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NEWS BRIEFS

Times out

Because of the holiday, there will be no paper on Friday. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, so deadlines for next Wednesday's paper, which would normally occur on Friday, have been moved to Monday. Deadlines for next Wednesday's paper (Dec. 30) are all Monday, Dec. 28, with only the times varying.

- Editorial, 10 a.m.
- Classified display, 10 a.m.
- Classified word ads, noon
- Legal notices, noon
- Display ads, 5 p.m.

Talkin' trash

If you're wondering about garbage pick up over the holidays, here's the scoop.

- **City of Prestonsburg** — regular schedule, meaning pick up on Christmas Day — That's city only!

- **Rest of county** — no pick up on Christmas Day; pick up regularly scheduled for Friday will be made on Saturday.

Grant to extend sewer services

The US Economic Development Administration has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to the City of Paintsville for wastewater treatment facilities for the new Big Sandy Federal Penitentiary. This is in addition to a \$400,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission in October. The project includes building a one million gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant and more than nine miles of sewer lines to serve the prison, as well as future growth at the Honey Branch Industrial site in Martin County, near the juncture with Floyd and Johnson counties. The project also will allow expansion of service to the American Standard plant and Porter Elementary School and future extensions into Floyd and Martin counties, according to US Rep. Hal Rogers, who announced the grant.

Meeting time given for 1999

Effective January, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission will meet in regular session on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., according to commission chairman C. J. McNally. Commission meetings are open to the public.

Deliverer robbed

A delivery driver was on his way to deliver a pizza shortly after 7 p.m. on the Left Fork of Island Creek in Pike County last Thursday when he was robbed at gunpoint. The assailant took an undisclosed amount of money and fled in a 1986 Mustang hatchback. According to Kentucky State Police, the alleged robber is a white male, about 5'5" tall, 140 lbs with medium build and blond hair.

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Children receive goodies

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

Christmas, of at least a portion of it, came early for about 300 parents and children at D. W. Osborne Elementary School on Saturday night.

Curtis Anderson and his Manna Outreach program used the occasion to tell the children and parents about the importance of having God in their lives and to distribute Christmas goodies.

The program also included gospel music provided by the Goads from Daylight, Va.

Anderson said he named his program after the story in the Bible where God provided food for the people of Israel when they were in the desert.

"Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I might prove them, whether they will walk in my way, or no.

"And the children did eat manna for forty years." (Exodus 16:14 and 16:35.

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Heavenly gifts

Jacob Meade found the toy he wanted and left the chore of gathering his other goodies to someone else at Saturday night's party at W. D. Osborne Elementary, sponsored by Manna Outreach. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Park is dedicated at Garrett

by Pam Shingler
Editor

Elected officials and local citizenry weathered the cold rain to take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday for the new Right Beaver Community Park at Garrett.

Some work remains to be done on the county-owned park. District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens said the

park was "a couple of weeks from being finished.

"With a little bit of work, we will have a very nice park here," said Owens, who added that both he and his wife Hattie had worked several weekends themselves to speed completion of the park. Wet weather in the spring and early summer held up the project, he said.

The park, which is built on the

site of the old Garrett school, has ball fields, a basketball court, playground equipment, picnic shelter, walking track and other game and sport areas.

The larger baseball field is for use, primarily, by teams at Allen Central High School, Owens said, but it can be used by other groups when ACHS does not need it. The smaller field has been designated the Dugger Conley Little League Field in honor of a former coach and supporter of youth athletics.

Owens said all of the facilities are handicapped-accessible. The lighted park covers about five acres.

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Shopping with the 'Cops'



Chris Howell (front) of John M. Stumbo Elementary, Vonnie Kelley of Prestonsburg Elementary, and Wesley Crager of Duff Elementary shopped with Kentucky State Police Troopers Mickey Watson and Todd Wheeler during Friday's Shop-with-A-Cop Program at Wal-Mart in Pikeville. The program is coordinated by the KSP Professional Association. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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Fiscal court wraps it up

by Pam Shingler
Editor

Last Friday's session of the Floyd County Fiscal Court marked the final meeting of the current administrative body, barring the need for a special meeting between now and the end of the year.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale offered parting remarks, saying this was his last meeting "for a while," leaving the impression he might run again in four years. He will be succeeded in January by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, who defeated newcomer Hale in the Democratic primary in May.

"I have been accused of being too progressive or too aggressive," Hale said. "If I saw a problem, I tried to correct it."

He added he has found public service to be a "fulfilling job" during his three years as the county's top administrator. "I would still like to be in a position to help Floyd County in any way I can," he said.

"You're young. You've got plenty of time to come back," said Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens,

who was also attending his last fiscal court meeting after 13 years. Owens lost his bid for District 2 Commissioner in a crowded field of Democratic candidates who vied in the primary for a seat on the new commission form of county government.

Hale presented Owens with a plaque for his long-term service as a magistrate and for perfect attendance over the 13-year term.

Also attending his last meeting as a member of the fiscal court was Elmer Johnson, one-term District 4 magistrate. When voters opted for the commission form of government, Johnson's district folded into two others.

Magistrates Ermal Tackett and Gerald DeRossett will return to the court in January as commissioners, having been elected in November.

In regular business, the magistrates approved a priority list of road improvements to be submitted to the state Department of Highways for consideration during the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The list

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Three of the five members of Floyd County Fiscal Court participated in their last meeting Friday. Judge-Executive Ben Hale, left, will leave office at the end of the year, as will District 3 Magistrate Elmer Johnson, center, and District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Board members take toys, go home

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Education, in the past, has had board meetings that ran far into the night. Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting, which had several items on the agenda — plus parent representation from Osborne Elementary where a principal had been dismissed — was over almost as soon as it started.

Board chairman Terry Dotson announced that interim Superintendent Mike King had left the system, and Dotson thanked him for his services. And since King had left, the board secretary

position, which is traditionally filled by the superintendent, was open.

Dotson asked for a motion to appoint State Manager Woodrow Carter as secretary. By state law, a board meeting cannot be held without a secretary.

Board members were not willing to appoint Carter as secretary for even one meeting. Attorney Mike Schmitt told the board they could appoint Carter as secretary and relieve him of his duties any time they desired.

Board member Jody Mullins asked, "Doesn't he (secretary) have to be an employee of the board?" Schmitt said he wasn't sure that was

the case.

Mullins said the agenda item should not have been written up the way it was. "We don't have a choice. We either vote for Carter or we don't vote for Carter," said Mullins.

Dotson said the agenda was in the board members' hands last Thursday. He wondered why no one called and asked about the agenda item. He said if the calls had been made, the agenda could have been changed.

Dotson had written a letter to the attorney general seeking an opinion about using Carter to perform the

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Where everything old is new again

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tainer with detergents and rinses, visitors will find an old time washboard and one of the earlier wringers for removing water from wet clothes after they were washed.

She hopes to get an old-time grist mill going again. The grist mill was used to grind corn into meal. "People from far and wide recall that the cornbread from this ground corn was better than cake," said Spurlock.

She carries reproductions of old advertising signs and tins which are filled with candies or candles.

Spurlock said she wanted to add antiques to her list of items as she found them. "I also want to find

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Court

includes

- KY 680, guardrail on John Hall Branch Mountain;
- KY 2029, embankment failure repair at Saltlick;
- KY 1086, bituminous patching, Wayland-Sizemore Road;
- KY 777, bituminous patching, Turkey Creek Road;
- KY 2030, bituminous patching, Spurlock-Little Mud Creek Road;
- KY 122, guardrail, Buck Branch Mountain;
- KY 3386, bituminous patching, Brandy Keg Road;
- KY 194, bituminous patching, Cow Creek-Endicott Road;
- KY 3382, bituminous patching, Click Branch Road;
- KY 850, guardrail, Brush Creek Mountain;
- KY 1750, guardrail, Bonanza Whitaker Road;
- KY 1427, guardrail, Abbott Creek Road;
- KY 122, bituminous patching, Buck Branch-Middle Creek Road;
- KY 3051, guardrail, East Point-

Auxier Road.

Hale also agreed to add a guardrail at Jack's Creek to the list and said he plans to ask state officials to accept the Left Fork of Abbott into the state road system.

The magistrates approved three personnel requests from Jailer Roger Webb. Sabrina Cooley was approved as a part-time deputy jailer at an hourly rate of \$6.50, retroactive to Aug. 14. Her name had been omitted from a previous request.

The appointment of Rhonda Conn from temporary full-time deputy jailer to full-time deputy jailer at an hourly rate of \$9.25 was approved, as was the hourly wage increase to \$8.25 for Timothy Shawn Robinson, who has completed six months employment.

The court discussed the raising of the bond for the sheriff to collect taxes. The decision was made to keep the bond at its current level of \$100,000 for the incoming sheriff, with a \$50,000 performance bond.

However, Denzil Allen of Hatton and Allen Insurance Agency was asked to research the issue and recommend a reasonable figure.

Magistrates approved the bond of \$100,000 for Floyd County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd and her submission of an amended budget for her office, totaling \$628,328.33, for the 1999 calendar year.

Judge-Executive Hale was authorized to advertise for bids on surplus county property. The surplus list includes a John Deere

310C; CAT 120G; 1976 Dodge, half-ton; 1977 Dodge, half-ton (2); 1980 Dodge, 3/4-ton; TrackLoader, FL 10C Fiat Allis; 1983 Dodge, half-ton; and 1977 Dodge, 3/4-ton.

Approved was the draw down of Abandoned Mine Land funds for the Ligon/Clear Creek Water Supply Project for design and construction of an expansion of water lines. The requested payment includes \$85,287.17 to H.P. Contracting Inc. and \$4,726.61 to Howard K. Bell Engineers.

Related to the same project, the court passed a resolution authorizing Beaver-Elkhorn Water Company to take over maintenance and meter setting on the project.

Magistrates gave the nod to a lease agreement in which the court will lease the former Tourism Building to the Floyd County E-911 Board for \$1 per year, renewal for two-year periods.

Also regarding E-911, the fiscal court authorized payment from E-911 funds of a service bill of \$52,190.82 from BellSouth and monthly payments of \$2,651 to BellSouth.

Among other business items, the magistrates

- authorized the semi-annual

bond payment of \$71,550 to Fifth Third Bank from the debt service for Mountain Racing Interest (Thunder Ridge);

- authorized payment from grant funds for Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center for the purchase of a copier from C&R Office Supply and the payoff to Carter Hughes Toyota on a 1995 Toyota Tacoma truck;
- authorized payment from educational grant funds to the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$9,291.26 for October and November;
- approved second reading of three ordinances accepting Local Government funds for road projects.

Home

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duties of the superintendent until a new superintendent is chosen.

According to Associate Education Commissioner Tom Willis, Carter can fill any position. Willis said Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody and the Kentucky Department of Education would accept such an arrangement until a new superintendent is selected.

Board member Carol Stumbo asked if the board has a choice and could it hire an interim superintendent. Willis replied that the board could hire an interim.

Stumbo indicated she believed that is what the board wants to do.

After this discussion, Dotson again asked for a motion to appoint Carter as secretary, but silence fol-

lowed his request. "We can't meet without a secretary," said Dotson, who then asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion was made and seconded and Dotson asked for a roll call on the vote. Mullins, Stumbo and board members Don Roberts and Johnnie Ross voted yes to adjourn, and Dotson voted no.

Patricia Watson, reading and writing coordinator, presented the winners and sponsors of the WMDJ/McDonalds Christmas writing project to the board members at the beginning of the meeting.

Late yesterday Dotson said the board would meet today, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at Adams Middle School.



Perfect attendance
Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale, left, presented District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens with a plaque during the Dec. 18 Fiscal Court meeting. Owens has not missed a single meeting of the court in 13 years. (photo by Pam Shingler)

New

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and display some 'good old junk,'" she said.

Hanging over one of the display racks is a leather pouch that Charlie Meade used on his mule "Blue Moon" to carry the mail. The Printer Post Office served customers on Spurlock Creek and on the other side of the mountain in Little Mud.

The leather saddle bags with a US Mail emblem are displayed under the antique mail bags and postmaster cage. Many of the local residents have attempted to open their old mail box, which requires remembering the combination of two right numbers and one left number—some have succeeded.

Spurlock says the store is a dream come true for her because the store/post office had been in her family for many years. Her grandfather Randolph opened the store in 1940 at what was then the Salisbury train station.

Salisbury shares a trait with Maytown in that the post office is Printer, but the community goes by Salisbury. The community of Maytown has the Langley Post Office.

Spurlock's granddad ran the store from 1940 until 1956. After he died, her father John ran it with a post office inside the store until 1981 when government regulations said the store and post office had to be separated.

Spurlock, who sells insurance and real estate part-time, said she meets former miners who recall

stopping at the old general store to get their Vienna sausage and potted meat when they worked at the Elkhorn tippie that was located just above the store.

Spurlock said she has been deeply touched by people who have told her that times were hard and they probably would have starved as children if it weren't for her father's help and the charge accounts that he carried until pay day. She recalls her father delivering groceries to nearby hollows such as Cushaw, Spurlock Creek and Fisher Hollow.

Goodies

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Manna Outreach serves the needy in Pike, Floyd, Letcher and Magoffin counties. The program takes donations but buys much of its own goods.

The program has a provision that lets seniors donate \$15 a month in return for food and other goods. This leaves money for seniors to buy needed medical prescriptions. Many seniors find it difficult to buy both food and prescription drugs, Anderson said.

The program uses a building on US 23, owned by Royal Coal Company near Pikeville, and a warehouse at Robinson Creek to sort and pack the various items for these children's parties and donations to the needy. Manna Outreach then rents trucks to get the items to the various sites.

Volunteers Sarah Basham and Selina Bentley said it is a labor of love to prepare for the parties. They said the reaction from the children

makes it all worthwhile.

On Saturday night participants received cookies, candies, apples, tangerines, toys, sheets, books, comforters and other items. Each participant was given a box and by the end of the line, the box was completely filled.

Manna Outreach also sponsored similar school parties at Feds Creek, Shelby Valley, and Phelps.

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Swearing in

Newly-elected members of the Martin City Council were sworn into office on Dec. 21 by Circuit Judge Danny Caudill, left, in Circuit Courtroom A of the Justice Center. The new officials are, from left, Rick "Ranger" Caudill, Thomasine Robinson, Joe E. Howard, Hazel Robinson and Dr. Mahendra Varia, DVM. A sixth member, Rodney Hutchinson, did not attend the ceremony. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Dispute unrelated to dismissal

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

About seven parents returned to W. D. Osborne Elementary School on Friday morning to continue to voice their dissatisfaction with the firing on Dec. 16 of Principal Paul David Tackett.

State Manager Arnold Carter told the group that he could have them removed from the premises but said they could continue to remain and voice their opinions as long as they did not impede traffic to and from the school.

In another matter, not directly related to the dismissal of Tackett, a mother and grandmother had an altercation Friday with a teacher at

the school.

Although the incident was not connected to Tackett's dismissal, a parent, Opal Doreane Williams, said, "If our principal, Mr. Tackett, had been in his office in his rightful place, our teacher would not have been subjected to this type of violent behavior, nor would any of the students have witnessed this altercation."

According to records in the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, teacher Colleen Johnson swore out a warrant for harassment against Faye Moore on Friday.

Moore presented herself at the sheriff's office about 5:15 p.m. on Friday and was placed under \$5,000 property bond. Moore

posted bond and was released. Details of the incident were not forthcoming.

Other than this incident, education continues on schedule, according to Carter.

Fonzo Akers, who will serve as interim principal, was not able to begin work as principal until Monday.

The school reportedly had about 100 students absent on Friday. Akers said attendance was back to normal for Monday and yesterday.

A group of parents were at Monday night's board of education meeting, but the meeting adjourned without covering items on the agenda.

County schools are winners

Times Staff Report

Two schools in Floyd County are among the winners of the first environmental education awards given by PRIDE — Personal Responsibility In a Desirable

Park

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he said.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale noted that before he took office his business took him throughout the Right Beaver Creek section of the county where he frequently heard people complain about the lack of recreational facilities for children.

In addition, Hale said, adults who wanted to walk for exercise were walking along KY 80, "dodging blocks of coal" from passing coal trucks.

When Hale was appointed county administrator, he was able to secure \$125,000 for the park. Hale said one of his goals was to put county parks within easy access of everyone in Floyd County.

With less than two weeks before he leaves office, Hale said he regrets not being able to put a county park in the southeastern section of the county.

Environment.

Prestonsburg Elementary School will receive up to \$4,500 for a project to integrate environmental education throughout the kindergarten-to-fifth grade curriculum.

The David School will receive up to \$4,000 for water resources education and the cleanup of a large dump on a hillside on the school property at David.

More than \$90,000 in grants were awarded to schools throughout eastern Kentucky.

Other area organizations that

Ten free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two golden rain-trees, two Washington hawthorns, and two American redbuds.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68419, by January 31, 1999.

won awards are Sheldon Clark High School in Martin County for a recycling project; Mountain Montessori Preschool in Whitesburg for an outdoor classroom and interpretive trail; Letcher County Conservation District for water testing equipment for schools; West Liberty Elementary School for an outdoor classroom; and Kentucky RC&D, on behalf of Highland-Turner Elementary in Breathitt County for an outdoor classroom.

Funding for PRIDE and the environmental education grants was made possible by US Rep. Hal Rogers.

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Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:00

CINEMA 3 "PG-13"
Patch Adams
Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:25; Fri. 4:25;
Sat.-Sun. 2:10, 4:25

CINEMA 4 "G"
A Bug's Life
Mon.-Sun. 6:45, 8:45; Fri. 3:30;
Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30

CINEMA 5 *Star Trek: Insurrection*
Rugrats "G"
Mon.-Sun. 6:45, Fri. 3:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30

CINEMA 6 "PG-13"
Stepmom
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CINEMA 8 "R"
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CINEMA 9 "PG"
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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Editorial

We've read it before, but the writing never loses its charm. In 1897, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the editor of the New York Sun, asking the classic question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" The reply of editor Frank Church has become a classic of seasonal writing. Herewith...

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!



Letters to the Editor

HONORING WORLD WAR II PATRIOTS

Editor:
A World War II Memorial will commemorate the dedication of men and women who helped win World War II. The memorial will be located on 7+ acres of the Mall in Washington, D.C., between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Primary funding for the Memorial must be raised from private and corporate contributions. Those honored may be those who fought to defend our freedom and those on the home front who worked in defense plants, civil defense units, the American Red Cross and other supportive positions. A donation of \$10 will allow DAR, friends and others to register the name of one World War II patriot or soldier in the WWII Book of Remembrance. Each name sent must be accompanied by a check for \$10 made to John Graham Treasurer Karen Ousley

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Frances Brackett
John Graham Chapter DAR Regent

YOUTH DESERVE POSITIVE PRESS

Editor:
I just wanted to say something positive about some of our local teens. With all the negative press teenagers receive, it's time we give recognition to those who do something good. Several teens from Prestonsburg High School have started a new prayer group, called PYRO. This stands for Prestonsburg Youth Reaching Out. This group meets twice a week before school to discuss issues, sing songs and pray together.

Recently, they collected food, toys and clothing for families in our area. They organized and delivered food baskets for Thanksgiving, and this weekend they delivered toys, along with food baskets, throughout Floyd County. I am very proud of these kids. I know their time and effort were greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.
Sandra Conley
Prestonsburg

DEWEY IS THE LAKE; JENNY WILEY IS THE PARK

Editor:
I complement you on the excellent coverage you give Dewey Lake. I take this opportunity to make you aware of some issues concerning Dewey Lake. There are many misconceptions about Dewey Lake, particularly, who is responsible for which area or activity. As you can imagine, over the years, these misconceptions have caused countless wasted man-hours and resources. Your photo and caption from Friday, Dec. 11, is a good example. The photo of the gentleman fishing from German Bridge is just what we like to see (our customers having a good time), but the US Army Corps of Engineers operates German Bridge Recre-

ation Area. German Bridge is not a part of Jenny Wiley State Park. In the interest of brevity, Dewey Lake is owned, in its entirety, by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Various areas are leased to Kentucky Department of Parks (Jenny Wiley State Park), Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area), Christian Appalachian Project (Camp Shawnee) and The Odd Fellows (a summer camp).
Mark R. Holbrook
Resource Manager
Dewey Lake

CHRISTMAS PUPPIES NO GIFT

Editor:
We just received three new puppies for Christmas. They didn't arrive like the Christmas puppies on TV. There was no gaily decorated box, no bright tissue paper, no red bows around their necks. They arrived sometime during the night or early morning hours, in near-freezing weather, on the doorstep of my husband's office. His partner found them huddled there when he arrived to open the shop. We will probably never know who sent them; we seldom do. We are frequently the recipients of such gifts, evidently from someone who thinks we will magically be able to produce the

proverbial "good homes" they need, or that we will simply absorb them into the multitude of animals that already live here. Let me paint you a more realistic picture. Every day my husband and I care for 38 dogs and 12 cats (no, those figures are not a misprint), former victims of abuse, neglect and other fallouts of a society that professes to love animals. They are well-fed, vaccinated, dewormed, and spayed or neutered. They are housed in groups of compatible animals that all have access to warm, dry shelter. I still feel a great deal of guilt because I cannot maintain the spot-



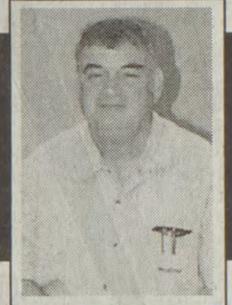
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Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



When you get right down to it, Christmas is about children. It was about a Child way back then, and children still dominate the season. We wouldn't have it any other way. So what do children think about Christmas?

I went to Linda's class of kindergarten and first grade students at McDowell Elementary to visit her students and to find out how five- and six-year-olds express their thoughts on the most sacred holiday of the year.

Here are some of the students' answers and comments about Christmas.



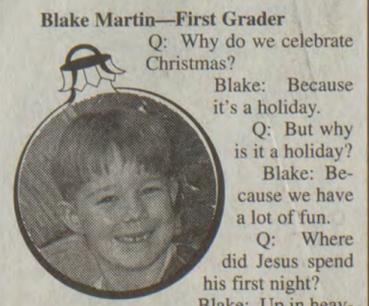
Clyde Hamilton—Kindergarten
Q: Why do we celebrate Christmas?
Clyde: Jesus's Birthday.
Q: What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
Clyde: You can

sleep in the stables.
Q: What is the most important part of Christmas to you?
Clyde: Jesus's birthday.
Q: What kind of foods do you usually have for Christmas?
Clyde: Beans, soup beans and meat.
Q: What is your favorite food?
Clyde: Meat.
Q: What other holiday do we have that deals with Jesus?
Clyde: Easter.
Q: What happened then?
Clyde: God brought Jesus back alive.
I asked Clyde if he would sing me a couple of lines from his favorite song, and he sang almost the whole song of "Frosty the Snowman." I have it on tape.

Holly Goble—First Grader
Q: How many reindeer does Santa have?
Holly: Seven
Q: And which one is your favorite and why?
Holly: Rudolph, because he has a red nose.
Q: What is the most important part of Christmas to you?
Holly: I like to open presents.
Q: What other holiday do we have that is about Jesus?
Holly: Thanksgiving



Blake Martin—First Grader
Q: Why do we celebrate Christmas?
Blake: Because it's a holiday.
Q: But why is it a holiday?
Blake: Because we have a lot of fun.
Q: Where did Jesus spend his first night?
Blake: Up in heaven.



Q: Which of the reindeer is your favorite and why?
Blake: Rudolph because he leads them.
Q: What the most important part of

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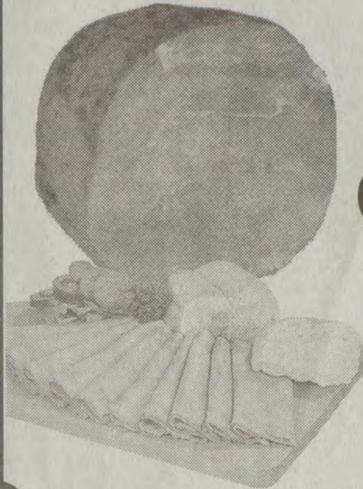
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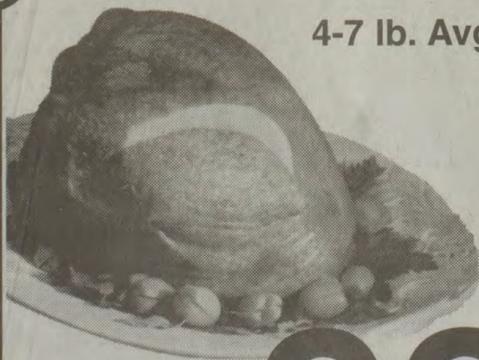
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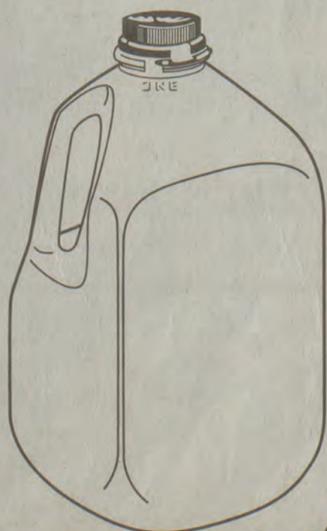
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OBITUARIES

Merry Christmas

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Gene Turner

Gene Turner, 57, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, formerly of Garrett, died Saturday, December 19, 1998, at the Hillcrest Hospital in Oklahoma.

Born February 16, 1941 at Garrett, he was the son of the late Fonzo and Geneva Turner.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Turner; eight children, Robert, Russell, Thomas, Joseph, Jamie, Tina, Terri and Tammy; five brothers, Jeff Turner of Martin, Ricky Turner and Larry Turner, both of Garrett, and Bob Turner and Jack Turner, both of Oklahoma; six sisters, Lois Malbus, Carol Baker, Sandy Turner and Helen Combs, all of Oklahoma, Sula Noble of Ohio, and Kathy Murphy of Garrett; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 22, at the Vondel Smith South Colonial Chapel in Oklahoma. Burial was in the Moore City Cemetery in Oklahoma.

Obituary information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Alkie Marie Akers Burton

Alkie Marie Akers Burton, 79, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, December 5, 1998, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan.

Born April 24, 1919 at Dana, she was the daughter of the late William L. and Minnie Jarrell Akers. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Issac Case, and her second husband, Paul Burton.

She moved to Albion, Michigan, in 1952 and worked for Corning Glass Company for 23 years, retiring after the plant closed.

Survivors include two sons, Buel "Bud" Case of Albion, Michigan, and Yuel "Duke" Case of Marshall, Michigan; five daughters, Ann Tackett, Jewell Burkwal, Creasie "Crea" Ralston, Wallean Burkwal and Annette "Susie" Case, all of Homer, Michigan; three brothers, Elder Walter Akers and Bradley Akers, both of Kentucky, and Clark Akers of Ohio; two sisters, Alpha Kidd and Ruth Boyd, both of Kentucky; 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 9, at 11 a.m., at the Tidd-Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Albion, Michigan, with Rev. Jim Berger officiating.

Burial was in the Albion Memorial Gardens.

Obituary information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Janice Arnett Haywood

Janice Arnett Haywood, 77, of Johnstown, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died December 12, 1998, in Columbus, Ohio, following a brief illness.

Born August 10, 1921 at Middle Creek, she was the daughter of the late D.B. "Boone" and Minerva Fitzpatrick Arnett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Haywood, in 1971.

Survivors include two brothers, Joe H. Arnett of West Prestonsburg and John E. Arnett of Wheelersburg, Ohio; one sister, Mary G. Johnson of Abbott Creek; one son, Curtis A. Haywood of Logan, Ohio; three daughters, Mabel Jean Ferrin of Tampa, Florida, Judy Mobley of London, and Mary Helen Boehm of Johnstown, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were December 15, at Warren F. Kauber Funeral Home in Pataskala, Ohio, with Rev. Joe Mobley officiating. Burial was in the Glen Rest Memorial Estate in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Beulah Mae Hughes

Beulah Mae Hughes, 89, of Hueysville, died Saturday, December 19, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Born April 15, 1909 in Red Warrior, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Lora Louverna Stamper Pennington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billie Hughes.

Survivors include five sons, Oliver Hughes of Knox, Indiana, Billie Hughes Jr. of Jefferson, Ohio, Willard Hughes of Garrett, Douglas F. Hughes of Louisville, and Arthur Hughes of Hueysville; four daughters, Marlene Robinson of Langley, Charlene Rudder and Mollie Jean Prater, both of Hueysville, and Rosalie Fritts of Louisville; one sister, Edna Mohny of Toledo, Ohio; 28 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 22, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Ted Shannon and Hobert Hurt officiating.

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

Clarence Lee Hinkle

Clarence Lee Hinkle, 61, of Stanville, died Sunday, December 20, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, following an extended illness.

Born November 30, 1937 in Pike County, he was the son of the late Clarence and Wilda Scalf Hinkle. He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Mattie Methodist Church in Louisa.

Survivors include his wife, Tilda Robinson Hinkle; two sons, Robert Lee Hinkle of Louisa and Brian Keith Hinkle of Inez; two daughters, Patsy Louise Hughes of Betsy Layne and Bonnie Goodman of Moulton, Alabama; three brothers, Billy Hinkle of Oakwood, Virginia, George Hinkle Jr. of Turkey Creek, and James Lacy Hinkle of Pikeville; four sisters, Dorothy Mae Robinson of Anthony, Florida, Ida Newman of Ocala, Florida, Rose Allen of Varney, and Claudia Reeves of Pikeville; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 22, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, with Thomas Stacy officiating.

Burial was in the AC Young Cemetery at Varney, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Ballard Moore

Ballard Moore, 89, of Plymouth, Ohio, died December 16, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Willard, Ohio, following a long illness.

Born April 7, 1909 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Albert and Emmie Moore. He lived and worked in Floyd County coal mines until 1969. He moved to Plymouth, Ohio, in 1971.

He was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth, Ohio, and the United Mine Workers Union.

Survivors include his wife, Mary M. Moore; daughters, Betty Lou Shop and Emma Kelling, both of Columbus, Ohio, Theada Tuttle and Janet Swartz, both of Plymouth, Ohio, and Freda Dye of Willard, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m., at the Church of Christ in Plymouth, Ohio, with minister Don Beverly officiating.

Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Shiloh, Ohio, under the direction of the Secor Funeral Home in Plymouth, Ohio.

Effie Tibbs Hamilton

Effie Tibbs Hamilton, 93, a resident of Mt. Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, died Friday, December 18, 1998, following an extended illness.

Born March 8, 1905 in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Margaret Ratliff Tibbs and Ballard Tibbs. She was a member of the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Hamilton.

Survivors include three sons, Charles E. Hamilton of Ypsilanti, Michigan, James Hamilton of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and Bob Hamilton of Pikeville; one daughter, Jewell Lee of Pikeville; two sisters, Flora Stanley of Pikeville and Virgie Gross of Harold; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Monday, December 21, at 11 a.m., at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel, with the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Ratliff Cemetery at Coal Run Village, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Virginia B. Adkins

Virginia B. Adkins, 66, of Lima, Ohio, died December 16, 1998, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

Born February 13, 1932 at Risner, she was the daughter of the late James and Sarah Prater Hale. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence E. Adkins, on January 10, 1998.

She retired from JCPenney's. She was a member of the Lima Missionary Baptist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Trinity Chapter 16, Social Order of the Beauceant and Grand Cross of Color Rainbow Girls.

Survivors include one son, Gregory Adkins of Fulton, New York; one daughter, Kimberly Alberts of Lima, Ohio; three brothers, Bill Hale of McArthur, Ohio, Lawrence Hale of Prestonsburg, and Clyde Hale of Martin; one sister, Verna Hicks of Wilmington, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m., at the Lima Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Brock officiating.

Burial was in the Memorial Park Mausoleum, under the direction of the Siferd Funeral Home.

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Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

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My life's been full, I savored much.
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*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
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God wanted me now; He set me free!*

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Card of Thanks

The family of Dennis E. Bentley wishes to thank everyone for their kind expression of sympathy during our time of loss. The beautiful flowers, food and kind words are greatly appreciated. Dennis was very special and will truly be missed.

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- Thunder Valley Drive, off KY 3; 2/10 mile in length and 12 feet wide;
- Frogg Town Road, at Stumbo Hollow, off KY 2030, Martin; 300 feet in length, 12 feet wide; five property owners or tenants;
- James A. Prater Cemetery Road, off Prater Fork; 40 feet in length;
- C. Howard Cemetery Road, 609 Lick Fork on Hueysville; 300 feet in length, 12 feet wide; two property owners or tenants.

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December 23, 1998

UK listed among the top 100 'best buys'

The University of Kentucky is included in the annual publication, Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys: 1998-99.

UK's second successive inclusion in the guide was based on its 1997-98 costs to students, which were below the national average, and a 1996-97 freshmen class whose high school grade-point average and/or entrance exam scores exceeded the national average.

The university's 1998-1999 tuition rates are \$3,352 per year in tuition and fees for undergraduate students in Kentucky. Undergraduate residents from outside the state pay \$8,712 per year in tuition and fees.

The 1996-97 incoming freshman class at UK had an average high school grade-point average of 3.45 on a 4.0 scale, as compared with the national average of 3.16.

Institutional Research and Evaluation in Gainesville, Ga., considered roughly 1,600 colleges and universities while selecting the top 100 collegiate bargains.

UK's admissions telephone number is (606) 257-2000.

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On Christmas morning God
took him away.*

*We had mixed feelings about
that day,
On one hand what a terrible
time to take him away,
On the other hand, what a per-
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Jesus's Birthday.*

*In our hearts there will always
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Written by
Granddaughter, Cindy Stone

CHRISTMAS REMINDS US TO GIVE FREELY

The best thing about the way we Americans annually overdose on Christmas is that once a year, at least, we're reminded to give generously to others.

Ours ranks among the richest societies in history, yet the typical U.S. household shares a miserly 2 percent or so of its annual income with churches and charities.

Even sadder, statistics show that the more affluent the family, the tinier the percentage it gives. Our philosophy apparently is, "I got mine, you get yours."

But each December, like 250 million Ebenezer Scrooges we awake, realize how blessed we are and start doling out presents to friends and strangers alike.

I heard the other day about an anonymous benefactor who's been going around performing acts of holiday charity.

In one instance, he saw a harried-looking woman standing at a checkout line in a discount department store. She was pushing a cart full of toys.

The guy walked up and asked if he could pay for her children's presents. He handed her a wad of cash, then disappeared into the crowd.

What a wonderful thing to do. The community where I live sponsors an "Angel Tree" program. Children from humble circumstances, or their parents, list a few items the kids want for Christmas.

The requests then are copied onto pieces of construction paper shaped like Christmas trees, one "tree" for each child.

Churches, civic groups and individuals buy the presents, wrap them and take them to a central distribution site. From there the gifts are delivered to the kids.

Some of the requests on those trees will break your heart. I've seen children ask for a pair of socks. Or warm

gloves.

That gives you a troubling glimpse into the way some kids live. It also reminds you that you've ignored those children the previous 11 months.

My dad started one of the best Christmas programs I know about.

When he was an impoverished boy in southeastern Kentucky during the Depression, Dad always wanted a good bicycle. He never got one.

Instead, he salvaged a broken-down bike some other kid had worn out. Later it fell apart as Dad was gliding down a hill, causing a wreck that knocked out one of his teeth.

A few years ago, Dad got an idea: he'd buy used bicycles at yard sales. He'd fix them himself, make them good as new. Then, near Christmas, he'd quietly give them to parents who couldn't afford to buy decent bikes for their children.

That way, a few kids wouldn't have to trust their health to the kinds

of claptrops he rode as a boy. He might save some teeth.

It was just something he did on his own for several Christmases.

But the word got out. Gradually his bike giveaway started growing. It's evolved into an organized program called Bikes for Tykes.

Dad's done away with the used bicycles. Now he gives brand-new ones.

This year a local business group named Dad our county's volunteer of the year - and offered to match whatever money he raised for the project through private donations. The local newspaper wrote a front-page story.

With such support, he was able to give away 50 bikes last week.

The past couple of Christmases he's given so many bicycles that he's needed help distributing them from our church on the appointed day.

I've lent a hand, as have others.

Some parents who come to pick up a bicycle enter the church hesitantly,

as if they expect to find there's some catch to the deal.

But when we roll out a new bike, and they grasp its shiny handlebars and realize the gift is for real, it's not unusual for us to see tears welling in their eyes.

Others bring their children with them. The children don't cry. They

grin and chatter and circle the bicycle as if it were a strange wonder. Their eyes widen and widen.

And then I understand why Jesus said, "It's more blessed to give than to receive."

In 1999 I hope to remember - and practice - that truth all year long. I hope you will, too.



Paul Prather

St. Martha Catholic Church

Lancer Watergap Road-Prestonsburg, KY

Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Mass
11:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling
Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25
10 a.m. Mass at St. Luke
Salyersville, KY

**Come and See!
Rejoice! Christ the
Lord is Born!**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Calendar items will be
printed as space permits*

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

**"Donorama" Blood Drive
is scheduled,
December 26-30**

"Donorama" Holiday Blood Drive, Saturday, December 26-

Wednesday, December 30, at the Prestonsburg Donor Center, 200 North Lake Drive, in the Municipal Building. Hours are Saturday, 10-2, Sunday, 1-5, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11-7. Free gifts for all donors. Prizes to be given away every day including an autographed Tubby Smith basketball. Call the Center at 886-1557 for more information.

**Zebulon Lodge to confer
Master Mason degree**

Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, Prestonsburg, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting Saturday, Dec. 26, beginning at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served (chicken and dumplings), and all Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Card of Thanks

The Otis Ratliff family would like to offer thanks and appreciation to all who offered comfort and support. Special thanks to the Hall Funeral Home, Reverend Johnny J. Collins, Reverend Clinton "Buddy" Jones, everyone who sent food and flowers, and all the wonderful singers.

THE FAMILY OF OTIS RATLIFF

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The family of Artie Bowling Marks McKinney would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the clergyman, Bruce Coleman for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF ARTIE BOWLING MARKS McKINNEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Paul M. Vanderpool would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service.

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Paige scores 23 as South Floyd nips Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It wasn't easy and there were some scares but the South Floyd Raiders picked up their second conference win of the season with a 77-74 win over a good Betsy Layne Bobcat team last week at South Floyd.

It was the fourth win of the season for the Raiders against two losses. Betsy Layne fell to 1-4 on the season.

"Betsy Layne played well against us," said South Floyd coach Henry Webb. "They shot the ball very well."

Justin Paige did just about everything, but showed his ability to step outside the paint area and buried five three-point baskets. As a team, the Raiders hit 12 treys in getting past the Bobcats.

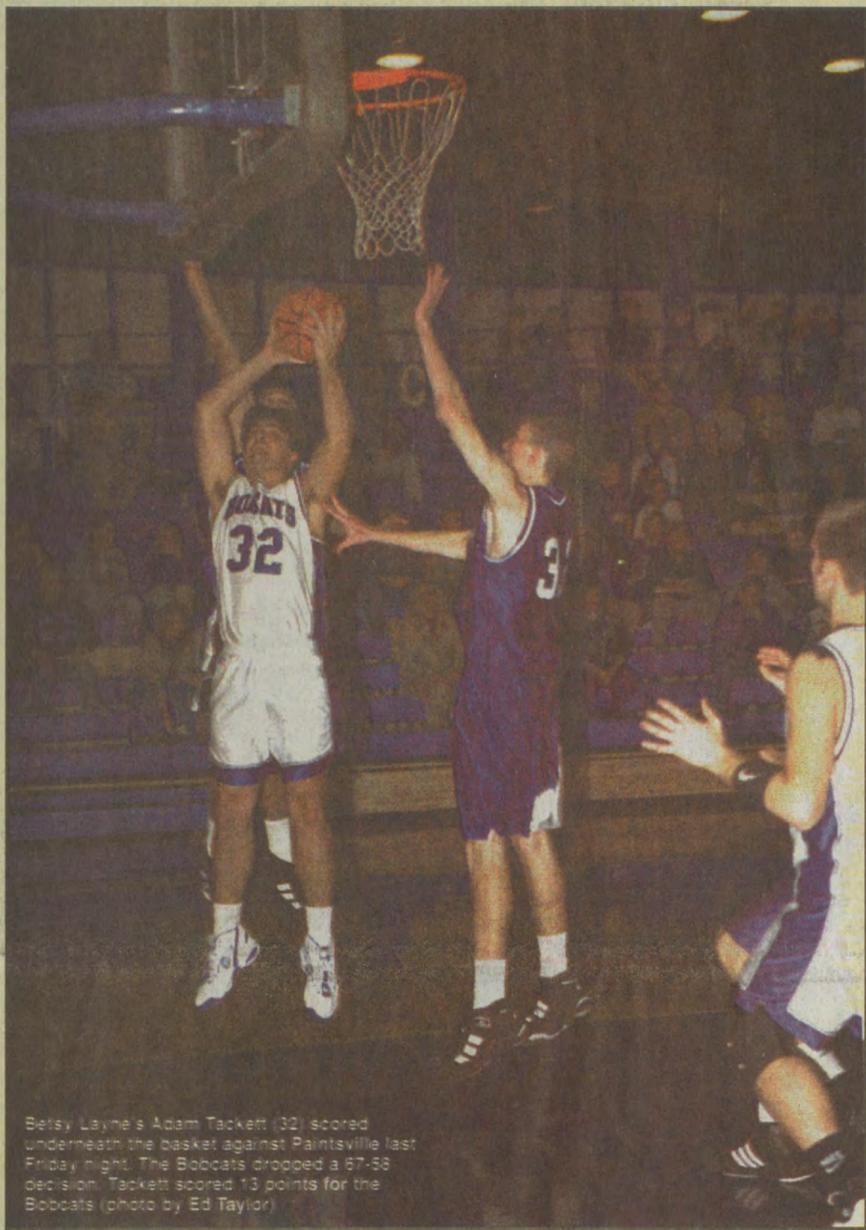
Betsy Layne was not without their three-point shooters as they hit six treys. Justin Bartley drained three, as did Michael Gross. Bartley led Betsy Layne scoring with 16 points, while Gross finished with 13.

At the first stop, Betsy Layne held a 21-20 lead with some timely shooting from the free throw line and Gross' outside shooting. The Bobcats hit six of seven free throws and Gross scored five points in the period on a trey and a field goal.

Paige hit two of his treys in the opening quarter when he scored eight points. Byron Hall hit a trey and had five first quarter points. Jimmy Stumbo scored five points in the first quarter for South Floyd. Betsy Layne led 40-38 at the half.

(See Paige, page three)

Two for Tackett...



Betsy Layne's Adam Tackett (32) scored underneath the basket against Paintsville last Friday night. The Bobcats dropped a 67-58 decision. Tackett scored 13 points for the Bobcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

Paintsville escapes Bobcats behind Trimble, Grimm

Bobcats fail to score in game's final 3:51

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

With 3:51 to play in the final quarter, Adam Tackett grabbed an offensive rebound, turned and went strong to the basket to score and draw the Betsy Layne Bobcats to within three points of defending regional champion Paintsville Friday night.

But for the next 3:51, Betsy Layne could not find the basket in falling to the Tigers.

Ben Trimble scored a game-high 20 points, while Mitchell Grimm added 17 points. Ethan Blackburn netted 13 while Kyle Meade finished with 10 points.

Scott Collins led three Bobcats in double figures with 15 points. Tackett, before fouling out, tossed in 13 and Michael Gross, who hit three treys, finished with 12 points.

It was the same story again for the Bobcats in coming close but no victory. Betsy Layne coach Tim Rice said his team needed to do something other than just coming close.

"I told you at the start of the season that this team needed to beat someone," he said. "We have come

close in every game we have played, but we haven't gotten the win."

Betsy Layne played Magoffin County, South Floyd, and Paintsville close but owns a win only over Feds Creek.

Betsy Layne trailed by as many as 17 points in the game and that came in the second quarter at 28-11. They cut the margin to 11 by half-time, 35-24. Trimble drilled a three-point basket to start the third for the Tigers that netted them a 38-24 margin.

But the Cats did not quit as they went on a 7-0 run to narrow the margin to seven, 38-31, on Tommy Taulbee's basket at the 5:53 mark.

Meade would lead the Tigers by scoring six unanswered points that built the lead back to 11 points, 44-33. Meade drained a three-pointer and completed an old-fashioned three-point play with Bradley Brooks picking up his fourth personal foul.

Gross kept the Bobcats in the game with a lay-in and three-pointer, with Betsy Layne trailing by only six, 44-38, and 4:32 left in the third.

Twice in the third period, Paintsville held 10-point leads at 48-38 and 50-40. Gross' three-pointer

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Allen Central get balance scoring in win over Cawood

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central's leading scorer, Gary Hunter, did not get to start against Cawood Saturday night, but coach Johnny Martin got a balanced scoring attack from his Rebels as they came from behind and defeated a good Cawood team, 66-60 in a non regional game.

It was the seventh consecutive win for Coach Martin's team against no losses.

Senior guard Nick Samons led the balanced attack with 16 points, and sophomore Rodney Scott chipped in with 13 as nine players made the scoring column. Hunter finished with six points. Hunter, who did not play in the last two games, had been nursing a sore back he suffered during football season.

Sophomore Larry Mullins tossed in eight points and had a three-point basket. Brian Jones netted six points, Josh Howell five, with Nathan Tackett and Jeremy Hayes scoring four apiece.

Cawood grabbed a 20-16 lead after the first quarter behind Ryan Carter who scored nine of his game high 21 points in the opening period. Carter hit a three-point basket.

Jesse Brock and James Huff had four points in the period for Cawood. Samons had seven of his 16 points in the first stanza to keep the Rebels close.

In the second period, Scott came off the bench and scored nine quick points, but Allen Central trailed 40-37 going to the locker room at the half. Hayes, off the bench, scored his four points in the second period.

Allen Central's defense caused problems for Cawood in the third quarter as they got only four field goals for eight points. The 13-8 third period gave Allen Central a 50-48 lead heading into the final quarter. Samons had five fourth-quarter points, and Jones scored four as the Rebels held off

(See Allen Central, page three)

CAWOOD (60)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Lovely	0	1	0-0	3
Hensley	1	0	2-1	3
Carter	7	2	2-1	21
Brock	6	0	1-0	12
Huff	5	0	0-0	10
Toliver	1	0	0-0	2
Grant	1	2	2-1	9
totals	21	5	7-3	60

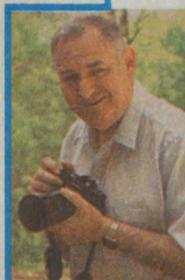
ALLEN CENTRAL (66)

players	fg	fta-m	tp	
Samons	6	1	3-1	16
Tackett	2	0	0-0	4
Howell	2	0	4-1	5
Hall	2	0	0-0	4
Jones	3	0	0-0	6
Hunter	3	0	1-0	6
Mullins	2	1	2-1	8
Scott	6	0	1-1	13
Hayes	2	0	0-0	4
totals	28	2	11-4	66

Cawood.....20 20 8 12 - 60
Allen Central...16 21 13 16 - 66

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Vacation was great but it's good to be back



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

I had an enjoyable week off last week but was tempted several times to come

back to work early. I am glad to be back behind the old keyboard and often think about how it used to be when I first started here at the Times. We still had the old typewriters and it was a lot slower process than now.

I missed some good basketball games while I was away, but I look forward to some good ones in the weeks ahead.

We are entering a new year in two weeks and some of the teams will really get into their conference schedule. You would think by now you would have an idea of how the conference race is going to go, but still it is too early to tell.

Allen Central is off to a strong beginning with a sparkling 6-0 record as of Tuesday. South Floyd has a 5-3 mark to begin the season while Prestonsburg is 3-2. But the Blackcats are always a slow-starting program that gels and plays strong toward the end of the season when it counts. Betsy Layne is off to a slow beginning but has been in every game they have played. If there has been one team that has impressed me, it has been the Bobcats. They play very hard and are a good defensive team.

Our women teams are still trying to find themselves in the first month of the season. Right now it appears that Prestonsburg is the team to beat in the district with coach Jackie Day Crisp having his team playing good basketball with a 4-3 start.

Allen Central is still looking for some leadership on the floor at 4-4. Betsy Layne is currently 4-3 and here is a team I like to come on strong; this could be a surprise in the district. I still contend that South Floyd, 3-5, will be a good team before February rolls around.

The thing about all this is that every team is going to get better. Before this is conference race is over, it is going to get tight and some big upsets will happen.

There is so much parity in the 15th Region this year. With Paintsville down to earth like other teams, it appears that eight teams could be considered regional contenders.

Don't let the loss of Vanhoose and Tackett get you to think the Tigers are not a contender again. They have a very strong basketball team with the likes of Grimm, Blackburn, Trimble and others. I like this team. They are going to be hard to beat.

Pikeville has Mims, Gibson, Akers and company that are a solid choice for a regional crown. Prestonsburg hasn't started playing the kind of basketball they are capable of playing. Look out for the Cats.

Allen Central is another sleeper in the region. They are small but quick and play you all over the court. Belfry will be in the thick of things as will

(See Sports, page two)

Prestonsburg rolls past South Floyd

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It took only the first five minutes of Prestonsburg's game against South Floyd Monday night to establish the tempo the game would be played as the Lady Blackcats rolled to an easy 75-54 conference win over coach Ronnie Patton's Lady Raiders at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

Four players scored in double figures to lead a balanced scoring attack that sent the Lady Raiders

to their second loss in the Floyd County Conference this season.

Senior Crystal Slone was on the receiving end of some easy baskets as she got in front of the South Floyd defense, scoring 19 points to lead all scorers.

Brandi Wells, Amelia Conley and freshman Megan Hyden tossed in 11 points each and Kimi Nunnery netted nine points. Senior Shelly Greathouse buried two treys for six points.

Shanna Hall led the Lady Raiders with 12 points, while

senior Olivia Stewart netted 10 points, including a three-point basket. Thirteen players dented the scoring column for South Floyd.

Prestonsburg scored off the opening tip off as Slone rolled under for an easy basket. She then made a steal and went solo to make it 4-0. Conley's rebound basket gave the Lady Blackcats a 6-0 margin and Brooke Coleman's 14-footer made it 8-0 before Conley put her team in front 10-0 and before the Lady Raiders could

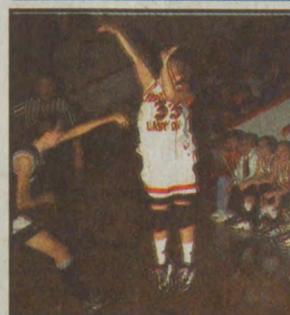
get on the scoreboard at the 4:56 mark on a Stewart free throw.

South Floyd had 13 turnovers, many unforced, in the first quarter as they trailed 16-4.

Greathouse ended the Prestonsburg first with a long trey and started the second quarter with a three-point basket. A rebound basket by Conley made it a 29-6 game midway of the second quarter.

South Floyd did make a run at

(See Prestonsburg, page two)



Hits trey

Prestonsburg's Kimi Nunnery (33) hit a three-point shot on this attempt against South Floyd

Prestonsburg

the Lady Blackcats to close the margin to 13 points. Stewart missed the backend of a two-shot foul with Angie Tackett grabbing the rebound for the put back. Stewart then hit a long 18-foot jumper. Hall scored inside, and freshman Jessica Paige hit a short jumper to make it a 29-16 game.

But Hyden pulled up in the middle for a short jumper, and Slone completed an old-fashioned three-point play to extend the lead back to 18 points, 34-16. The Lady Blackcats led 38-20 at the half.

South Floyd could get no closer than 14 points the rest of the way. They trailed 48-34 in the third and trailed by as many as 28 points at one time.

Coleman finished with four points for the Lady Blackcats and played a strong floor game with some nice assists. Stephanie Adams netted two points as did Lauren Majakey.

Monica McKinney tossed in six points for South Floyd. Tackett and Lindsey Hall finished with four points. Misty Berger buried a trey for three points, and Martha Crawford had a three-point basket for three points.

Stacia Slone finished with three points, coming on a basket from the 19'9" arch. Margaret Morgan, Brandi Damron and Jessica Paige finished with two points apiece.

The Lady Raiders dropped to 3-5 on the season overall.

Prestonsburg improved to 4-3 and 1-0 in conference play.

South Floyd does not return to the hardwood until Jan. 4 when they host Shelby Valley. Prestonsburg will play in the Johnson Central Invitational Dec. 28.

SOUTH FLOYD (54)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Stewart	3	1	3-1	10
Hall	4	0	4-4	12
Berger	0	1	0-0	3
Morgan	0	0	2-2	2
L Hall	2	0	0-0	4
Crawford	0	1	0-0	3
A Tackett	2	0	0-0	4
McKinney	1	1	2-1	6

Allen	0	0	2-1	1
Slone	0	1	0-0	3
Damron	1	0	0-0	2
Paige	1	0	0-0	2

PRESTONSBURG (75)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
G'house	0	2	0-0	6
Slone	9	0	1-1	19
Nunnery	2	1	2-2	9
Wells	4	0	6-3	11
Coleman	2	0	0-0	4
Conley	4	0	6-3	11
Adams	1	0	0-0	2
Majakey	1	0	0-0	2
Hyden	5	0	3-1	11

South Floyd..... 4 16 18 16 - 54
Prestonsburg.....16 22 24 13 - 75

Caudill scores 34 as MCA soars past Adams

Falcon forward buries five treys

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Josh Caudill hit five three-point baskets on his way to a 34-point performance against the Adams Middle School Blackcats in grade school basketball at the Mountain Christian Academy Falcons posted a 56-43 win.

Caudill got help from teammate Carlo Repuyan who finished with 18 points. Andrew Burchett and Kyle Scalf finished with two points apiece.

Eric Jarrell led Adams with 14 points. John Hunt finished with 12 points. Adam Dixon, Joey Willis and Wes Jenkins added five points apiece. Josh Hayton scored two points.

Jarrell scored four points in the first quarter as Adams held a 9-6 first quarter lead. Burchett, Caudill and Repuyan had two points for MCA in the first period.

But Caudill took charge in the second period, hitting three three-point baskets and scoring 11 points. Hunt kept the Blackcats out in front with seven points, and Jarrell scored four in the second period as the Blackcats went to the locker room with a 23-19 lead.

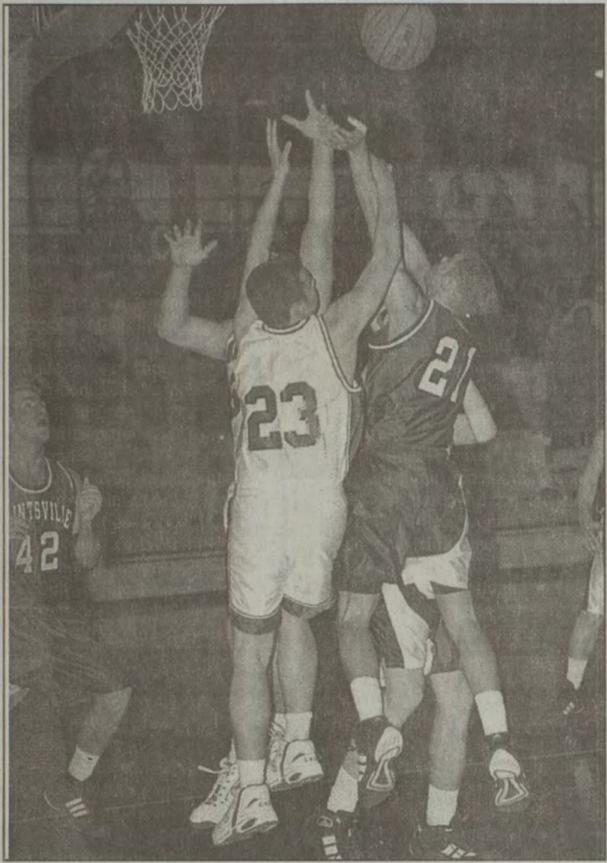
MCA held Adams to a lone field goal in the third quarter, a basket by Hayton. Caudill busted his third trey of the game and scored eight points as MCA grabbed a 31-25 lead after three periods.

The Falcons attempted 16 free throws in the fourth quarter alone and connected on 14 as they won the game from the charity stripe. Caudill had his fifth trey in the final stanza and hit eight of 10 free throws in the period. He completed a three-point play and hit five consecutive free throws. Repuyan had 10 fourth-quarter

points and was perfect from the charity stripe with four free throws.

Jarrell had six points in the fourth for Adams with Hunt burying a trey and scoring five points. Jenkins scored all five of his points in the fourth quarter with a three-point basket. Willis and Dixon also had treys for the Blackcats.

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Battle for the boards

Betsy Layne's Michael Gross (23) battled a Paintsville player for the basketball in high school basketball last Friday. Gross hit three three-point baskets in scoring 12 points. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports

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Elkhorn City, Shelby Valley and Pike Central before it is all over. Warning! Don't overlook Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders.

I had an interesting unsigned letter mailed to me while I was on vacation. Because it was unsigned we could not run it and I am hesitant to refer to any part of the letter.

The reference was to "emotionally immature coaches" throwing tantrums on their players. The article went on to say, "these kids play their heart-out; they are physically drained after a demanding game."

The description of what goes on in the dressing room after a game was described as "yelling, screaming, brow-beating, berating, chairs, score pads and clothing being thrown in all directions."

I don't know how a person can know this unless they have been in the locker area at half-time or after a game.

I know that coaches, grade school, high school, or any level, want to win. And I certainly do not condone any behavior as just described, if it happens. If this is true, then the proper officials should take the pains to see that it is stopped.

But what about the other side of the proverbial coin? I have seen coaches, so described, be the best friend that a player has, to help them and guide them.

Sure in the heat of the battle, there is one side, but when it is all settled down, the players have a real friend in their coaches. How many of us have lost "our cool" because we were upset over something, only to realize we did wrong and were sorry for it.

Today, there is great pressure to win in athletics. And that pressure to survive as a coach depends on having a winning program. I think with the advent of the site-based councils, there is that added pressure to do a good job, or you may not be around next season. That is the real tragedy — pressure that comes from the site-based council and parents. You wouldn't believe some of the things coaches tell me they have to go through with parents.

The main thing in this world is to mold young men and women into becoming leaders of the future.

One thing the letter stated that I

wholeheartedly agree with is "promoting positive self-esteem and self-worth is more important than a sports program that destroys these values."

Let me share what a young man told me this past Monday night at a basketball game. This young man just received a football scholarship at a major university. He had nothing but high praise for his coach, who made this all possible for him to further his education and continue to play football.

Here is a fiery coach, who wants his kids to perform to the best of their ability. But every kid who plays for him will tell you, he is a friend first.

I do not think any coach should go out and "win at any cost" as the letter stated. Neither do I think any coach should degrade a player for the way he played. When a player has a bad game, no one needs to tell that, he is the first to know it. And guess what? He feels the worst about it because he feels he let his coach and teammates down.

At the high school level, we have good men and women in the coaching ranks. Sure, they are "side line stalkers," but that is part of the profession of coaching. They yell, shout, and at times seem to be very offensive toward the players, but place yourself in the heat of the battle and ask would you act any differently.

It's not right, it should not be that way, but it's part of the sports world today and it all comes from being under pressure.

Well, this is my last column before Christmas, and I want to take this space to wish all the players, coaches, school officials and fans a Merry Christmas. I really appreciate all of you and hope you get everything you wanted for Christmas. If not, hang in there, anyway.

Oh, yeah, thanks Don Shannon for the nice gift of shelled peanuts. I often think of my very close friend, Jackie Osborne, and you when I eat these things. I grew up next door to Jackie in Martin and we were very, very close. I still miss him at the ball games. To the Shannon and Osborne families, Merry Christmas.

Until the next time, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Paige

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South Floyd hit four three point baskets in the third period, but it was Betsy Layne leading 57-55 after three quarters. Gross hit two keys in the third for the Bobcats and Bartley had his third of the game to keep the Bobcats out in front. Paige, Hall, John Meade and Dusty Tackett each buried three-point baskets for South Floyd in the period.

In the fourth, South Floyd was a three-point better team than the Bobcats, as Paige continued to fill up the basket from the 19'9" arch. Ryan Shannon, who finished with seven points, had a three-pointer in the quarter. Stumbo worked the paint area and the offensive boards for seven points in the final period. Adam Tackett scored 12 points

while Scott Collins netted six points for Betsy Layne with Bradley Brooks scoring nine points. Tommy Taulbee finished with eight and Anthony Tackett scored 10. Tackett scored eight of his points in the second quarter.

The Raiders got a big lift from the bench area. Eighth grader Michael Hall scored five points for the Raiders with a three-point basket in the second quarter. Shannon and Meade finished with seven points while P.J. Hall had two.

"Our bench provided a spark for us," said Coach Webb. "Ryan and Kyle (Tackett) had solid floor games for us on defense."

Jimmy Stumbo had eight rebounds to lead the Raiders. He also had four block shots. The two

teams were even in rebounds with 32 apiece.

Each team turned the ball over 17 times. South Floyd shot 46 percent from the three-point arch, hitting 13 of 28 attempts. The Raiders shot 43 percent for the game.

Betsy Layne hit 45 percent of their shots and 47 percent from beyond the arch.

South Floyd improved to 2-1 in the conference and 5-2 overall. Betsy Layne fell to 0-1 in the conference.

BETSY LAYNE (74)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	3	3	2-1	16
Collins	2	0	2-2	6
A Tackett	4	0	5-4	12

Brooks	4	0	4-1	9
Gross	2	3	0-0	13
Taulbee	4	0	0-0	8
Tackett	5	0	0-0	10
totals	24	6	13-8	74

SOUTH FLOYD (77)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Paige	3	5	2-2	23
Shannon	1	1	2-2	7
B Hall	2	2	2-1	11
Stumbo	5	0	3-2	12
Meade	1	1	4-2	7
Hall, P.J	1	0	0-0	2
D Tackett	2	2	0-0	10
Hall	1	1	0-0	5
totals	16	12	13-9	77

Betsy Layne.....	21	19	17	17	- 74
South Floyd.....	20	18	17	20	- 77

Paintsville

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From the lane

Justin Bartley (12) put up a jumper in the paint area against Paintsville Friday night. Paintsville pulled out a 67-58 win over the Bobcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

with seven seconds left in the third, left the Bobcats trailing 55-48 after three periods.

Trimble hit a long jumper to start the Paintsville fourth, but the Tigers would experience a dry spell that allowed the Bobcats to climb back into competition. Betsy Layne went on a 6-0 run and was down 57-54 with 5:58 to play.

Brandt Brooks, who came in and played a super game off the bench, missed a close in shot that could have made it a one-point game, but the Tigers got a free throw and trey from Grimm that opened up a seven point deficit, 61-54.

Tackett hit two free throws and the rebound basket to draw the Bobcats to within three again, 61-58. Tackett left the game on fouls and the Cats never scored again.

Paintsville went the final 4:29 with only one field goal and put the game away from the charity stripe where they hit four of seven down the stretch.

Betsy Layne's 2-3 zone defense in the second half shut down the inside game of the taller Tigers, a phase of the game that hurt them in the first two quarters.

"We played well. The kids played a good game," said Coach Rice. "We just need to get a big win."

Both teams had problems taking care of the basketball with Paintsville committing 22 turnovers. Betsy Layne had 24 for

the game.

Taulbee and Brandt Brooks finished with six points each for the game while Bradley Brooks totaled five points. Justin Bartley had one free throw.

Dustin Ratliff scored four for the Tigers, with Danny Scott and Brian Hale netting one point each. Grimm buried five three-point baskets in the game for the Tigers, whose only loss came to Magoffin County. The Tigers improved to 5-1 on the season.

PAINTSVILLE (67)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Blackburn	4	0	6-5	13
Trimble	6	1	6-5	20
Grimm	1	5	3-2	17
Ratliff	2	0	0-0	4
Meade	4	0	3-2	10
Scott	0	0	2-1	1
Hale	0	0	2-1	1
Hall	0	0	1-0	0

BETSY LAYNE (58)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	0	0	2-1	1
Collins	6	0	4-3	15
Tackett	1	0	14-11	13
Brooks	2	0	3-1	5
Gross	1	3	2-1	12
Taulbee	3	0	1-0	6
Brooks	3	0	0-0	6

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Allen Central

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Cawood's threat.

Cawood hit five three-point baskets in the contest with Carter and Brad Grant hitting two each.

The Rebels connected on four of only 11 free throws, while Cawood hit three of seven.

Carter led Cawood with his 21 points. Brock finished with 12 and James Huff netted 10. Brad Grant had nine points.

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Howell scores 22 as Betsy Layne handles Allen Central

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Wes Howell scored 22 points to lead four players in double figures as the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats continued to roll in a 77-60 win over a good Allen Central Middle School team last week in grade school basketball.

Bobo Hamilton and Michael Rogers scored 16 points each, while Chase Hamilton netted 12 points.

Roland Adkins scored six with Brandon Kiser finishing with three. Jonathan Hall hit two three-point baskets in scoring 19 points to lead Allen Central. Mike Slone had three treys and 15 points. Brian Paige and James Prater netted six points apiece while Neil Allen scored five. Shannon Moore finished with three.

It was a 16-10 game after the first quarter with Howell scoring six points in the first quarter. Rogers and Hamilton netted four apiece and Adkins scored two points. Prater had four points for Allen Central in the opening stanza while Paige, Allen and Hall scored two points each. Allen Central outscored the Bobcats in the second quarter, 18-13 to pull to within one point, 29-28, at the half. Hall had six points and Ross Samons tossed in four points in the period. Moore had a

three-point basket for the Rebels. In the third period, Betsy Layne put 29 points on the scoreboard in a 29-19 quarter that saw them go up 58-47 over the Rebels. Howell buried two treys and had 10 points. Rogers scored six points in the third period.

Hamilton, who did not score in the first two quarters, broke loose for 10 points in the third period as well. Allen Central could never recover.

Lady Cats win two, fall at Phelps

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

First-year Betsy Layne coach Cassandra Akers saw the Lady Cats pick up two victories last week while dropping a regional game to Phelps.

The Lady Cats posted a 56-50 win over Paintsville and edged South Floyd 43-42 in conference play but could not solve the offensive play of Courtney Mercer in losing at Phelps 69-46.

Against South Floyd, Betsy Layne picked up a big conference victory but took a last-second shot to pull out the one point win.

Jenny Parsons scored 13 points in the game, but it was her final shot that sank the Lady Raiders. Sheena Akers led the Lady Cats, scoring with 18 points while Leslie Hopkins tossed in 11. Parsons pulled down 13 rebounds for the Lady Cats, and Hopkins had nine boards.

Shawna Hall led South Floyd with 12 points and Olivia Stewart added 10. Misty Berger finished with eight points.

South Floyd held a 12-6 lead after the first quarter and went to the locker room leading 27-19. Parsons and Hopkins led a second-half blitz for the one point win.

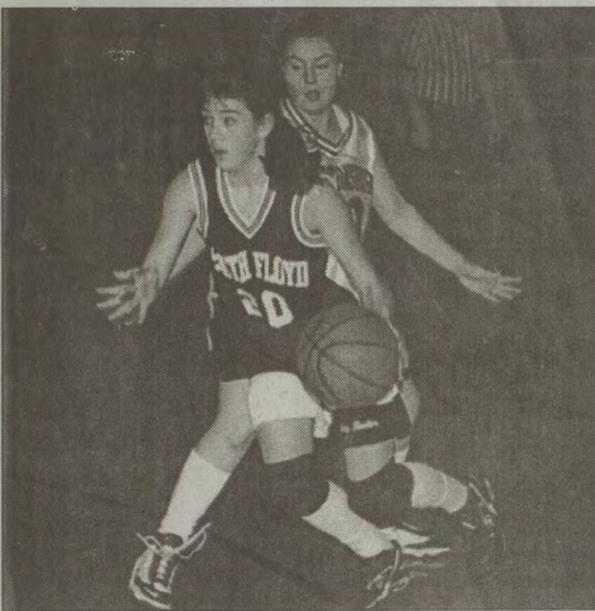
At Paintsville, Akers and Parsons had 16 points each, and Parsons had 13 rebounds as Betsy Layne won 56-50. Amanda

Hall and Heather Hamilton scored 11 points each. Amber Roberts scored two points in the win. Heather Hamilton dished off five assists.

Against Phelps, Courtney Mercer poured in 28 points to lead the Lady Hornets to the 23-point win over Betsy Layne.

Hopkins led Betsy Layne with 13 points, while Parsons scored 11.

Betsy Layne is 4-3 on the season.



On the drive

South Floyd's Lindsey Hall (20) drove the base line against Prestonsburg Monday night at the Prestonsburg Fielhouse. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Bobcat two

Betsy Layne's Tommy Taulbee (25) got ahead of the Betsy Layne defense for two easy points last Friday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse. Betsy Layne dropped a 67-58 decision to the Tigers of Paintsville (photo by Ed Taylor)

15 teams to compete in "Dog" Campbell Classic

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The field just keeps getting bigger and bigger as the fourth annual "Dog" Campbell Classic sets to tip off this Saturday, December 26 at the Allen Central gymnasium.

The tournament is sponsored by the Woodmen of the World and has become one of the largest grade school tournaments around.

"We had to turn teams away this year," said Allen Central assistant basketball coach and

head baseball coach. "We had hoped to have Allen and Stumbo in the tournament but prior commitments would not allow it."

The tournament is to benefit the Rebels' baseball team.

The tournament began with only eight teams three years ago and has grown to the current 15. Spurlock said he would have liked to have made it a 16-team tournament this year.

"But we couldn't work it out," he said. "Maybe next year we can get another team."

The tournament's first round

begins Saturday with seven games. Pikeville got a first round bye and will be the only team that will not compete Saturday. The quarterfinals will be held Monday with the semifinals on Tuesday and finals Wednesday evening.

South Floyd will open the tournament against R.W. Combs in an 11 a.m. tip off time. The Raiders are one of the top middle school teams in the region.

Roy Eversole Elementary seventh grade team will meet Allen Central in a 12:15 start.

Paintsville will meet Robinson

Creek at 1:30, followed by Roy Eversole eighth grade team meeting Betsy Layne in a 2:45 start.

Sebastin takes on Inez at 4 p.m. with Adams and Dorton squaring off at 5:15. The final game of the evening will pit Cordia against Magoffin County at 6:30.

The seven winners will advance to Monday evening's round. Pikeville will face the winner of the Cordia/Magoffin game.

The tournament will display some of the finest young basketball talent in the mountains and is sure to be a fan's delight.

Pack to guest on 15th Region Sports Forum

Prestonsburg head basketball coach Jack Pack will be the guest on tonight's 15th Region Sports Forum.

Pack's Prestonsburg Blackcats are expected to contend for a regional title this basketball season.

Sports Forum is an hour live call-in show that airs at 8:30 p.m. over Inter Mountain Cable, WPRG, Channel 5.

Fans can call and discuss the present basketball season and make comments about their favorite team.

The show also airs live over

the Double X, WXLR/WXKZ 104.9 and 105.5. The audio portion of the show can be heard over local access channel 7 in Prestonsburg.

The 15th Region Sports Forum will celebrate their second year over the local cable in January. The program has hosted a variety of sports people as well as players from the 15th Region.

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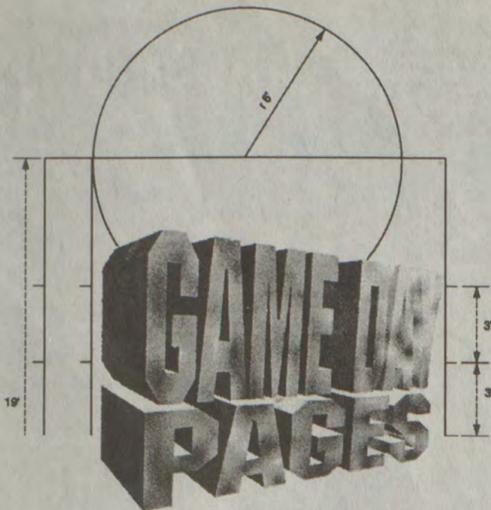
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Vols, Gators set to chase Cats

This week the Eastern Division TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW.



TENNESSEE

On the way to its first 20-win season in 13 years last winter, new Tennessee coach Jerry Green boasted that teams might not be eager to face his Volunteers if improvement continued at its current pace.

It has, and few probably are as Tennessee now heads into one of its most promising seasons since the glory days of the Big Orange long ago.

Six high-profile players, one more that is needed for a lineup, and represents the most talent in Tennessee in years. And it hasn't gone unnoticed with some picking the Vols to top reigning national champion Kentucky in the SEC East race.

Key to the Season: Yarbrough, if he develops, could be the difference between a 20-win season and NCAA contender. Tennessee's Class 3-A Mr. Basketball averaged 24 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists last year.



FLORIDA

Florida could move from the bottom of the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division to third place this year. But only if — and the key work is "if" — the school's finest ever group of recruits live up to its collective reputation as college freshmen.

Coach Billy Donovan's biggest task might be to placate the freshmen, and some important returnees. But if he is successful, the Gators will challenge in the SEC East, and possibly post a 20-win season.

Key to the Season: Newcomers must come through and enable Donovan to continue implementing the system of his mentor, Rick Pitino. Florida led the nation in three-point shooting last year, much like the early Pitino teams at Kentucky. But Florida must improve its defense and rebounding. The Gators shot 44.3 percent, but opponents shot 43.8. Opponents out rebounded Florida by a total of 87, and the Gators had just 17 more steals.



SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina moves into its first season without the standout guard tandem of BJ McKie and Melvin Watson, the duo that led the Gamecocks to the 1997 SEC regular season championship and back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths.

But at least coach Eddie Fogler has McKie. The All-SEC performer considered a jump to the NBA, but changed his mind and returned for a senior season that will see him almost certainly become the school's all-time leading scorer.

Another area of concern for Fogler will be to replace 6-11 Ryan Stack, an NBA draft pick. One of the prime candidates will be prize recruit Tony Kitchings, a 6-10, 250-pound bruiser. He is another in a long line of home state players landed by Fogler and his staff.

Key to the Season: McKie will shine, but the supporting cast will determine how far South Carolina goes in 1999.



GEORGIA

For the last few seasons, Georgia has been the classic "doughnut" team - one with a hole in the middle. No reliable center. But if the Bulldogs are going to make a run in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division, one of two 7-foot centers must step in to fill that void. The challenge is that neither has proven capable in the past.

Senior Eric DeYoung sat out last year as a redshirt. In his junior season, he started just three of 29 games, averaging 2.3 points. He missed the last four games to injury.

DeYoung's counterpart, 7-1 sophomore Robb Dryden, missed 1997 to a redshirt and was hampered much of 1998 by a stress fracture when he averaged only 0.8 points in 19 games.

Key to the Season: Filling the center position is a key, but Georgia may be vastly improved on sheer pride alone. The Bulldogs were a disappointment last year, and with four starters back, they promise to bring a fair amount of angry to the 1999 campaign.



Vanderbilt has any chance to survive in 1999 after losing standout players Drew Maddux, Billy DiSpaltro and Austin Bates to graduation, it might have to be done with players who weren't even in uniform last year.

Coach Jan vanBreda Kolff, therefore, might have to turn to three freshmen recruits and three red shirts. Redshirt Daruis Coulibaly, a 7-footer from the Ivory Coast and Greensboro Day School in North Carolina, is big, but raw. Sam Howard had an injury in preseason practice last year and missed the season. Michael LeBlanc transferred from Connecticut.

Key to the Season: Look for Langhi to blossom. Prater, as the team's point guard, must hold Vanderbilt together as the team goes through these radical changes in personnel. If not, the Commodores could slide to where most predict they'll finish in 1999 — last in the SEC East.

Say What!



Kentucky Athletic Director C.M. Newton - after the Blevins arrest, "You would think any young person would take you serious on the kind of message you're trying to get out!"

Cat Notes

Associated Press

Three UK Players Named Freshman All-American

Three players from the University of Kentucky earned Freshman All-American honors from the Sporting News, including strong safety David Johnson on the first team. Defensive end Dennis Johnson made second team and offensive tackle Matt Brown was named third team.

Outback Bowl a Sellout!

For the first time in its 13-year history, the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla. on Jan. 1st, is a sellout. Thanks in no small part to the Blue and White Wildcat following, which has bought 7,000 more tickets than their original allotment (now up to 27,000). The new Raymond James Stadium will be full to its 66,321 seats. Note: Hey, Bulldog fans - "How bout them Cats?!"

Couch Tops SEC

University of Kentucky Junior Quarterback, Tim Couch was chosen as the SEC player of the year in voting by league coaches. Couch broke seven SEC records - including total offensive yards (4,151), pass completions (400), completion percentage (72.3), and passing yards (4,275) - while leading the Cats to a 7-4 record and a trip to the Outback Bowl.

UK Assistant Goes to Oklahoma

UK offensive coordinator Mike Leach has left the UK program to take the same job at Oklahoma. Leach joins the staff lead by new head coach, Bob Stoops (former defensive coordinator at Florida). Leach had been an assistant with Coach Hal Mumme for 10 years.

Here We Go Again!

Just when you thought that this has got to end - another UK athlete has trouble with the law. J.P. Blevins, freshman guard of the UK Basketball team was arrested at 3:10 a.m. this past Sunday morning at a Lexington apartment complex for public intoxication. Note: A follow-up story on this incident will appear on a future Cat's Page.

The Cats Prowl



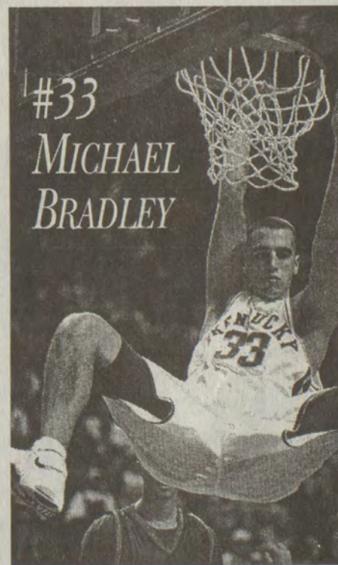
Louisville - This could prove to be a make or break game for the Cardinals. That's a strong statement, but the Ville must play competitively with the Cats - as they get set for a season that could also prove to be a pivotal one for Coach Denny Crum. A big loss to UK could mean the loss of support from several areas for the program - most importantly the "fans."

Prediction: Sorry Denny, but a big loss looks very possible.

Upcoming Kentucky Wildcats Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	TV
Dec. 22	Tues.	Duke	9 p.m.	E.Rutherford, N.J.	ESPN
Dec. 26	Sat.	Louisville	1 p.m.	Louisville	CBS
Dec. 29	Tues.	Tennessee State	8 p.m.	Lexington	UKTV
Jan. 2	Sat.	Florida	4 p.m.	Lexington	JP
Jan. 5	Tues.	South Carolina	9:30 p.m.	Columbia, S.C.	ESPN
Jan. 9	Sat.	Vanderbilt	6 p.m.	Nashville	FoxSN
Jan. 12	Tues.	Tennessee	9:30 p.m.	Lexington	ESPN
Jan. 16	Sat.	Mississippi	3 p.m.	Oxford, Miss.	ABC
Jan. 20	Wed.	Auburn	8 p.m.	Lexington	JP
Jan. 23	Sat.	Mississippi State	1 p.m.	Lexington	UKTV
Jan. 26	Tues.	Georgia	9:30 p.m.	Athens, Ga.	ESPN

Cat Profile



#33
MICHAEL
BRADLEY

Height: 6-10
Weight: 235
Class: Soph.
Position: Forward/Center
Hometown: Worcester, Mass

FRESHMAN HIGHLIGHT:

With center Jamaal Magloire on the sidelines against Alabama in the SEC Tournament, he hit 4 of 7 shots for 10 points to go along with 6 rebounds and 3 blocks in 14 minutes of action.

STRONG POINTS:

Passing and ball-handing are biggest assets - good hands Size inside will help and his footwork both offensively and defensively has improved Had great summer workouts - should help stabilize middle.

MUST IMPROVE:

- Offensive skills around the basket
- Free-throw shooting

Cat Trivia



Who is Kentucky's all time leading rebounder?

Answer: Dan Issel with 1078 career rebounds and 13 per game average.

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4. Rusty Wallace, 4,501	4. Randy LaJoie, 3,543	4. Jay Sauter, 3,672
5. Jeff Burton, 4,415	5. Elton Sawyer, 3,533	5. Tony Raines, 3,596
6. Bobby Labonte, 4,180	6. Phil Parsons, 3,525	6. Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 4,157	7. Tim Fedewa, 3,515	7. Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Dale Earnhardt, 3,928	8. Elliott Sadler, 3,470	8. Greg Biffle, 3,276
9. Terry Labonte, 3,901	9. Buckshot Jones, 3,453	9. Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Bobby Hamilton, 3,786	10. Hermie Sadler, 3,340	10. Mike Bliss, 3,216

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 7	Daytona International Speedway*	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 14	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
March 7	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway*	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

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1999 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Venue	Location
March 20	Miami-Dade Homestead Mtrsp. Complex	Homestead, Fla.
March 27	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
April 3	Evergreen Speedway	Monroe, Wash.
April 10	Mesa Marin Raceway	Bakersfield, Calif.
April 17	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
May 8	Memphis Motorsports Park	Millington, Tenn.
May 16	Pikes Peak International Raceway	Fountain, Colo.
May 22	I-70 Speedway	Odessa, Mo.
June 5	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
June 11	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
June 19	Portland International Raceway	Portland, Ore.
June 26	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
July 3	Milwaukee Mile	West Allis, Wis.
July 10	Nashville Speedway USA	Nashville, Tenn.
July 18	Nazareth Speedway	Nazareth, Pa.
July 24	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 1	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Raceway Park	Clermont, Ind.
Aug. 20	Gateway International Raceway	Madison, Ill.
Aug. 28	Heartland Park Topeka	Topeka, Kan.
Sept. 9	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 24	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 1	Louisville Motor Speedway	Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 15	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
Oct. 30	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Eastern Motorsports Press Association vs. Jeff Gordon

In what could hardly be described as anything but a snub directed at Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon, the Eastern Motorsports Press Association has named Dale Earnhardt Jr. as its winner of the Al Holbert Memorial Driver of the Year Award.

The award was based on the votes of the EMPA's 250 members.

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: Although Gordon is certainly worthy of any award this season, it's hard to overlook what Earnhardt Jr. has accomplished.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR

The first race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, on March 1 of this year, was a rousing success in terms of attendance, as an estimated 135,000 fans were on hand. The competition was unspectacular, however. Mark Martin won in a walk, and 13 of the top 14 finishers were Ford Tauruses.

Smith wants additional events at Texas, Las Vegas tracks

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Now that Bruton Smith's Speedway Motorsports Inc. owns both Texas Motor Speedway and Las Vegas Motor Speedway, obviously there are two tracks where Smith desperately wants two events, not just one, on the Winston Cup schedule.

So which of the two tracks is Smith's first priority? "It's kind of a chicken-and-egg situation," Smith told *The Dallas Morning News*, but when pressed he said Texas would probably be his first priority for another date because he has owned the track longer.

"But here again, we'd like to have both get a second race," he added. "We're a builder of NASCAR, and I think if you asked NASCAR, they would agree with that. I think we've earned the right to have two races at both tracks."

The Texas track's general manager, Eddie Gossage, said, "Las Vegas is more competition for us now than it was before. We've got more seats than they do, and I think I can make a reasonable argument that Texas Motor Speedway deserves a second Winston Cup race."

No indication of any changes for 1999 have been forthcoming

from the ruling body's offices in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Another expansion in Concord: Speaking of Speedway Motorsports tracks, Charlotte Motor Speedway officials announced during the week that they will expand the Concord track by 10,568 seats, making it second only to Indianapolis Motor Speedway as a sports facility in the United States.

The expansion, which will be ready by this May's events, will boost capacity to approximately 157,000 seats.

Powell to head Vegas: Bruton Smith has dipped for a second time into the ranks of R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco Co. executives to provide leadership for one of his tracks.

Chris Powell, 39, who has worked at RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises for 11 years, was named executive vice president and general manager of Las Vegas Motor Speedway earlier this week. Since 1994, Powell has served as RJR's manager of media relations and publicity for its Winston Cup program.

Smith hired another RJR operative, Jeff Byrd, when he bought Bristol Motor Speedway in 1996.

Powell, a UNC graduate, will relocate in Las Vegas next month.

THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

Gordon learned early to deal with sponsors

Endorse first, drive later. It is no accident that Gordon, at age 27, has a lot of savvy in dealing with corporate sponsors.

According to an article in the Dec. 14 issue of *Forbes* magazine, Gordon met with Valvoline officials when he was 14 years old.

Gordon's stepfather, John Bickford, sent him looking for sponsorship to the oil firm's Indiana office.

An executive asked the boy how he had gotten there.

"My mother drove me," Gordon replied.

"Now let me get this straight," said the executive. "You drive a 650-horse-

FILLING THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Fuller lands BGN ride

Jeff Fuller, who drove in eight 1998 races with the No. 89 BGN team owned by Merideth and Sharon Ruark, will return for a full-season bid next year with sponsorship from Heritage Consumer Products.

Fuller will drive Chevrolets for the Mooresville-based team.

power sprint car on half-mile tracks, and you had to get your mom to drive

you down here?"

"Yes, sir," replied Gordon. "I'm not old enough to have a driver's license."

Bickford wanted Gordon to learn what seeking sponsorship was like.

"We were trying to teach him how to talk to a sponsor, knowing he'd have to do it down the road," Bickford said.

According to the article, Gordon will earn \$8.3 million this year.

The current Winston Cup Champion has endorsement deals with companies including Pepsi, Ray-Ban and Unilever (Close-Up toothpaste).

Bickford began selling T-shirts featuring his stepson when Gordon was 8 years old.

PROFILE

Robert Pressley



NASCAR This Week

Robert Pressley is struggling to make his mark in Winston Cup racing.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

When Robert Pressley was driving in the Busch Grand National ranks, many observers thought he would be the next Dale Earnhardt.

After all, Pressley's father, Bob, is a short-track legend, much like the late Ralph Earnhardt. And Pressley occasionally made the kinds of moves, such as in a pair of last-lap victories over Harry Gant at Darlington, that seemed to be the stuff of legends.

But for whatever reason, Pressley has been unable to score a Winston Cup victory.

AGE: 39

WIFE: Gina

CHILD: Coleman (10), Shelby (4).

HOMETOWN: Born in Washington, D.C., lives in Asheville, N.C.

CAR: No. 77 Jasper Engines Ford Taurus, owned by Doug Bawel.

CAREER RECORD: 108 starts, 0 poles, 0 wins, 3 top fives, 5 top 10s, nearly \$3 million in earnings.

FIRSTS: Start (Feb. 20, 1994, at Daytona), pole (none), win (none).

WHAT HAS BEEN THE TOUGHEST OBSTACLE IN DRIVING CUP RACES?

"Getting used to 500 miles vs. 200- or 250-lap races."

WHAT DID HARRY GANT TEACH YOU WHEN YOU AND HE WORKED TOGETHER CLOSELY EARLIER IN YOUR CAREER?

"He was certainly a big help to me. Harry really talked to me a whole lot and told me things I needed to expect, mainly concerning the difference between Busch and Winston Cup races."

Harry was an ace in both divisions."

HOW TOUGH IS IT TO COMPETE AGAINST TEAMS WITH MORE RESOURCES?

"Well, a lot of times you've got to lower your expectations and consider it, you know, a victory to finish as high as the car can go on that particular day. That's tough, but it's a sign of maturity, and you can wreck yourself and others if you try to overdrive it. Plus, it's tough to make the field for every race. You don't want to have to use more than a couple of provisionals. You try to get your share of top-10 qualifying runs, top-15 finishes, and then if you can move up to the top 10 or the top five, it really feels like you've accomplished something."

TRIVIA

1. What do Richard Petty and ex-NBA star Brad Daugherty have in common?
2. By what measure can motorsports boast having nine of the 10 best sports facilities in the U.S.?
3. What two drivers have won both the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500?

ANSWERS
1. The number 43
2. Seating capacity
3. A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
We go to the Atlanta race in November, and it is always cold. Why don't they move the Atlanta race up ahead of Phoenix and Homestead, both of (which) are in warmer weather. Atlanta is getting later every year and colder.

Robert Walters
Ashmore, Ill.

Dear Robert,
Track officials consider it important that Atlanta's fall race be the final event of the season. They consider it a drawing card that outweighs the potential disadvantage of cold weather.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
When and why did Chrysler Corp. stop (its) association with the Winston Cup Series, and do they have any plans in the near future to return?

Charles A. Gehring
Mount Dora, Fla.

Dear Charles,
Chrysler has not participated extensively in the Winston Cup Series since the mid-1970s, and its last win was in 1977. In the past year, many reports have circulated that the company might return. At the height of those reports, the company merged with Daimler-Benz, and what will happen next is unclear.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I would like to know how the pit stalls are chosen. In one of the (late-season) races, Jeff Gordon qualified in 21st position. ... His pit stall was up around the fifth or sixth position. This cannot be fair.

I say NASCAR must change the rule so that if you qualify 20th, then your pit stall will be No. 20.

John Straw
Dillsburg, Pa.

Dear John,
The pit assignments are chosen on the basis of qualifying results, but are not assigned in that order. In other words, if you qualify first, you get first choice. While the stall nearest turn one is considered, in most cases, to be the most advantageous, it does not necessarily mean that the next one is second best, and so on. For instance, many times a team will take a spot farther down pit road because there is a space in front of it, which prevents the car from being blocked in by another car stopping in front of it.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: **NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054**

AROUND THE GARAGE

CREW OF THE WEEK

Dale Earnhardt Inc. has hired Sandy Jones, formerly with Diamond Ridge Motorsports, to be the new crew chief for the Craftsman Truck Series team of two-time champion Ron Hornaday.

Jones, originally from Alabama, has worked in the Charlotte area since the early 1980s, with D.K. Ulrich, Junior Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports and RaDiUs Racing, as well as with Diamond Ridge.

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Why All The Rumors?

By: Miranda Lafferty

Good or bad? That is the question many people ask about this school. Adams Middle School, before sending their children here to receive an education. Does this school have a good, clean learning environment? Or are the classrooms surrounded with violence, and hate? There are many rumors that have been going around throughout Floyd County about how horrible this school is. Some of them are stupid ones like, 'They don't learn as much as other schools, because they don't use or have textbooks'. Or 'All those kids do at Adams, is fight. The school is filled with violence'. Well, I ask myself, if they haven't gone to this school how do they know the rumors are true? The fact is, they don't. This is my third year at A.M.S., and I have heard all these rumors. None of them are true. You too have probably figured that out by now. I believe that before people begin jumping to conclusions and believing the rumors they hear, they need to look at our Academic Achievements, Talk to a student or faculty member to really find out what goes on, or actually visit the school, and find out for themselves.

Before people think that Adams is one of the worst schools in the county, they need to look at our past Academic achievements. We have a wonderful Academic

Team. Recently, our Academic Team had a competition at South Floyd. I'm proud to say that we did wonderfully. In the writing/English composition category, I know that three of our students ranked first out of eighteen, another second out of eighteen, and last of all one student ranked sixth of eighteen. I would also like to say that about 20% of last year's County Young Authors' Winners, were from our school. That may not seem like much, but we only have three grades competing compared to most schools that have grades K-8. That is very high if you look at the standards.

Our science club has also competed in the state science Olympiad in the past, and has done very well. People may not realize it, but some of A.M.S.'s past students were part of the National Honors Society when they graduated high school. We have many more unrecognized achievements, which people need to look at before beginning rumors about our school.

Before drawing conclusions about Adams, you need to talk to a student or a faculty member to find out the facts. You shouldn't be spreading the rumors unless you know for a fact they are true. Talk to someone that has been to Adams, that really knows what's going on, that can answer all your questions. As a student, I can assure you that we DO have

textbooks, and we DO use them. I can also assure you that we get a good education to help prepare us for the future. We don't fight as much as people say we do either, and if we do, we are disciplined. People also think we have a problem with drugs, but I can assure you we don't. If we have had problems, I haven't heard of them. They also think the way we are graded is hard to understand, but it isn't.

All these rumors I have mentioned above, I have heard at least one time in the past. All of these rumors are also very untrue. Talk to someone and get the facts.

If you don't believe what anyone tells you about Adams that IS true, go to Adams and find out for yourself. Set up a meeting or arrange a time to come in at Adams and see what goes on for yourself. That's the only sure way to find out anything.

As you can probably see, I am very aggravated at the rumors that are being spread about Adams. So, before you jump to conclusions, or begin to spread the rumors yourself, look at Adams's academic achievements, talk to a student or faculty member and find out what really goes on, or visit Adams and find out what goes on for yourself.

Kentucky Youth Assembly

By: Miranda Lafferty



1998 Delegates Attending KYA

As most of you are aware of, the Y-Club at A.M.S. will be participating at the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Conference in Frankfort this December. For those of you that have no clue about what the KYA conference is all about, I'll tell you. KYA is a very educational, yet exciting trip, and if you ever get the opportunity to go, you should.

KYA, or should I say the Kentucky Youth Assembly conference, is simply a trip in which you take and go to the capitol in Frankfort where you perform a mock government.

Many different students have many different jobs. The job you receive will depend upon how many times you have been to KYA, or what grade you are in.

If you are an eighth grader, you will be automatically placed with the other delegates that have been at least once before. If you are in sixth or seventh grade, and it is your first time going to KYA, then you are considered a "Premiere Delegate". All premiere delegates go to the old historical capitol building for a day (well, not quite a whole day) of debating issues/bills written by other pre-

miere delegates. Students there, as well as the ones in the older program, have pro/con debates on the bills presented. If the bills are passed in both the Senate and House of Representatives, they go on to the governor. The governor then passes or vetoes the bill. Just like real life government. If you are a premiere delegate, you also have a possibility of becoming a page. However, there are only two pages, both which are preselected by the YMCA staff.

Non first time delegates, or eighth graders may have many different possible positions or roles to play. An eighth grader may be:

- *A legislator
- *A press corps member
- *A bill author
- *A lobbyist
- *A candidate for a specific office, or
- *A participant in the judicial program

A Legislator is either a representative or a senator. They are the delegates that have pro/

con debates over bills that the bill author(s) present. They serve their job in either the House of Representatives, or the Senate.

A Press Corps Member is an experienced delegate that writes about conference activities. They are just like news reporters.

Bill Authors are supposed to present a bill that two delegates from their school have written. There is a maximum of two bill authors per bill.

A Lobbyist simply states their opinions for certain bills, trying to convince other Representatives/Senators to be in favor or in opposition of the bill. They present appropriate information to the congregation to try and convince other delegates to take their side.

You may also choose to be a Candidate. Candidates run for a specific office such as President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, or Govern-

nor. On the conference you vote for other delegates that are running for office, that you believe will do the best job. There are lots of offices to run for, and it's hard to choose the person who will do the best.

Last of all, you may be placed in the judicial program. Delegates exchange the roles of being the judge, a jury member, or attorney, in actual trial cases. This is just a mock court.

KYA may sound like hard work, and it is if you are a committed delegate eager to learn. But, as well as working there is time to play. At the hotel, they arrange special activities, so you can have a little fun on the trip. They arrange pool parties, dances, karaoke, games and dinners. In other words, you also enjoy yourself. Hopefully, after reading this, I have convinced you to go on KYA if you have a chance next year. If you aren't into the mock government thing, maybe you should try some other conferences, arranged by the YMCA. They include KUNA, LTC, GFIC. They are all tons of fun. Hope to see you soon at KYA!!!

out Kentucky participate in co-ed YMCA organization at their school. Our Y-club has just recently returned from the Kentucky Youth Assembly (K.Y.A.) which everyone had a blast at. We all made some new friends from different schools and counties then were quickly pulled away from the friendly atmosphere that the YMCA tries to set at all of their conferences debatable and non-debatable alike. Wait a second before you break out the tissues there is an awesome non-debatable conference coming up next month called, "Go For It!"

Go For It is held at the Loins Club Camp Crescendo in Lebanon Junction nestled in the spectacular foothills of Bullitt county.

Go For It tries to help young people find out more about themselves, the world around them and the world that will be theirs one day. This conference tries to reach a number of goals by the end of the four days. Among these goals are learning to celebrate diversity, clarifying moral values, uncapping hidden leadership potential and building and strengthening relationships. The laid-back atmosphere helps to create life long friendships and helps to instill values, morals and appreciation.

It is different from K.Y.A. in many ways. You don't have to keep up with billbooks or wear suits. Like K.Y.A. its a time to make friends and have fun with new and exciting people. Go For It is just ten extra dollars for non-Y club members so for more info contact the YMCA headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky. Hope to see you there!!!!

GO TO GO FOR IT!!!

By: Rebecca Spurlock

Many students from various schools through-

Talented and Gifted

By: Ashley Fish

When people think of Academic Tag, I believe that most people think of a group of smart people or brains, but actually TAG is a group of academically Talented and Gifted students. Which means that TAG students must perform well in most subjects, and that is how a person gets involved in TAG.

In TAG this year, we are doing many different things. We have really been working hard with career awareness, which means we are choosing careers that we would like to have or are really interested in. Then, we are researching them and doing activities based in that particular field. Now we are choosing people who have this occupation and are requesting to shadow them (basically follow them around and ask them questions about their careers) in their jobs and ask them questions. It will really help us with our career choices later on in life because we will be aware of some job choices. Also, by experimenting with careers now, it might help in making decisions later on in life.

Another thing that TAG is involved with is the Leadership Challenge with the 4-H program. A few students are chosen to participate in this program from all

Floyd schools. They are chosen by peers in their classroom and other classrooms. Leaders from the community come and talk with us about their role in our town, and members from the 4-H teen council do activities with us concerning a specific topic each time. This year, our first meeting was on November 25 and our class was on communication skills, and I thought it was a success.

Tag is a very important part of our school system, to me, because it really does help those students who are in it by giving them opportunities to make "real world" decisions. The TAG program helps to prepare us better for high school, college, and life, and I'm really proud to be a part of this program!

Book Reviews

By: Sarah Hill and Courtney Conn

At Adams Middle School we participate in Reading Workshop. Students across the building choose books to read for their enjoyment. These books range in topics and in genres. Eighth grade students in each homeroom were asked to recommend a book. The following are opinions of some of the eighth grade respondents.

Balin Loftus of

J.D. ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Hammonds' homeroom recommends Wanted, by Caroline Cooney. This story is about a girl who is accused of her father's murder and who is trying to escape the police and her family, all of whom believe she is guilty. Balin says, "the main character Ally stands out in my mind because of her great abilities." Balin found this book at Joseph - Beth Booksellers in Lexington. He would recommend this book to anyone in the sixth grade and above who enjoy reading murder mysteries.

In Mrs. Isaac's homeroom, Charlee Mullins, has been reading Dance of Death by R.L. Stine. Charlee says, "this book is basically about a girl who becomes engaged to the farmer. The farmer tries to drink her blood so he can live and be young forever." The relationships between the characters is what really stood out in her mind. She recommends any from sixth grade up that enjoy horror stories. Charlee found this book at K-Mart.

Patrick Davis, in Mrs. West's homeroom, enjoyed the book The Face by R.L. Stine. Patrick says that this story is about a girl who has lost her memory of the past

month. She seems to recall short clips of her past and "she keeps drawing a face, but she just can't remember. Until one night she remembers that she could be the killer!"

The seventh graders here at A.M.S. participate in the same activity and with great enthusiasm as well!

Lou Calhoun has been reading The Wrong Number 2, by R.L. Stine. She says that when the main character makes a prank call the action begins. During the call he over-hears a murder. She would recommend the book to any one 12 years old and up.

The part that stands out in her mind the most about the book is when the murderer chases the prank callers with a chain saw.

Tommi Tussey would like to recommend The President's Daughter, by Jack Higgins, and would recommend it to any one, above 13, who loves a great adventure.

The main conflict begins when the president's daughter, (who no one knows about except her mother and father because it was an af-

fair), is kidnapped by an under-cover terrorist group, who are trying to force him to sign a document, or his daughter dies. She says, "It was kinda boring until she got kidnapped and the chase begun." She says her favorite part was "when her rescuers go into the place where she is being held captive. The action happens so fast, it keeps you on the edge of your seat, and your not sure who will survive."

Justin Osborne loved Tex, by S.E. Hinton, and he recommends it to boys who love a great adventure. He says it's about a young boy in the 1980's and his life. Justin says that at first the book was boring, but then Tex robs a store and the action grows from then on.

Stevie Montgomery has been reading Monster Blood 3, by R.L. Stine. She says, "This guy buys some green goo from an old toy store. A couple days later the goo comes to life." Stevie recommends Monster Blood, to any one in 7th grade or up. The part that stands out in her mind the most is the way it ended, "but I can't tell you, you'll have to read it!!!"

Gwendolyn Crace has been reading Dacey's Song, by Cynthia Rylant.

She says, "It's about a girl who had to grow up too fast." She recommends it to young adults. She said it was very interesting. The part that she says stands out in her mind the most about the book is when "her sister overcomes her learning disability."

All the books here that we have recommended are available at almost any place. Remember the old saying, "Don't judge a book by it's cover!" A great book doesn't need a great cover to fully convey the magnificent story that lies within. So stop staring at the cover and open the book. Who knows, maybe there's another world waiting for you there.

Achieving Success at KYA

By: Miranda Lafferty & Melissa Slone

On December the 13th and 14th students from Adams middle School attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA). There were many great achievements accomplished during the three day trip, that many people do not realize. Approximately twenty schools across Kentucky attended, which is well over one thou-

sand delegates total. The Adams delegates handled their responsibilities well with no misbehavior.

Many students from A.M.S. were recognized for their accomplishments. Stacey Stephens ran for the position of governor but was voted down. The outstanding speaker award was presented to Balin Loftus. Kyle Wicker and Shawn Whitt successfully passed a premiere bill. Rebecca Spurlock was assistant editor of press corps. Tess Collins and Jenna Humphrey represented Adams Middle in the Judicial Program. Kristi Barrowman and Erin Majakey presented a bill but was defeated.

All delegates experienced a good time and hope to attend next year. After the trip the delegation came home feeling quite successful. Overall the KYA assembly was very educational and a worthwhile trip.



John Hunt & Kristi Barrowman
Photo by: Shannon Slone

The Friday Comics

GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



BRINGING UP FATHER



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



MAGIC MAZE

WORDS FOUND IN "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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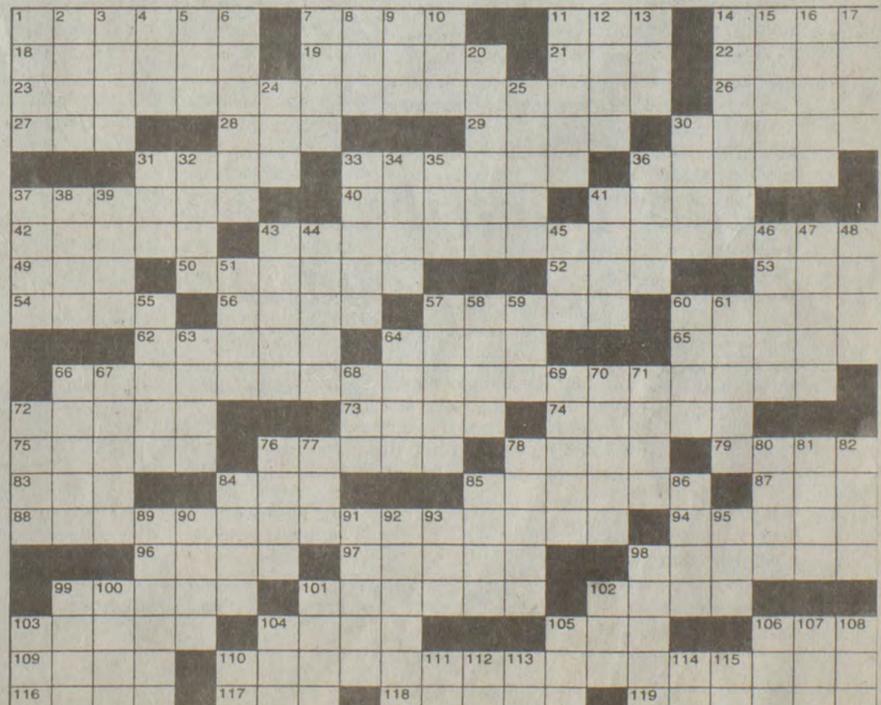


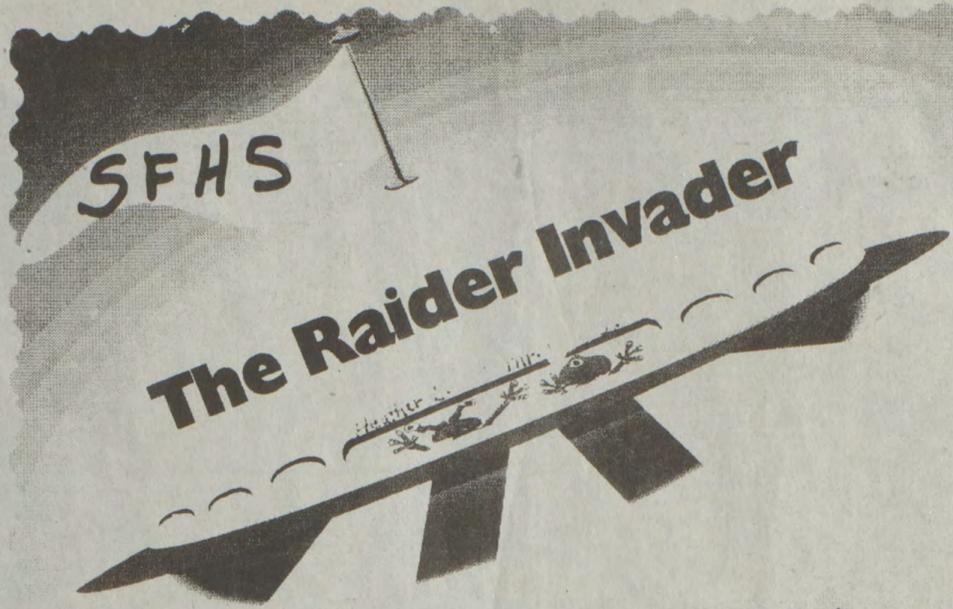
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Plant is moved. 2. Remote is bigger. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Screen is different. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A5

Super Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Kitchen appliances, 7 Goatish gambler, 11 Merry month, 14 Jeremy's partner, 18 Tristan's tootsie, 19 - Park, Colo., 21 Mr. Lucky's card, 22 Wahine's wiggle, 23 Leg-strengthening desserts?, 26 Give off, 27 Disconsolate, 28 Buck's beloved, 29 Melodious Murray, 30 With 78 Down, Batman's alter ego, 31 Kid at court, 33 No-nonsense city-state, 36 Originate, 37 "Cavalleria Rusticana" setting, 40 Lowest point, 41 Sale stipulation, 42 Sweatshirt size, 43 Figure-improving
- snack?, 49 Give it - (try), 50 Pina -
- 52 Had a hot dog, 53 Payable, 54 Gift-wrap items, 56 Apple or quince, 57 Darling child, 60 Inflexible, 62 Physician Joliot-Curie, 64 Nice or Newark, 65 Use a toboggan, 66 Mind-expanding pastry?, 72 Merchandise, 73 Come in second, 74 "Rawhide" rope, 75 Rotund, 76 Junior's job, 78 Take a hike, 79 Bush's alma mater, 83 Potok's "My Name Is Asher -", 84 Tankard filler, 85 Most despicable, 87 Boxer Baer, 88 Vision-enhancing side dish?, 94 Japanese dog, 96 Jack of
- "Hawaii Five-O" broadcast in July, 98 Crown, 99 Pool person, 101 Saluki or schipperke, 102 Bank (on), 103 Revealed, 104 Film -
- 105 Lout, 106 You can retire on it, 109 - it the truth?, 110 Digestion-aiding spread?, 116 Apparatus, 117 Latin I word, 118 Passe-partout's profession, 119 King or Lombard, 120 - breve, 121 Neither's partner, 122 Change the decor, 123 Defrosted DOWN: 1 Moves like mad, 2 Cambodia's continent, 3 Have to have, 4 Astronaut Grissom, 5 Wee one, 6 Old-fashioned, 7 Holiday
- 8 Shade of blond, 9 Colorado colorado, 10 Volleyball divider, 11 - cum laude, 12 Need a rubdown, 13 "By all means!", 14 '66 Association smash, 15 Soil stuff, 16 Writer Walker, 17 See socially, 20 Zhigavo's portrayer, 24 Salty spread, 25 Foreword, 30 Cheese-board choice, 31 Sty guy, 32 Evelyn's brother, 33 Nasty, 34 Dad, 35 They may be personal, 36 Tennis legend, 37 Concrete base, 38 Othello's inducer, 39 He won't speak without caws, 41 Part of D.A., 43 Duplicate, 44 Veronica of "Hill Street
- Blues", 45 Math abbr., 46 Perfect, 47 Prize money, 48 Faxed, 51 Opinion page, 55 Daddy dogs, 57 Shake-malevolent, 58 Harper's Bazaar designer, 59 Ultimate, 60 James Herriot, for one, 61 At present, 63 Trick, 64 Third-rate, 66 Cavalry weapon, 67 Roman fountain, 68 Mr. Ziegfeld, 69 Work on a crossword?, 70 Frasier's brother, 71 Thousand - Calif., 72 Devour, with "down", 76 Clay clump, 77 "And I Love -" ('64 song), 78 See 30, 80 Surrounded by, 81 Tardy, 82 Final, 84 Curly coif
- 85 Comic Orsc, 86 Whippet's wagger, 89 Strauss opt, 90 Unit of loudness, 91 Fall behind, 92 Shake-spearean monarch, 93 - tu" (Verdi aria), 95 Kyser or Starr, 98 Flaw, 99 Sales pitch, 100 Like some music, 101 Word with guard or scheme, 102 Team scream, 103 It's a long story, 104 James Mason role, 105 Conductor Klemperer, 106 Explode, 107 She, to Sat, 108 Chased away gray, 110 Actress Hooks, 111 Remote, 112 "Buttermilk Sky" ('46 song), 113 Crimson, 114 Humbug lead-in, 115 Time period





Cindy Vanover*, Derrick McGarey, Lucinda Hamilton, Chandra Short, Christy Hopkins, Kristy Moore (picture not included), Amanda Stumbo, Jaynie Stumbo, Sonya Tackett, Shawna Hall, Misty Berger, and Beth Tucker, (*denotes overall school winner) are all winners in the christmas project.

Students participate in Christmas Project

by: Lucinda Hamilton

Several students from South Floyd High School were given the opportunity to experience first hand how the world of communications really work. One hundred and ten students participated in the Christmas Reflections Project sponsored by McDonald's and WMDJ radio station with Patricia Watson coordinating for the Floyd County Schools. Twelve students were invited to read their papers over the air on WMDJ, on December 10, 1998. In addition to

the original date the essays will also be played over the air on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The writings were chosen by a panel of judges appointed by the Floyd County Times. The twelve students chosen from each school recieved and All-American Meal from McDonald's plus a certificate. The overall school winners will also recieve a McDonalds tee-shirt. Tentative plans are being made to recognize student winners from all schools at a banquet.

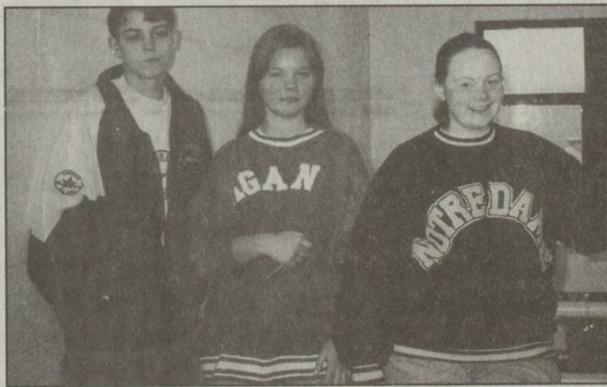
South Floyd High School Academic Team



South Floyd Students recognized in All-district band

by: Jason Mullins

Auditions for the All-District Concert Band were held on Tuesday, December 1, at Pikeville Independant High School. Approximately 100-120 students form District 9 participated and among these students there were three from South Floyd High School selcted to be all part of this prestigious band. These three students were Jason Mullins, trumpet; Leslie Compton, clarinet; and Fabrina Ditto, clarinet.



Conservation Essay Winners

Brandon Gearheart, Jennifer Howell, Chandra Short,

Drama students sing "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree"



SFHS students participate in all-district choir

by: Jason Mullins

Several students from South Floyd were selected to participate in the All-District Choir. The All-District Choir was composed of over 150 students from District 9. These students spent two days in preparation for their concert which was held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Among the students that participated were Lucinda Hamilton, Olieka Paige, Josh Ward, Morgan Hall, Leslie Compton, Jessica Mosely, Lance Sparkman, and Rickey Joe Hall.

Students Contribute to South Floyd's Food Drive

by Aurora Smith

Mrs. Norma Kay Fairchild and the Family Resource Center are sponsoring a food drive. This is a school wide profect. Every student was asked to bring in two cans of non-perishable foods. The food drive is to help feed all the families in the community who, for some reason can not afford food for Christmas dinner. Many teachers are even offering bonus points to their students who help out.



Students participating in The Halls At South Floyd

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Let's dance!

Dance Etc. brings The Nutcracker to life

Mice, soldiers, fairies, clowns, and flowers danced across the stage of the Mountain Arts Center last week to present a Christmas favorite, the Nutcracker.

The Nutcracker was a co-presentation of the Mountain Arts Center and Dance Etc. It is a tale of a young girl named Clara and her favorite Christmas present, a Nutcracker, who comes to life on Christmas Eve.

Laurice Rosier performed the

lead role of Clara in the production. Josey McCoy portrayed the Nutcracker, the prince, and the nephew.

Cherysh Workman portrayed Fritz; Danny Young, the father; and Leann Sublett, the mother.

Adult party guests included Jennifer White and Mark Burchett, Jennifer Willis, George Thornsburg, Jami McGuire and Josh Kidd, Annalyse McCoy and Anthony Sublett, Ginger Thornsburg, Ryan

Turner, Meridith Jarvis, Tiffany Lafferty and Beth Walker.

Party children were Melanie Stapleton, Ellen Preston, Kristy Hyden, Shelby Higgins, Mirande Thompson, Jennifer Ward, Morgan Mooney, Erin Ratliff, Vara Mohamet, Heather Webb, Kelli Ward, Kala Jarrell, Brittany Miller, and Ashleigh Vanderpool.

Other members of the cast included Greg Hamilton as the Drosselmeire; Amanda Arnette as the Gift Box Clown; Marcie Cornett as the Gift Box Ballerina; Nick Lafferty as King Mouse.

Potraying fighting mice in the show were Erica Mamaug, Mari Cornett, Sarah Perkins, Chelsea Herford, Thalia Holland, Olivia Holland, and Tatianna Slone.

Soliders were Jessica Kiser, Hanna Walker, Lauren Burke, Jessica Alford, Maggie Sanders, Kaitlyn Richmond, and Crystine Evans.

Katherine Adams portrayed the Snow Queen, and Snowflakes were Maegan Rishner, Caitlin Clark, Molly Burchett, Heather Leslie, Amber McKinney, Brittany Carpenter, Kelsey Goble, Laura Barrett, Marci Cornett, By'shey McDonald, Erin Kiser, Lindsay Cooley, Celina Rowe, Olivia Fitzpatrick, Caitlin Briggs, Lauren Bowman, Whitney Slone, and Kate Lowe.

Annalyse McCoy danced across the stage as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Flowers in the Nutcracker were portrayed by Jena Gearheart, Charlotte Hale, Michelle Ellis, Lindsay Maggard, Natalie Combs, Lowie Ward, Samantha Pillersdorf, Myranda Elliott, Madison Wheeler, Barbie Brown, Katie Bentley, Katelyn Combs, Candra Blackburn, Samantha Huffman, Katy King, Jessica Connors, Arwa Mohamed, Ashley McQueen Rife, Caitlin Everidge, and Allison Adams.

Leeann Sublett and Jennifer Willis were the lead flowers.

Erin Kiser, Brittany Carpenter and Laura Barrett were the Chinese performers. Jill Brown was the

Arabian; Jennifer Willis, Jennifer White, Jami McGuire, Meredith Jarvis, Ginger Thornsburg, Tiffany Lafferty, Leeann Sublett, and Beth Walker were the Spanish cast.

Meridith Jarvis, Jami McGuire, Jennifer White and Beth Walker were Russian cast members.

The Reed Flutes were Jennifer Willis, Leeann Sublett, Ginger Thornsburg, Annalyse McCoy, Amanda Arnett, and Tiffany Lafferty.

Vicki Brown was Mother Ginger.

In the role of clowns for the pro-

duction were Katelin Plumley, Kate Herrick, Whitney May, Ali Derham, Kathleen Smith, Christina Wright, Clara Osborne, Jessica Burford, Laura Jean Isaac, Taylor Moak, Clara Stephens, Jessie Bryson, Kaitlyn Minix, Elizabeth Davis, Leandra Padgett, and Jerica Blair.

The local production was choreographed by Jody Shepherd, owner and operator of Dance Etc. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance from Radford University. She is the coach and choreographer for the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats.



The cast of the Nutcracker posed for a group shot before the performance.



King Mouse Nick Lafferty ruled over his kingdom of mice: Erica Mamaug, Mari Cornett, Sarah Perkins, Chelsea Herford, Thalia Holland, Olivia Holland and Tatianna Slone while Josey McCoy as the Nutcracker lead his army of toy soldiers: Jessica Kiser, Hanna Walker, Lauren Burke, Jessica Alford, Maggie Sanders, Kaitlyn Richmond and Crystine Evans.



Leeann Sublett as the Mother talked with Laurice Rosier (Clara) as Danny Young, in the role of Father, lectured Cherysh Workman (Fritz).



Nick Lafferty as King Mouse crossed swords with Josey McCoy, who portrayed the Nephew, Nutcracker, and the Prince.



Laurice Rosier had the lead role of Clara. She is shown with Cherysh Workman, who had the role of Fritz.



Adult party guests, in back row, included Jennifer White, Mark Burchett, Jennifer Willis, George Thornsburg, Jami McGuire, Josh Kidd, Annalyse McCoy, Anthony Sublett, Ginger Thornsburg, Ryan Turner, Meridith Jarvis, Tiffany Lafferty, and Beth Walker. In front row, the party children were Melanie Stapleton, Ellen Preston, Kristy Hyden, Shelby Higgins, Mirande Thompson, Jennifer Ward, Morgan Mooney, Erin Ratliff, Vara Mohamed, Heather Webb, Kelli Ward, Kala Jarrell, Brittany Miller, and Ashleigh Vanderpool.

The march of the annual Christmas parade

Take one band director, 27 hard-working fourth through eighth grade students and a lot of supportive parents; mix them together and you have all the ingredients that make up the Allen Elementary Band.

Most of the band members are new this year, but they're already showing what they can do.

On Dec. 5, they marched through downtown Prestonsburg during the city's annual Christmas parade. Despite the pouring rain, the students showed up early, formed their lines, and waited in the downpour for their turn to march down the street.

"With six experienced members and the other 21 playing only since October of this year, the group still made a great showing,

strutting their stuff through the streets of Prestonsburg," Eagles band director Valeria Coburn said.

Members of the squad include:

- Eighth grade: Dustin Justice, Jason Lafferty, and Jon Madden;

- Seventh grade: Terry Cesco, Stetson Hall, Mason Lafferty, John Music, and Josh Sargent.

- Sixth grade: Ashley Collins and Kim Gibson;

- Fifth grade: Douglas Boyd, Kevin Duftin, Grant Honeycutt, Jordan Lafferty, Shay Mullins, Bryan Osborne, Andrew Shepherd and Justin Ward; and

- Fourth grade: Shawn Branham, Amanda Coburn, Alex Duftin, Anthony Hall, Mason Haywood, Sara Hall, Destiny Morgan, Kassie Prater, and Seth Spears.



Allen Elementary School band students marched down the rainy streets of downtown Prestonsburg during the city's annual Christmas parade, held December 5.

Poison Oak

by Clyde Pack

A Christmas memory

My memories of Christmases at Muddy Branch during the 1940s are still vivid and very special to me.

Some are school-related because, besides all the festive decorations in the halls and classrooms of the H.S. Howes Community School, this special season was yet another chance for us to get an extra present or two. One way we did this was to draw names.

On the Friday before our vacation began, we'd bring the gift for the person whose name we'd drawn and that afternoon the teacher would hand them out.

No one enjoyed these days more than I did, but I seldom fared well when it came to receiving presents at school. While the other boys got neat things like checker boards, pocket knives and yo-yos, I always got a box of chocolate covered cherries. Regardless of who got my name, I got chocolate covered cherries.

Now, don't misunderstand. I like chocolate covered cherries, but part of the ritual was to open our present so everyone else could see what you got. If that little white box had been a giant magnet and the students iron shavings, it couldn't have attracted any more attention. I might have managed to eat one or two before someone would grab the box. By the time it got back to me, it would be empty.

Of course, when you're a kid, getting presents is important. But, I was fortunate to have also realized that there was a bit more to Christmas than that. Having good Christian parents and living in a house filled with love and laughter didn't hurt anything.

We always had a Christmas tree, complete with lights and popcorn tinsel we'd strung ourselves, but the prevailing atmosphere of warmth and the true meaning of the holiday was very much in evidence, too.

In this regard, a Christmas memory that I still cherish is one where I got very little in the way of presents.

It came when I was about eight years old. My little brother Joe would have been about five. Anyway, dad wasn't getting much work for some reason, but on this particular Christmas Eve night, he was working and there was no one home with us except mom.

We all kind of sat around doing those ordinary things like listening to "I Love A Mystery," or Randy Blake's "Supper-time Frolic" from WJJD in Chicago, on the radio. Then, along about eight o'clock, or so, mom gave us our gift, and we were tickled to death with our genuine, imitation-leather, cowboy-style wallet that she had ordered from Montgomery Ward.

I spent all of Christmas Day cutting pictures for the little plastic windows of my new wallet from movie magazines that my older sister, Mary Jean, had bought.

I doubt very seriously if that wallet ever carried a real piece of money, but no amount of cash could have bought the kind of warm memories it now provides.

I haven't the foggiest notion as to why this particular Christmas sticks in my mind, but looking back to those long winter days and nights of

(See Poison, page two)

SOCIETY

Officers installed

East Point Masonic Lodge elected and installed officers for 1999 on December 12.

Officers elected were: Master, Clyde DeRossett; senior warden, Bill Craft; junior warden, James Ramey; treasurer, Robert Peters; secretary, W. L. Baldrige; chaplain, Ken Gambill; senior deacon, A. J. McCoy Jr.; junior deacon, W. W. Hall; senior steward, Haze Blackburn; junior steward, John K. Blackburn; and tiler, Ben Smith.

James E. Goble and Tilden R. Ellis participated in the installation. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Retiring master, Alvin Johnson, was presented his past master's apron.

John Graham minutes

John Graham Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met Monday, December 14, at May Lodge for a business-luncheon meeting.

Regent Frances Brackett called the meeting to order and chaplain pro-tem Virginia Goble led the DAR Rituals. Karen Ousley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA. Betty Conn led the American's Creed, and gave the National Defense message, "This Is Not the County I Fought For," by Thor Ronningen, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Secretary-treasurer Karen Ousley reported that a yearbook and membership card had been sent to all members, that she had ordered the Good Citizen Pin which will be

presented to a Prestonsburg High senior in the spring, and a JROTC medal which will be presented to an Allen Central High School cadet.

Librarian Betty Conn reported that the DAR Memorial flowers had been renovated in DAR blue, white, and gold. She thanked Ethel Colvin of Highlands Gift Shop for the beautiful work.

The regent announced the death of Verle Hamilton Parrish at Houston, Texas, sister of John Graham vice-regent, and Vivian Hamilton Hale of Prestonsburg. The late Mrs. Parrish had taught in Floyd County schools and in Scott County schools, and had published Floyd County censuses and genealogical books. She belonged to a number of genealogical and historical societies having joined

the DAR as lineal granddaughter of Revolutionary soldier Richard Salisbury who married Polly Milton, and had a supplementary line from Benjamin Hamilton who is buried at Moon, in Morgan County.

Brackett had attended the Louisa DAR Chapter dedication November 14 for Revolutionary soldier George Pack, buried at Charlie, Lawrence County, Born 1755-1825, he had served in Capt. Patient's Company in the Dunsmore War.

The regent and secretary will help registrar Virginia Goble compile chapter material for the Kentucky Ancestor Roster to be published in a state-wide book.

The regent's farm was recognized by the Louisa Rotary Club at the annual Farmer's Appreciation Dinner, December 4, with the

Preston-Brackett Farm recognized as one of Lawrence County's pioneer families established in 1819. Attending with her were Ray Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. John David Preston, and Ellen Preston.

Delegates elected to the 103rd KSDAR State Conference, Louisville, March 19-21, were Frances Brackett and Karen Ousley. Alternates elected were Betty Conn, Eleanor Horn, Virginia Goble, and

Vivian Hale. Delegate to Continental Congress, Washington, D.C., was Brackett with alternate being Evelyn Burgess Widmer, Prince Frederick, Md.

Christmas cards and notes were mailed to Norma S. Stepp, Maurine Mayo, and Fannie Rannels who were unable to attend the meeting.

The next business meeting will be held at the home of Eleanor Horn on January 11.

Things to Ponder

by Mable Rowe Lineberger Ph.D.

Needless to say, by this time, most everyone has done his/her thing in getting ready for the holidays. Or, if they haven't finished yet, they pretty much have decided when and how they will get it done. As everyone is well aware, we look forward to doing the same special rituals over and over when we are with family.

It feels especially good when we can predict what we are to do at a time that is so important to the majority of our society. For example, there is this lady who is extremely depressed around days that are usually celebrated with family, such as birthdays and holidays. However, her apparently very dysfunctional family rejected her years ago and have focused on her younger brother. Although her head knows that she is better off without them in her life, her heart still grieves at Christmas time that she cannot be with her family to interact as "others do" or share in activities as they once did. A guess is that everyone thinks that their Christmas traditions are the best and do not think about how they actually developed.

Many traditions have evolved over the years regarding the celebration of Christmas. The original St. Nicholas supposedly was a Fourth Century bishop from Turkey. He dressed in red and white with gold embroidery. St. Nicholas rewarded children for good behaviors and punished the bad ones. The hanging of stockings on Christmas Eve reportedly began when he acci-

Valued Traditions of Christmas

dently threw gold pieces down the chimney for three sisters' dowry. Our modern concept of Santa Claus was greatly influenced by Coca-Cola company's ads in the 1940s. Another tradition started by the ancient Druids was the kissing of loved ones under the mistletoe. The potent plant was thought to possess power, cure all illness, and be a symbol of peace and good will.

It is difficult to believe that the religious leader Martin Luther started the ritual of decorating trees many centuries ago. He fastened candles to the trees. In the early 1800s, German settlers decked trees

with fruits, sweets, and paper roses. Then older women within the settlers, first commercialized the selling of trees at lots. They harvested the trees from nearby forests. Colonial Americans also decorated outside trees with apples and strings of popcorn. In 1851, two ox sleds loaded with trees from the Catskills went to the streets of New York City and opened the first retail lot in the United States.

An additional difficulty would be trying to perceive the Christmas celebration without our various forms of music. A long, long time ago, an Austrian priest wrote the carol "Silent Night."

He wanted to make sure there would be music in the church when the organ could not be fixed in time for the Christmas Eve service. St. Francis of Assisi introduced Christmas Carols to formal church services.

Besides giving messages through songs, greeting cards have become very popular. In 1843, an Englishman launched the custom of sending greeting cards in place of more time consuming letters. Three decades later, a German immigrant founded the American Christmas card industry. All types of Christmas cards are used and often a long, "newsy" letter is enclosed. In some cases, a collection of these annual epistles would be a great summary of a person's life, say when they have written 30 or more years. An example is my first roommate in nursing school. Although we have only seen each other face-to-face maybe three times over the decades, her letter of happenings is

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Small World



by Aileen Hall

When I went to the beauty shop a while back for my weekly shape-up, I was looking more like it was an annual visit. My hairdo was going east and west which made me feel more than a little dismal. I saw myself in a mirror and the feeling was confirmed.

I was glad the two customers who were there ahead of me were also my good friends, Gertrude and Terri. In case you think you know a Gertrude and Terri, these are not the same ones. That's not their correct names anyway.

Gertrude was ready to go under the dryer and Terri was ready to be combed, so I couldn't see how they

looked when they came in. I was sure their appearance was better than mine. Since I'd fallen into a negative state and these

were two such trusted friends, I decided to confess a few other shortcomings. I said, "I want you to know I'm also the worst housekeeper in the world."

Almost in unison, they both said, "Oh no, I'm the worst housekeeper of all."

"You just don't know," I insisted. "I can't sew and I don't do crafts. I really don't know how to do all those things so important in making a house a home."

"I can sew," said Terri, "but I never can find the time. I always have windows to clean or ironing to finish. How can I find time to sew?"

Gertrude said, "I know how to sew, but I don't even want to. That makes me worse than either or you."

"Speaking of ironing," I chimed in, "my husband thinks he needs a few new shirts, but if I'd iron all the ones he has he'd be wanting me to take a few to the Goodwill Center."

Gertrude had been thinking "Maybe I'd enjoy sewing if I had

enough room to spread things out. My house is so full I don't have room to bring in new materials or to work with patterns."

Terri said, "I know what you mean. My house is crowded too. I've been wanting to add a hidden stairway to make some attic space over the spare bedroom."

"I have a large attic," I said, "but I've tried to think of a way to add a side room. There still isn't enough room for all the stuff you accumulate. My problem is that I can never throw things away. I still have my two daughters' old majorette boots, tassels and all. Every time I start to discard them I find myself thinking, some other time."

"I can understand," said Terri.

"I'm a pack rat too. But every time I decide to throw some item away, it won't be two days till I'm needing the same thing and wishing I'd kept the one I had."

At this point in the conversation, Thelma had me ready to go under the dryer. I had to decide between a nap and a magazine. I picked up a magazine and remarked, "I don't know why, but I always start at the back to look through a magazine. Does anyone else do that?"

"Yes, I do," said Gertrude. "In fact I go at a lot of things backwards."

"Me too," Terri volunteered. "I even write backwards." (I haven't figured that one out yet. How do you write backwards?)

Before I fell asleep under the dryer, I decided that no matter what failing I had, these two friends would try to top it. Next time I get them together I think I'll do a reverse evaluation by saying something like, "My family says I fry the best chicken they ever ate."

Just wait. I guarantee they'll try to convince me they can cook better than I ever thought I could.

Poison

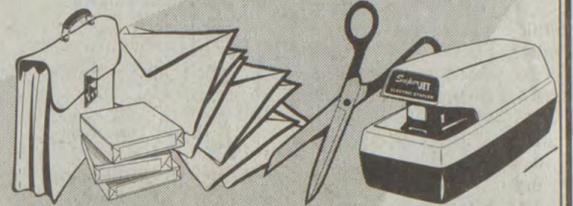
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Christmas time in the 1940s, I suppose it might have something to do with the fact that I never went to bed hungry and I never was cold.

I think it's kind of sad the way some folks today seem to feel that Christmas has something to do with spending money.

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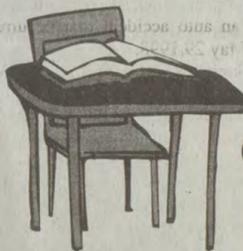
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12/9/98

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11:16 suspicious vehicle across from Citco
12:16 motorist's keys locked in car at IGA
2:30 car broke down on US23
3:38 911 hang-up at 440 University Dr
4:17 911 hang-up at Cliff apt #73
6:37 DUI on 114/1428
9:01 vehicle broken into at juvenile detention center
9:44 motorist's keys locked in car at S Hardin St
10:26 car broke down on 114 Bert Combs Bridge

12/10

1:00 person intoxicated at Hardees
1:56 caller from Pikeville area found two purses on US 23
9:00 accident with injuries at Gorman Collins residence
10:54 vandalism to room at Holiday Inn
12:48 motorist's keys locked in car at Glenview Plaza
2:20 motorist's keys locked in car at Wal-Mart parking lot
3:46 intoxicated person at 23 N Tiger Mart area
5:46 alarm engaged at Jenny Wiley dock
6:59 motorist's keys locked in car at 18 Marge St
7:37 DUI in Ivel on US23N

12/11/98

2:35 alarm engaged at Glynview Citco
11:30 motorist's keys locked at Carter Funeral Home
12:42 car broke down at bank
2:05 motorist's keys locked in car at Dairy Cheer
3:56 motorist's keys locked in car at Puckis Tattoos
4:35 motorist's keys locked in car at PCC
5:14 911 hang-up at Blackcat Blvd
5:40 possible drug deal going down at Arnold Ave
5:43 reckless driving 23N
8:35 drug related at S. Central
10:34 motorist's keys locked in car at Sam an Tonios
11:16 intoxicated person at Holiday Inn

12/12/98

1:10 motorist's keys locked in car at Holiday Inn
3:50 suspicious person at Super 8
6:52 motorist's keys locked in car at Comfort Suites
8:45 accident without injuries at Wal-Mart lot
9:26 animal removal at 269 Central Ave
10:52 accident without injuries at 1428/Goble Roberts
2:15 alarm engaged at 1244 Water Gap GNC Hammer
2:50 child's bike stolen at 1428
3:00 2 cartons of cigarettes stolen at Prestonsburg Foodland
5:30 accident without injuries at S Lake Dr at Elementary School
6:37 motorist's keys locked in car at Gravel Lot
7:54 accident without injuries at Wal-Mart
8:02 accident without injuries at Dairy Cheer
11:11 subject drunk and threatening individuals at Mt View

12/13/98

0:04 intoxicated person at McDonalds
1:13 party at Cliffside apts disturbing the peace
1:19 accident without injuries at Helig Meyers
2:43 suspicious vehicle at Comfort Suites
12:37 attempt to locate vehicle at Ashland
4:59 DUI at Westminster St
5:08 911 hang-up at 581

Riverside Dr
5:30 motorist's keys locked in car at MAC
6:00 dead dog in road at Jim's Day Bakery
7:55 motorist's keys locked up at Winn Dixie
8:30 car broke down at Helig Meyers

District Court

Editor's note: All first offense DUIs are allowed to do two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the total court costs and fines. All individuals who are charged in cases involving alcohol or drug counseling.

Paul A Marshall, 26, of Salyersville, possession of Marijuana, fines \$173.50, school 30 days, and release cash bond.
Jaclyn Cundiff, 19, of David, speeding 12 mph over speed limit, \$102.50 in fines, and school 30 days.

Hannah Azeb, 34, of Staffordsville, speeding 22 mph over speed limit, \$93.50 in fines, refer to State Traffic School.

Steven T Goble, 26, of Prestonsburg, speeding 20 mph over speed limit, \$83.50 in fines, school 30 days.

Jessica Marie Sexton, 16, of Drift, failure to wear seatbelt, \$93.50 in fines, school 60 days.

Stephen T Harris, 28, of Allen, 16 mph over speed limit, failure to wear seatbelt, \$125.50 in fines, school 90 days.

Leah D Chapman, 30, of Rawl, speeding 22 mph over speed limit, \$102.50 in fines.

Rebecca Perkins, 24, of Salyersville, speeding 15 mph over speed limit, \$98.50 in fines.

Melissa G Wiley, 28, of Grethel, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, failure to wear a seatbelt, disorderly conduct, \$128.50 in fines, 1 day in jail, 60 days in school.

Gregory A Keener, 35, of Chapmanville, WVA, out of state non-appropriated tag, no lease agreement, \$168.50 in fines.

William J Webb, 23, of Prestonsburg, no insurance, failure to registration transfer, operating on a suspended license, \$703.50 in fines, school 180 days.

Lisa A Walters, 21, of Drift, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, disorderly conduct, \$118.50 in fines, school 60 days, 2 days in jail.

Paula L Jones, 23, of Goshen, IN, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, \$83.50 in fines, school 1 day.

Regina S Price, 25, of Paintsville, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, 1st offense, endangering the welfare of a minor, wanton endangerment 1st degree, \$518.50 in fines, license suspended 90 days, school 180 days, 90 days probation, alcohol drug education.

Edward Lee Nichols, 49, of Pikeville, alcohol intoxication 3rd, criminal trespassing, 7 days in jail to run concurrent, \$83.50 in fines, school 90 days.

Kevin Allen Walker, 31, of Clinton, TN, reckless driving, \$178.50 in fines, school 30 days.

Russell Sammons, 52, of Banner, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, criminal trespassing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, \$103.50 in fines, school 30 days, 14 days in jail.

Robbie L Woods, 39, of Prestonsburg, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxication, assault 4th, minor injuries, terrorist threatening, \$518.50 in fines, 30 days in jail, probation for 1 year, 90 days license lost, school 30 days.

William J Hall, 19, of Virgie, failure to wear seatbelt, operation on a suspended license, cancelled/fictitious license, license plate not legible, \$243.50 in fines, school 60 days.

Willis Sparks Jr, 21, of Prestonsburg, driving DUI, suspended license, no insurance,

\$578.50 in fines, 30 days in jail, school 90 days.

Mary E Taylor, 34, of Paintsville, no KY registration plates, no exp. Registration receipt, operating with a suspended license, no insurance, \$718.50 in fines, school 180 days.

Suits Filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt, but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Jack Simpson of Hager Hill Vs Arley Hunter (Arley's Garage) of Allen, compensation for violation of KY consumer protection act.

Nathan Edward Hall of Hager Hill Vs Stephanie Grace Hall of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Melissa Hall of Prestonsburg Vs Timothy Lee Hall of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Brenda Lee Castle Burchett Vs Robert Eugene Castle of Paintsville, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ronnie Adams & Betty Adams of Staffordsville Vs Tammy Adams of David, petition for Grandparent visitation rights.

Commonwealth for Kimberly Anders of Hunter Vs Estill Miller of Drift, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth for Amanda Johnson of Melvin Vs Larry Miller of Hihat, petition for child support & health care insurance.

Commonwealth for Lois Adkins of Honaker Vs Brenda Spears of Harold, petition for child support & health care insurance.

Joshua Brewer of Galveston & Terry W Biliter of Galveston Vs Kenneth D Brown of Hippo et al,

Compensation for an auto accident that occurred on or about Aug 11, 1998.

Norwest Mortgage Inc of Charlotte, NC Vs David Earl of Prestonsburg, Collection of debts.

Steve Toy of Allen Vs Ralph Collins of Wayland, compensation for an auto accident that occurred on May 29, 1998.

Sherri Riser of Floyd Co Vs Prestonsburg City Utilities, the city of Prestonsburg & Kirk Convenient Stores of Inez, compensation for personal injuries received in an accident on the premises of Kirk Convenient Store, on Dec 13, 1997.

Artiss Ellen Alsept of Printer Vs Joanne Violet Hunter of Printer, Petition for custody.

Krissy Marcum of Bucky Branch Vs Kevin Johnson of Volga, compensation for damages received in an auto accident that occurred on Feb 2, 1998.

General Motors of Troy, MI Vs Jimmy E. Goble & Patricia Goble of Prestonsburg, collection of debts.

Debbie Cook Derossett of McDowell Vs Donald Derossett of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Brenda Jarrell Goble of Dwale Vs Raymond Goble Jr. of Dwale, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Bankers Trust Co of Irvine, CA Vs Patricia Davis of Eastern, et al, collection of debts.

Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

• Wesley Christian School, Allen (97): Hand cleansers and receptacle noted to be absent from handwash sink. Mop head observed stored on floor.

• Sav-A-Lot, Martin (94): Food in some areas observed stored on the floor. No towels observed in women's restroom and produce and meat department handwash sinks. Male and female restrooms noted to be slightly soiled. Ceiling in restroom and meat department noted in disrepair. Light in produce

preparation area noted to be unshielded.

• May Valley Elementary, Martin: Follow-up visit from December 3 investigation. All violations corrected, except for light out in room B49 and in mechanical room.

• Martin's Kwik Stop, Martin (96 Food; 93 Retail): Food observed stored on floor in retail area. Ice scoop and flour dispensers improperly stored. Side of prep table noted in disrepair. Employee restroom observed to have no towels and in slight disrepair. Ceiling in storage areas noted in disrepair. Mop head observed stored on floor.

• Prestonsburg High School (86): Ceiling tile missing in hallway of science wing. Approved service (inadequate water pressure) in water fountain near entrance at rear of gym. Top of lockers soiled with dust and food (women's P.E. locker room). Approved service (inadequate water pressure) in water fountain near room 114, room 214. Hand sink not maintained (under pressure) near room 114, boy's restroom. Ceiling area not clean in boys restroom near room 144.

• James Mobile Home Park, Goble Roberts Addition (100): no violations observed.

• Mountain Christian Academy cafeteria, Martin (97): Microwave observed to be slightly soiled. Ceiling noted to be in slight disrepair.

• Prestonsburg High School cafeteria (98): Ceiling tile missing in prep service and utility area. Vents throughout prep areas soiled with dust. Mop head not inverted in maintenance closet.

• Mountain Christian Academy (96): Light out in gym, light unshielded. Floors (carpeting) and some ceiling tiles noted in disrepair.

• Piarist School, Martin (96): Light shield over foyer of restroom area noted to be missing. Some ceiling tiles noted in disrepair.

• Duff Elementary/Allen Central Middle School, Eastern (78): Critical Violation (must be corrected within 10 days): Burn barrels and debris observed on school grounds. Upstairs janitorial closet, science lab chemicals (cleaning supplies, paint thinner in art room supply closet) all observed unlocked. Unlabeled cleaning supplies observed in janitorial areas. Cleaning items unlocked in rooms.

Other violations include: Dumpster area observed unenclosed. Dumpsters noted to have no lids. Floors, in restrooms, noted to be soiled and in some disrepair. Ceilings noted in slight disrepair. Floors, baseboards and some ceiling areas noted in disrepair. Rooms observed to have inadequate storage areas for students personal items. Sink in science lab observed to have a severe leak.

• Duff Elementary School cafeteria (97): Food items observed improperly stored in warmer and dry storage walk-in. Slight disrepair to floor observed in food prep area.

• Hy-Lite Pizza, Minnie (93): Table used for dough prep observed to be improper surface. Microwave and mixer head noted to be soiled. Clean dishes and utensils observed improperly stored. Floors in food prep area note din disrepair.

• Brenda's Place, McDowell (73): Critical Violation (must be corrected within 10 days) No hot water available in restroom. No handwash sink available anywhere else.

Other violations include: Thermometers not observed in cooling units. Meat observed being improperly thawed. Food observed stored on the floor and uncovered in lower refrigerator shelves. Food prep counters noted in disrepair, with peeling contact paper, also dining chairs.

Food contact surfaces: microwave, crock pots, ice cream sauce dispensers, ice cream cone dispenser, food prep counters observed to be soiled. Non-food contact surfaces: top, sides, behind

and under equipment noted to be soiled. Utensils observed (clean) improperly stored.

Straws observed improperly disposed and stored. Bread bags noted to be re-used as food storage containers. Restrooms observed to be in poor repair and soiled. Floors noted to be in disrepair. Ceiling observed to be in disrepair. Lighting in food prep area noted to be unshielded. Hood vent noted to be soiled. Premises (outside) noted to have debris accumulation. Soiled linen observed on floor.

• Jan and Ben's, Bevinville (95): Hot water in male and female restroom observed to require repair. Floors noted to be in disrepair in some areas. Ceilings observed to be in disrepair. Lighting in food prep area noted to be insufficient. Vent observed to be soiled.

• Slone's Market, Bevinville (98 food; 94 retail): Thermometers not observed in all cooling units. Food observed stored on floor. Floors noted to be in slight disrepair and soiled in display area. Ceiling observed to be in slight disrepair. Some debris noted in back storage area.

• Prestonsburg Exxon Tiger Mart (93 food; 94 retail): Non food contact: not installed hood and ventilation system over cooking surface in prep area. Retail area/non-food contact: shelving soiled with dust. Hose attached to faucet without a back flow prevention device installed at mop sink. Wall near cooking grill soiled with grease, ceiling area in prep soiled with dust.

• Clark Elementary School cafeteria (93): Critical Violation (Must be corrected within 10 days) Rodent droppings observed in storage area shelving outer openings. Not protected storage area window vent (not screened) and waste water disposal line not capped. Utility area

has hole in floor near ice machine.

Non-food contact in storage area shelving (mice droppings observed). Floor in bad repair in prep, sage and dish areas. Light fixtures soiled with dust.

• Jerry's Mart (88): Several freezer units have no thermometers. Packaged meats stored on the floor of the walk-in refrigerator. Three compartment sink in the meatroom has no drain boards. Freezer display unit has food debris on lower section of freezer.

Meat trays observed stored on the floor of the meatroom. Also, meat trays observed stored with cleaning equipment (mop). Utility mop sink appears to be plugged up (waste water observed standing in sink). No soap in restroom facilities or toilet tissue. Floors in moderate disrepair throughout the store. Mop head stored on the floor in the meatroom.

• Clark Elementary School (93): Critical Violation (Must be corrected within 10 days) Cleaning supplies unlabeled stored in janitorial closet. Toxic items (cleaning supplies and medicines) stored in reach of children. Items were found in unlocked cabinets in kindergarten wing hallway and room 20. These toxic items were unsupervised at time of inspection.

Other violation includes: Floors in bad repair at rooms 17, 18 and 19.

• Big Y Market, Grethel (98): Very limited retail sales (beer store). Food items, Pepsi, soft drinks, stored on the floor.

• Breena's Pizzeria and Dairy World, Grethel (95): Not all freezer units have conspicuous thermometer. Old lettuce in upright refrigerator should be discarded. Handle of upright refrigerator-freezer unit in basement in bad repair. Proper hair restraints not in use.

'Tis the Holiday Season upon us, our most troubling time of the year, It's not that you're always angry, but it's so hard for you to hear!

The children are here with "the babies," they play gleefully their new games, while you sit alone in the corner, tensely awaiting your name.

Again, a holiday will come and go, without you accepting the facts, Hearing Aids could return you to us, and **we'd like to have you back!**



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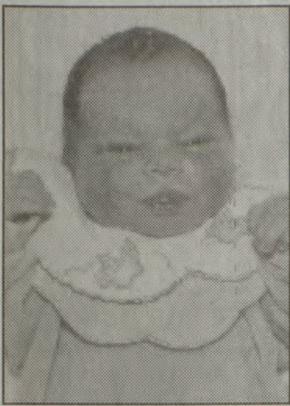
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NEW ARRIVALS



New arrival
Georgia Slone and Philip Robinson of Martin announce the birth of their son, Philip James Robinson, on October 19 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Jeri and Gary Stratton of Allen and George Slone of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Betty and David Music of Langley and James and Tomi Robinson of Martin.

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrates 85th birthday



Mae Gray



Christmas birthday
On December 25, Chelsey Noel Couch will celebrate her first birthday. Chelsey is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch of Langley. Her grandparents are Isabelle Prater and Ray Parsons of Hueysville; the late Delbert Prater; Colson and Debbie Couch.

Ponder

usually the first one to arrive after Thanksgiving and it keeps us in touch. She had described important things in her life—her three children, several divorces, getting a masters, and her parents' death.

An observation has been that no matter what our mothers fix to eat for the holidays, we value having the same menu repeatedly; i.e., some families have to have oyster stew on Christmas Eve. Years ago, when Granny Grace's grandchildren were young, they rebelled when orange juice was added to the candied sweet potatoes without their permission.

Who knows how they could tell the difference when brown sugar, cinnamon, and butter were also in the mixture. At times, our holiday food and drink began for entirely different reasons; i.e., our creamy eggnog of today started off as a medical elixir before it became a festive refreshment.

It is hard to believe that the government was not always involved with our special holidays. Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday in 1836. President Franklin Pierce, our

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

Everyone has a different memory of Christmas pasts. I dug deep into the toolbox of my mind and got into a past Christmas. I was a small lad growing up in a three-room, "shotgun house" in the coal camp town of Garrett. The time was during the Big One, World War II.

I can recall vividly the cedar Christmas tree my Dad had gotten. It was the most beautiful tree I had ever seen. I guess the reason I thought it was so beautiful was that it was the first time I knew about Santa Claus and his bringing gifts to good boys and girls. I had great anticipation and I am sure my brown eyes were sparkling in glee as we decorated the first Christmas tree that I can remember.

I recall Dad carrying the tree and me following behind him trying to give him an extra hand in carrying it. I realize now I didn't do any carrying, but at the time I thought I was carrying that big tree by myself. We took it to the back porch and my Dad painstakingly sawed off the end of the tree. There was nothing half done about my Dad. He was meticulous about everything he did and making a perfect saw cut was no exception.

Then we—or he—nailed two boards across each other to make 90 degree angles. He also cut and nailed a few braces to make the tree stable.

We then carried the tree into the house and sit in the first room, or living room, of the house. I remember my mother giving her approval of what a fine job Dad and I did. Then we began with the decorations. First, we wrapped some type of colored tinsel rope around the tree. Mother popped popcorn and we strung it on a string and wrapped it around the tree. We didn't place very much popcorn on the tree because we liked eating it and it was hard to get. Next, we placed icicles on the tree. I loved that part best of all. I liked trying to separate the icicles and, with their sparkling glitter, giving them a toss onto the tree. It seems, as I remember, I would have them in a large mass and would spend a great deal of time scattering them to their proper place on the tree.

The crowning achievement was placing the beautiful angel on the top of the tree and this took some time in doing on my Dad's part to get it standing perfectly straight. I recall he would twist and turn until it was just right. We began placing Angel Hair on the tree. My mother didn't want it on there due to my younger brother Donnie, who would try to take it off. We could keep the Angel Hair on it, but it had to be placed high on the tree so Donnie couldn't reach it. I do remember it would cut like a razor wire if you were not careful in handling it. I didn't get to take part in that job and, after touching the Angel Hair, I knew why Mother didn't like it.

Next, but not last to go on—under-the tree was the white cotton tree wrap or skirt to hide the wooden stand and most importantly, the place where Santa would put the gifts. We decorated that Christmas tree so beautifully.

We had left the house and gone visiting, maybe to my grandparents. At that time in our county, and Garrett was no exception, no one locked their doors. If anyone did, you could take a skeleton key and unlock any door in the community. With me half asleep and my Dad carrying me and mother carrying the lightest load, my younger brother, we arrived home. Someone had visited our home and placed an ornament, wrapped in white crepe paper and twisted at the top and tied with ribbon, on the tree. It was in the shape of a bottle. One of my Dad's youngest brothers, "Wind" was in the Navy and was home on leave and had left the gift for my Dad. I recall my Dad getting a big laugh at seeing what turned out to be a bottle of beer. My uncle, to this day, swears I can't remember this happening, but I can see that as if it were hanging on a tree today.

That Christmas, I wanted a toy gun. My Dad had been to Pikeville and at a store there, Santa Claus had gotten me a gun made from sawdust and glue. It wasn't painted. It was the color of sawdust. Santa Claus, however, had taken some liquid shoe polish and given it a good polishing and it looked very real. I had it for several years until I left it outside in the rain and it came apart.

My Dad could play just about any musical instrument and was very accomplished in his playing. I know at one time in his younger years he had a musical band. He played the guitar, saxophone, clarinet and piano. He played the instruments by ear. He was self-taught. He couldn't read music, although in later years he taught himself to do this. On Christmas, Dad would play the guitar and sing



Beauty queen
Tamea Marie Goble, 12-months-old daughter of April Craft and Steven Goble, competed in the Christmas pageant and won beauty queen, photogenic, holiday wear, and her dress.

Christmas songs, but the one he liked to sing best to me, and the one I loved for him to play to me after crawling up in his lap was "Billy Boy."

CHRISTMAS'S FULL OF LOVE

During the Holiday season it is so easy to get into our toolbox of childhood Christmases full of loving memories. I got into mine again today. Like most all families before birth control pills and other birth control devices we all came from large families. When I say large I am talking about on the average of 8-12 family members. My family was no exception, that is my

Grandparents, Bill and Julia Francis. They had 11 boys and two girls, thirteen children. My Father, Chile was the oldest. So I had Uncles the same age as myself and my younger brother had Uncles his age and my little sister had Uncles her age. Then we also had first cousins near the same age all down the line.

The biggest thing I remember about Christmas is more than any toys. I can remember a few toys but the Christmas gift or Santa Claus's biggest gift of loving memories will always be the "Big Family Getting Together" at Granddaddy and Grandmothers house on Christmas day. It has been said and I believe my Grandfather was years ahead of his time in business. He had the first what is now called a Shopping Mall, of anywhere.

In his Mall, he had on the ground floor, was part of the family living quarters, such as living room, dining room and kitchen that was separated by a Drugstore, a Hardware and Furniture store, and a Clothing Store.

On the upstairs second floor was 32 hotel rooms for a short time. His family outgrew the rooms, but most of all it made a slave of my Grandmother. There was also a large lodge meeting room. In the downstairs or basement he had entertainment. There was a poolroom, a dance room and a place for selling of alcohol beverages. He also had a garage that he rented for monthly parking of automobiles. He had penny weigh scales on the sidewalk and two steel park benches for sitting.

My memories are so intertwined with the 32 rooms and childhood memories of love that filled them. I was born in room 29. Now back to my memories of Christmas. I couldn't wait to get out of my parents home and head for my Grandparents house. It was like grand central station or all day school recess with the coming and goings of 13 children of my Grandparents, plus throw in my cousins of about 15 ranging in age beginning at age twelve down to age one. However that number has multiplied about 10 fold now. I don't know how my Grandmother cooked for the whole gang of us. I recall getting a new aunt very often when a Uncle was married. I need to add them to that number on Christmas Day and all other holidays.

There were children laughing, hollering, crying, running, wrestling and a few spankings taking place. You name it and we were doing it. My Grandfather had a bright new silver coin for all of us. There were two flights of wooden steps. There were cousins and uncles running up the steps and some running down. There was a room underneath the steps so the steps made a loud hollow or echo sound when walking on them and like all steps they had a squeak. There was no way you could slip up or down those steps without one squeaking. There was

an occasional sliding down the bannisters. Sliding down the bannisters if caught was double jeopardy if you get my drift. There was a good lick while sliding and another upon landing at the bottom. My Grandparents, Mother, Dad, and older Uncles tried to keep us downstairs, the reason being there were 32 rooms upstairs. It was paradise for all of us playing hide and seek. We did without permission get on the beds and wrestle, jump and pillow fights, boy that was trouble with a capital T. when caught. The two long hallways again made a large echo sounding as if an army was landing with us always running because someone either an Indian or outlaw was always after you. My fire. There was always a cowboy biting the dust and the sounds of Indians gasping for a dying breath. The gunfire from toy cap guns. The smell of the black powder from the caps filled the air of the hallway.

But when all else failed to keep us downstairs and under control, my Grandfather had a distinct way of curing us or herding us downstairs. My Grandfather at one time was in the business of raising fox to sell their furs. This was one of his unsuccessful businesses, but he had a stuffed fox that he kept upstairs in one of the rooms. The eyes in that fox looked like fire. He would get the stuffed fox and come towards us and we flew for downstairs screaming and yelling. Some would run to the safety of Mother or Daddy's arms or out the front door.

Somehow we would all get settled down. We would have as you can imagine two large tables of Christmas dinner. Then we would play until we burn sunlight and would tumbled into bed wore out from the excitement of the day. It was a Christmas Day full of Love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
Give life be an organ donor. Talk over with your family about being a giver of life.
Editor's Note: Bill Francis, grew up at Garrett. He retired from the University of Kentucky and lives at Mousie.

Santa Claus is coming to town, and his first stop is First Commonwealth Bank!

Join us for our Customer Appreciation Christmas Celebration! Register for prizes and have refreshments with our employees at the main bank on **December 23, 1998.**

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WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Harper, Leedy to wed

Jenny Harper of Salyersville and Larry Ross Leedy of Louisa announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The wedding will be held Saturday, January 2, at 3 p.m., at the Bells Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at Ulysses.

Miss Harper is the daughter of Orpha Justice of Pikeville and the late James Perry Justice. She is employed as an adult educator for

Mayo Technical College in Paintsville.

Mr. Leedy is the son of Larry I. and Myrtle Leedy of Louisa. He is employed as a manager of Life Star Ambulance Service Inc. His maternal grandmother is Osie Holbrook of Prestonsburg, and his paternal grandfather is William Henry Leedy of Louisa.

The custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Jennifer Hopkins

ACHS Queen

Jennifer Lynn Hopkins, a senior at Allen Central High School and member of the Lady Rebs Varsity Basketball Team, was crowned the 1998-'99 Basketball Homecoming Queen on December 3, during a game between the Runnin' Rebels of Allen Central and the Knights of the Priest School.

Jennifer is the daughter of Jimmie and Rosemary Hopkins of Wayland. Her maternal grandparents are Rosa Bradley of Wayland and the late Gliden Bradley. Her paternal grandparents are Virginia Hopkins of Price and Blaine Hopkins of Martin.

Poetry published

Sammy Wallen from Prestonsburg, has recently had three poems published by The National Library of Poetry in Owings Mills, Maryland.

One poem, "I Can Still See Grandma," dedicated to his late grandmother Mattie Wallen, was published in The Peace We Knew, Another, "Pa Pa Is Always There," for his little granddaughter, Davonna Nicole Wallen in Captured Moments.

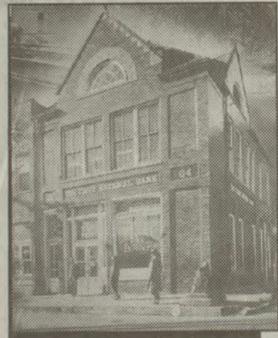
A poem, "A Place To Go," in Outstanding Poets of 1998 is about childhood memories. Other poems by the author are in the process of publication.

Wallen lives on Little Paint with his wife Freddia Jo. He is a 1968 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is currently employed by Kentucky West Virginia-Gas Company.



July wedding planned

Brenda Settles of Prestonsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Shepherd of West Prestonsburg, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Linda G. Settles and Thomas C. Shepherd. A July wedding is planned. Linda is the daughter of the late Jimmie G. Settles and granddaughter of Jay Settles of Allen; Alma Key of Martin; the late Delcie Settles; and the late Rudolph Griffith. Thomas is the grandson of the late Estill and Stella Shepherd and Opal Horne and the late Yancy Horne.



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AG NEWS

by Patricia G. Spicer
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Since the beginning of recorded history, people have been fascinated with the ability of evergreen plants to stay alive even through the harshest, darkest days of winter. Down through the ages evergreens have become symbols of eternal life.

The ancient Greeks and Romans brought greenery indoors as a living reminder of nature's vitality. It was a short step to adopt the custom of decorating with greens for Christmas. With the rise of the Victorian era came an appreciation of lavish arrangements made from ivy, hemlock, yew, holly, laurel and bay. A tradition which is still observed today.

Holly was believed by the Romans, then Christians, to have protective powers and was used as a charm throughout the home—hence "deck the halls with boughs

of holly."

An ancient symbol of love, flowing ivy is a natural companion to hard, prickly holly. Beginning in the Middle Ages, the English twined ivy around arrangements of berry-laden holly for a softening touch. The holly was thought male and the ivy female, with the pairing symbolizing a good-natured rivalry between the sexes.

Mistletoe is a common element in Christmas decorations. Also known as "kiss and go" or "churchman's greetings," its name is derived from the Saxon word "mistl-tan," meaning "different twig." The scientific name for American mistletoe is from Greek and means "tree thief," referring to the fact that the roots of the plant

grow into the inner bark hardwood host trees and takes moisture and minerals from them.

While most people are familiar with the "kissing game" played beneath mistletoe during the season, the origins of the tradition have been lost. Theories about the custom of kissing under the mistletoe abound. One such tale proposes that the more berries the plant has, the better, because for each berry plucked, a kiss is received. Once the berries are gone, the kissing must stop.

One of the most beloved Christmas decorations of all was first written about in 1605 by a writer in the Alsace region of France. He recorded how residents cut down fir trees, then dressed them up with apples, gold foil, paper roses, wafers and sweets.

All of us at the extension office would like to extend season's greetings and hopes for a happy new year to everyone in Floyd County.



Patricia G. Spicer

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Floyd County Clerk's office will be CLOSED the following days for the upcoming holidays:

CLOSEDDec. 24th, 25th and 26th
OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 31st, at 1:00 p.m.
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We Wish Everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Auxier United Methodist Church, Auxier; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Doug Lawson.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 10:45; Sunday Evening 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Doug Lawson.

ABBOTT
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN
Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 7 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arnold Turner.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER
Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Church, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE
Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Blackburn.

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Lee Tackett.

Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy J. Spears.

BEVINSVILLE
Jacks Creek Baptist Church, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor, Jeff Barrett.

BLUE RIVER
Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

BONANZA
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jimmy D. Brown.

BUFFALO
Endicott Freewill Baptist Church;

Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider

CORN FORK
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID
Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Malcom Slone.

DRIFT
Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.
Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.
Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER
Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor Merle Little.

DWALE
Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT
Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA
Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT
Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amburgey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church,

Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL
Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

HAGER HILL
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, telephone 789-6433; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

HAROLD
Harold Church of Christ, at Harold, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Lonie Meade.

HI HAT
The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor

HUEYSVILLE
Hueysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday service, 7 p.m., Sunday evening, 7 p.m., Minister, Jeff Prater.

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky.; Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky.; Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY
Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER
Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY
Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary 9:30 a.m.;

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting 11:40 a.m.; Wednesday; Seminary 6:00 p.m.; Young Women/Young Men/Scouting 7:00 p.m.; Family History, Tuesday 12-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.
Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 5:00; Wednesday service, 6:00; Pastor: Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lavonne Lafferty.

MAYTOWN
Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m. Pastor: Tom Nelson.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

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Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp

9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.
Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 pm; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Jim Price.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Wayne Sayre.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

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Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Roland Bentrup.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Sunday morning service 11:00 a.m.; Thursday service 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Buddy and Maude Frye.

PRINTER
Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

SALYERSVILLE
New Bethel Assembly of God, Located on Burning Fork Rd.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday night service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study and Youth Jam, 7:00 p.m. Nursery provided. 1st Monday of each month ladies meeting, 7:00 p.m. 3rd Saturday of each month men's breakfast fellowship 9:00 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith

STANVILLE
Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m., Minister, Tommy D. Bush

WATER GAP
Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Wednesday night and youth service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman. Everyone Welcome!

WEEKSBURY
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT
Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m..

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

Family Worship Assembly, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Scott Lish.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arner B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 pm.

WAYLAND
Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

Wayland United Methodist Church, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Brad Tackett.

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Century 21 American Way Realty joins Commercial Investment Network

Century 21 American Way Realty of Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Pikeville and Morehead have joined the Commercial Investment Network.

The Commercial Investment Network (CIN), a division of Century 21, is a national network of Century 21 offices specializing in the sale and marketing of commercial investment properties. This includes business opportunities, land for development and farms and ranches. The network currently has approximately 300 offices with over 800 members.

"Being a participating CIN office, we can now offer national

referrals to those customers who wish to make a commercial property investment, whether they wish to invest in a vineyard in New York State or in an apartment complex in Chicago," stated Jim Gambill, Broker, owner of Century 21 American Way Realty. "Through our on-line services and teleconferences, we can now find the properties, whether they are across town or across the country, whichever our customers desire."

The average list of price of a commercial property handled through a CIN broker falls between \$500,000 and \$2 million, according to Jim Nickerson, director of

Commercial Investment Training for CIN. Due to the delicate nature of the business, he stresses that only top agents and brokers become CIN members. Membership is extended to Century 21 brokers who achieve a minimum of five percent of their sales through commercial investments.

Century 21 Real Estate Corporation, a subsidiary of HFS, Incorporated (NYSE:HFS), is the largest real estate sales organization in the world, with more than 6,000 independently owned and operated franchised brokerage offices in more than 20 counties and territories.

Boy Scouts of America honor Food City CEO with Silver Eagle Award

The Sequoyah Council of the Boy Scouts of America gathered recently for their presentation of the highly prestigious Silver Eagle Award. The award, which is presented yearly to an individual for outstanding financial support of scouting, was presented to Jack C. Smith, CEO of K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., the parent company of Food City. The presentation took place at the Silver Eagle Banquet held at the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, Virginia.

Smith's venture into the retail grocery industry dates back to 1955, when he opened his first store in Grundy, Virginia and over the years,

K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. has grown to become a 79-store supermarket chain. Through those years, K-VA-T and Food City have held fast to a strong belief in community involvement.

A significant portion of that involvement can be seen by Food City's commitment and support of the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to Smith and his company's annual financial contribution to the scouting program, Smith's support of the Scouting for Food Good Turn Project has made a huge impact on hunger in the region.

Food City has been a sponsor of Scouting for Food since its inception in 1988. Food City's involvement in the program includes financial support and physical support from the stores, as well as providing

more than 120,000 bags that are used to collect food from the households throughout northeast Tennessee and southwest of Virginia.

The campaign held each November, has collected more than 2.3 million cans of food in 11 years. The food is turned over to local food distribution agencies to benefit the needy in the communities in which it is collected.

In receiving the award, Smith was quick to point out that Food City's support of the scouting program is a company-wide effort. "It is an honor to receive this award. All associates in our company are deserving of this award because it is through their efforts that Food City is able to play such a valuable role in our communities," said Smith.

'Roads' Scholars

Kentucky Transportation Secretary James C. Codell presented "Roads Scholar" certificates to four Floyd County men, all county highway crew foremen for District 12, Kentucky Department of Highways. Glenn Tackett, Dennis Huff, Darvene Hamilton and Walter Akers received the designation at the 34th annual Transportation Forum Dec. 1, in Lexington. To become a Roads Scholar, an individual must

complete a series of transportation management and operations training courses designed to provide the basic knowledge necessary to manage a road program.

About 330 local and state government employees have received the designation since the program began 10 years ago at the Kentucky Transportation Center at the University of Kentucky.

'Sharing information doesn't come naturally

During a recent conversation with a younger colleague, I happened to mention the landmark film "2001: A Space Odyssey."

After receiving a blank stare, I launched into a synopsis of the movie, believing that at some point she would smack her forehead with the palm of her hand and exclaim, "Oh, that movie! Yes, of course I've seen it."

That moment of recognition never came. In fact, she remarked that she doesn't watch "old" movies. I was left to ponder the impact perspective has on our daily interactions with one another.

All of us begin life with the perspective that the world is ours to command. Or, as Shakespeare put it, "the world's mine oyster." The pronoun "mine" is probably rated just below "Mama" and "Dada" in the toddler lexicon for its frequency of usage.

That children grasp the relationship between self and property so early, even they can express the concept beyond a single word, says much about human nature.

Perhaps this natural desire to have and to hold explains why the alternative concept of sharing is as difficult for youngsters to swallow as broccoli.

Confronted for the first time with the prospect of having to share his or her toy, a tot is apt to view the proposal as a reckless assault on property rights. Tears will flow, tempers may flare and push could come to shove. And, I'm not just talking about the parents, either.

An older child might even trump the adult argument by pointing out that dad won't share control of the TV when his favorite football team is playing.

If the sharing of one's possessions is so foreign to the youthful perspective and allegedly absent from much of adult behavior, why then do parents persist in trying to instill the desire to share in their children?

The answer is that adults do share their abundance in many ways, from the local community chest to volunteering their time to causes great and small, around the world and just down the street. Information, a less tangible but extremely important commodity, is shared every day in workplaces

across the country. From a business perspective, the right information shared with the



Everybody's Business
by Rex Martin

right people at the right time, can mean the difference between success and failure. Those who know what to share and when to share it end up on the winning team.

Modern workplaces are shifting away from the old notion that each worker should know only their piece of the puzzle and nothing more. Teamwork is taking over from the plant floor to the executive offices. Corporate goals and objectives are being shared with employees at all levels who, in turn, develop individual and team goals linked to the overall plan.

Advances in technology have played a big role in helping business share this internal information with coworkers down the hall and around the globe. Jet air travel, fax machines, e-mail, voice-mail, teleconferencing, videos, and integrated business systems have all contributed to faster and easier sharing of information.

The business world has discovered that sharing information internally is like turning on a light bulb in a dark room. Where workers could see only their individual jobs before, they now see how their pieces fit into and affect the whole. No longer cogs in some vast, unknowable mechanism, employees understand and appreciate their contributions. Morale rises and efficiency increases.

Francis Bacon, the English writer and philosopher of the 17th century, opined that knowledge is power. The entrenchment of the centuries-old axiom will eventually be overcome by a truth more relevant to the dawn of the 21st century: The sharing of knowledge is power.

Still, old habits die hard. Some in authority mistakenly hold onto

information meant to be shared with subordinates. From their perspective, sharing what they know will result in a loss of power. Just the opposite is true: Those who share information gain authority as "go to" people.

The perspective we bring to the workplace as varied as American demographics, yet all of us were children once upon a time and most of us were taught to share. Of course, the relevance of the information you share can depend on your perspective. I learned the hard way that one person's classic film is another's "geezzer" flick.

Rex Martin is chairman, president and CEO of NIBCO INC., an Elkhart, Ind.-based worldwide provider of flow-control products for customers in the residential and commercial construction, industrial, and irrigation markets.

Y2K teleconference at MAC in January

A seminar on how businesses can prepare for the computer confusion when the turn of the century occurs will be available locally through teleconferencing at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

The seminar is set for Jan. 12 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Participation by teleconference will be available at eight sites, including Prestonsburg.

The presenter will be Doug Hurley, associate vice president and Year 2000 Project Coordinator with the University of Kentucky.

Now that businesses are just one year from the millenium, they need to consider that the Y2K issue is more than a computer problem; it is a business management and continuity issue, according to a press release from the Small Business Administration's One Stop Capital Shop in Somerset.

For information, call Jeremy Hall at 1-877-844-3577 or Lynn Miracle at 606/677-6120.

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Mrs. Hamilton
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FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Resumes are being accepted for the position of Executive Director for the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Qualified individuals need to be familiar with the Floyd County area and have the desire to move our organization into the next century by promoting and supporting the areas' business and industry. This position will require someone with above average communication skills combined with an outgoing personality. Ideal candidate must be comfortable in dealing with business, government and civic individuals.

The goal of the Chamber Director is to support the Chamber and its members, in addition to representing Floyd County at meetings and seminars in and out of the area.

This position necessitates someone that can exhibit the ability to work independently without direct supervision, and have knowledge and experience in marketing, fundraising and formulation of financial budgets and forecasts. Clerical skills, scheduling and preparing agenda for monthly Chamber meetings, newsletter composition and organization of taping for the Chamber Show is required.

Interested individuals need to submit a resumé with salary requirements and a cover letter of interest in position no later than December 30, 1998 to: Stephanie Baldwin, Treasurer FCC 311 N. Arnold Ave., Ste. 503 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 No phone calls, please.

EMPLOYMENT

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HANDYMAN: Unstop sewer and drain lines, fix water and sewer leaks. Fix gas leaks or run gas lines. And remodeling of all kinds. 24 hour service. 886-6953.

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Miscellaneous

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Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5106 which was last issued on 7/11/96. The application covers an area of approximately 17 acres located 1 mile Southeast Pyramid in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located on North of Left Fork of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°33'50". The longitude is 82°51'36".

The bond now in effect for the increment 1 is \$40,400.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$40,400.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading and seeding.

This is the final advertisement of the application. 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 1/29/99.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 2/2/99, 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 1/29/99.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 860-0312 Amendment #3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface, auger, and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.84 miles southwest of Lackey in Knott and Floyd Counties. This amendment will add 2.0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 394.0 acres, making a total area of 1909.54 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from Big Springs Branch Road and located 0.01 mile south of Big Springs Branch. The latitude is 37°26'32". The longitude is 82°50'11".

The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. The area will underlie land owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Sally Wallace, Gordon Howard Heirs, Ernest Keen, Knott

Floyd Land Company, Inc., Ray Lute et al, David Martin, Big Sandy Wholesale Co. et al, Viola Crum, Jack and Mary Ratliff, Carl Martin, Kathleen Smith, Shirley Rogers Martin, Charles Watkins Heirs, Elisha Thornsberry Jr., Homer Gibson, and Violet Moore. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Big Springs Branch Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written

comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-5003, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Lodestar

Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation (Haulroad Only) located one (1) mile north of Ivel, Kentucky in Floyd and Pike Counties. The amendment will add 18.57 acres and delete 45.00 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 34.38 acres within the amendment permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately (1) mile north from U.S. 23 junction with Ivy Creek Road and located (1) mile north of Levisa Fork. The Latitude is 37°36'04". The longitude is 82°38'56".

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold and Broad Bottom U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the amendment is owned by James Hatcher Estate, Buffalo Development, Inc., and Denver Collins.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127

Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Education Division of Finance



General Budget For School Year 1998-99

School District Floyd County Schools - 17
County FLOYD

Form F-1 Rev. 11/97

To the Kentucky Board of Education, Frankfort, KY:

In compliance with Kentucky Revised Statutes and the regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education, we, the board of education of the above named school district, hereby submit to you for approval our General Budget adopted October 14, 1998 showing the tax levies specified by this board and the estimated receipts and expenditures proposed for school year 1998-99.

This budget provides for a school term of 1,050 hours.

Tax Levy

Real Estate	Tangible	Total Property Tax Levy.
56.5	58.4	(KRS 157.440, KRS 160.476) A portion of the levy, <u>6.4</u> cents, has been committed to the Building Fund. (Please note that this amount must be at least the rate to produce the 5 cent equivalent as shown on the tax rate certification.)

Motor Vehicle Tax Levy: 55.4
Permissive Tax Levies:
Occupational Tax (KRS 160.605) 0 Utility Tax (KRS 160.613) 0 Excise Tax (KRS 160.621) 0

Estimated Budget

Funds	Beginning Balances & Estimated Receipts		Funds	Estimated Expenditures
1	\$ 30,210,336.00	Greater than or Equal to	1	\$ 30,210,336.00
2	\$ 4,677,398.00	Less than or Equal to	2	\$ 4,677,398.00
310	\$ 678,480.00	Less than or Equal to	310	\$ 678,480.00
320	\$ 1,386,289.00	Less than or Equal to	320	\$ 1,386,289.00
350	\$ 714,916.00	Less than or Equal to	350	\$ 714,916.00
51	\$ 2,605,000.00	Less than or Equal to	51	\$ 2,605,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 40,272,419.00	MUST Equal	Grand Total	\$ 40,272,419.00

Debt Service

Annual Principal and Interest on Revenue Bonds	\$ 1,826,191.59
Annual Lease Payments	\$ 645,516.00

By order of the FLOYD COUNTY School District Board of Education.

Michael C. King 10/20/98 Superintendent's Signature Date
Myra L. ... 10/20/98 Board Chairman's Signature Date

General Fund Budget Detail

Object Code	Estimated Receipts	
1111-a	Real Property of \$ 735,935,637 as certified by the Revenue Cabinet multiplied by the total real estate property levy will produce	\$ 4,158,036
1111-b	Tangible Personal Property of \$ 120,690,857 as certified by the Revenue Cabinet multiplied by the total tangible property levy will produce	\$ 704,834
1113-a	Public Service Co. Real Property of \$ 35,790,862 (effective amount) as certified by the Revenue Cabinet multiplied by the total real estate property levy will produce	\$ 202,218
1113-b	Public Service Co. Tangible Personal Property of \$ 94,613,926 (effective amount) as certified by the Revenue Cabinet multiplied by the total tangible property levy will produce	\$ 552,545
1115	Estimated receipts from previous tax delinquencies	\$ 110,000
1116	Distilled Spirits of \$ 0 as certified by the Revenue Cabinet multiplied by the total tangible property levy will produce	\$ 0
1117	Motor Vehicles of \$ 165,081,607 as certified by the Revenue Cabinet multiplied by the motor vehicle levy will produce	\$ 909,012
1121/1131	Permissive Taxes will produce	\$ 0
A	TOTAL OF CODES 1111 thru 1131	\$ 6,636,645
B	Less: Uncollectibles <i>Est extremely conservative - I still plan to adjust to be less conservative</i>	\$ 1,053,306
C	TOTAL ESTIMATED TAX RECEIPTS (A-B)	\$ 5,583,339
D	Less: Local Taxes Received to Fund 320 (Local FSPK per SEEK Calculation)	\$ 538,339
E	TOTAL ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND TAX RECEIPTS (C-D)	\$ 5,045,000
F	General Fund Beginning Balance on July 1 (Budget 0999 or Balance Sheet 8770)	\$ 646,490
G	Other Local Receipts (1280-1999)	\$ 130,200
H	SEEK (3111)	\$ 2,291,246
I	Other State, Federal, and Non-Revenue Receipts (3119-5342)	\$ 97,400
Fund I	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (E thru I)	\$ 30,210,336

Function Code	Estimated Expenditures	
1000-1999	Instructional Programs	\$ 15,120,824
2100-2199	Student Support Programs	\$ 556,503
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Support Programs	\$ 1,275,013
2300-2399	District Administration Support Services (Includes Contingency of \$ 1,902,792)	\$ 4,445,479
2400-2499	School Administration	\$ 1,903,191
2500-2599	Business Support Services	\$ 183,671
2600-2699	Plant Operation & Maintenance	\$ 3,692,366
2700-2799	Student Transportation	\$ 2,701,195
2800-2999	Central Office Support Services	\$ 160,120
3100-3199	Food Service Operations	\$ 0
3300-3399	Community Service Operations	\$ 0
3200-3299	Other Non-Instructional Services	\$ 0
3900-3999		\$ 0
4100-4999	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	\$ 0
5100-5999	Other	\$ 172,672
Fund I	TOTAL ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES (Codes 1000 thru 5999)	\$ 30,210,336

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the People of Kentucky
Honorable Paul Patton, Governor
Honorable Ben Hale, County Judge/Executive
Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

We have audited the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of Paul H. Thompson, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky for the year ended December 31, 1994. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff prepares his financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly in all material respects the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of Paul H. Thompson, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 1994, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and above.

FLOYD COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES Calendar Year 1994

Receipts
From State:
Waiting on Court \$ 15,820
State Advance 115,000 \$130,820

From County:
Vehicle Maintenance 6,000
DARE Grant 1,707 7,707

Commissions on taxes 326,690

Other Receipts:
Auto Inspections 5,792
Circuit Court Clerk-Arrest Fees 11,847
Security Service Fees 3,393
Delinquent Tax Fees 10,152
Interest 7,314
Summons 16,377
Accidents Reports 173
Warrants 380
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 31,263
Task Force 53,968
Conveying Convicts 2,953
Executions 2,352
Miscellaneous 1,167 147,131

Gross Receipts \$612,348

FLOYD COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES (Continued) Calendar Year 1994

Gross Receipts-Brought Forward \$612,348

Disbursements
Deputies Salaries 194,283
Clerks Salaries 80,612
Payroll Tax 30,824
Advertising 342
Bond 1,375
Equipment 8,211
Office Supplies 9,179
Postage 766
State Advance Repaid 115,000
Uniforms 6,592
DARE Expenses 5,789
Auto Expenses 96,776
Insurance 7,728
Contract Labor 11,629
Misc. Expenses 2,900
Computer Services 883

Total Disbursements \$572,889

Net Receipts \$ 39,459
Less: Sheriff's Salary 44,047

Excess Fees Due County for Calendar Year 1994 \$ 0

Payments To The County Treasurer 0

Balance Due County at Completion of Audit \$ 0

South, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority community.

Phone Numbers of persons to contact:

Prestonsburg Housing Authority (606)886-2717
Daytime 8:30-4:30

After Hours:

Donald Nelson,
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(606)889-0569

Charles Shell,
Maintenance Person
(606)886-1543

Brenda Harris, Executive
Director (606)886-2519

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The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg does not discriminate in admission or access to or treatment or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or familial status.

Telephone 606-886-2717 Voice; TDD# 1-800-247-2510 (For Hearing Impaired).

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has decent, affordable rental housing located in the Prestonsburg area for all qualified applicants. Rent is based on income. For more information, please call 886-2717 or 886-6423 or stop by the offices located in the complexes at Green Acres, North Lake Drive, and Dixie in the Goble Roberts Addition. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

FCDC COAL INCORPORATED 836-5337
ISSUED11/17/98

REDBONE COAL COMPANY INCORPORATED
8 3 6 - 5 3 6 2
ISSUED11/24/98

PROGRESS LAND CORPORATION 836-8032
ISSUED11/25/98

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to
Application Number
836-5209, Operator
Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Miracle Coal Company, P.O. Box 66, Drift, KY 41619, intends to revise permit number 836-5209 to change the operator. The currently approved operator is the permittee. The new operator will be Owl Mining, Inc., 227 Schuler Br., Deane, KY 41812.

The operation is located 1 mile Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1 mile East from KY 122 junction with Stonecoal Br.Rd. and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 78 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41" and longitude 82°44'15".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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KOUNTY KETTLE

BAKED HAM WITH MUSTARD GLAZE

1 3-5 pound pre-cooked ham, drained
10-12 cloves
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons cornstarch

Score ham in a diamond pattern and stud with cloves. Place in Crock-Pot® slow cooker. Combine brown sugar, mustard and lemon juice and spoon on ham. Cover and cook on High one hour, then on Low for 6 to 7 hours or until ham is hot.

Remove ham to warm serving platter. Turn Crock-Pot to High setting. Combine orange juice and cornstarch to form a smooth paste. Stir into drippings in Crock-Pot. Cook stirring occasionally until sauce is thickened. Spoon over ham.

If cooking a larger ham in a 5 quart or larger unit, cook ham one hour on High then Low for 8 to 10 hours. Serves 12-15.

GLAZED SWEET POTATOES

2 pounds sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2/3 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/3 cup chopped pecans, toasted

Peel and slice potatoes into 1/2 inch slices. Place in Crock-Pot® slow cooker that has been sprayed with non-stick vegetable spray coating. Dissolve cornstarch in orange and lemon juices. Add remaining ingredients to cornstarch mixture. Pour over sweet potatoes. Cover and cook on Low 7 to 9 hours. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

PEANUT BUTTER AND HOT FUDGE PUDDING CAKE

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup milk
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup sugar
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

1 cup boiling water
In a bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup sugar and baking powder. Add milk, oil and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Mix in peanut butter. Pour into Crock-Pot® slow cooker.

In the same mixing bowl, stir together the 1/2 cup sugar and cocoa powder. Gradually stir in boiling water. Pour mixture over batter in Crock-Pot. Do not stir. Cover and cook on High 2 to 3 hours or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, hot fudge sauce and top with nuts, if desired.

SWEET POTATOES AND PINEAPPLE PUDDING

3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and shredded
2 cans (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in unsweetened juice, undrained
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
1-1/4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
6 tablespoons margarine or butter, cut in cubes
3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Lightly grease Crock-Pot® slow cooker. In Crock-Pot, combine potatoes, pineapple, evaporated milk, brown sugar, margarine, eggs, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover and cook on Low 7 to 8 hours or on High 4 hours, stirring every 2 hours until the potatoes are tender. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Note: This dish may appear to be curdling, however it will come together toward the end of cooking. Serves 10 to 12.

SPINACH PITA PIZZA

5 mini pitas
8 oz. pizza or pasta sauce (homemade or commercial)
1 cup fresh spinach sliced in thin strips
1 1/2 cups skim milk mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat the oven to 450° degrees. Toast the pitas. Slice around the edge of the pitas to open the pockets (be careful not to burn yourself from the steam inside). Place the pita halves on a baking sheet with the inside of the pita upwards. Cover the pita halves with about 1 1/2 Tbs. sauce. Then

sprinkle with spinach and cheese. Bake for 9-10 minutes or until the cheese has melted. Cut into quarters for appetizers and serve warm.

ORANGE-CRANBERRY FIZZ

1 quart cranberry-raspberry juice blend, chilled
2 cups cranberry-flavored or plain ginger ale, chilled
2 cups orange juice
2 cups lemon-lime seltzer, chilled
Orange and lime slices, and cranberries for garnish

In large pitcher (about 3 quarts), mix cranberry-raspberry juice, ginger ale, and orange juice. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, stir in seltzer. If you like, garnish with orange and lime slices, and fresh cranberries.

TURKEY-SPINACH SALAD

8 ounces fully cooked turkey breast
8 cups torn cleaned spinach leaves, stems removed
3 oranges, peeled, sectioned, and seeded
2 grapefruit, peeled, sectioned, and seeded
3/4 cup halved cucumber slices
1/4 cup orange juice
2 Tbs. salad oil
2 Tbs. grapefruit juice
2 Tsp. corn syrup
1/4 tsp. poppy seed
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
1/8 tsp. pepper

Cut turkey into strips. In bowl combine turkey, spinach, citrus sections, and cucumber. For dressing, in a screw-top jar combine orange juice, oil, grapefruit juice, corn syrup, poppy seed, garlic powder, and 1/8 tsp. pepper; cover and shake well. Gently toss dressing with salad. Makes 4 main dish servings.

ORANGE-BUTTERED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

10-ounce package frozen brussels sprouts
2 tsp. water
2 tsp. frozen orange juice concentrate
1 tsp. margarine
1/4 tsp. sesame seeds

Cook brussels sprouts according

to package directions; drain.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Cook and stir over low heat until margarine melts. To serve, toss orange juice mixture with brussels sprouts.

HEINZ KETCHUP'S LOVE APPLE PIE

1/3 cup HEINZ TOMATO KETCHUP
2 teaspoons lemon juice
6 cups sliced peeled tart cooking apples (about two pounds)
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Blend ketchup and lemon juice*; combine with apples. For topping, combine flour, sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter until thoroughly mixed. Fill pie shell with apples; sprinkle topping over apples. Bake in 425°F oven, 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are cooked. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired. Makes one 9-inch pie.

* If apples are very tart, add 1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar to ketchup mixture.

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