business has been a family affair for 48 years at Allen's Hardware

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The sign reads "Allen's Hdwe Family owned since 1957," but the carver made a mistake because the sign should be "since 1951." The sign signifies a great deal about the hardware store, located in McDowell across from the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Any visitor who goes to the store more than once or twice will understand how much the word "family" applies to this business. One day a customer will talk with Denise Allen; on Saturday, it will be Tommy explaining what is needed to do the job. Somedays it will be Tommy and Denise's son Mikey who will assist the shopper. The Allens also have a daughter, Brandi Starr, but she doesn't do

much in the store.

The store has a large inventory of hardware supplies, heaters, stoves, hot water tanks, electrical supplies — the things needed to



Part two in a series of articles exploring Floyd County businesses which have survived the death of downtowns.

keep a household running.

The business has been in the Allen family for all these years. Dennis Hall started the store in 1951, running it for about 15 years. Then he sold it to his sister Euncie, mother of Tommy.

Euncie, to a large extent, made

the store what it is today. Denise said she remembered going to the store and being amazed how Euncie would know exactly what was needed to finish any job. On these trips, Denise said she would love to be able to meet people and help them with the supplies needed. Now, she and the family are carrying on the tradition. Euncie's son Bobby was in partnership with Euncie, but he was a full-time teacher and did not have time to devote to the actual running of the store.

Denise said the store was a "necessary" store, meaning it stocked those things local people needed promptly. She said she got customers from Wheelwright, Grethel and other communities around the McDowell area. "If I can get them

(See Downtown, page two)



Allen's Hardware owner Denise Allen hunts for just the right plumbing piece for a customer. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Food Stamp

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"The people are a little bit slow catching on as to how to use it and when the people get them early, they want to use them," said Missy Williams, pricing manager at Winn Dixie.

For the most part the new cards have been accepted and have helped both the consumer and the suppliers

too. "It's been great. I wish they had done it years ago," said Tim Collins, manager at Velocity Market at Betsy Layne. "I heard they plan to put all government benefits on a card."

The food stamp cards have security measures designed within them. If a card is stolen, guessing the PIN can be a hassle for the would-be thieves.

"The customer has a four digit PIN, if they enter the wrong PIN three times, the card shuts down," said Collins.

If a problem exists, it could be that there is no change given to the customer. In the past many customers would make repeated trips to the counter in order to get that change. This would allow the customer to buy things not permitted by food stamps. Many of the managers said they like this part of the cards.

"I do like that people can't come in three to four times to get

change," said O'Neal. The spacing of the card allotments also benefits local grocers. Too much business at one time can create long lines and impatient customers ready to leave.

"It helps us because they are not getting everything on one day," said Mark Miller, manager of SuperAmerica in Martin.

One local grocer said she was afraid the new cards would hurt her

business because she feared food stamp customers would go to bigger stores and spend their entire allotment all at once.

As a whole, the managers have accepted the change and have embraced the ease it has brought to their business.

"It's better than what I thought. I thought it hurt a little bit at first, the numbers were not there. One of the things I like about it you don't have

to worry about the counting, deposit, and the stamps. Two days after you sign off, the deposits appear in the account," said O'Neal.

Residents needing assistance in the form of food stamps can apply for the card. If approved, they will receive it within three-to-four days. If an emergency situation exists, cards can be issued in one-to-two days, said Hall.

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Roads

State Police troopers from Post 9 in Pikeville. In these roadblocks, the following citations were written:

- Three seat belts.
- No citations for no child safety restraints.
- Eight no drivers license.

- 11 no proof of insurance citations.
- Four DUI arrests.
- 112 courtesy notices.
- Two fugitive apprehensions.
- 36 other citations.

In a separate operation, the Kentucky State Police Combined

Accident Reduction Enforcement (C.A.R.E.) project for the holiday weekend resulted in the following totals:

- 24 DUI arrests
- 57 speeding citations
- 28 seatbelt violations
- One child restraint citation
- 63 motorist assists

- One alcohol related accident
- Zero fatal accidents in the Post 9 District.

KSP thanked the motoring public for its patience and cooperation in this enforcement endeavor, as well as those who helped make this Thanksgiving a safer holiday.

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McDowell teen arrested after two cars are stolen

by **Randell Reno**
 Staff Writer

A McDowell area youth was arrested Monday and charged with two counts of auto theft.

Two vehicles were stolen from the Billy Jo Johnson Wrecker Service and Garage over the weekend, one on Saturday and the other on Sunday.

A 1992 white Buick belonging to East Kentucky Transportation and a 1988 Toyota belonging to Earl and Marilyn Johnson of Hi Hat were taken from the garage, where they sat awaiting repairs.

Floyd County Deputy Sheriff

Steve Toy allegedly discovered the youth in the Buick while he was returning from a visit to his girlfriend's home.

Toy said the 16-year-old boy denied stealing the other vehicle but knew exactly where it was located.

Apparently the youth allegedly stole the vehicles for the sole purpose of visiting his girlfriend.

The boy was arrested and charged with two counts of auto theft and was placed in the custody of the Floyd County Detention Center.

Deputy Tim Clark assisted in recovering the vehicles.

Downtown

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in here for the first visit, there is a good chance they will return," Denise said about repeat business. She said she got new customers by word of mouth as customers told their friends and neighbors about the "friendly little store in McDowell."

Denise said it was good service and reasonable prices that kept people coming back. She said the fact the store was family owned was also a drawing card.

Customers who call the store probably don't have to look it up because all these years, from Dennis Hall to Tommy and Denise, the number has remained the same: 377-6229.

In the past few years, McDowell

has seen many changes with the addition of a bank, a Dollar General Store, and a new post office, but Allen Hardware has remained a symbol of the old way when retailers wanted your money but wanted to be helpful nonetheless.

Drugs

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der holster, two pharmacy-sized bottles of generic Valium, a small bottle of various prescription drugs for a total of over 800 pills, various pieces of drug paraphernalia and \$324 in cash.

Allen was arrested and charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, two counts of second-degree possession of a controlled substance, three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of possession of a prescription drug in an improper container, and a single count of possession of burglary tools.

During his arraignment, Allen entered a not guilty plea in Floyd District Court on Monday. A \$20,000 partially-secured bond was set for release.

Officers Estill Newsome of the Martin City Police, Mark Duddleson of the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Enforcement, and Steve Toy of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department assisted on the scene.

A preliminary trial date of December 8 is set for Allen.

Briefs

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on Route 194 around 6:30 p.m. Monday, when he lost control of the vehicle, causing him to run off the road and strike a rock wall.

His wife, Evie Hurley, 46, was transported to South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, where she was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

Howard Hurley received only minor injuries and was treated and released from South Williamson ARH.

Police say no seat belts were in use at the time of the accident.

Public meetings

■ The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Monday, December 6, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

F.Y.I

Three Ivy League stadiums have been NFL home fields. The Philadelphia Eagles played at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field from 1958 to 1970, the Boston Patriots at Harvard in 1970, and the New York Giants at Yale Bowl in 1973 and 1974.

The Great Meteor Crater of Arizona lies between the towns of Flagstaff and Winslow. Scientists believe that a meteorite struck the earth about 50,000 years ago and dug a hole about 4,150 feet across and 570 feet deep.

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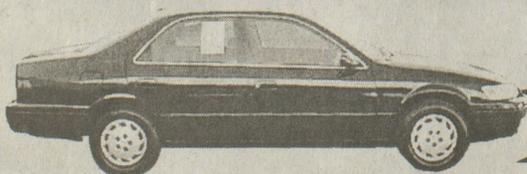
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Public defenders announce annual caseload

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) presented its Defender Caseload Report Fiscal Year 1998-1999 (July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999) to the Public Advocacy Commission on November 19.

The Final FY99 Caseload Report was released at a significant time for DPA. In the spring of 1999, the Blue Ribbon Group, chaired by Secretary of the Justice Cabinet Robert Stephens and former state representative Mike Bowling, released a report showing that DPA is in need of \$11.7 million additional General Fund dollars in order to climb out of its position as the poorest-funded public defender agency in the nation.

Ernie Lewis, Kentucky public advocate, stated that "the Blue Ribbon Group's recommendations provide the strongest statement of support for a significant increase in funding for indigent defense delivery. One of the BRG's primary concerns was the high caseloads of Kentucky public defenders. This year's caseload report demonstrates that while progress has been made, the BRG's funding recommendations are needed more than ever. Caseloads continue to rise in the trial arena. Salaries for defenders

remain the lowest in the nation at \$23,388 for starting defenders. Indigent defense in Kentucky continues to lag behind in all of the most significant benchmarks. This is the year we must do better in funding indigent defense."

More cases than ever were handled by public defenders in the trial courts of Kentucky in 1999. 97,646 cases were reported in 1999, up from 93,238 cases in 1998. This occurred despite an overall reduction in the violent crime rate.

More cases are being handled by full-time attorneys than ever. When Ernie Lewis began as public advocate in October 1996, he announced a goal of having 85 percent of public defender cases being handled by full-time attorneys. That goal has been reached as of the release of this caseload report. Eighty-six percent of the 1999 caseload was handled by full-time attorneys; 14 percent was handled by private lawyers in contract counties. Lewis has now announced a goal of completing the full-time system in all 120 counties by the end of the next biennium. He is asking the next General Assembly for funding to complete the full-time system by June 30, 2002, by adding six additional full-time offices.

Funding by the 1998 General Assembly has resulted in some progress during this biennium.

Funding provided by the last General Assembly increased the funding-per-case to \$210 in FY99. The BRG recommended a cost-per-case of \$300 in order to place Kentucky's DPA in the middle of the nation's indigent defense delivery systems. Likewise, funding per-capita has increased to \$5.90, short of the \$8.00 per capita set by the BRG.

Defender caseloads have been reduced only slightly in FY99. One of the major concerns of the BRG was Kentucky public defenders' caseloads, which are far in excess of national standards.

The BRG recommended that funding be provided to lower the caseloads of Kentucky defenders to 450 in urban areas and 350 in rural areas. The average Kentucky defender caseload in FY 99 was a mixture of 475 felonies (including capital), misdemeanors and juvenile cases, down from 480 in FY 98.

Caseloads remain high in some areas, including 603 in Louisville, 650 in Hazard, 618 in Henderson, and 1,100 in Owensboro.

Under KRS Chapter 31, Section 11 of the Kentucky Constitution and

the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, DPA is responsible for representing all indigents charged with or convicted of a crime, those proceeded against under KRS Chapter 202A (Kentucky's involuntary commitment process), and those prosecuted for civil contempt.

DPA has more than 27 years of serving the needs of Kentucky citizens accused or convicted of a crime. DPA provides representation through its 25 full-time regional offices covering 80 counties and

contract programs covering 40 counties. A history of defender services in Kentucky is found at <http://www.dpa.state.ky.us/Overvie.w.htm>.

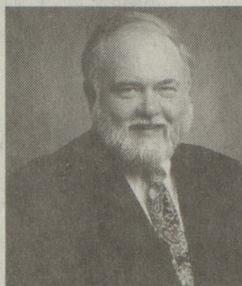
Once again, public defenders in Kentucky have served over 100,000 poor people charged with or convicted of crimes. Public defenders have labored under low salaries and high caseloads in the highest tradition of the bar.

Public Advocate Ernie Lewis said, "This has been a solid year of achievement by Kentucky's public

defenders. It is time now to fund this program so that these defenders have reasonable caseloads and salaries, and so that this Commonwealth can take pride in providing for the least among us."

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Dr. Phillip R. Simpson

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A diet rich with nutrients will properly maintain the nerves, bones and muscles, including those in the spine. Every day a variety of foods should be eaten from the five food groups—fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and meat—be sure to avoid too much fat, cholesterol, processed foods and salt.

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Crawling across the KY 80 bridge at Garrett, this mammoth truck transported an armature from Tennessee to West Virginia. The truck, which weighed 431,570 lbs., went into a "crab position" (22 feet wide) crossing some bridges in order to distribute the weight across the structure. The Kentucky Department of Highways assisted the 215-foot long vehicle in crossing several bridges by controlling traffic. (photo by Randell Reno)

Education pays for Bath County resident who wants to be a veterinarian

FRANKFORT - As a high school student Amy Nicole Johnson took her dream job out for a trial run and confirmed what she had thought since she was a little girl — she wanted to become a veterinarian.

Now a freshman at Morehead State University, the 18-year-old is turning her dream into a reality. She is pursuing a two-year degree in veterinary technology with the goal of going to Auburn University in Alabama and becoming a veterinarian some day.

Like many high school students, Johnson had an idea of what she wanted to do for a career, but she had not put her dream to the test. The School-to-Work program, funded through the Cabinet for Workforce Development, helped Johnson cement her vocational plans.

Through the program, she received credit for working with a veterinarian for an hour and a half each school day while a senior at Bath County High School.

By experiencing firsthand the challenges of working with animals, Johnson reinforced her career goals before she started college.

Johnson recommends the School-to-Work program because it gives students practical experience so they won't waste time in a field they realize later they don't like.

"I realized that was for sure what I wanted to do," she said.

School-to-Work is a statewide initiative that helps students make successful transitions from school to work by involving business and industry in education. The program raises students' academic readiness and aware-

ness of career opportunities by exposing them to various workplace settings.

"I think the School-to-Work program is a neat way to learn and you get to have a great time all at once," Johnson said. "It has furthered my education so much by going to our local veterinary clinic every day for one block (of credit)."

Johnson said she participated in several interesting aspects of the job that she would not have done in a classroom, such as assisting in surgery on a four-day-old colt and giving shots to cattle.

By wedding the classroom to the workplace, School-to-Work motivated Johnson to work hard in high school and college to achieve her dream. The experience also helped her get into the veterinary technology program at Morehead State University.

The School-to-Work program gave Johnson a leg up on some of her college courses, such as animal science and showed her the practical application of her studies.

"I'm not an expert, but I am familiar with it," she said.

Johnson said that education pays in her life by helping her obtain her career dreams.

"I've learned to never give up and to keep working," Johnson said. "It's helping me reach my goals. If I didn't have an education, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Johnson said the School-to-Work program is a great way to learn and she enjoyed it.

"This program is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am glad I took it," she said.

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Viewpoint

Wednesday, December 1, 1999 A4

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

...upon the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless thousands who had reached the dawn of victory and sat down to wait and, waiting, died...

Unknown—

Editorial

We pay her to leave and she's back on the payroll

Isn't it curious that the University of Kentucky would hire someone taxpayers just paid \$185,000 to get rid of?

Deborah Floyd, ex-president of Prestonsburg Community College, has become special assistant for special projects in the office of Elisabeth Zinser, chancellor of the Lexington campus. Floyd's \$90,000-plus salary is coming from UK President Charles Wethington's budget.

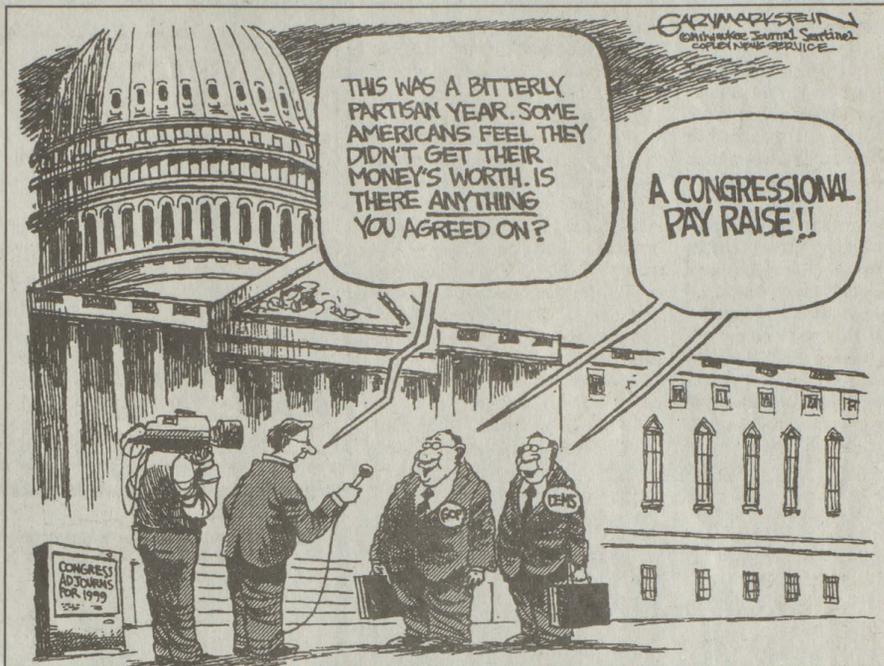
Floyd was a magnet for controversy during her eight years as Prestonsburg president. She also was strident in her loyalty to UK even after Gov. Paul Patton's higher education reforms untethered the community colleges from the mothership. This no doubt endeared her to Wethington, who is still stinging from UK's loss of the two-year college system where he spent most of his career.

Floyd decided to retire from PCC after an audit cast her leadership in an unfavorable light earlier this year. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System agreed to pay \$150,000 for her tenure rights and another \$35,000 in severance pay.

Now, in addition to her tidy retirement and severance package, we're told UK will pay her what she was making at PCC. That's \$93,517 a year — well above average faculty pay at the Lexington campus. Floyd's hiring, at a time when UK faculty raises will run 4 percent, must be harder than an old drumstick for UK profs to swallow.

And who would have expected the Next Great University to practice such Plain Ol' Cronyism?

—The Lexington Herald-Leader



Letters to the Editor

KCB goes national

Editor:
Kentucky College of Business has a new name and a new look. We are proud to announce that we are changing our name to National Business College, effective December 15.

It's an exciting time for us, and a time of renewed commitment to the local communities in which we operate. We've changed our name and logo, because we feel it best symbolizes our unrivaled passion for achieving results and providing unparalleled career education in Kentucky and throughout the southeast-

ern United States.
Our new name and look signifies our passion for the hard work of today as well as our commitment to planning for the growth and prosperity of tomorrow. We want you to know that you will experience no immediate changes as a direct result of today's announcement. We will notify you well in advance to any enhancements or changes to our relationship.

Frank Longaker
President

Child knows meaning of Christmas

Editor:
My daughter, Blair Conn, was asked in her English class to write a paper on "What Christmas Means To Me." Most kids tell about what things they want to get for Christmas. I was very proud of my daughter's response. Her grandfather, Doug Hall, fell in the Betsy Layne Post Office in December. As a result of that fall, his spleen ruptured. He had numerous hospital stays for a year. When they do or say something like the paper she wrote, it makes you feel maybe you've done something right in raising your children. If more kids were like this, we would have better environments in our schools.

Jill Conn
Betsy Layne
Text of Blair Conn's essay:
What Christmas Means To Me!

Ever since I was little I thought that Christmas was about opening presents and having fun. But the Christmas of '97 my papaw was put in the hospital two days before Christmas Eve. Luckily he was able to get out the day before to celebrate with us. We had lots of fun but I still didn't know the true meaning of Christmas. Two days later he was put back in the hospital. I began to realize that Christmas wasn't about opening presents but spending time with your loved ones and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Each and every day I tell my papaw how much I love him because you never know what could happen the next day. Now every Christmas I imagine my papaw lying in that cold and boring hospital bed thinking about him not being able to be with us. And there is not anything, no money, no presents, that I would trade for him.

No PRIDE in signs

Editor:
Everyone is excited about the PRIDE clean up in eastern Kentucky. However, we have another problem with all the political signs hanging on poles. I noticed nine signs on two poles. Some of the signs concern

commissioners. Whose duty is it to remove the signs? Are any voters gained by these posters?
Lorie Vannucci
Martin

Guest Editorial

Great millennium tragedy

by Bill Francis
One of the greatest losses of the next millennium has already occurred in most of eastern Kentucky by forest fires. I was outdoors all summer and fall.

Even though we had gone through a severe drought, the floor of the forests of eastern Kentucky was about to be replenished with the largest disbursement of seeds being scattered by Mother Nature upon our rapidly disappearing hardwood forest land.

Most school age children from the fifth grade up, know that eastern Kentucky had the distinction one time in our history as being the hardwood capital of the world. We furnished more hardwood trees than any place in the world.

This and That

I had already seen acorns separating from their burs. I had seen untold numbers of these acorns beginning to sprout after the recent freeze and frost, and return of warm temperatures. The fall weather had been perfect for seed development and growth. I believe this fall was one of the largest nut or seed-laden crops in the past 20 years of all tree species.

The Division of Forestry and the Soil Conservation Service had a big push for the past five years for plantings of walnuts, red oak and black oak. Pecans were added after several of us asked that they be included in these plantings. We were well on our way for some fine trees in the next millennium. This was a great year for hickory trees of every kind, red mulberries, paw paws, and chinkapins.

Wild flowers of every kind were being cultivated by landowners. Trilliums, arrowheads, daylilies, wild

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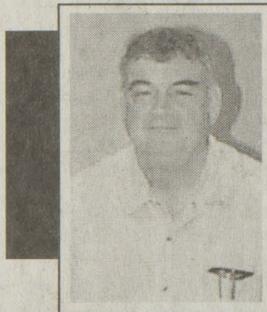
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Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



A vote for dreams

As part of American Education Week, a group of citizens was invited to read for students at Prestonsburg Elementary last month. I chose upper grade students (fifth-graders here since that is the highest class at Prestonsburg Elementary). In Glessie Stumbo's room, I read a variety of things and asked the kids some trick questions to get their attention.

I read a story about a teacher who had told a boy that he could not attain his dream, and the boy ignored his teacher's prediction of failure and went on to realize his goal. He even had a chance to invite the teacher to his horse ranch (that was his dream). This seemed to be an important topic and story to the students so we talked about having dreams.

Even though they are only in the fifth grade, some of the students already had a dream in mind. Sam Chaffin said he wanted to be a blueprint maker. Now, Sam's dreams may change throughout the years, but I have no doubt in my mind that Sam will be successful in achieving his dream, whatever it turns out to be.

I asked the students to write me a note at the end of the session to let me know what they thought about my visit. Being a diplomat, this is what Sam wrote in his note: Dear Mr. Elliott, Today I liked your story about the puppy and the crippled boy. I thought the story about the angel coming to take the baby away was sad (actually, it was the poem "Little Boy Blue" by Eugene Field). And every time you read a story, you stopped to explain what we didn't know. I think you are an excellent reader. If I were going to go here for school next year, I would vote for you. You friend, Sam Chaffin.

Timothy Wallen even went further in his praise: "Mr. Elliott is a great man. Mr. Elliott tells great stories."

I told the group about keeping a journal and Leanne Newsome responded to that: "I am 10 and I have a diary, and I always write in it. It is about my life."

Jenny McNutt did see a downside to this visit: "I didn't really like to write that much though I would like you to come back."

Danielle Pack said what I think any good teacher (or all people for that reason) would want to hear: "I thought you were funny (See, fifth-graders can see that. So why are some older readers saying my material is not funny?) I liked all your stories. They were sad and very touching to me. It seems to me, Mr. Elliott, you are caring and loving. So please come back."

Maybe Kellie Hatfield saw another side to my personality when she said, "I also had fun when you asked the questions (tricky), but they didn't make sense."

Mrs. Stumbo, I intended to get involved with the kids by having them take photos. The time was too short for that, but I promised the kids I would come back sometime, and we would work on photography. I look forward to working with your students again, and Amanda Rice stills wants to be an artist, and she will be one because she is already an artist.

I'll bet this is the last time they put the Science teacher in charge of ordering school uniforms.



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Kentucky's October jobless rate below 4 percent

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's October unemployment rate of 3.9 percent was the lowest recorded for that month since 1973, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

Kentucky's October jobless rate was below September's 4.1 percent rate and October 1998's 4.3 percent rate. The U.S. jobless rate decreased to 3.8 percent in

October from 4.1 percent in September.

Four of the nine major job sectors had employment increases from September to October, while four decreased and one stayed the same, said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

The government sector reported the largest job gain in October with an additional 4,200 positions. All of the new jobs were in state and local education.

"Various schools and colleges added personnel two months into the new school year," Cracraft said.

The second largest increase was in construction, which recorded 800 more jobs. Contractors in special trade categories such as concrete, electrical work, roofing and general building had 300 more jobs each.

Heavy construction contractors, such as commercial building and highway and street paving reported 200 more positions.

The trade sectors showed a net gain of 400 jobs in October with 300 in wholesale and 100 in retail establishments.

"There was a lot of movement in the retail trade area. October was a good month for jobs in retail trade categories such as department stores (1,100), miscellaneous retail stores (800), apparel and accessory stores (400) and furniture and home furnishing stores (400), but other retail trade areas such as eating and drinking

establishments (-1,800), building materials and hardware stores (-400), food stores (-300) and auto dealers (-200) faltered," Cracraft said.

Transportation, communications and public utilities added 200 jobs in

October. All of the increase was in the transportation industries.

Mining and quarrying positions remained unchanged in October.

Agriculture had the largest drop in jobs in October with 3,800 fewer positions.

"October is often a slow agricultural month as some tobacco farmers take a short break until their tobacco is ready to strip," Cracraft said.

The services sector recorded 1,000 fewer jobs in October. Although business services, social services and educational services all added positions, seasonal losses caused by the end of warm weather caused jobs to be down in amusement and recreation services, agricultural services, hotels and other lodging places, membership organizations, personal services and health services.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 jobs in October. Gains in industrial machinery, lumber and furniture, fabricated metal products and tobacco products nearly balanced losses in transportation equipment, textiles and apparel (-200), primary metal products, electronic equipment, paper, printing and publishing and other durable goods.

Finance, insurance and real estate had 100 fewer positions in October.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for October 1999 was 1,885,101. This figure is up 5,913 from the 1,879,188 employed in September 1999, and up 39,434 from the 1,845,667 Kentuckians employed in October 1998.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for October was 77,361. This figure is down 2,571 from the 79,932 unemployed in September 1999 and down 5,500 from the 82,861 Kentuckians unemployed in October 1998.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for October was 1,962,462. This figure is up 3,342 from the 1,959,120 recorded in September 1999, and up 33,934 from the 1,928,528 recorded for October 1998.

The civilian labor force includes non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. It does not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Employment and unemployment statistics are based on estimates. They are compiled to indicate employment trends rather than actually to count numbers of people who are or are not working.

Guest

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azaleas, coneflowers, brown-eyed Susans, and herbal plants such as ginseng, goldenseal, snake root and adder's tongue, to name a few.

Also lost are the wild grapes, possum, frost grape, and summer grapes, the sweet hawthorn after frost and the red and black haw trees.

In the year 2015-20, our children and their children would have been enjoying not only the fruit but also the pure beauty of these trees and plants. Countless numbers of young walnuts, oaks, pecans and other hardwoods of such pleasing beauty to gaze upon, are lost due to the forest fires of the past several weeks.

The sad thing, as we all know, is these fires are not accidents, but are set by arsonists, individuals who do not care how much damage or loss occurs, a few unscrupulous hunters who try to prevent deer from picking up their human scent by making the forest smoke-covered.

It saddens me to think of all the beauty that will not be seen by the coming generations in the next millennium, the beauty of a red maple, the purple hues of the dogwood in late fall and its white flowering cross in the spring, the adoring sugar maple of fall, the flowering cucumber tree of spring.

Oh, the beauty of the trees that

we will not see is lost forever because of individuals who don't care or don't think. One must believe they saw the same beauty that the rest of us enjoyed this fall. People drove all across the U.S. to see the beauty that Mother Nature displayed for us to enjoy, from Maine to the heads of the hollows of eastern Kentucky.

This tragic loss of our hardwood forest is much worse, I believe, than the talked-about Y2K.

(Bill Francis, grew up and went to school at Garrett and now lives at Mousie.)

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by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

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Radiologic sciences expanded at MSU

Morehead State University has become one of only 20 institutions in the United States, and the only one in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in radiologic sciences.

MSU has offered a two-year associate's degree in radiologic technology since 1973. That option will be part of the radiologic sciences degree package.

The four-year degree, which officially admitted its first students in the fall semester, is unique in the region, because it offers a specialty track in advanced imaging of computed tomography or ultrasound for students in their fourth year of study, according to Wretha Goodpaster, assistant professor of radiologic sciences in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health.

"This feature will make graduates of the program especially desirable to prospective employers," she predicted.

"Changes in the health care system in this country mean that individuals no longer have the opportunity to cross-train while on the job, because of the cost involved," she said. "Our graduates will have the educational preparation in comput-

ed tomography, sonography and mammography that Medicare increasingly will require in order for hospitals to be reimbursed."

MSU's program meets all requirements for accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, according to Jacklynn Darling, program coordinator. "All of our faculty members hold Master of Arts or Master of Science degrees in radiologic sciences, adult and higher education or vocational education.

We have a combined total of 100 years' experience as professionals and educators in the field, and all of us have an advanced certification in at least one of the advanced imaging areas," she noted.

MSU faculty members in radiologic sciences in addition to Goodpaster and Darling include Barbara Dehner, clinical coordinator; Cynthia Gibbs, associate pro-

fessor; and Marcia Cooper, assistant professor.

Darling reported that the Gateway Regional Health Center and Mary Chiles Hospital in Mt. Sterling have been particularly supportive of MSU's efforts to establish the program. The hospital donated a fully-operational mammography unit for student use in the campus laboratory.

The concept of a bachelor's degree program in radiologic sciences at MSU originated with a survey conducted by the Kentucky Commission for Collaboration in Medical Imaging Science, a joint effort of the University of Louisville, Northern Kentucky University and MSU.

The study indicated that 95 percent of the responding hospitals, primary care facilities and health care agencies in those service regions prefer to hire multi-compe-

tent radiography and sonography technologists.

Combined with a telephone survey to determine how many medical images are done in east Kentucky yearly, the study helped establish the need for an advanced imaging degree program located within MSU's own service region.

The university will collaborate with other regional associate degree and vocational programs in the field. This will allow graduates of other programs to obtain the degree and an advanced imaging track.

Students are eligible to apply to the program once they have earned 31 hours of credit in approved general education courses, including several prerequisites specific to the radiologic sciences program of study.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the program may call 606/783-2646 for more information.

Exercise your brain to keep it healthy, even in later years

by Jeanne Johnson

It's a common fear. The fear that with the onset of advanced age we'll lose the ability to think clearly and become feeble minded. But growing older doesn't necessarily mean that thinking ability declines.

"There is some indication that response time slows down, even in healthy older adults, but that doesn't mean that thinking is impaired," says Radford University psychology professor and Alzheimer's disease researcher Thomas Pierce.

At RU's Center for Brain Research in Radford, Virginia, Pierce conducts research that compares the reaction times of young people, healthy older people and people with Alzheimer's disease on cognitive tests.

"In our research, older people respond more slowly, but younger adults have more mistakes, more errors," he says. "It may be that older people need to sift through more connections but they take their time and get it right."

Pierce says that impaired or confused thought in older age, often called senility or dementia, is associated with physical problems that can accompany age, but don't necessarily arrive because a person survives

to an advanced age—Alzheimer's disease or strokes, for example.

But Pierce says that a healthy older person who exercises both mind and body can maintain agile thinking abilities no matter their age—especially if they work at it.

According to Pierce, the keys to maintaining a healthy older brain are the same as those for maintaining a healthy older body—good nutrition and exercise. Trying new experiences and thinking in different or complex ways can be the equivalent of a brain workout on a neural Nautilus machine, he says.

Try something new, like maybe learning how to use a computer program. Anything associated with curiosity can help establish and maintain neural connections. Challenge yourself to learn and do new things."

Without a doubt, certain brain injuries or diseases can have long-term consequences. But if you're healthy and want to keep your brain alive and vibrant, says Pierce, all it takes is a regular workout. "Just as you feel a bit tired after a physical workout, you might feel tired after a mental workout," he says.

In essence, says Pierce, "your brain is more likely to stay healthy if you have fun learning as much as you can, no matter what your age."

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The computer: A new family gathering place

(NAPSA) -

Although more than 50 percent of American homes now have computers, it is a rare occasion when the computer becomes a family gathering place. Dad utilizes his computer time to pay the bills, mom likes to send email, and the kids clamor for their turn to play games or surf the Web.

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PCC's 'Master of Mayhem' strikes again

Mike Dixon stages 'rape' investigation

by J.D. Charles
Courtesy of Mountain Citizen

It was a homecoming party. Young people mixing and mingling with heightened spirits and a few spirits provided by a liquor bottle or two passed around. As the evening wore on, a number of people were still thirsty and decided to continue the party somewhere inside, out of the cold. Soon a motel room was rented so the festivities could continue unabated into the wee hours of the morning.

As one lovely young lady went to use the bathroom, a young man followed her in and forced himself upon her. What had begun earlier as a party had turned ugly, spiraling out of control into an incident of "date rape," or, as it is known in law enforcement circles, "acquaintance rape."

Who will investigate this "crime"? The Kentucky State Police? The Floyd County Sheriff's Office? No, the incident was investigated by students in Mike Dixon's law enforcement classes at Prestonsburg Community College (PCC).

"What we're doing is a mock rape investigation, similar to the mock murder investigation we did last year at the Super-8 Motel," Dixon said.



A 'rape' victim is loaded onto a stretcher during PCC's recent mock rape investigation. (photo by J. D. Charles of the Mountain Citizen)

Dixon, PCC Law Enforcement Technology Program coordinator, is well known and liked for his emphasis on the real world "been

there, done that" aspect of law enforcement. A former street cop during the turbulent years of the late '60s and early '70s, Dixon was sent out on the beat before finishing his tenure at the police academy. He also developed an interest in education and higher learning and eventually held positions in law enforcement administration.

After learning things the hard way as a street cop, he decided to combine his street learning with his educational background to share his wealth of experience and learning with the new breed of Centurions.

When PCC began its law enforcement program, Dixon was the man college administrators turned to. So far the program has been a great success, and a great deal of the success can be attributed to Dixon, who is very popular with his students for his focus on "the streets."

Students have investigated mock crimes, including a realistic murder, an arson, and now, a date rape. These crimes were planned and plotted by one man, not a crime lord but PCC's top cop.

"This gives my students first-hand experience of what it's really like to do a rape investigation," Dixon said of the simulated rape.

"Once again, we're using the Super-8 Motel, which has been courteous and cooperative. My students will be collecting, bagging and tagging the evidence, speaking with witnesses and investigating the incident to gather information for prosecution."

Dixon said the "rape" was an easier exercise to plan than last year's "murder."

According to Dixon, students have learned a lot in these exercises that they would never have read about in books. During the "arson," firefighters were covered with fleas, which the burned house was infested with. At Thursday's crime scene, his students had a few surprises awaiting them as well.

A student came out of room 107, saying there had been a rape. Students, acting as patrolmen, went in first to do an initial look around and contact detectives. Other students arrived, playing the part of rape crisis counselors and investigators. Part of the learning process included making mistakes. One suspect was armed with a knife, a weapon overlooked by an officer.

"I'm not going to tell you what to do," Dixon said. With students out of earshot, Dixon laughed and said, "Pretty soon they are going to

start discovering drugs." One suspect had almost left the building when "drugs" were uncovered in the form of "crack-cocaine" hidden in a young lady's ball cap. Several of the "suspects," who were quite mouthy with the "officers," were arrested.

Tanya Maggard, a student who will graduate from the program this year, said Dixon's focus on field training made the program more of a learning experience than most classes.

"The only bad thing is we have used the Super-8 Motel for the homicide and rape," she said. "People may get the wrong impression. It's a nice place, and we are glad they have helped us out."

Johathan Estep was one of the first "officers" on the scene. He said, "This will give us hands-on experience which will help us out in the long run. There are some things you just can't get out of a book."

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What changed the world? Suggestions for top inventions

Selecting the most important invention of the last 1000 years presents a fascinating array of the science and technology that has transformed the world.

On the eve of the new millennium at the University of Kentucky, the state's only research institution, leading researchers and other critical thinkers nominated their choices. The results were as varied as the participants themselves.

H. Maelor Davies, director of the Tobacco & Health Research Institute at UK, suggested that given the huge time span being covered, the millennium be divided into the mechanical age, the biology-medicine age, and the electronics age.

Davies said steel making, credited to Abraham Derby of Coalbrookdale, England, in 1709, enabled the mechanical age and thus the industrial revolution.

Concerning the biology/medical period, Davies, who leads a team of researchers developing blue mold-resistant tobacco,

selected the microscope. "It sets the stage for all biological inquiry and the development of medicine through the discovery that animals and plants are made up of individual cells," he said.

The greatest invention of the electronics revolution was the semiconductor integrated circuit, Davies said. "Transistors notwithstanding, if we could not miniaturize this stuff, I would not be working on a PC right now," he noted via e-mail.

A handful of Davies' research colleagues at UK responded with answers a bit more definitive.

Said D. Allen Butterfield, professor of chemistry and one of the nation's leading researchers on the causes of Alzheimer's disease, "The transistor, from which modern computers evolved leading to a tremendous increase in the knowledge base of the world."

Butterfield noted ironically that a few of his colleagues chose nuclear weapons "showing that people have tremendously escalat-

ed the ability for self-destruction."

Jack Supplee of UK's Research and Graduate Studies praised the printed word.

"One of the top three inventions, in my opinion, is the printing press," he said. "This invention made mass communication of knowledge possible. Other important ones would be anesthesia, and the ultimate completion of the human genome project."

Several of the UK researchers chose the airplane as the best invention of the millennium. Others selected the assembly line; nuclear magnetic resonance; antibiotics; electricity, or the control of it; the telephone; the automobile; and the birth-control pill.

But inventions can be concepts as well as technologies; and in the minds of some at UK, the most important are the concepts of democracy, of social justice, and the belief in the possibility of creating a society free from the oppressions of class, race, and gender.

Employer electronic information resource premieres in Kentucky

Gov. Paul Patton recently announce the premier of a new on-line information resource for employers available at www.employky.net.

"The Employ Kentucky Website is another fine example of how this administration is making government service more accessible to the citizens of the Commonwealth," the governor said.

From the EmployKY.net gateway, employers can recruit employees, find out how to start a business, obtain information about state and federal taxes and review on-line resumes. Users can also

locate the latest labor market information, link to training and education information, download electronic forms and publications and access dozens of state and federal government Web sites that directly pertain to business.

The Cabinet for Workforce Development created the Web page for its Employ Kentucky staff. Employ Kentucky is the cabinet's major component of EMPOWER Kentucky, Gov. Patton's state government reengineering project to make better use of taxpayer's money and provide more user-friendly services.

The Web site is a direct

response to employer concerns and questions, according to Cabinet for Workforce Development Deputy Secretary Cheryl King, who is also the agency's chief information officer.

"This Web site brings together a variety of information that employers routinely need but often can't readily locate," she said. "We look forward to receiving comments about it from the employer community."

EmployKy.net users can make comments and suggestions for new topics from the "Contact Us" section of the page.

Kentucky National Guard blood drive

Blood is needed everywhere, every day. The Kentucky National Guard asks you to ensure blood is available for area hospital patients by donating on Sunday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Prestonsburg, inside the armory. The drive is being sponsored in conjunction with Central Kentucky Blood Center.

Every three seconds in the United States someone receives a

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utes. Blood can be donated every 56 days.

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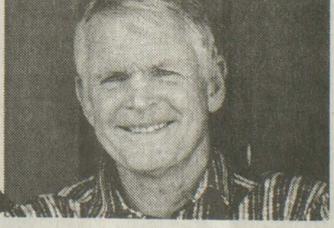
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Pike County

David Dwayne Belcher, 38, of Ashcamp, died Thursday, November 25. He was a coal miner. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Johnnie Belcher, 81, of Belcher, died Sunday, November 21. He was a retired coal miner and also worked in heating and cooling. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Belcher. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Kenneth Randall Bolden, 26, of Harold, died Tuesday, November 23. He was employed by Master America Inc. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Lawrence Boyd, 57, of Clifton, Virginia, died Wednesday, November 24. He was a construction supervisor employed by Hyman Bernstein Management Company. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 29, under the direction of Price Funeral Home Inc.

Haven Little, 67, of Virgie, died Thursday, November 25. He was a retired steel mill worker. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Eliza Potter, 98, of Wellston,

Ohio, died Thursday, November 25. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of McWilliams Funeral Home.

George W. Ratliff, 67, of Ransom, died Thursday, November 25. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Kentucky Carbon. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Earl Wellman, 80, of Forest Hills, died Wednesday, November 24. He was a retired carman, formerly employed by N&W Railroad. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Allred Varney Wellman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Edna Watson, 75, of Salyersville, died Sunday, November 21. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26, under direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Vera Vivian Gann, 64, of Dutton, Alabama, formerly of Carver, died Sunday, October 31. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 2, under the direction of Section Funeral Home.

Dennis Bays, 63, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, November 16. He is survived by his wife, Josehene Gardner Bays. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 19, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Gail D. Hale, 88, of Royalton, died Friday, November 19. She was a retired teacher. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Nora Allen, 94, of Salyersville, died Saturday, November 20. Funeral services were conducted

Monday, November 22, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

William Oather Cochran, 88, of Salyersville, died Saturday, November 20. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Elbert Bayes, 74, of Hager Hill, died Saturday, November 20. He is survived by his wife, Hester Bayes. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 23,

under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Cecil "Curly" Frazier, 76, died Tuesday, November 23. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Frazier of Staffordsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 25, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Thomas "Tom" Spurlock, 57, died Tuesday, November 23 at his Staffordsville residence. He is survived by his wife, Earnestine Spurlock. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26.

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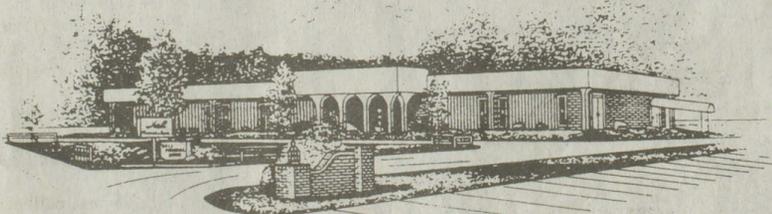
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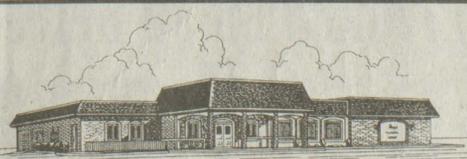
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OBITUARIES

Willie Hunter

Willie Hunter, 77, of Garrett, died Sunday, November 28, 1999, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

He was born April 27, 1922, in Honaker, the son of the late Ben Hunter and Maudie Hamilton Hunter. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Hicks Hunter.

Other survivors include two sons, Billy Ray Hunter of Jamestown, Jackie D. Hunter of Martinsville, Indiana; two daughters, Joyce A. Hatfield of Poland, Indiana, Bonnie L. Hill and Betty S. Benjamin, both of Indianapolis, Indiana; three stepsons, Arnold Hicks of Seattle, Washington, Billy Hicks of Detroit, Michigan, Eddie Hicks of Taylor, Michigan; three stepdaughters, Versia Duncan of Huntington, West Virginia, Mary Wright of Allen Park, Michigan, Betty Hicks of Taylor, Michigan; two brothers, Ora Hunter of Ypsilanti, Michigan, John Hunter of Printer; two sisters, Clara May Morgan of Allen, Nancy Kidd of Harold; 17 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 30, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen Tom Kidd, Richard Griffith and Raymond Lawson officiating.

Burial was in the Curtis Tackett Cemetery, at Honaker, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark McKinney, Frank Wright Jr., Robert Smiley, Jason Thomas and Aaron Tackett.

Marie Martin Cook

Marie Martin Cook, 83, of Drift, died Monday, November 29, 1999, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

She was born September 11, 1916, in Minnie, the daughter of the late Keene F. Martin and Martha Robinette Martin. She was a self-employed merchant.

Her husband, Roy Cook, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, O. Dathan Cook of Springboro, Ohio, Wallace Cook of Franklin, Ohio; one daughter, Martha June McKenzie of Drift; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen Arnold Turner Jr., and Ralph Turner officiating.

Burial will be in the K.F. Martin Cemetery, at Minnie, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Versie Gayheart

Versie Gayheart, 91, of Pippa Passes, died Monday, November 29, 1999, at Hazard ARH, following an extended illness.

Born on February 22, 1908, in Pippa Passes, she was the daughter of the late Jasper and Sarah Thomas Sparkman.

Survivors include four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hindman United Baptist Church, with Sterlin Bolen and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial will be in the Gayheart Family Cemetery, at Pippa Passes, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sandra Kaye Bates

Sandra Kaye Bates, 54, of Winchester, died Saturday, November 27, 1999, at Winchester Health Care Center, following a brief illness.

Born on May 2, 1945, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late John and Daisy Hall Berger.

She is survived by her husband, Darrell Bates.

Other survivors include one daughter, Melissa Ann Horn of Falmouth; two brothers, Richard Berger of Bowling Green, Robert Berger of Lexington, North Carolina; four sisters, Pat Stancil of Bevinville, Barbara Lucas and Pluma Jean Harris, both of Huntington, Indiana, and Hope Hall, of Raven; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 29, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Bevinville, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinville, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Randall Scott Holbrook

Randall Scott Holbrook, 35, of David, died Saturday, November 27, 1999, as the result of a trailer fire.

He was born September 26, 1964, at McDowell, the son of Janie Kilgore Holbrook of Michigan, and the late Hanson Holbrook.

Survivors, other than his mother, include one half-brother and one-half sister, Donald Holbrook and Barbara Holbrook, both of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 2, at noon, at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel at Prestonsburg, with Rev. Lorie Vannucci officiating.

Burial will be in the Holbrook Cemetery at Louisa, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Mary Louise Hall

Mary Louise Hall, 74, of Auxier, died Wednesday, November 24, 1999, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 27, 1925, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Burns Honeycutt and Emma Baldrige.

Her husband, James Hall, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, James Hall of Lowmansville, Roger Hall of Ashland, Ernie Hall of Prestonsburg, Phillip Hall of Paintsville; two daughters, Debbie Meek of East Point, Patricia Newsome of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Hansford Honeycutt of Auxier, Charles Honeycutt of Florida; two sisters, Hazel Sergeant of Omaha, Nebraska; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, with Calvin Setser officiating.

Burial was in the Auxier Family Cemetery, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Maw Opal Smith

Maw Opal Smith, 89, of Leburn, died Friday, November 26, 1999, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center at Hazard.

She was born in Lawrence County, on December 1, 1909, the daughter of John Church and Clara McDowell Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Smith.

She is survived by six sons, Lewis Smith and Haskell Smith, both of Mousie, Brewie Smith and Revis Smith, both of Leburn, Thurl Smith of Eubank, and Bennie Smith of Leesburg, Florida; five daughters, Elsie Ramey, Evelyn Sturgill and Zeda Amburgey, all of Leburn, Evia Faye Curry of Wheelwright, and Emmie Vance of Polk, Ohio; one brother, Bill Church of Wapakoneta, Ohio; one sister, Mabel Smith of Leburn; 38 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bruce Coleman officiating.

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

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 29, 11 a.m., at the Ball Fork Regular Baptist Church at Leburn, with Deffort Thornsberry, Burton Ratliff, Coy Combs and Kelly Slone officiating.

Burial was in the Smith Cemetery at Leburn, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Julia "Julie" Layne Martin

Julia "Julie" Layne Martin, 89, of Hueysville, died Sunday, November 28, 1999, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness.

Born April 3, 1910, she was the daughter of the late James and Maudie Hale Layne. She was a member of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hargus Martin.

Survivors include one son, Hargus Martin Jr. of Hueysville; two sisters, Mary Gullett of Ashland, and Delia Conley of Hueysville; two brothers, James R. Layne Jr. of Dayton, Ohio, and Sam Layne of Willard, Ohio; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 1, 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Manns and Earl Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Family Cemetery, at Hueysville, under direction of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers will be Wesley Moore, Mark Wallace, John Howard, Dwane Prater, Donald Martin and Kevin Thacker.

Honorary pallbearers will be Nathan Bartrum and Matthew Prater.

Ravenna Lyons

Ravenna Lyons, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 27, 1999, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, after a long illness.

She was born on February 5, 1929, at Estill, the daughter of the late Robert and Lizzie Short Slone.

She worked at the Prestonsburg General Hospital and Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, as a nurses aide for a total of thirty-three years. She was of the Old Regular Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Junior Lyons.

She is survived by one son, Larry Lyons of Prestonsburg; one brother, Mack Slone of Pikeville; one sister, Avonelle Slone of Warren, Michigan; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 29, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Elder Jimmy Hall and other Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were John Lyons, Larry Lyons, Paul Ellis, Tommy Nelson and Stephen Slone.

Tonnie Matthew Slone

Tonnie Matthew Slone, 35, of Carlisle, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, November 26, 1999, at Cynthiana, following a brief illness.

Born on October 23, 1964, in Floyd County, he was the son of Alex and Roberta Gaye Shepherd Slone of Carlisle. He was a carpenter, and an honorary member of the V.F.W. in Millersburg.

Survivors, other than his parents, include one son, Joseph Matthew Slone of Sharsburg; six brothers, William Paul (Buck) Slone of Martin, Eddie Dean Slone of Sharsburg, Kenneth (Sambo) Slone of Harrison County, Alex Slone of Berry, Timothy Slone of Prestonsburg, Mickey Slone of Cynthiana; six sisters, Lois Ann Bond of Mansfield, Ohio, Sue Halbert of Martin, Mary (Sis) Bond of Soldier, Jeanette Henderson of Prestonsburg, Bonnie McKinney of Auxier, and Donna Kaye Williams of Maryland.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bruce Coleman officiating.

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

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Masonic Christmas party

John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, Martin, will hold its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 5, at 4:30 p.m., at the lodge hall. Dinner will be served, and Santa will be there with gifts for the children.

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of The David School will teach G.E.D. classes at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

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- Advisory Council Meeting—December 7, at 5 p.m.
- Parent Support Group Meeting—December 8.
- Christmas Dance for students—Sponsored by PTA, December 14, at 7 p.m.
- Christmas Store for students—Sponsored by PTA, December 7-8-14-15.

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To experience the magic of the Christmas Season, instead of driving to Gatlinburg or other areas, consider coming to a beautiful winter wonderland at Alice Lloyd College/June Buchanan School campus. On December 2, the campus will be transformed with twinkling white lights, strolling carolers, a live Nativity scene, horse and

Workshop set for Jackson

A workshop on community development is planned for December 9, at the University of Kentucky Robinson Experiment Station in Jackson.

The workshop will give participants the opportunity to learn more about asset-based development, which focuses on the strengths and capacities of citizens, organizations and the community.

It is sponsored by the UK Extension Service, Morehead State University and the Kentucky League of Cities.

Speakers include Deborah Murray of the extension service; Dr. Lori Garkovich, UK rural sociologist; Sylvia Lovely of the Kentucky League of Cities; and Dr. Marcella Szymanski of the UK College of Agriculture.

For a registration form, contact Betty Warren, Robinson Experiment Station, Jackson, 606/666-2538, ext. 224.

buggy rides, a North Pole Santa Shop, and more. WYMT television station will be airing the 6 p.m. news, live from the campus.

Social Security Rep at Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of December. The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

Holiday event for Floyd County Homemakers

The Floyd County Homemakers will have a potluck lunch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Thursday, December 9, at the Floyd County Extension Office at 921 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. To pre-register, call Theresa Scott at 886-2668. Members and public are welcome. Bring a holiday craft to share.

Reminder: Homemaker dues are to be paid by December 15. Dues are \$4.25.

Hospice service

Hospice of Big Sandy Inc. will hold the annual Memorial Service on December 9, at 6 p.m., in the parking lot of the office at Hager Hill. A candle lit in the memory of a loved one during this season of Christmas is one of the ways to express love and remembrance. A donation to help with expenses would be appreciated.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite. This is available to the community as well as to the students. Feel free to stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education should contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at May Lodge. Senator Benny Bailey and Rep. Greg Stumbo have been invited to address the group and hold a question and answer session. Ron Vanover, director of recreation and interpretation, will present a special Christmas program.

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McDowell Family Resource Center Activities

G.E.D. classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free of charge for those interested in earning their G.E.D.

The Floyd County Health Departments Nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients needing immunizations, T.B. Skin tests, pre-natal W.I.C., W.I.C., and school physicals (head start, kindergarten, 6th grade).

Call to schedule an appointment, 377-2678.

A Mountain Comprehensive Care counselor is at the Center each Tuesday to see students in need of counseling services. If you feel your child is in need of counseling services, call the Center for more information, 377-2678.

If you would like more information on any of the above programs or services contact the Center, 377-2678.

Fibromyalgia meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building. Guest speaker for the next meeting will be Keith Barton, Iridologist from Columbus, Ohio. For more information call: Phyllis at 606/874-2769 or Sharon at 606/478-5224.

Veterans rep.

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

Forest fire hazard season reminder

The Kentucky Division of Forestry reminds that the fall forest fire hazard season continues through December 15. During this time, burning is restricted to the 12-hour period between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Further, burning cannot be done within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

PHS classes to host reunion

Prestonsburg High School classes of 1940-49 will have a reunion September 23, 2000, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Members of those classes shall contact graduates in Prestonsburg by January 15.

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Veterans affairs

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate

family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War, U.S. and North Korean Governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is, please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at 606 886-7920.

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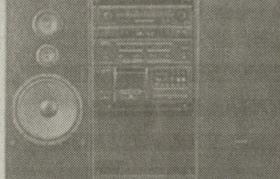
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Stanton Watson, right, was honored at the Floyd County Board of Education Monday, Nov. 22, for being inducted into the Kentucky Academic Association Hall of Fame. Watson is starting his fourteenth year as an academic coach. He also served as Governor's Cup competition volunteer and Kentucky Academic Association Quick Recall Trainer. Board chairman Terry Dotson presents Watson with a plaque. Watson currently coaches at Allen Central Middle School. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Kentucky needs local draft board volunteers

The Kentucky state Selective Service System has issued a call for volunteers to become members of their local draft boards.

"We have an important milestone coming up in the next year," said Selective Service Director Don Armstrong of Frankfort. "Federal law dictates that local board members who were appointed in 1981 or 1982 will have to be replaced when they reach the 20-year service limit established by law."

Of the 175 board members now serving, Kentucky stands to lose about 60 current members in the next three years.

"We are looking for board candidates to serve as members of the 37 local boards," Armstrong said. He said within the next two years almost all of the local boards will lose from one to several veteran board members. "These are our very best people because of their great attitudes and long service with the system."

To volunteer, a candidate can contact the Kentucky Selective Service in Frankfort by writing to The Adjutant General, attn: KG-

DOP-ED, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601-6168. Candidates with access to Internet may respond by e-mail to the state director at DandyMame@aol.com.

Prospective board members must be U.S. citizens over 18 years of age. If they are males, they must have registered under Selective Service laws, as required.

"Women, of course," Armstrong said, "do not register as the federal law now stands."

Candidates for board membership can't be in any law enforcement occupation, nor be active or retired member of the Armed Forces. They may not have been convicted of any criminal offense.

Candidates who volunteer will be interviewed by a representative of the Kentucky Selective Service Detachment. If found qualified, the board member would then be recommended by Gov. Paul E. Patton to the national director of the Selective Service System at Arlington, VA.

"One of our area Selective Service officers will keep the volunteer informed as to the status of the application," Armstrong said.

Pikeville, Johnson County 8 are winners at meets

Pikeville-Maroon and Johnson County 8 were the overall winners at the Eastern Kentucky Academic Conference meets held on November 13 and 20.

In the high school division, Pikeville-Maroon accumulated 48.5 points to capture first place. Betsy Layne finished second with 43 points, Sheldon Clark was third with 34 points, and Johnson Central placed fourth with 33.75 points.

In the middle school division, Johnson County 8 totaled 65 points for first place. Pikeville finished second with 32 points, and Johns Creek-Varsity and Johnson County 7 tied for third with 31.5 points.

In the high school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Evan Smith of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Tie among Josh Allen of Betsy Layne, Tiffany Caldwell of Pike Central, and Justin Shofner of Pikeville-Maroon.

Social Studies: 1. Trent Tackett of Betsy Layne; 2. Jonathan Maynard of Sheldon Clark; 3. Tie between Tie between Noah Friend and Pradeep Mettu, both of Pikeville-Maroon.

Science: 1. Sean Deskins of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Anthony Fraley of Johnson Central; 3. Tie between Pavan Bhatraju of Pikeville-Maroon and Jamey Stewart of Millard.

Language Arts: 1. Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; 2. Swathi Rao of Johnson Central; 3. Brittany Smith of Pike Central; 4. Tie among Friend, Josh Salyers of Pikeville-Maroon, Julie Shubinski of Paintsville, and Sarah Sparks of Johnson Central.

General Knowledge: 1. Maynard; 2. Mettu; 3. Stephen Conley of Paintsville; 4. Tie between Shofner and Laura Wells of Johnson Central.

In quick recall competition,

Betsy Layne finished first with a 6-0 record. Paintsville and Pikeville-Maroon tied for second with a 5-1 record, and Johnson Central and Pikeville-White tied fourth with 4-1 records.

Individual honors went to the following: 1. Conley; 2. Tie between Maynard and Richie Duncan of Belfry; 4. J.R. Conn of Betsy Layne.

In the middle school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Garrett Conley of Johnson Co. 8; 2. Caleb Branham of Johnson Co. 8; 3. Nathan Mills of Johns Creek-Varsity; 4. Melissa Geary of Johnson Co. 8.

Social Studies: 1. Josh Daniel of Johnson Co. 8; 2. Kevin Wells of Johnson Co. 8; 3. Tie between Braden Blankenship of Johns Creek-Varsity and Jesse Parrish of Pikeville.

Science: 1. Daniel; 2. Brandon Rinebold of Johnson Co. 7; 3. Tie between John Compton of Paintsville and Lana Damron of Mullins.

Language Arts: 1. Chris Wells of Johnson Co. 8; 2. Shefa Sikder of Johnson Co. 8; 3. Carrie Wells of Johnson Co. 7; 4. Tie between Nick Chapman of Pikeville and Jon Hale of Johnson Co. 7.

General Knowledge: 1. Chris Wells; 2. Conley; 3. Kevin Wells; 4. Tie between Blankenship and Justin Howard, both of Johns Creek-Varsity.

In quick recall competition, three teams finished with perfect 5-0 records; Johnson Co. 8, Pikeville, and Turkey Creek. Johns Creek-Varsity and Johnson Co. 7 tied for fourth with 4-1 records.

The final high school regular season meet is scheduled for December 18, at Johnson Central, and the final middle regular season meet will be held on December 4, at Johns Creek. The public is encouraged to attend.

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A Look At Sports



Tubby can't recruit; UK can't shoot

The above heading came by way of Rick Roberts. He just had to call and tell me after Kentucky looked like a grade school team Monday night against unranked Dayton.

Here is a team that is unorganized and could cause some gray hairs in Tubby's hair before he gets another year older.

Rick's headline says a lot. UK has lost all the blue chip players to Duke or North Carolina and the second part is just as true, the Cats cannot shoot the basketball.

Jamaal Magloire turned again to his thug ways and, really, do we need someone who gets so easily distracted like Jamaal does?

I suppose we will just have to write this one off as a bad year and support the high school teams.

I was talking with Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin upon arriving at the J.H. Allen Arena for the girls game. Coach Martin said the UK game on television would hurt the attendance at the girls game. Well, I thought the attendance was decent but I think we should support our local teams before we stay home and watch UK. You can always tape the game.

Coach Randy McCoy and the Pikeville Bears (something positive on the college level) upset Campbellsville Saturday night. Randy is going to do a great job with the Pikeville College program. Look for him to put together a very competitive team. The games he has lost have not been by much. So look for the Bears to be in the thick of things in the next two years.

Rananda Music made her return to 58th District basketball a good one with 18 points and 15 rebounds in the Lady Blackcats win over Magoffin County Monday night.

It was good to see Jessica Martin on the hardwood this past Monday night against Johnson Central. It was thought she would not be able to play this year, but there she was. Pulled down 12 rebounds while scoring 14 points.

The South Floyd Lady Raiders gave Pikeville a scare Monday night in the season opener for both teams.

Betsy Layne Ladycats play Phelps and Prestonsburg faces Pikeville tonight in the Pike Central Invitational Tournament. If the two Floyd County teams win, they will meet Thursday night and create an early match up between the two county powerhouses.

The Clarence D. Rice Tip-Off Classic tips off Friday night with Greenup County facing Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders in game one. Host Johnson Central will meet Betsy Layne in the second game.

I have heard nothing but good things about the Raiders and their performance in both panoramas they played in last week. This will be a good tournament.

A speedy recovery wish to Stephanie Adams of the Prestonsburg Blackcats.

Sporting Times! What is The Sporting Times?

If you haven't been in the Allen Central gym since last season, you are in for a surprise when you enter this year. The gym looks great. It is a bright place to watch a ball game.

Veteran referees Wendel Wallen and Phillip Tucker worked the girls game at Allen Central Monday night. I remember when Phillip entered the officials ranks. Wendel has been calling since the game was first invented.

Be sure to get Friday's edition of the paper and a copy of the basketball preview. It is a hard project but we enjoy doing it.

Thanks to all who have expressed how much they enjoy the Sports Plus in Sunday's sports section. Again, a tough project, but worth the effort.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Pressure too much for Allen Central

Lady Rebels fail to solve Lady Eagle press



ALLEN CENTRAL'S SHANNON SIZEMORE (10) drove to the sideline against Johnson Central Monday night. Sizemore scored 14 points in the Lady Rebels 63-41 loss to the Lady Eagles. Sizemore pulled down eight rebounds in the loss. (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Of sorts, it just was not a good basketball game for the Allen Central Lady Rebels (0-1) in their season opener Monday night.

The bright spot of the game was the performance of Jessica Martin and junior Shannon Sizemore, who each scored 14 points to lead the Lady Rebels in a 63-41 loss to Johnson Central.

Johnson Central (1-0) placed two players in double figures, led by Christina Fairchild's 18 points. Emma Burke netted 10.

The story of the game was the failure of Allen Central to handle Johnson Central's full court pressure defense. The Lady Rebels committed 31 turnovers in the game. Johnson Central wasn't far behind in turning the ball over 23 times. However, Johnson Central Coach Phillip Wireman said his team could have applied more pressure.

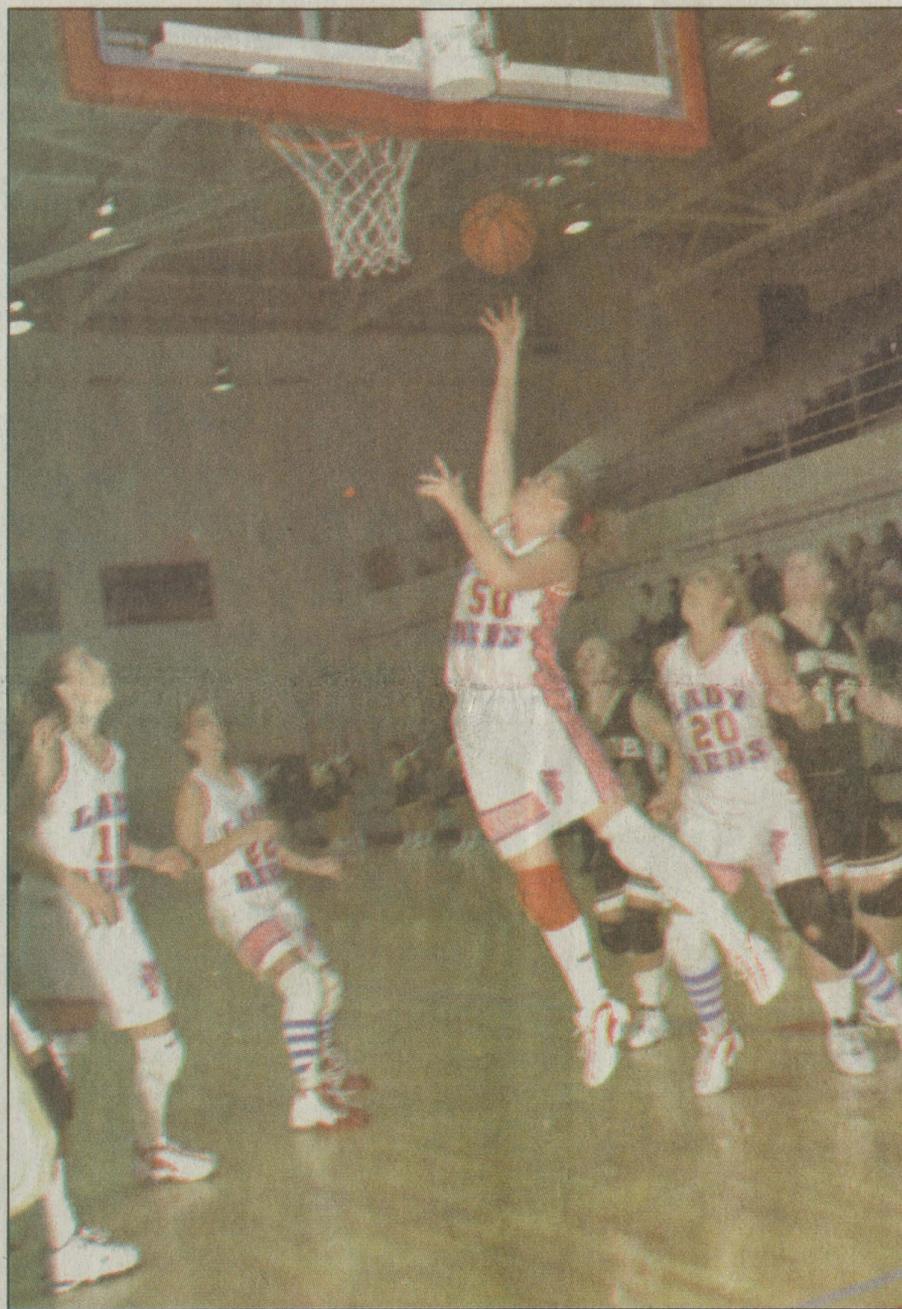
"Consistency on the press hurt them," he said. "I thought for 32 minutes we played a lot of pressure as far as the basketball game went, but we still are capable of putting more pressure on the ball."

The double teaming, and at times triple teaming, caused the Lady Rebels to turn the ball over nine times in the first quarter. Despite the turnover ratio, Allen Central still managed to stay close to the Lady Eagles and held a 9-8 lead after the first period. Coach Wireman said his team did not come out of the gate fast enough.

"It was our first game, just like Allen Central," he said. "We got off to a slow start. We didn't come out as aggressive as I would have liked. I felt we laid back a little bit."

Not only did the Lady Rebels have problems solving

(See Pressure, page two)



Jessica Martin (50) of Allen Central scored two of her 14 points on this play under the basket against Johnson Central Monday night. Allen Central fell 63-41 to the Lady Eagles (photo by Ed Taylor)

Lady Raiders lose season opener

Hobbs scores 21 points against South Floyd

by Karen Joseph
Sport Writer

Paul Cline had his debut at South Floyd on Monday night when the Lady Raiders opened the season by hosting the Lady Panthers from Pikeville. The Lady Raiders played a fine ball game, but committed 24 turnovers. They did very well from the charity stripe, hitting 16 of 21. The Raiders looked good inside and played a very good defensive game but could not quite overcome the tough Pikeville Panthers. The Panthers defeated the Raiders 58-52.

The Panthers took the first lead of the game when Sarah Boyd hit a two point basket on the Panthers first time down the floor. The Raiders quickly tied the score on a basket by Sonya Tackett. Martha Crawford hit a three point basket for the Raiders to give them the lead 5-2. The Lady Raiders maintained the lead until about a minute to go in the first quarter. South Floyd had six turnovers in the first quarter and Pikeville made use of them. With 53 second to go in the first quarter, Jill Kimberland hit a two point basket to tie the game for the second time. Kimberland then when in for

Sonya Tackett (44) guards against Rebecca Hobbs (35) in the game between Pikeville and South Floyd. South Floyd lost the season opener to Pikeville 58-52. (Photo by Karen Joseph)



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Second round play
Paintsville at Cordia

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Third round play

Sat., Dec. 4
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Perry Central at Magoffin Co.
Fleming Neon at Elkhorn City

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Pressure

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the Lady Eagles' press, but they must have thought the charity stripe was anything but a free throw line. Allen Central experienced some very cold shooting from the stripe, hitting less than 50 percent on 19-of-44 shooting. Johnson Central, percentage wise, was not much better connecting on only nine of 19 attempts.

"I can't understand it," said the Johnson Central coach. "We shot well from the free throw line in our two scrimmages. I suppose we just weren't mentally into the game as we should have been. It certainly showed in our free throw

shooting."

The Lady Rebels trailed Johnson Central only by six points, 27-21, at the half. But the second 16 minutes of the game saw the cold free throw shooting spill out on the basketball court. The Lady Rebels could only score four field goals in the final two periods as they struggled to just get the ball in their own front-court. Wireman said his team picked up on its defense and offense in the second half.

"We never did settle in and get any continuity at all on offense and defense in the first half," he

said. "We were playing too relaxed. Allen Central was playing a half-court game and that is what they wanted. We didn't really settle in, I felt like, until the second half."

Natalie Cooley hit a 14-foot jumper for the only field goal for Allen Central in the third period. Martin had two field goals and Sizemore the other in the final stanza.

Coach Anthony Moore tried different combinations at point guard and even brought freshman Erin Majakey onto the court in the second quarter in trying to solve

the Johnson Central press. The Lady Rebels' lack of a "true point guard" hurt in their ability to get the ball up the court.

Allen Central looked impressive the first half before self-destructing in the second half. Coach Moore used several players in the opening two quarters.

Sizemore, who had eight rebounds for the game, opened the first quarter by hitting a 14-footer to give the Lady Rebels the game's first lead at 2-0. Allen Central, despite three consecutive turnovers, built a 6-0 margin on baskets by Martin and Sizemore.

Burke put Johnson Central on the scoreboard at the 4:09 mark with a jumper. The game was tied at 6-6 and 8-8 before Sizemore's free throw gave Allen Central the 9-8 first-quarter lead.

The lead changed hands twice at the onset of the second quarter but Allen Central went out to a 14-10 lead on a basket and free throw by Cooley. Johnson Central took the lead for good with 2:38 to go in the half when Ashley Wireman hit a jumper to give the Lady Eagles a 18-17 lead. Johnson Central would build on that lead and led by six at the half, 27-21.

Allen Central had 16 first-half turnovers while Johnson Central turned the ball over on 11 possessions.

Cooley finished with seven points while Shanna Howell scored three. Jennifer Risner tossed in two and Kari Osborne scored one.

Wireman finished with eight points for Johnson Central, as did Goldie Wells. Amanda Griffith added four and Rhonda Fyffe had four points. Rhonda Adams netted one.

Allen Central will host Knott County Central this Saturday.

Sports

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a lay-up and was fouled by Martha Crawford. Kimberland hit both shots for the charity line to give the lead back to the Panthers. The first quarter ended with the Lady Raiders trailing the Panthers 16-18.

Pikeville scored first in the second quarter, again on their first possession of the ball to extend their lead to four. South Floyd missed

two straight baskets and the Pikeville jumped out their biggest lead of the game. They led by six points. Martha Crawford had another three-point basket for the Raiders, but the Panthers held on to the lead and went into the locker room leading the Lady Raiders by five points 32-27.

In the third quarter the Lady Raiders gained two points on the Panthers by outscoring them 14 to 12 in the third quarter. The Panthers extended their lead to as much as eight points in the third quarter, but the Raiders would not go away. South Floyd fought back

and tied the score with 42 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Sonya Tackett played very tough under the basket for the Raiders. She pulled down five rebounds in the third quarter alone. Sophomore Sara Johnson came in for the Raiders and played a very tough defensive game. Both teams had several turnovers in the third quarter. At one time the two battled for the ball for almost a minute. Going back and forth, finally Kim Hickman got the ball and scored for the Panthers. The third quarter ended with the Raiders trailing 41-44.

In the fourth quarter, most of the points were earned at the charity line. Both team combined for only five field goals in the final quarter. South Floyd had nine free throws, missing three including a one plus one. Pikeville attempted eleven free-throws and only missed two. South Floyd came within one point of the Panthers with 5:32 remaining in the game and with 4:46 remaining in the game took the one point lead on a field goal by Monica Newsome. But the South Floyd lead was short lived. On the next trip down the floor the Panthers regained the lead and would never

relinquish it. With a little more than a minute remaining in the game Kandice Mitchell fouled out of the game. This really hurt the Lady Raiders. Kandice played a very good inside game. She never lets up, she is always in the opponents face. With 21 seconds to go the Raiders came within five points and started to foul the Panthers, but the Panthers hit six of eight free throws to get the victory 58-52.

Both the South Floyd Raiders and the Pikeville Panthers will participate in the Lady Hawks Invitational Tournament at Pike Central High School beginning on

Tuesday night.

South Floyd (52) Sonya Tackett 6, Martha Crawford 8, Lindsey Hall 13, Monica Newsome 13, Kandice Mitchell 8, Sara Johnson 2, Minnie Tackett 2.

Pikeville (58) Sarah Boyd 4, Kim Hickman 2, Emily Johnson 3, Michelle Hall 9, Angela Childers 8, Rebecca Hobbs 21, Stephanie Kelly 5, Lauren Francisco 4.

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Music leads Prestonsburg past Magoffin Conley hauls in 11 boards in victory

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Prestonsburg's new head basketball coach, Bobby Hamilton, is 1-0 in his coaching career after the Lady Blackcats dismantled the Magoffin County Hornets 53-34 in the season opener for both ball clubs Monday night.

Ramanda Music, who played on Belfry's state tournament team last year, scored 18 points and pulled in 15 rebounds to lead the Lady Blackcats. Amelia Conley, who played in foul trouble, had 11 rebounds in scoring six points.

"Ramanda played a good game for us," said Coach Hamilton. "She rebounded well and made some good decisions on the floor. She did miss some easy shots but I think they will fall when we get further into the season."

Brooke Coleman, moved to the shooting guard slot, responded with a good night, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds. Coleman hit some key baskets for Prestonsburg and played a strong defensive game as well.

"We didn't get a lot of time out of Amelia," said the Prestonsburg coach. "She got into some early foul trouble.

When we could keep her in the game, she played well."

Megan Hyden and senior Brandy Wells finished with seven points each.

"Brandy helped us a lot in the second half when Magoffin County went to the zone," said Coach Hamilton.

Hyden played at the point guard slot and ran the ball club, dishing off five assists. Ashleigh Ousley and Vicki Bowling scored two points each.

"Ashleigh and Angela Howell helped us off the bench," Hamilton said. "We missed not having Stephanie Adams but

maybe she will be back soon after the ankle injury."

The Prestonsburg coach said he liked the way Hyden handled herself on the floor.

"Megan played well from the point," said Coach Hamilton. "She didn't score a lot of points but she did make a lot of good decisions. Megan just goes out and does what a point guard is supposed to do."

Coleman and Hyden both had three-point baskets in the win.

Prestonsburg faces Pikeville tonight in the first round of the Pike Central Invitational tournament. Game time is 8:15 p.m.

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Monica Newsome shoots a two point basket against the Pikeville Panthers. Newsome finished the game with 13 points, but the Raiders came up short against the Panthers. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Betsy Layne Junior Basketball

JUNIOR TRAINING LEAGUE

BLACK/GOLD 12, BLUE 8

Megan Hamilton scored seven points to lead the Black/Gold team to a 12-8 win over the Blue squad. Ricky Newsome and Jason Case scored two points apiece with Branson Jarrell scoring one point.

Adam Howell led the Blue team with six points and Kelly Wagner scored two.

It was a 4-2 game after the first quarter with Hamilton and Newsome scoring a basket each for the Black/Gold team. Howell had the lone field goal for the Blue squad.

At the half, the Black/Gold led 5-4.

RED 19, BLACK 14

In overtime, the Red team squeezed by the Black team 19-14 in the junior training league. Andrew Roberts, Nathan Martin and Bradley Hicks had two points

each in the extra period for the Red team.

Matthew Stevens led the Red team in scoring with eight points. Martin finished with four and Hicks scored three. Roberts and Andrew Bush added two points each.

Game scoring honors went to the Black team's Bryer Adkins who tossed in 10 points. Joe Howell and Michael Evers scored two points apiece.

The Black team held a 2-1 lead after the first quarter but a 6-2 run in the second quarter gave them a 7-4 halftime lead. Adkins scored all five of the Black team's points in the third period as they took a 9-8 lead after three quarters. The two teams battled to a 13-13 tie after regulation play.

TRAINING LEAGUE

MAROON 21, BLACK 6

Tyler Hamilton scored 10 points

to lead the Maroon team to a 21-6 win over the Black team. Austin Collins and Brennan Case added four points each. Michael McKinney had one point.

Colby Newsome led the Black team with three points and Andrew Hinkle scored two. Chase Nelson had one point.

Hamilton scored six of his points in the first quarter to give the Maroon team a 7-2 first-quarter lead. Newsome had the lone basket for the Black team.

It was a 15-3 game at the half, with Hamilton scoring four points in the second quarter.

GREEN 30, NAVY 6

Samuel Keathley scored 14 points to lead all scorers and led the Green team to a 30-6 win over the Navy squad.

Keathley, who went scoreless in the first quarter, scored 10 in the second period and four in the fourth. Justin Kurkowski had eight

points for the winners. Brady Conn netted four with Taylor Boyd and Brandon Mulkey scoring two apiece.

Casey Tackett, Cody McKay and Nick Akers scored two points apiece for the Navy team.

It was a 2-2 game after the first period but a 18-0 run gave the Green team a 20-2 halftime lead.

JUNIOR VARSITY

RED 51, NAVY 39

Buddy Conn scored 17 points to lead the Red team past the Navy squad 51-39 in the junior varsity game. Derek Case and Adam Roberts netted nine points each while Mason Rivers tossed in 12. Derek Osborne scored four points.

Brent Newsome led the Navy team with 17 points and Brenton Hamilton scored nine. Brandon Kidd finished with six and Bill Curtis Collins netted four. Jason Warrix scored two points.

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Natalie Cooley (20) of Allen Central scored seven points against Johnson Central Monday night but the Lady Eagles pulled out a 63-41 win over the Lady Rebs (photo by Ed Taylor)



NASCAR is all dressed up

NASCAR will make its annual journey to New York City this Friday for its annual awards banquet. I must say that it is still hard for me to understand why you have to take the banquet to a place like New York when we all know that NASCAR, even though it is now considered one of the four major sports in the country, still has those strong ties to the South.

Think about it, wouldn't it make just as much sense to take the banquet to either Charlotte or Atlanta? After all, they could get some honest to goodness barbecue catered instead of that fancy stuff they serve at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The New York site just proves that NASCAR now is indeed big business, so why not take it to a city that is synonymous with big business? In defense of NASCAR, R.J. Reynolds has as much to say about where the banquet takes place as anyone. Reynolds puts up millions of dollars each season to package and publicize the sport and they see

it as a way to get back something from their investment.

With TV exposure at an all-time high in the series, both NASCAR and Reynolds will use the visit to New York to accommodate as many people as possible in the business world that want to rub elbows with some of the Winston Cup personalities.

This year's champion, Dale Jarrett, will be in such demand that he actually arrived in New York on Sunday in order to get all of his commitments in before the banquet. Jarrett will be expected to represent the series as its champion and, in doing so, will become the spokesman for the sport for the length of his tenure as champion.

Jarrett will get national exposure this week as he is scheduled to be on the Regis and Kathy Lee morning show along with an appearance on Late Night with Dave Letterman.

The camera won't be the only outlet for Jarrett to represent Winston Cup, as he has several lun-

cheons and dinners scheduled with financial supporters of the series, as well as would-be supporters. Jarrett will pretty much be on his own until Wednesday, when the rest of his race day crew arrives in the Big Apple for their reward for being part of the championship.

The over-the-wall crew, as well as all of those members of Robert Yates racing that go to the track each weekend, will go to New York for several appearances of their own. The pit crew is scheduled to put on a pit stop demonstration at a Manhattan Ford Dealership and the entire weekend gang will be at Niketown for a promotional event.

Yates will also be sending the rest of the shop up on Friday morning to attend the banquet, as he wants to make sure that every employee feels like he had a hand in the winning of the championship. Yates doesn't have to go to the expense of seeing that everyone gets to the banquet, but maybe the way he takes care of his people is one of the reasons why he has such little turnover in personnel from one year to the next.

If you have watched the banquets the last couple of years, then you know one of the most anticipated speeches always comes from Jarrett. In the past, Dale has only had a couple of minutes to speak, just as every other driver, but the champion is usually not limited to a couple of minutes to thank everyone involved with their success. With all the time he needs, look for D.J. to get a little emotional this year as he thanks all the people that have had a hand in getting him to the head table, especially his family.

Look for something else from Jarrett this year when he goes to the podium to give his speech. The past two years he has finished his speech and left with his bonus check he got from Reynolds still on the platform. Even though those checks were sizable, this year's \$2 million bonus check might just make him want to

put it in his pocket before he starts his talk.

The sport is lucky to have a championship team such as Jarrett's to represent it over the course of the next year. The entire team will represent the sport in a way that will make every fan proud to call the 88 team their champion.



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From the Tackle Box...

When I began last spring to inventory all my modern-day fishing equipment, I suddenly realized that I had accumulated a lot of stuff. "Stuff" is all those things you acquire and bring home, lay aside and very seldom, or never use. As I sorted through this heap of stuff, I began to categorize it into good

stuff, OK stuff, and junk stuff. I noticed, with great interest that the junk, far outweighed the good and the OK stuff.

There's a lot of equipment available for anglers who want to use it. It is not always wise to buy some of this equipment based on the type fishing you may practice. It can also become expensive, as well as counter productive.

One of the lessons I have learned over the years when buying fishing equipment is what appears to be a good deal is not always as good as it seems.

For instance, when I did an inventory of my fishing tackle, I found it contained several reels that didn't work. All of them were in some state of disrepair or malfunction that rendered them useless. I wondered what I was doing wrong.

One day when shopping for a reel, I chose one that was priced to sell, it was cheap. I bought it and several days later I went fishing. I brought out my new bargain reel and cast out in anticipation of catching the big one. During retrieval of the lure, a piece of the new bargain reel fell into the boat. With a few meager tools I carried in the boat for just such an occasion, I begin to work on the reel. A lot of great fishing time repairing this reel was spent.

When it was fixed, I once again

cast out, thinking to myself that I shouldn't have to fix a new piece of equipment, when PLOP! Once again the same piece that I had spent all this time replacing had



Jim Lyons

again fell into the boat. The day was finished using an old reel that I had used for several years.

I figured out what I was doing wrong. I should have been shopping for a quality piece of equipment instead of what seemed to be a good deal.

When buying reels, you should keep in mind that some brands are better than others. All companies manufacture them in various price ranges. Some of the cheaper reels may give you great service, but my experience has proven that this is an

exception rather than the rule. I once used a Zebco 101 for years without any complaints. I have learned, when shopping for fishing equipment, to pay a little more and get better quality.

Taking good care of your equipment is another great habit to form. It will extend the life of your equipment and give you more hours of maintenance-free fishing. I have spent needless money replacing equipment that was damaged due to carelessness. I have chopped off the tips of countless rods by stepping on them, getting them caught in a car door or slamming a trunk lid on them.

I had a great lightweight rig. The rod telescoped, and I carried it in my car and in my motorcycle saddlebag. It was so handy I contemplated making a holster and carrying it on my side. While fishing in Alabama, using this rod and reel, casting from the bank and standing on some large rocks on the shoreline, I hooked a large striped bass. I was so excited I begin dancing around on the rocks as I brought him in. Losing my footing, my rod tip hit the rocks and broke. I should have chosen a safer place to fish. I only saw the fish briefly as it swam to freedom.

When transporting expensive fishing rods, it is always good to invest in a tube to carry them. When

storing them for the winter, it is a good idea to use rod tubes. Prior to storing any of your fishing equipment for the winter, you should repair, clean, grease and oil your reels. It is always better to store them so you will be ready in the spring to head for the fishing hole. I also change line prior to storing my reels. It may become damaged by use, especially where the line runs through the eyes of the rod.

When choosing line, the angler has several choices. There are many different brands, designs and different pound tests available. Some are very strong. Spider wire is one that is considerably strong. Ibis line should not be used if you are fishing deep and may hang your lure on logs or rocks on the bottom of a stream or lake. You may damage fishing equipment by jerking and pull with a strong line that has very little elasticity in it. The line should be cut when the lure or hook cannot be easily dislodged. On the other hand, it is an excellent line to use for feel.

When choosing a boat, you can purchase one from a price range of \$400 all the way to ridiculous. Some cost about as much as a fair-sized home. Those who are professional anglers purchase these expensive monsters out of necessity. During a fishing tournament, they are on a time schedule and must get to their chosen fishing site, make their catch and return at an appointed time. This requires a boat with power, speed and elaborate live wells to keep the fish alive.

The common, everyday angler, does not normally require this type

boat. I personally prefer a small boat for myself. It is easy to handle.

When I fished some of the smaller lakes in Idaho, I used a floatation device called a belly boat. It was made with a canvas covering on an inner tube. The covering had a harness that formed a seat on the inside. You sat in the tube and let your feet come out the bottom. You used frog feet or flippers on your feet and paddled around. That was a lot of fun. If you caught a fish and it swam behind you, it would snap you around in the same direction. This kind of boating required relatively warm water or, if cold, a wet suit was required. This type boat would not be recommended in the South where you have alligators. You would not want your feet dangling in the water where these fellows are looking for something to eat. This boat can be purchased for less than \$100.

We are still having some great fishing weather. The water temperature in the local lakes is in the mid-50 degree level. At this temperature range, the fish are very active.

Fishing is very good in all our local lakes. Anglers are catching largemouth bass on artificial bait. Crappie fishing is reported as very good at Paintsville and Dewey Lakes in areas of cover using live bait. The water in these lakes is above winter pool stage and falling. Some trout are being caught in the tail waters of Paintsville and Yatesville Lakes.

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Rudd's going out of business auction

This isn't your typical "going out of business" sale. Ricky Rudd is putting one of the most consistently successful racing teams in motorsports history on the auction block beginning today and continuing until every part and piece is gone. That will definitely include Thursday, and probably part of Friday, as well.

"There have been teams put their stuff up for auction before, but it's pretty rare to have one that has won a lot of races for a long period of time doing that," Rudd said. "I kind of feel like that Crazy Eddie or something like that — 'Every thing must go!'"

Rudd's team has won every year of its existence except 1999, but the loss of sponsorship for next season, which Rudd found out late in the fiscal year for most corporations, cost the team a chance to compete next season. Rudd and some team members are moving to

Robert Yates Racing, the NASCAR Winston Cup championship team, beginning next year.

"We've got a lot really good stuff here," Rudd said. "An ARCA team or a Busch team or even some of the weekly racers, these are the guys I'm hoping will come take a hard look. They don't get a chance to look at this type of equipment and these kinds of parts too often."

"One of the reasons I wanted to do an auction instead of just trying to sell everything to one team was to give those kids of teams a chance at some of this stuff," Rudd continued. "In a lot of ways, this is going to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for them. There will be some Winston Cup guys there, too, I'm sure, but I'm hoping this turns into a good opportunity for the Busch and ARCA and weekly racers."

The auction will begin at Rudd Performance Motorsports at 8 a.m.

today and will continue until everything is sold.

The shop is located in Lakeside Park, just off of exit 36 on I-77 in Mooresville. The address is 292 Rolling Hills Road, which is the main thoroughfare through Lakeside Park.

BAIRD BATTLES TO FIRST ARCA CROWN

From the ARCA rookie of the year honors in 1998, to the ARCA Bando/Mar-Hyde Series national championship in '99, Bill Baird, in just 47 starts, has clearly made his mark.

In only his second full season chasing the tour, Baird nailed-down his first series championship in commanding fashion, posting five victories, 14 top-five and 17 top-10 finishes.

Growth in the series continued under the helm of ARCA President Ron Drager with a total of

\$2,745,605 in posted awards distributed at 21 races in 10 states, where attendance grew to 624,000 in 1999.

In all, there were 13 different winners in 21 events, as well as eight first-time winners, including Baird, Bobby Gerhart, Mario Gosselin, David Keith, Blaise Alexander, Robbie Pyle, Jeff Finley and Ron Hornaday.

"Right now I feel like the luckiest guy on earth," said Baird. "This ARCA Series is far tougher than most people will ever give it credit for. It's not easy to figure out the quarter miles, the high-banked halves, the superspeedways and the dirt too. And let me tell you it's not all Bill Baird. To win this ARCA championship it requires a total team effort with absolutely no missing links. This team just never fell down. Many thanks to my crew chief Keith Strunk, to the entire crew, and certainly my wife who's been there 100 percent. You've got to have support, and we were never without that. We'll be back to defend the title."

Other than Baird and Kimmel, the only other repeat winners in '99 were Alexander and Ken Schrader. Alexander triumphed twice at Pocono and Toledo, while Schrader posted series victories six and seven at Anderson and Salem.

Gerhart's Daytona ARCA 200 victory came in his 131st ARCA start to open the season, while Keith scored for the first time in a Jeremy Mayfield-owned Ford Taurus with a new one-lap track record and victory at Michigan. Gosselin got everyone's attention in May at Charlotte where the Lake Wales, Florida, driver won the pole and the race in his first ARCA start and also established a new one-lap track record there in October.

First-time winner Pyle gave Dodge a win on the one-third mile Kil-Kare oval and '88 series champion Tracy Leslie raced his way into victory lane at Winchester in Jack Bowsher's familiar No. 21 Ford. Finley held off Baird by less than a length on the DuQuoin dirt to earn his first ARCA checkered flag, while Kirk Shelmerdine won at Charlotte under the lights in October before veteran Bob Strait drove Mark Thompson's Midway Islands Ford to a pole win at Talladega. The season concluded at Atlanta for the final ARCA race of the millennium, where two-time NASCAR Truck Series champion Hornaday, making his first ARCA start in a Dale Earnhardt-owned NAPA Chevrolet, won a convincing victory in the season finale, while Derrick Gilchrist, also in his first ARCA start, set a new one-lap track record in the Andy Petree-owned Oakwood Homes Chevrolet.

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JENNIFER RISNER (22) OF ALLEN CENTRAL went to the basket on a strong move against Johnson Central. Risner started at point guard for the Lady Rebels. (photo by Ed Taylor)

(See Racing, page five)

Racing

KYLE PETTY REFLECTS ON NASCAR'S NEW TV DEAL

"I understand the concept of what they're trying to do. I think the concept of what they're trying to do, let's say this, I hire you and you do a job for me and you take me from point A to point B. But as you get from point A to point B, you're like me, you're a little hard-headed and you get set in your ways. When I give you some creative advice, you take it as interference. You don't take it too well. I've got an opportunity to wipe that

slate clean and start all over and be able to give creative advice that the people are going to be able to take.

"I think with the NBC package and with the FOX package, they're not here, they haven't been here, so NASCAR can take and assemble a group of people and explain to them how things are done. 'We'd like to see this done on driver profiles.' This a race format we'd like to see.

"While I think ESPN has been innovative in a lot of ways, they haven't had to be that innovative

because by being the one of two games in town basically, you don't push yourself. I think NASCAR is trying to push it to another level. Realistically, I think that part of it is good. By NASCAR trying to bring it back they can have some continuity and bring the entire package back together. They can say, 'This is the way we want to present the sport.' By doing that they have more control of how they present the sport. They don't depend on ESPN to present the sport the way ESPN wants to pre-

sent it because ESPN or ABC presents it more in the fashion of an X-Games or Wide World of Sports. It's almost a cookie-cutter type of deal, you know what I mean? They've got an opportunity to expand that thing."

HOW COULD THE NEW DEAL CHANGE RACING?

"This is not going to change what we do on the race track. It has the potential to change the length of the races. It has the potential to change time slots. It has the poten-

tial to change race lengths or whether it's a Sunday or Saturday race. If I'm FOX and I'm paying this much money, I'm going to want you guys to race on Saturday so I've got a rain date on Sunday that I can still program you on Sunday. It does have the potential to change that. As far as what we do in the garage area, the physical working on the race cars and the race that goes on the race track, it's not going to change that for the fan. I don't think it will change any of that."

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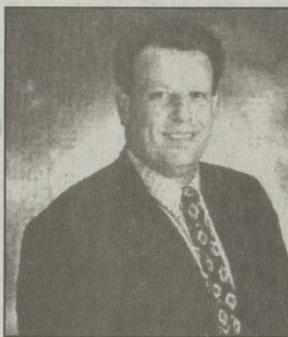
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U-G-L-Y ... Kentucky's offense has no alibi

Kentucky Sportsline

By Tom Leach



But before you go leaping off Tubby Smith's bandwagon, remember the gloom-and-doom predictions for the Kentucky football team after its season-opening debacle against Louisville.

Young teams with good talent and good coaching will get better — with time. And UK's basketball team is both well-stocked with talent and coaching expertise.

Right now, the Wildcats are the hardwood equivalent of this year's Mississippi State football team — great defense, average

offense. But with the talent on Smith's roster, I have no doubt this team will develop a chemistry and when this club's offense catches up with its defensive ability, Kentucky will once again be a strong Final Four contender.

But be advised that this transformation is going to take some time to achieve. And also know that the player who may struggle as much or more than anyone during this time is the point guard.

Saul Smith is by no means a take-over-the-game type of point guard but he is a capable leader who will flourish if his teammates are hitting shots as a result of the opportunities he helps provide for them. And Saul's teammates are missing shots in bunches right now.

Jamaal Magloire is not now a scorer and never has been a scorer. And, barring some transformation I certainly can't project, he is ever going to be much of an offensive talent. Now, he can earn a lot of money for many years simply because of his size and his ability to block shots and rebound. That's how he'll make

his living in the NBA and he will hopefully soon accept the idea that this is how he will best serve this year's Kentucky team.

Look for Jules Camara to surrender his starting spot at some point to freshman Marvin Stone, the player who has produced the most-per-minute-played thus far.

And the other freshman, Keith Bogans, will play a key role for this team in the second half of the season. Right now, he appears to me to be a player who has forgotten that his reputation was forged on his slashing ability and not his jump shot.

Until Bogans matures, Smith and Desmond Allison are the only players on this team who can get their shot off the dribble. And that's why this team is struggling so greatly on offense at this time.

Indiana just finished upsetting Temple and might just do the same to Kentucky this Saturday. And I wouldn't be surprised if this team loses two or three more before mid-January.

But Tubby Smith's track record suggests that if he were training horses, he'd be right up there with the likes of Bob Baffert, Nick Zito and Wayne Lukas when it comes to getting their charges to peak on Derby Day. I realize is a rare commodity among a team's fans, but see if this column doesn't make a lot more sense to you in February than it does today.

FOOTBALL FUTURE

With a likely bowl trip still to be officially determined, UK football coach Hal Mumme used his weekly call-in show to drop a few interesting tidbits of information on Big Blue fans last

week:

- Freshman Jarred Lorenzon will get a chance to win the quarterback job in the spring, but beating out Dusty Bonner will not be easy. However, Mumme says Lorenzon is such a good athlete that the coach owes it to his team to give the sophomore-to-be a chance to compete for it.

- Derek Homer will probably assume Anthony White's role of multi-dimensional back, with Artoose Pinner taking over at fullback, the position that gets most of the carries in Mumme's system and the spot Homer claimed this season when Homer started slowly.

- Dougie Allen might be red-shirted next season if his rehabilitation from this fall's knee surgery will keep him from being back to the 100 percent level by next September.

- When UK and other schools get the chance to add a 12th game in a couple of years, Mumme says the Wildcats are trying to schedule a home-and-home series with UCLA.

"REF" TALK

If you saw that wild game Saturday between Georgia and Georgia Tech, you surely will agree that the fumble call against the Bulldogs' Jasper Sanks at the end of regulation play was horrendous.

Well, that's the same crew that worked the Kentucky-Tennessee game a week earlier and blew several calls.

How did a group that performed so poorly get the chance to work such an important game the next week? Was their work in Lexington scrutinized closely?

There are some outstanding officials in the Southeastern Conference, certainly including Lexington's Ben Oldham. But to have the same crew put in such shoddy work two weeks in a row is ridiculous for a league of this caliber.

WHALEN DESERVES IT

It's nice to see UK tight end James Whalen, Jr. already getting recognition on a couple of first-team All-America squads. If for some reason he fails to make first-team All-SEC, some voters' rights to cast to ballot should be revoked.

As for player-of-the-year, I don't vote in that survey, but if I did, Alabama running back and Kentucky native Shaun Alexander would get mine. He played a key role in the upset of Florida and led the Tide to the SEC championship game.

For coach-of-the-year — I'm with Hal Mumme on this one — my vote goes to Woody Widenhofer, for getting a surprising five wins out of that Vanderbilt team. The 9-2 record for Jackie Sherrill's Mississippi State team looks awfully good, but remember that MSU avoided Florida, Tennessee and Georgia on its schedule.

BOWL UPDATE

Speculation is growing that Kentucky will land in the Peach Bowl come Sunday, but my money stays on the Music City.

The reason is economics. A Georgia-Syracuse matchup in Nashville would involve two teams with fans not excited about following teams that ended the season in disappointing fashions. Meanwhile, Kentucky fans are excited about six wins for a team that was projected to have a down year.

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Sports In Perspective

by Denis Harrington

Life after sports for the great and near great is a study in contrasts as diverse as the personalities involved.

Following the 1998-1999 National Hockey League season the man referred to as "The Great One," Wayne Gretzky, decided to hang up his skates for good.

Now, at age 38, he has become a successful businessman, trading on his glittering reputation as perhaps the most versatile hockey player ever to wield a stick.

"No, I haven't any regrets about leaving the game when I did," he said of late. "And I don't get the urge to play again when I see the NHL in action. I gave 21 years of my life to the league. So I'm not looking back. It was time for me to move along. Everything

has its ending."

Gretzky harbors no desire to stay connected with the NHL as either a general manager or a team owner.

"I don't really have any plans to pursue such positions," he said. "Right now, I go where I please, when I please, and do what I please. This freedom is very important to me and I don't want to give it up. I'll do everything I can to support the game, to sell it. But I'm not interested, at least right now, in being associated with professional hockey in a formal capacity. It would take a very special situation to change my mind."

When asked if NHL players should participate in Olympic competition Gretzky responded enthusiastically in the affirmative.

"I definitely think NHL players should be a part of the Olympics,"

he said. "As the most highly publicized players in the world, they have a unique opportunity to sell the sport. And, too, it's quite an honor to represent your country. I recommend that every NHL player should make a point to do it."

But Gretzky admitted that he experienced some pangs of longing associated with not being in uniform anymore.

"The camaraderie, the give and take with my teammates," he said, "that's what I miss. Sitting in the back of the bus on trips, hanging around the locker room before practices and being out on the ice as a unit when the crowd is cheering. I miss that part of it."

Much like Gretzky, John Elway is undergoing his first season away from the sport at which he excelled for so long. During the course of 16 years, 1983 to 1998,

he quarterbacked the Denver Broncos to five Super Bowl appearances and two wins in the big game.

"Naw, I don't miss it (the game) at all," he replied recently. "When I see those guys (Broncos) running around out there, taking all those hits, I'm glad my 39-year-old body is out of harm's way. I can still throw but I'm not so quick on my feet as before. And I definitely don't miss those cold days when every bump was painful."

As did Gretzky, Elway confessed to missing the special sense of belonging that being on a team engendered.

"My relationship with the other guys was important to me," he

said. "We just like being around each other, interacting, having that common bond. I miss that kind of thing."

Despite his illustrious career, Ben Hogan didn't particularly enjoy resting on his laurels.

Shortly before his death he said, "I'd give anything to be young again, to be starting out again as a professional golfer. I couldn't wait for each day to begin, to get out there and work on my game some more. I enjoyed practicing as much as I did playing. It was my life, what I wanted to do more than anything else."

Ernie Banks, for many years the Chicago Cubs' lovable, "Mr. Baseball," laid down his bat reluctantly.

"I got to play a boy's game for a living," he said. "And I got to do it in beautiful historic Wrigley Field. I'm just sorry it can't go on forever."

Added Earl Morral, after 21 seasons of signal calling in the NFL: "All those games I played. Yeah, I miss not being a part of it even now and I'm old."

Former heavyweight champion Jack Sharkey, then in his 80s, said, "Boxing is a way to make a buck. But I'd do it again. I liked the attention, the glory and even the sarcastic commentary from the press. Yeah, it was worth all the hardship as well as the heartbreak. Wish I was young again."

You can't go back — and for some folks that's a problem.

Pikeville upsets eighth-ranked Campbellsville

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Senior Brian Russell and junior Ricky Freeman combined for 31 points and led the Pikeville Bears to a thrilling 65-64 upset of eighth-ranked Campbellsville Saturday at Pikeville College.

It was Russell's baseline jumper with just eight seconds remaining on the clock that gave the Bears the win. Russell finished with 14 points.

Freeman was nothing short of sensational, finishing with a team-high 22 points and hauling in 17 rebounds while dishing off four assists. The fourth assist was a big one coming on Russell's game-winning shot.

"This was a total team effort. Everyone contributed tonight," said Pikeville Coach Randy McCoy. The win improved the Bears to 5-4 on

the season.

The win was even bigger than the upset as it was the championship game of the Rax Invitational Tournament.

"I told them if they'd hang around, we'd have a chance to win," said McCoy. "We played about as hard as we possibly could tonight and earned the chance to win this basketball game."

Former Pikeville College Bear Josh McKenzie led the Tigers, netting 16 points and grabbing seven rebounds on the night. Montrelle Irvin had 11 points and six assists, while Jermaine Kilgore had 10 points on 5-for-6 shooting and pulled down six rebounds.

The teams were tied five times in the game, the last coming at the eight minute mark at 50-50. The biggest lead came when Campbellsville took a 41-33 edge with 16:00 to play in the game.

Pikeville pushed its lead to five, 60-55, when Freeman scored consecutive baskets inside the five-minute mark. The Tigers then scored nine unanswered points, finishing with a McKenzie basket, to lead 64-60 with 1:32 left.

Freshman John Mims' three-point basket with 1:18 to play set the stage for Russell's game-winning shot.

After Russell's basket, the Tigers had their chance to win the game but Marcio Kardosh's attempt hit the side of the backboard as the horn sounded.

Craig Ratliff finished with 14 points for the Bears. Ratliff had eight rebounds in the contest.

Named to the All-Tournament team were MVP Freeman, Craig Ratliff and Brian Russell, Pikeville; Campbellsville's Kardosh and McKenzie; and Reggie Conley of Athens State University.

APPALACHIAN WRESTLING

By Shawn Jervis

The Appalachian Wrestling Federation, under new management, is working very hard to build wrestling back up in eastern Kentucky.

The league is going in new directions to give people something different and to give people quality entertainment at an affordable price (\$5 for all seats).

How many times have you been watching your favorite wrestling on television and just felt that it wasn't something you would want your children to see? The AWF is working hard to provide quality family entertainment so people can get together with their families and also get the feeling of being at a live wrestling event, where you can meet your favorite AWF stars and also get memorabilia, souvenirs and autographs. The league also wants give fans the opportunity to see wrestling live in their hometown, without traveling hundreds of miles away from home to pay sometimes \$12 to \$15 to see live wrestling.

The AWF is also noted for hosting a number of stars such as Lanny Poffo, Buddy Landell, White Scorpion, Nick Dinsmore and NWA star Vito

Andretti, just to name a few. Check your local newspaper or radio station for event dates and locations.

If your school, club, civic organization, police or fire department would like to sponsor live AWF wrestling and make big profits by doing so, please contact the AWF. The league requests serious inquiries only.

Also, the AWF will be hosting wrestling tryouts to be held at 6 p.m. today, 4 p.m. Saturday, and 6 p.m. December 8. The price will be \$50 to try out (\$25 for those wishing to become managers and valets).

Training will be held weekly. Basic training will include physical fitness, basic wrestling skills and self defense, after which your training will be fitted to best suit your individual abilities.

In addition to wrestling trainers, the AWF has also enlisted the services of qualified martial arts instructors to ensure trainees get the best instruction available. Training will be held at North Arnold Avenue Apartments, Apt. 63-B, Prestonsburg, across from the First Commonwealth Bank main office.

If you have any questions, e-mail the league at wrestle4awf@hotmail.com or give us a page at 458-8574.

Karen's Korner

Well this is the week of Thanksgiving and we all have so much to be thankful for. And I am so thankful for everything.

Thank goodness it's high school basketball time

High school basketball will start tomorrow (Monday) and am I ready for it.

That's not to say that I don't enjoy grade school basketball. Really, grade school basketball it is a lot more exciting than high school. They always have a bigger crowd and the fans get a lot more involved in the game.

In the past week of games I have attended, there have been some very good games.

Betsy Layne had two very close

boys games. The Bobcats lost both games, one in overtime and the other on a free throw with 1.9 seconds to go. So you can't ask for much more exciting than that.

Grade school basketball is well underway in Floyd County, with games scheduled just about every night. I don't know how these kids and parents do it.

These games are not over until about 10 p.m. every night and these kids have school the next morning. I don't know how these kids get their homework and get their rest.

I guess children and teachers alike, both know that basketball season only lasts a little over two months. But it doesn't seem right to me that kindergarten kids stay out to 10 on a school night but I guess they didn't ask me.

Kids learn more from actions than words

You know, we can talk to our children until we turn blue in the

face, but our actions always speak louder than words. And this goes back to grade school basketball.

We have some fine coaches at the grade school level. Many get really involved in the game and seem to forget that many youngsters are watching.

These youngsters will remember your actions a lot longer than they will remember your words. If you will control yourself when you get upset, a child will learn a lot more about life than the play that you show him on paper.

And the majority of players in Floyd County will not play ball after high school. Therefore, those plays won't mean anything to them.

But if they learn a lesson from the way you handled yourself when you became upset, that will benefit them throughout their lives.

I know it is hard, when you are coaching a game, you must remember everything. But always try to keep in mind, not only your team, but other young and impressionable minds are observing your actions. They look up to you.

And I don't mean to give coaches a hard time. I admire them. No one knows how much time they put in and the bull a coach puts up with unless you have been there, or married to one.

But sometimes we just need to step back and look at the situation from a different perspective.

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Lindsey Hall (20) goes up for a rebound in the opening game of the season. The Lady Raiders played the Pikeville Panthers close for the entire game, but it was the Panthers coming away with the win 58-52. (Photo by Karen Joseph)

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Senior citizens at the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizens Center, Brooksie Gearheart and Alma Mosley, do work on this tack quilt. The director of the center, Ellen Brown, has already purchased the quilt. The group, which includes about five seniors, has completed several quilts at the center. (photo by Willie Elliott)

POISON OAK

by Clyde Pack

It's a tradition thing

Without her even knowing it, Wilma has started what looks to be another Christmas-related tradition for the Pack house.

About five or six years ago when we dismantled our tree, she gathered all the Christmas cards we'd received that year, bundled them up and stored them away with the tree ornaments. The next winter after we'd pulled them from the attic again, and after we'd decorated the tree again, we sat down and looked one more time at all the cards we'd gotten "last Christmas."

So, this past Sunday afternoon we spent some time reviewing 1998's collection. I hadn't really thought much about it, but Christmas cards certainly do come in a strange variety of designs. Many of the ones we re-examined Sunday carried the familiar religious theme, and of course, the poinsettias, Santas and the cozy Currier and Ives snow scenes.

But one of our cards featured Mama and Papa Bear, wrapped in colorful shawls, as they sat in front of a blazing fire; another featured a realistic painting of a big gray cat peering through a window pane at a beautiful cardinal perched on a snow-covered window sill that appeared to be peering back; another had Curious George stringing lights high atop a palm tree; and finally, there was a scene from the movie "A Christmas Story" (in case you've forgotten, that's the one about Ralphie and the BB gun), where the little boy was left in the schoolyard after he'd stuck his tongue to the frozen flag pole.

Yet, despite the assortment of designs, the written messages pretty much conveyed the same ideas: the Christmas miracle, peace on earth, love, good cheer and good luck in the coming year.

I found it interesting, too, to be reminded of those who had thought enough of us to include us on their list. There were the usual number from relatives, including the hog farmer from Huber Heights, and many from close friends. Unfortunately, last year's stack of debris included some from those no longer with us. We will really cherish those.

 I guess traditions, whether old or new, are what Christmas is all about and I'm sure that every family has its own when it comes to decorating the old tree. I know families that wait until Christmas Eve before putting up their tree.

Then, there are those who, like us, haul it out as soon as Thanksgiving is over, but unlike us, go for a different look every year. Like one year everything on the tree is gold, the next year silver, the next white, and so on.

I guess our tree decor could be described as the "hodge-podge" look. We've got some brand-new lights and ornaments, and we've got some that we had on our very first tree. There's the toy soldier made from a wooden clothespin that Todd made in Cub Scouts hanging next to the miniature teddy bear made from quilts that Wilma's mom had made. Much of the trim on our tree is certainly mismatched, but every ornament carries with it a special memory.

Those really into Christmas-tree fashion would probably cringe at our holiday creation, but it's ours and we really enjoy it.

What's the best Christmas gift you ever received? A fur coat? A new car? A diamond ring?

Whatever it was, it probably had a sentiment attached. Either it came from a special person, or it came at a particularly important time or it filled a particularly important need. Perhaps it cost a lot or perhaps it cost nothing.

Participants in senior citizens centers across Floyd County were recently asked to jot down the best Christmas gift they ever received.

Here's a sampling of some of their responses.

McDowell Senior Citizens Center

Ruby Damron: I received my husband on Christmas Eve 47 years ago and my first child on December 16, 1953.

Burton Collins: When I was a little boy, I got a box of Cracker Jacks with a penny sucker stuck in it.

Mary Collins: When I was eight years old, my mother got me a doll as big as I was. It was so wonderful.

Tersa Elkins: When I was three years old, I got a xylophone with a clown on it.

Brooksie Gearheart: When I was seven, I hung Momma's old cotton stocking by the fireplace, and next morning I had a few nuts, one stick of candy and an orange, and that was so great.

Bertha Ratliff: When I was very young, I got a very small blond-headed doll. There wasn't very much money back then and we were tickled to get what we got.

Myrtle Ratliff: 73 years

ago, I got my first doll. It had long, blond, curly hair.

Roseanna Williamson: Caney College gave us all little gifts from the school that meant a lot to me, because we didn't get much of anything.

Mary Ellen Maggard: The doll with long hair my Daddy got me was so precious to me.

Roney Clark: My baby was 18 months old on Christmas and he had pneumonia and was in the hospital on Christmas. I prayed all night and the next morning he was fine. To me, this was the best gift.

Frank Salyers: (When) I was discharged from the Army.

Pete Butler: The Christmas three years ago, my wife and children were all with me.

Roy Tackett: The year I married Alma Newsome.

Eric Hayes: Christmas 11 years ago I spent with my wife before she passed away.

Euka Hicks: All my family home with me, Christmas seven years ago.

Margaret Pack: 48 years ago when I married Woody.

Bill Canterbury: A fifty-dollar bill C.D. Reed gave me in 1948, and I've still got it.

Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center

Ransom Meade: When I married my wife on December 24, 1949.

Elizabeth Little: A little fur coat I wanted in 1937. My mother and brother went together and bought the coat and I wore it on Christmas Day, even though it was a warm day.

Doris Boyd: A Shirley

Temple doll I got just after the Depression. I was sitting on my father's lap, and I heard him tell my mother to order the doll.

Irene Gibson: Two big holly trees that my son-in-law got. Now the trees reach above my house, and they are full of red berries.

Wayland Senior Citizens Center

Nellie Deaton: In 1929, I got a baby doll that said "Mama" and opened and closed its eyes.

Alma Chapman: A special brush and comb set I got from my father when I was about seven years old.

Lucille Chaffins: A home-

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Participants at Martin Senior Citizens Center got into the holiday spirit recently by decorating the facility, including the Christmas tree. (photo by Willie Elliott)



Martin seniors enjoy talking about Christmases past and present as the holiday nears. The senior center provides a good place for meeting and reminiscing. (photo by Willie Elliott)



During horse-shoe competition recently at Highland Terrace in Prestonsburg, everyone was a winner. Showing their certificates are, from left, Betty Riley, Kaney Goble, Sheila Amburgey, Pearl Henderson, Exilee Hill, Palmer Little, Sharon Bryant and Anna Roark.

Small World

The Learning Game

by Aileen Hall



There are at least two Bonnie Halls who are teachers in our area. One, Mrs. J. D. Hall, lives at Stanville and taught English at Betsy Layne High School. The other, Mrs. Tommy Hall, lives at Ivel and teaches first grade at Mullins Elementary. I've heard good things about both of them.

The Bonnie who teaches at Mullins has six-year-old Emily Hunt in her class. The daughter of Mike and Jan Hunt, Emily has a curiosity that makes learning easier.

When Veterans Day came this year, Mrs. Hall hoped to make

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Progress In The Treatment Of Cataracts

(NAPSA)—More than 13 million Americans suffer from cataracts, the leading cause of vision loss for adults 60 and over. Cataracts occur when the eye's lens becomes cloudy, obstructing the passage of light to the retina. These obstructions lead to vision loss and ultimately corrective surgery to implant artificial lenses, but these implants often leave patients dependent on eyeglasses.

But now, a recent Harvard Medical School study has revealed that the Array® multifocal intraocular lens (IOL) is allowing many cataract sufferers to put away their eyeglasses for the first time

in years. In the study, the multifocal IOL demonstrated superiority when compared to a conventional monofocal IOL, specifically in the areas of spectacle dependency, distance, near vision and overall patient satisfaction.

The study, published in the journal, *Ophthalmology*, reports that:

- Eighty-six percent of patients with the Array multifocal lens could read newspaper-size print, compared to 49 percent with a conventional monofocal IOL.

- Nearly half of patients (47 percent) with the Array lens could read tiny print, such as pocket dic-

tionaries, grocery labels and store receipts, compared to just 12 percent of patients with a monofocal lens.

- Overall, 98 percent of patients receiving the Array lens in both eyes were satisfied with the function of the lens, and would elect to receive it again.

"For the first time, we have an artificial lens that allows cataract patients to see well in the distance and then read something up close in many cases, without glasses," says Roger Steinert, M.D., lead clinical investigator and Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical

School. "This study shows that the Array multifocal lens is ultimately more effective than comparable monofocal lenses in the improvement of cataract patients' vision."

While conventional monofocal IOLs provide enhanced vision within a particular distance range—usually far—they typically require that patients wear eyeglasses for near-distance tasks. The Array multifocal lens, however, uses multiple, concentric rings of varying optical power, with several zones of focus to provide vision over a range of distances.

Although some patients may experience unwanted visual sensa-

tions with the multifocal IOL, such as glare, halos, and reduced sharpness in poor light, most patients in clinical trials reported that these effects did not interfere with their daily activities. But ultimately with the help of the Array lens, cataract patients may be able to reduce their dependency on eyeglasses and enhance their quality of life.

The Array lens is the first commercially available multifocal IOL in the United States and is developed by Allergan, Inc. To determine if multifocal lenses are right for you, ask your ophthalmologist, log on to www.arraylens.com or

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Multifocal intraocular lenses may help many cataract patients see more clearly, without glasses.

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Children learn safety!

Kentucky State Police Trooper Mike Goble, recently visited Linda's Carousel Day Care at Martin. Goble has a goal to teach children how important it is to wear their seat safety belts while inside a motor vehicle. Trooper Goble had along with him a new member of the KSP, "Pudgy" the cruiser. The robot and Trooper Goble worked together to persuade children to wear their safety belts, as well as, several other safety tactics.



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

November 29 & December 1, 1989

Emergency measures were authorized Monday night by State Superintendent of Schools John Brock, allowing the Floyd County School Board to keep trying to get construction bids for the new Allen Elementary School under budget and off the ground... Martin residents will soon be provided environmentally safe wastewater treatment facilities as the result of a \$690,420 grant... Johnny Boyd, 30, of Tram, was injured Sunday morning when his foot was run over by a train in Ivel... A fugitive from justice from Arizona was captured in Prestonsburg Tuesday by Kentucky State Police Detective James Stephens. Melinda Louise Perry, 19, was wanted on three counts of perjury in Prescott, Arizona, in connection with a homicide investigation... A stronger regional education system with greater involvement and support by area business leaders was the focus of the Seventh Congressional District's education conference in Prestonsburg Wednesday... A faulty electric medical scooter is being blamed for injuries caused to Sheila Spurlock of Printer in a suit brought against Glasrock Home Health Care and Invacare Corp. of Kentucky. There died: Melissa Ann Compton, 16, of Prestonsburg, November 24, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Jean Corder Conley, 74, of Floyd County, November 21, at the Kentucky Rest Haven in Madisonville; Osie Daniels, 73, of Stanville, November 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Blaine Fraley, 84, of Auxier, November 19, at his home; Everett Hunsaker, 68, of Auxier, November 18, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington; Simpson Martin, 77, of Kileen, Texas, formerly of Floyd County, November 8, at a Temple, Texas, hospital; John "Dime" Stratton, 63, of Ivel, November 21, in the Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Woodrow Wilson Allen, 76, of Prestonsburg, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andy Inmon, of Greenwich, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, November 22, at his home.

Twenty Years Ago (December 12, 1979)

The Paintsville Hospital is taking Highlands Regional Medical Center and the licensing board to court over the granting of a certificate of need to HRMC to expand its facility by 47

beds, thereby blocking Paintsville Hospital's application for a new building, before even hearing Paintsville's request...According to CPA Bill Bottoms, the school district has a "reasonable" chance of ending the current fiscal year in the black. A \$664,000 deficit was reduced to \$199,000 last year and is being further reduced at a rate "well in advance of the schedule." Following a September review of Floyd County's compliance with the federal Education for Handicapped Children Act, the state bureau for the Education of Exceptional Children cited the school district for numerous deficiencies...Joe McCauley, executive-director of the Big Sandy ADD, and Edward Collins, administrator of the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, both expressed their concern over the Floyd Fiscal Court hiring an Atlanta-based grants writing firm which recently secured an HEW grant for \$41,000 for McDowell ARH for a fee of \$19,000...Of the \$43,240 Floyd County Coal Severance Economic Aid, \$15,000 is allotted to the Floyd County Child Care project, and the rest to four volunteer fire departments for upgrading of facilities and services...Official ground breaking for the \$3.8 million apartment complex at Cliff was held Friday afternoon with Congressman Carl D. Perkins, local and state officials taking part...There died: Robert Lawson, 67, of Printer, Monday at HRMC; Douglas Campbell, 29, of Larsklane, from a car accident; Ocie Marie Clark Linville, 62, of Greenville, Tenn., formerly of Auxier, Friday at Lake Shore Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee; Maudie Goodman, 89, of Emma, Sunday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Archie Burke, 56, of Martin, Saturday at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Merle C. Campbell, 68, of Water Gap, Friday at HRMC; Epp Newsome, 88, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Floyd County, Saturday; Ollie Owsley Jr., 42, of New Buffalo, Mich., formerly of this county, Nov. 13 at St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, Ind.; Darvin Ray Maynard, 61, of Endicott, at his home Sunday; Columbus Collins, 73, of Georgetown, formerly of Van Lear, Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Spring Haven Nursing Home in Georgetown; Goldia S. Cornett, 66, wife of Circuit Court Judge Chris Cornett, of Hindman, Friday at the June Buchanan Clinic, Hindman.

Thirty Years Ago (December 11, 1969)

How near the Highlands Hospital

Corporation it to actual work or its proposed regional hospital will likely be determined by the size or contractors' bids which are due to be opened at 1:30 this afternoon (Thursday), it was said...The Big Sandy Community Action Program several weeks ago voted almost unanimously to end its association with VISTA, but CAP officials weren't sure this week the action has had a visible effect...Maytown High School, one of the smaller teams (physically) in the area, won the Floyd County Preseason basketball tournament here last weekend by defeating Betsy Layne, 92-75...There died: Frank Burkett, 57, of Emma, Friday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Gracie Allen Branham, 71, Saturday at her home at West Prestonsburg; Charlie Hall, 74, Sunday at his home at Ivel; Belva Patrick Johnson, 55, Floyd County native, Nov. 27 at her home in Vaughnville, Ohio; Andy Lee Martin, 77, Friday at his home at McDowell; Ray R. Walk, 54, formerly of Martin, Sunday in Indiana; Dee Branham, 44, formerly of Water Gap, Dec. 2 in Michigan; Dakota Hall Hamilton, 57, last Thursday at her home at Grethel; Billie Marie Klaiber Lewis, 62, of Betsy Layne, last Thursday at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Lewis Bradley, 64, of Risner, Monday at Lexington; Fannie E. Clark, 84, of Allen, Saturday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Jemima Ousley, 86, Monday at her home at Risner.

Forty Years Ago (December 10, 1959)

Floyd County's Bert T. Combs became Governor of Kentucky, Tuesday, with his formal inauguration marked by all the color and pageantry traditional to the occasion...A yellow flag at the northern end of the Second Avenue fill marks the point at which a road linking the Mountains with the Blue Grass will enter Prestonsburg, the eastern terminus of a gigantic new highway-building project. The road, the Mountain Parkway, is the product of work and planning by the state's new governor, Bert Combs...Dedication of the Community Methodist Church in the Porter Addition here will be held Sunday, Dec. 13...Santa Claus and his helpers will again visit the children of Left Beaver Creek under the auspices of the Beaver Valley Kiwanis Club, of Wheelwright...There died: Curtis Webb, 18, of Dwale, Sunday in a motor vehicle accident in France where he was serving with the US armed forces; Pete McCoy, 67, of Thomas, Monday at his home; Estill

Shepherd, 49, Tuesday at his home at West Prestonsburg; Gracie F. Hall, 49, of Drift, Tuesday at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

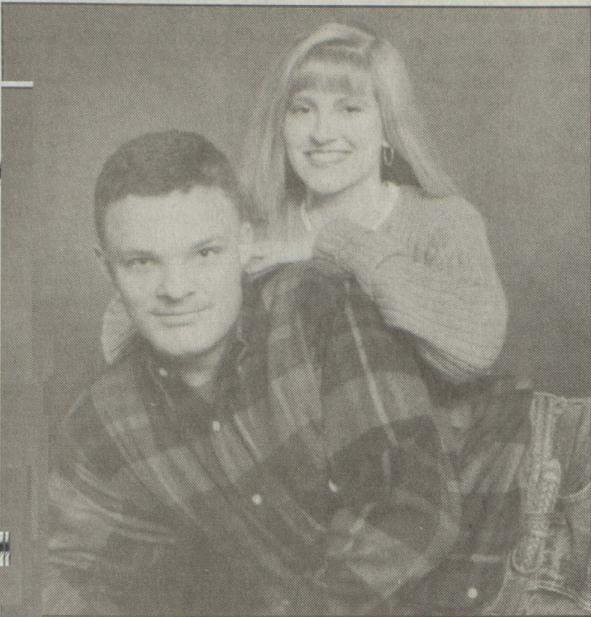
Fifty Years Ago (December 15, 1949)

Proponents of Big Sandy canalization returned here late Wednesday from the hearing in Louisa before the US Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, confident they and their associates had bested foes of the project in the battle of pros and cons...Sheriff-elect A.B. Meade this week advised Floyd County's lawbreakers to start the new year right—in short, to get out of whatever lawless business they may now be pursuing...The Floyd Circuit Court will start the New Year off by wading into a docket of 275 cases ranging from assault and battery to violent murder. Eight of the cases on the docket accuse 12 men and one woman of murder...A wave of burglaries which started two weeks or more ago hit its crest, early this week, at Martin with the theft on successive nights of a company's safe and entry into a service station...There died: Thursa Spears, Monday at her home at Hi Hat; Andy J. Tackett, 64, Friday at his home on Mud Creek.

Sixty Years Ago (December 7, 1939)

Because disturbances occurring at roadhouses have reached an alarming state, the Floyd County Court, at a special meeting Tuesday with County Judge E.P. Hill presiding, ordered that all such establishments be closed at 9 p.m. during week nights, and at 10 p.m. on Saturday nights...Deputy Sheriffs Bud Hicks, 38, and Malcolm Reffitt, 31, both of Pyramid, shot each other to death late Sunday afternoon on Beech Branch of Middle Creek, a jury empaneled by Coroner Elliott Prater held Sunday night...Seven elections contest suits were filed Wednesday afternoon in the clerk's office of the Floyd Circuit Court...Ten murder cases are docketed for trial at the January term of the Floyd Circuit Court...There died: Angie Myers, 74, Ashland, formerly of Laynesville, at the home of a daughter; Ferd Stephens, 68, at the home of Susan Allen, Northern; Martha E. Pinson Stratton, 68, Betsy Layne; Evan Brown, formerly of Clear Creek, at her home at Point Pleasant, W. Va.

**WEDDINGS/
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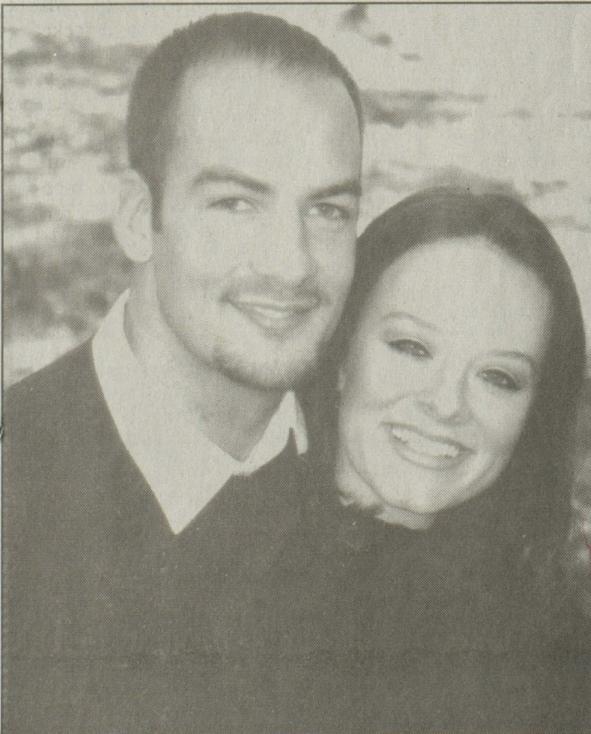
Campbell, Burke to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burke announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Elizabeth DeAnne Campbell and Patrick Gerald Burke. The wedding is planned for December 18, 1999, at 2:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg. The bride-elect is employed by the Floyd County Clerk's Office and the prospective groom by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Both are graduates of Prestonsburg High School.



Whitt, Hatfield to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Ray Whitt of Prestonsburg announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia Marie Whitt, and Steven Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Castle of Prestonsburg, and Charles Hatfield of Blue River. The wedding is planned for January 8, at 2 p.m., at Pleasant Home Baptist Church on Water Gap Road in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed.



Burke, Owens announce plans

John and Debra Burke of Prestonsburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhiannon Burke and Trent Owens, son of Gary and Joyce Owens of Monticello. The bride-elect is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and the University of Kentucky, with a B.S. degree in communication disorder, and is currently a graduate student majoring in speech pathology. The prospective groom is a graduate of Wayne County High School and will graduate from UK in the spring, with a BS degree in marketing. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dixie R. Hyden, of Martin, and the late Dr. Joe T. Hyden. The maternal great-grandmother is Sadie Ratliff of Allen. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Burke Sr. of Prestonsburg. The wedding will be January 8, 1999, at 4:30 p.m., at Community United Methodist Church, with the reception following in the fellowship hall. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.

Chicken Soup: A little holiday magic

Christmas Eve had always been my favorite day of the year. On December 24, 1969, I was on my own, living in my first apartment. With several hours to fill before joining my family at Mother's, I decided to do a little last-minute shopping.

On the third floor of our city's oldest and finest department store, I bought a large basket of gourmet cheese, smoked oysters, a bottle of wine and wine glasses to take to my family. On my way down, the elevator stopped at the second floor, where everyone but an older couple and me got off - and where a tall, handsome man in a navy suit got on. We started down again; then suddenly, there was a loud thud. The elevator jerked, then stalled. We were stuck - on Christmas Eve!

Luckily, the elevator was equipped with a phone, and the older man called someone in maintenance, who assured us we would soon be moving again. Thirty minutes passed while we made small talk, then placed

another call. We learned that the elevator needed a new part and we were in for a long wait.

At that point, one by one, we - the older couple, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips; John, the handsome man in navy; and I - sat down on the floor and began sharing Christmas memories. An hour passed, then two; we found ourselves so involved in the conversation that we forgot we were trapped. As we took turns revealing bits and pieces of our pasts, we shared my basket of cheese and wine, I didn't realize it at the time, but what we were doing was creating another special Christmas memory.

After five hours, the elevator finally moved. When the doors opened, the worried store manager, relieved to find us in such good spirits, handed out gift baskets of gourmet cheese. Saying our good-byes, the four of us exchanged addresses and promised to send holiday greetings to each other in the years to come.

I got to my mother's for our

traditional family Christmas - a bit late, but I got there. As I closed my eyes that night, I saw not visions of sugarplums, but a handsome man in a navy suit.

Christmas evening, I returned to my apartment loaded down with gifts. Waiting for me was a single red rose and an envelope slipped under the door. Inside the envelope was a message: I could really use some help with this cheese basket. John. At the bottom was his phone number ...

John and I were married the following Christmas Eve in a sunset ceremony on a Hawaiian beach. That was many years ago, and we are still exchanging Christmas greetings with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and enjoying a basket of gourmet cheese and wine for our midnight snack every Christmas Eve.

And I still wake up every Christmas Eve morning filled with excitement at the magic of the day. K.M. Jenkins

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Top Ways To Lose Weight That Can Feel Great

(NAPSA)-It's easier than you may realize to look strong, be more fit and shed those extra pounds. To lose weight, many people tend to focus on cutting things out of their

lives. Contrary to popular belief, experts say, the best results actually come from adding things to your daily routine.

- Put your feet on the street

for a half-hour of running, walking or biking, three or four days a week. Walking to work or during your lunch hour counts.

- Drink water and lots of it. Water will help you drain your system of unwanted toxins that may keep the flab in your body. Consume eight to 12 glasses of water per day.

- Eat more meals. If you make a big deal out of a big meal, try instead to prepare smaller meals,

say six a day, to help keep you from becoming too hungry or too full. This may shoot your metabolism into overdrive and help fuel fat loss.

- Fit the fiber into your diet. Fiber can be highly effective in helping you to reach your ideal weight. Recent studies suggest that fiber keeps your body from absorbing excess calories.

- Get strong. Add resistance or strength training to the fitness routine. Studies show resistance

training can increase muscular strength and endurance in men and women by at least 25 percent. It's never too late to start.

- Maintain a healthy diet. Become leaner by lowering your intake of carbohydrates and raising your intake of protein. Eat less bread, pasta, cereal and rice. Consume more low-fat dairy products, skinless chicken, turkey breast, lean beef and whey-based protein drinks.

- You can cheat now and then. If you don't allow yourself an occasional treat, you may not stay on track all the way to next summer.

These helpful tips come from Musclemaster.com fitness guru Bob Myhal, whose Web site and cyclical fitness program have an extensive following.

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Expert panel joins KET for call-in program on breast cancer

KET strives to touch the lives of all Kentuckians, even if that means dealing with difficult subject matter. "Partners in Hope: Families Fighting Breast Cancer," airing on KET Wednesday, December 8, at 8 p.m., is a live call-in show designed to help those confronting the very real and frightening subject of breast cancer.

According to recent statistics, one in nine women in the United States will develop breast cancer within her lifetime. With a panel of experts—including a surgeon, an oncologist and the director for the Department of Public Health—and a phone bank manned by knowledgeable staff, "Partners in Hope" offers advice and information about early prevention, detec-

tion and coping with the disease.

During the program, viewers can call toll-free and ask questions of the panel. The program also features inspiring stories of breast cancer survivors.

KET's partners in developing the program are the University of Kentucky, the Cancer Information Service, the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

and the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association.

"Partners in Hope: Families Fighting Breast Cancer," produced by Janet Whitaker, is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

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her students understand what the holiday was for and to teach them an appreciation for veterans.

When Emily went home after classes that day she called her grandparents, Roy and Dolores Hall at Harold. Dolores answered and heard her say, "Let me speak to Papaw." Then she asked, "Papaw, were you ever in the army?" When he said, "Yes," she wanted to know, "Do you still have your uniform?"

He told her no, but that he did have his army cap. She wanted to see it, and she wanted to know if he had any medals. In fact, she

wanted to learn all she could about what it was like to serve in the army.

Isn't it wonderful what a teacher can do with a child who wants to learn?

Early Recovery

Emogene Reed is a long time neighbor and we run into each other from time to time as we both like to shop about. But I had missed seeing her for a while until we both wound up at Velocity Market last Monday.

I noticed she was using a cane and asked, "Why are you limping

today?"

"Because," she answered, "I had a complete hip replacement two months ago."

"Are you suppose to be out walking on it?" I asked, and she said her doctors told her she could drive after three months. But then she added, "I needed things from the store and just had to get out." That meant, of course, that she had also gone to church the day before and had, no doubt, been doing some housework.

Emogene is the widow of Estill "Butch" Reed and lives in Store Hollow of Betsy Layne. But if you

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should need someone to drive you into town, you ought to wait another month before you ask her. The doctors say she'll be able to drive by then.

Explanation

I don't remember what shop I was in, and I didn't know the lady who caught my eye. She was a little chubby and wearing a sweat-shirt with a sentiment printed on the front.

It read: "If God had wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees."

Seniors

made stocking with photos of people at the center, a flashlight and batteries.

Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center

Ralph Hall: When I was about nine years old, I received a red wagon from Mom and Dad, and I loved it and played with it more than any other toy. I would pull my little brother and sister around.

Clois Hamilton: When I was six years old, my Mom and Dad got me a big red wagon. I played with it every day with my brother Carter and neighbor friends, Clearance, Vernon and Marrow Jr. Bentley.

Bob Tackett: At the time I was 10 years old, I got a pair of brown dress pants, which I needed very badly at the time. The gift was given to me by my sister.

Ocie Alley: The best gift was from all my children. It was a dishwasher. I use it every day.

Marie Hall: My granddaughter, Stacy, had me a Christmas gift specially made in Morehead while she was attending college there. It was a basket made from special cloths. This is my favorite gift, and I will leave it displayed in my living room forever.

BIRTHDAYS



Celebrates first

Austin Gregory Samons celebrated his first birthday, October 9. He is the son of Greg and Andrea Samons of Prestonsburg. His grandparents are Roe and Wanda Samons of Prestonsburg and Jack and Juanita Shepherd of David. His great-grandparents are Rita Blackburn of Prestonsburg and Nell Samons of Banner.

Aurthur Hall: I received a watch from my son, Bobby Joe, and this is the favorite gift. I use my watch daily and love it.

James Bradley: I got a set of cowboy guns when I was 10 years old from my mom. I thought it was great to be Cowboy Joe and shoot 'em up.

Nina Howell: The best gift was my third granddaughter, Amanda, who was born December 20, just 10 days after losing my husband Charles. This was a good gift — to have someone new to enjoy and help relieve my worries of losing Charles.

Clyde Blevins: My favorite gift was last year from Teresa Conn — a pair of pants and large box of candy. This was a great Christmas, being a part of my sister Nina's family with love and fun, because I spent most of my Christmases alone.

Martha Hamilton: The best gift came three days after Christmas, my loving, dear daughter Garnet. She is the greatest daughter anyone could ever want. She is always there to do anything or to take me anywhere I need to go. My son Frankie is also a good son, always there for me. Even though he was not born close to Christmas, he is a wonderful gift.

Roxana Bentley: The best gift I received was from a girl named Kathy Rogers. It was a little basket with flowers and a bird in it. I will always cherish this little gift because of who got it.

Ruth Light: The best Christmas gift I ever got was the

mother's ring all of my children went together and purchased. This was a gift of love, and having my family together at Christmas was great, just watching the little ones and their happy faces as they all opened their gifts, celebrating Jesus' birthday, because He's the reason for the season.

Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center

Audrey Hall: The last thing, and the only thing, that I remember my mommy got me was a little trunk, just like the big trunks, made out of cardboard. I still have this trunk. She gave them to us two days before Christmas. She died the day before Christmas.

Esta Stegall: Mommy rode the bus to Prestonsburg to get me a set of dishes.

Gertrude Lawson: The church had a tree and I was at Sunday School. They gave me a doll. This was the best Christmas gift, because I can't remember getting anything for Christmas before.

Ecie Moore: My best present was a mother's ring that my kids got me with 11 sets in it.

Martin Senior Citizens Center

Dorothy Tackett: My neighbor decorated and gave me a Christmas tree.

Mary Rupe Wright: I met my husband right before Christmas. I think the Lord intended him for my perfect Christmas present.

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Business



College receives book donation

Hoechst/Marion/Roussel (HMR) pharmaceutical company recently donated books and CDs to Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. The donation included 250 copies of the pocket handbook, "Emergency Cardiovascular Care," and textbooks, "Cardiology for the Primary Physician," as well as CD Roms with cardiovascular tutorials, all valued at about \$20,000. The donation was made possible by the intercession of Dr. Lenore So and Gene So of the Asthma and Allergy Center. At the presentation were, from left, Stephen Payson, PC associate dean for Student Affairs; Barry Hamilton, HMR sales representative; PC President Hal Smith; Dr. Lenore So; and Gene So.

Citizens National Bank shows appreciation to senior citizens

Because financial management for many seniors is a daunting task, mature adults often turn to their community-banking partner to seek assistance with their purchases of safe financial products protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It is a win-win situation for banks who sell financial products and seniors who count on bankers to provide them sound and conservative advice during their mature years.

The American Association of Retired Persons reports that about 28 million mature Americans rely on investments to maintain their incomes after retirement. Most investments made by older adults provide a positive return on investments; yet, hundreds of thousands of mature investors have lost billions of dollars on investments not suitable to their financial needs.

Senior citizens with limited income and most often on a fixed budget look for a bank that offers free checking, premium rates on savings, travel and entertainment discounts and traveler's insurance.

Additionally, most mature adults consider banking conveniences such as location, hours, and availability of direct deposit as primary factors in choosing their bank.

"Recognizing that mature

adults have specific financial needs, we have designed and offer several financial products specifically for our seniors," said Randy Reynolds, senior vice president and chief operations officer at Citizens National Bank (CNB).

"Our direct deposit Freedom Checking account offers unlimited check writing privileges at a low monthly fee. Senior Citizens Checking does not have a monthly service fee or require a minimum balance. The Bonus Banking account offers account holders free checks, travel and entertainment discounts, a free subscription to Sojourns Magazine and many other benefits.

"We also offer a wide variety of savings and retirement investments including CDs which are especially attractive to seniors because they are flexible and secure investments."

Mature adults, traditionally conservative in their financial activities, play an important role in the community bank world. In appreciation of senior citizens who have put their faith and life savings into Citizens National Bank, the bank will honor them at their annual Senior Citizens Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, December 3.

All senior citizens are invited to visit any one of 11 bank

branches during regular business hours for refreshments, a chance to win a \$100 savings bond, and an additional 1/4 percent interest on the new Millennium Certificate of Deposit.

Bank representatives will be on-site to answer questions senior citizens may have about products and services available to them.

"Senior Citizens Customer Appreciation Day is just one of the ways we recognize our senior citizens in an effort to enhance their financial and personal lives," Reynolds said.

Citizens National Corporation is the second largest locally-owned independent banking company in the Big Sandy region. Currently, there are 11 banking locations in Floyd, Magoffin, and Johnson counties.

Out of work ... After 30+ years at employment services

by Pam Shingler

Thomas Hereford III is sleeping in today.

After 33 years of helping other people find work and helping businesses find workers, Hereford is out of work himself.

He retired yesterday as regional administrator for the Kentucky Department of Employment Services. With his headquarters in Prestonsburg, Hereford oversaw 10 department offices in a triangle from Maysville to Somerset and east.

The local man went to work for the department, then known as Economic Security, "fresh out of college" in 1966. He had just earned a bachelor's degree at Pikeville College and would go on in a few years to earn a master's degree at Eastern Kentucky University.

His first title, more than three decades ago, was social worker, followed by employment counselor and chief interviewer. He moved into regional management in 1980 with two or three title changes as the department underwent reorganizations and realignments with the comings and goings of governors.

The changes he has seen have been dramatic, and mostly owing to electronic advances. "In the beginning, everything was typed," Hereford says, reminiscing about his old typewriter. "Forms were run off on the mimeograph machine, and then we went to a slow copier." Correction fluid and white-out were office necessities.

Now the work depends on personal computers and fax machines, enhancing services to clients and requiring fewer staff members.

The department's functions remain the same, however. First, in the job service, the department links people who want a job with people who have jobs to fill, and, second, it administers unemployment insurance checks.

Hereford is proud of the services that have been added for job seekers and employers because of technological improvements. With computerization, persons who are looking for work can access a computer in the employment services office and find out what is available, what it pays, what skills are needed and



THOMAS HEREFORD III

other important information.

They can develop resumés to match job listings and print them out or post them for potential employers to tap into. The local office is linked with other offices across the state and with Frankfort, enlarging the scope of the job search.

Likewise, employment services personnel solicit businesses to post openings and they help to screen applicants. "We can take the applications here and interview here for the employer," Hereford said. "We even let them use our building to train employees at night."

Over the years of his affiliation, the department, he said, "has changed to be a labor exchange agency, matching employee and employer."

In the near future, the connection will be made with schools, libraries and organizations such as the Job Corps, he said. "I love it," he said, referring to the computer system. "Knowing how far we've come, it's amazing."

"One of the things we're most proud of," he said, is the success the department has had in getting those on unemployment back into the work force.

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(See Hereford, page six)

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Chamber Notes...

Credit counselor to advise Chamber members

by Rebecca Derossett
Executive Director
Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

The holiday season is upon us. As the commercials say, "Just a few more days to shop, layaway, buy, spend, charge, and over-extend the old pocketbook."

All this merry-making generosity can result in a fractured budget come mid-January. If your holiday spending is indicative of your year-round buying habits, you may want some professional credit counsel-

ing. Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) is a non-profit community service agency. Its basic purpose is to help people who are in financial trouble solve their debt problems by advice and counsel.

CCCS educates people on how to live within their income and rehabilitates persons burdened by debt without resorting to the stigma of bankruptcy or garnishment.

It is not a charity organization, a lending institution, or a collection agency. CCCS serves anyone who needs help.

Johnny Cantrell, director of operations for CCCS, will speak to the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, December 6, at noon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Among his topics will be budget control, debt management, creditor relationships, and restoring self-

reliance and family well-being.

The aim of CCCS is to aid both debtor and creditor, thus benefiting the entire community.

Founded in 1955, CCCS claims that more than 132,707 individuals have been assisted and more than \$224 million has been returned to credit grantors.

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Coal mine wins reclamation award



The Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the Kentucky Coal Association presented a Joint Reclamation Award, October 15 to Coal-Mac Inc. Pictured from left, are Steve Case, Coal-Mac; Commissioner of the Department of Surface Mining, Carl Campbell; Terry Potter, Gary Bennett and Richie Phillips of Coal-Mac Inc.

At the Kentucky Coal Association's annual meeting, regional awards were presented for the mines with the best reclamation.

The Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the Kentucky Coal Association presented jointly sponsored reclamation awards, recognizing the best reclamation in each of the department's five regional offices. Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Commissioner Carl Campbell made the presentations.

The Prestonsburg Regional Office winner was Coal-Mac Inc. permit number 836-0219.

This site is a 245-acre surface

mining operation located near the community of Printer in Floyd County. Mining operations began in December of 1990, and coal removal was completed in February of 1993.

The site was reclaimed to a post mining land use of Fish and Wildlife habitat, and barring any unforeseen circumstances, will receive a Phase II bond release this December.

Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Commissioner Carl Campbell presented the award to Steve Case, Richie Phillips, Gary Bennett and Terry Potter on behalf of Coal-Mac Inc.

The Kentucky Coal Association represents large and small, surface

and underground coal operators in both the Eastern and Western Kentucky coal fields.

Other winners are:

- Whymore Coal Company, Permit #855-0164, in the London Regional Office.
- Ikerd-Bandy Company Inc., Permit #807-0266, in the Middlesboro Regional Office.
- Stone Mining Company, Permit #898-9074, in the Pikeville Regional Office.
- Christian Coal Corporation, Permit #854-0195, in the Madisonville Regional Office.
- Circle S Coal Company Inc., Permit #854-0175, in the Madisonville Regional Office.

Even though January 1, 2000, is a month away, it's not too late to prepare your business for year 2000 problems.

By addressing the problem in phases, your chances of minimizing year 2000 disruptions are increased. The phases are: Assessment; Implementation, and Testing.

Assessment

This phase involves examining the core business processes relying on date-related information. Begin by inventorying the systems and components affected. Some of the more common components to check include:

Hardware: copiers, PCS & Laptops, network routers; mainframes; minicomputers; servers; and tape storage devices.

Software: PC and network operating systems and applications for accounting; budgeting; data base; inventory control; payroll; point of sale; purchase order; sales order; and spreadsheets.

Embedded Systems

Building Systems: A/C and heating/ventilation; elevators and escalators; fire alarms; refrigeration; safes and vaults; and security systems.

Communication Systems:

answering systems, fax machines; mobile telephones; telephone systems, PBX and voice mail systems.

Manufacturing: CAD/CAM systems; emission controls and monitors; programmable logic controllers; robots; time clocks.

Retail: cash registers and credit card processing systems.

Affected items should be prioritized, with mission critical systems being addressed first. Your business is part of a supply chain. You have an 'upstream' chain from your suppliers: raw materials, services and utilities. You also have a 'downstream' chain of goods and services supplied to your customers through distributors, wholesalers and retailers. If your trading partners fail, your business could be adversely affected.

So in addition to internal components, an external inventory of customers and suppliers in your supply chain should be compiled. Those most critical to your business future should be contacted.

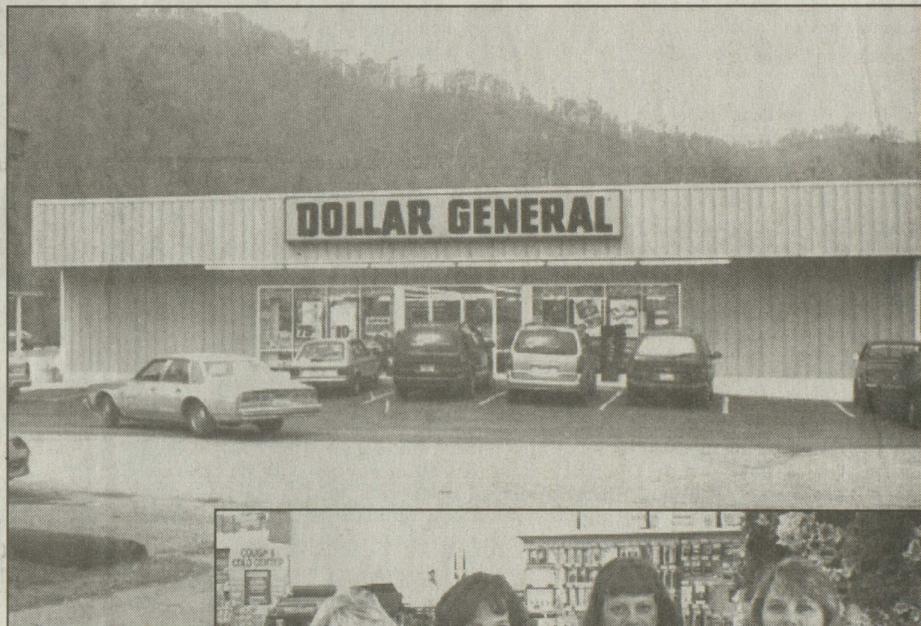
Find out where they are in addressing the problem and let them know what your business is doing to become complaint. Sharing information allows you to measure their progress against your own.

Implementation

This phase involves making and documenting changes, whether by eliminating, converting or replacing hardware, software and other affected components. Start by contacting your hardware and software vendors. They should be able to provide information about the millennium-readiness of their products. Seek help now if you don't possess the technical expertise to correct the problems. Waiting will only cost more and increase the risk of missing the deadline.

Testing

In this phase, replaced or updated systems and components should be thoroughly tested. Make sure the system can handle dates well into the millennium, and remember to check for proper leap year transition, since 2000 is also a leap year. Testing is the only way to ensure that changes made to the system allow it to function properly. This phase can be more time consuming than implementation due to the complex interrelationship among applications, databases and operating systems, so allocate ample time and resources.



The McDowell area has another shopping option in the Bestway Complex. Recently the Dollar General Store opened to serve shoppers in the Left Beaver area. From left are manager Kathy Harris, Angela Collins, Carolyn Noble, and Lois Johnson. (photo by Willie Elliott)



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Hereford

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Hereford said last week.

Despite a local unemployment rate that hovers around seven or eight percent, the former administrator, insists there is "a job for everyone — if they want it."

He admits, however, that much of what is available here is in service and fast food, where the pay and hours are less than what most people want or need. Lack of public transportation is also a big problem, he said, since many people who need work do not have a reliable way to get to work.

In addition, he pointed out that jobs are going unfilled in the Golden Triangle, the area roughly defined between Louisville, Covington and Lexington where the economy has been booming for several years. "They're saying in Louisville that they need no more industry because they don't have the work force," he said.

Many employers from that area come to Prestonsburg and surrounding areas to recruit, but many area people do not want to leave, even if it means they'll be better off financially.

Hereford has been active with organizations that have tried to attract business to the area, including the Big Sandy Area Development District and the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

The retiree says he has no immediate plans, except to "rest in December." Then, he expects to look for another job, one that is less demanding and does not require extensive travel throughout the region. He admits that one of the perks of his administrative job at the beginning was the travel, but at the end, it was a drawback.

Hereford intends to do more volunteer work in the community, although he has always been active.

He was recently chosen to chair the Floyd County PRIDE Committee, and he will remain active in the chamber of commerce and on the board of First United Methodist Church.

His wife, Mary Jo Hereford, also a long-time state employee, is not ready just yet to leave her job as a supervisor with Community Based Services, but her husband says she has a long "honey-do" list for him.

The couple have two grown children, Thomas Hereford IV, an engineer with CSX, and Mary Cooper, a pharmacist in Atlanta. They also dote on a granddaughter, Chelsea Hereford, a first grader at Paintsville Elementary School.

"I loved my job," said Hereford of his recent employment, "but it was time to go on to something else."

A replacement had not been named last week.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has applied for a phase I bond release on a surface coal mining and reclamation operation permit number 880-0124. Increments #3 & #8 which was last issued on 01/25/99. Increment #3 covers an area of approximately 101.86 acres of surface area and 30.33 acres of underground area for a total acreage 132.19 acres. Increment #8 covers an area of approximately 28.44 acres of surface area and 19.33 acres of underground area for a total of 47.77 acres, located 1.82 miles northwest of Thomas Kentucky, in Martin and Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.84 miles northwest from Ky. Rt. 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road and located 0.09 mile northeast of Wolf Branch. The latitude is 37°42'06". The longitude is 82°36'05".

The bond now in effect for Increment #3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$290,800.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$290,800 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment #8 is a surety bond in the amount of \$65,200.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$65,200 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding, and mulching completed in the Spring of 1997 for increment #3 and the Spring of 1999 for increment #8.

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 01/03/00.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/04/00, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 01/03/00.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C. A. NO.98-CI-00665

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE DANNY KIDD, ET AL; PLAINTIFFS VS: BILLY B. KIDD, ET AL; DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of April, 1999, and Order of October 20, 1999, in the above styled cause, 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 2nd day of December, 1999, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described property located on the Hunt's Branch of Prater Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake 75 feet below the Forks of the Hunt's Branch of Prater Creek; thence to the line of Otis Hall; thence a northerly course with his line to a white oak; same course to a beech marked by a stake; thence leaving said Hall's line and down the hill with line of Hazel Kidd to the Branch marked by cross on a rock; thence down the Branch to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Danny Ray Kidd and Barbara Kidd from Green B. Kidd and Rena Kidd, his wife, by deed dated July 13, 1976, and recorded in Deed Book 225, Page 609, records of the Floyd County Clerks Office. Reference is also made to that certain deed of conveyance from Elias Kidd and Ellen Kidd to Hulda Kidd, et al., by Deed dated August 12, 1930, and recorded in Deed Book 226, Page 183, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Reference is also made to the Affidavit of Descent of Hulda Kidd, as recorded in Deed Book 419, Page 151, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Said property cannot not be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court as a whole, subject to those items set forth hereinbelow, but free and clear of all other liens and encumbrances and said subject matter real property shall be sold with all improvements, appurtenances and fixtures and the rents, issues and profits therefrom and thereon, prior and superior to any and all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- (a) delinquent ad valorem taxes asserted by Floyd County, Kentucky;
- (b) ad valorem taxes due and payable in the year 1999, and all taxes due thereafter;
- (c) easements, restrictions and covenants of record;
- (d) assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- (e) any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may or would disclose.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be 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.

(c) 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, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable.

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

THIS THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK

Master Commissioner
P. O. Box 268
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice of Sale were duly mailed, this the 9th day of November, 1999 to:

Hon. Randy G. Clark
P. O. Box 1529
Pikeville, KY 41502

Mr. Billy B. Kidd
324 Delaware Avenue
Lorraine, OH 44052
Hon. John T. Chafin
P. O. Box 700
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK MASTER COMMISSIONER

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-CI-00158

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

M A T E W A N NATIONAL BANK; PLAINTIFF VS: SIMON KIDD and ROSALYN KIDD, his wife, CHAD KIDD; NORMA MULLINS, and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY; DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 13th day of September, 1999, in Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, against the Defendants, Simon Kidd, Rosalynn Kidd, his wife, (in rem only, as to the mortgaged property) for the sum of \$84,613.76 (as of January 25, 1999), plus any additional late charges, with additional interest thereon at the rate of 9.25% per annum, from January 25, 1999, to the date of Judgment, and interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum, until paid, and against the Plaintiff, Matewan National Bank is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County,

of \$4,131.81 (as of January 25, 1999), plus any additional late charges, with additional interest thereon at the rate of 11.25% per annum, from January 25, 1999, to date of Judgment, and interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum, 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 2nd day of December, 1999, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements, appurtenances and/or fixtures located thereon, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the south end of a culvert and running with Ky. & U. S. Highway 23 to a stake and corner to Arthur James; thence a west course a straight line and beech tree center of old country road and Loars Branch; thence center of old country road a north course to a stone near chicken lot; thence a straight line to the beginning.

And, being the same property conveyed to Simon Kidd and Rosalyn Kidd, his wife, by Deed of Conveyance from Martha Stratton, widow, dated March 18, 1993, being of record in Deed Book 365, Page 194, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

For further reference see that Deed of Conveyance from Alonzo Stratton, et ux, to Clayton Stratton and Martha Stratton, dated June 23, 1962, recorded in Deed Book 180, Page 104, and reference is made to Will of Clayton Stratton recorded in Will Book K, Page 557, both of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the plaintiff's lien thereon and therefore will be sold as a whole by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff Bank, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes. owed by the Defendants, jointly and severally.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

The Plaintiff, Matewan National Bank is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County,

Kentucky) upon the hereinaabove described real property.

The Defendant, Norma Mullins, shall be entitled to claim her interest in and to the above-described property by virtue of a Notice of Judgment Lien filed March 16, 1994.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) 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, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any preceding year delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes shall also be paid by the purchaser.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above area and 416.00 acres of underground area, for a total permit acreage of 451.00 acres located along 3.0 miles southeast of Odds, Kentucky, in Floyd and Johnson county.

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

THIS THE 9th DAY OF November, 1999.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK

Master Commissioner
P. O. Box 268
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 9th day of November, 1999, to:

Hon. J. Scott Kreutzer
P. O. Drawer 31
Pikeville, KY 41502

Hon. J. Gregory Allen
Riley & Walters
106 West Graham Street
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Chad Kidd
Box 226
Harold, KY 41635

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney
P. O. Box 1000
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Simon Kidd
Rosalynn Kidd
Box 226
Harold, KY 41635

Hon. Arnold Turner, Jr.
Warning Order Attorney

P. O. Box 388
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner

LAND FOR SALE

Community Trust Bancorp announces approximately 19 acres of land is for sale located on Harmon's Branch, Pike County, Kentucky. The property is located in the vicinity of the Childers and Venters automobile dealership and the Classic Lanes bowling alley near the mouth of Harmon's Branch. The property consists of approximately 4.5 acres of flat land on the upper level and approximately 1 acre of flat land on the lower level. The sale price is \$300,000. Interested parties may contact Gary K. Young, Vice President, Community Trust Bank, N.A. at (606) 437-3365.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for a Phase II bond release on permit No. 836-5338 which was last issued on 01/06/97. The application covers an area of approximately 35.00 acres of surface area and 416.00 acres of underground area, for a total permit acreage of 451.00 acres located along 3.0 miles southeast of Odds, Kentucky, in Floyd and Johnson county.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(2) The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south of KY State Route 3's junction with Daniel's Branch. The latitude is 37°43'40". The longitude is 82°39'25".

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety bond for the amount of \$10,000.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$43,300 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in August, 1994.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/14/00.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/17/99, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference is received by 01/14/00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Fred Harr of Box 798, West Van Lear, KY 41268, the name of the proposed business of entertainment is Top Cat Billiards & Catering, Inc. The nature of the business will be game room.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd county Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than January 19, 2000, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for January 19, 2000, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for a Phase III bond release on permit No. 836-5339 which was last issued on 01/06/97. The application covers an area of approximately 83.25 acres of surface

area and 446.21 acres of underground area, for a total permit acreage of 529.46 acres located 2.3 miles southeast of Odds, Kentucky, in Floyd and Johnson county.

(2) The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south of KY Route 3's junction with Daniel's Branch Road and west of Daniel's Branch. The latitude is 37°43'38". The longitude is 82°39'48".

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$13,500.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$90,600 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the fall of 1994.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/14/00.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/17/00, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference is received by 01/14/00.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 860-5172, Operator Change

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., 1045 Arnold Fork Road, Kite, KY 41828, intends to revise Permit No. 860-5172 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Torie Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 490, 179 Elwood Road, Virgie, KY 41572. The new operator will be Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., 1045 Arnold Fork Road, Kite, KY 41828.

(2) The operation is located 2.0 miles southeast of Halo in Knott County. The operation is approximately 1.4 miles southeast from Arnold Fork County Road's junction with KY 1498 and located 0.06 miles south of Pigeon Roost Fork of Arnold Fork. The operation is located on the Wheelwright and Kite U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°17'05" and longitude 82°43'28".

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 16, 2000.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-663

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

O A K W O O D ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION; PLAINTIFF VS: JEFF D. HAMILTON and MICHELLE L. HAMILTON; DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of October, 1999, in Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for the sum of the principal amount of said indebtedness (\$51,348.63), plus accrued interest at the rate of 10.65% per annum from November 1, 1998, until date of judgment, and then at the rate of 10.65% thereafter until paid; plus non-sufficient funds charges of \$10.00; plus a reasonable attorney's fee of \$1,500.00; plus court costs herein expended, 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 2nd day of December, 1999, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging and the rents, issues and profits, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

PURSUANT TO PERMIT NUMBER 836-0265

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-0265 which was last issued on 9/29/99. The application covers an area of approximately 116.38 acres located 4.0 miles southeast of Martin in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.2 miles east from Big Branch-Honaker road's junction with KY 2030 and at the head of Gunstock Branch of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°42'20".

(3) The bond now in effect is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 4 9 4 , 9 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$494,900 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in May 1999.

(5) 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 January 14, 2000.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., January 18, 2000, at the

Jeff D. Hamilton and Michele L. Hamilton, his wife, by Deed dated May 14, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 395, Page 68, in the Office of the Clerk aforesaid.

Together with the following described manufacture home which is located on the above-described real estate: A 1996 651-Freedom manufactured home, serial number HONC05526552 (hereinafter "collateral").

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the plaintiff's lien thereon and therefore will be sold as a whole by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff, Oakwood Acceptance Corporation, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the Defendants, Jeff D. Hamilton and Michelle L. Hamilton, if any.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

O a k w o o d A c c e p t a n c e Corporation, is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky) upon the hereinabove described real property.

TERMS OF SALE:

- (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% down, 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, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
- (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable, and any preceding year delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes.
- (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.
- (e) The successful bidder at said

sale shall, at the successful bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended coverage insurance on the collateral from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at a mini-

mum, with a loss clause payable to the Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein.

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

THIS THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER,

1999.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
P. O. Box 268
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that

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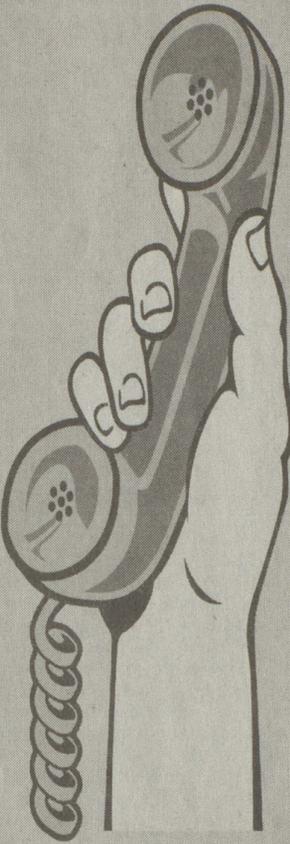
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