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Busted!...again

Former Justice accused of unlawful transaction with a minor

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Former Supreme Court Justice Dan Jack Combs was arrested Tuesday afternoon and charged with third degree unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly allowing his 15-year-old son to use marijuana in his home.

Combs' juvenile son was also taken into custody Tuesday by state police trooper David Watkins. The arrest warrant alleges Watkins was at the residence to serve a warrant for Combs' other son and smelled

marijuana.

Combs and his son, Alfred Ghent Combs, who was 17 at the time, were arrested in August 1995 and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. At that time, Combs asserted he was set up by state police and that Floyd District Judge James Allen assisted police in the raid on his home.

Judge Allen vehemently denied the charge and recused himself from the case to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

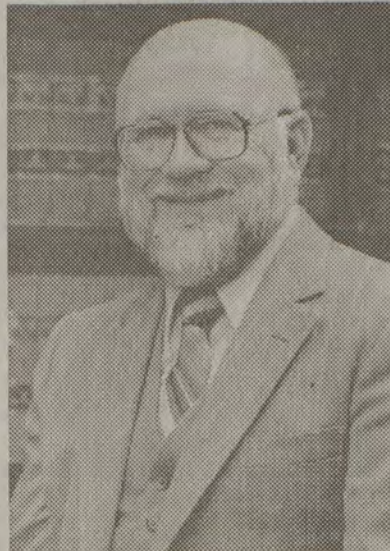
The case was assigned to Johnson County District Judge Susan Johnson. The charges against Combs were conditionally dismissed in October 1995 and Combs

agreed to undergo treatment for his marijuana use and insomnia. Charges against Ghent Combs were also dismissed.

Acting on a tip, officers searched Combs' home in 1995, they found four ounces of processed marijuana and drug paraphernalia. There was also a marijuana plant growing outside Combs' home, according to police accounts of the incident.

During the 1995 case, Combs claimed he suffered from insomnia and that marijuana helped him to sleep.

Combs resigned from the state Supreme Court in 1993 after suffering two strokes and memory lapses.



Combs was charged in 1995 with possession and cultivation of marijuana, but those charges were dismissed on the condition Combs underwent treatment for drug abuse. He was arrested again Tuesday after police smelled a strong odor of marijuana in his home.

City may mine big dividends on hilltop deal

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Property owners may have gotten a reprieve on their taxes in Prestonsburg's hilltop annexation, but business owners will have to pay the city's occupational tax.

The amount of revenue to be generated by the incorporation of Costain's mining operation into the city limits is not immediately known, Mayor Jerry Fannin said Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon, a Costain official provided The Times with the number of employees and average salaries for workers at the site. Based on those figures, the city could realize over \$30,000 annually in payroll taxes alone.

Keith Smith, Mine Planning Engineer for Costain, said there are 65 employees at the hilltop site with an estimated payroll of \$2 million per year.

The city voted last month to annex 3,700 acres into the city, located near Jenny Wiley State Park. As part of the annexation ordinance, the city delayed levying any property taxes on the land until the year 2000. The ordinance did not address occupational taxes for business owners in the area annexed. Costain appears to be the only business located on the property.

Also, Smith said the city is negotiating the recovery by Costain of 600,000 tons of coal on property owned by the city, which could generate between \$1.2 and \$1.5

million to the city. Smith said he was not privy to the cost per ton the city would receive, but he said the average return to mineral owners for coal is between \$2 and \$2.50 a ton. Coal usually sells for between \$21 to \$24 per ton on the open market, Smith said.

Costain hopes to begin removing coal in April, Smith said, and the operation is expected to be completed within 18 months.

The city plans to build an athletic complex and golf course on

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Cuts may slice aid for area's elderly

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Although the Big Sandy Area Development District (BSADD) was requested to "make reductions...by reducing administrative and indirect costs, while striving to minimize the impact on current service levels," the administration will apparently be absorbing less than 8.5 percent of nearly \$100,000 in budget cuts. Programs and services for the elderly will feel the biggest impact from the funding reductions.

The request for budget reductions was made by the Secretary for Families and Children in a November 22 letter.

Recent federal funding reductions and increasing service costs have forced the Department for Social Services and Cabinet for Families and Children to make administrative cuts.

"One federal change is a 15 percent reduction in the Social Services Block Grant," according to the letter. "This occurrence, along with the increased demands of welfare reform, will continue to fiscally challenge the Cabinet into the future."

With the recent eight percent budget cuts to the BSADD and other projects in the area, many health care and service providers

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Dance Etc. participants danced their way through the streets of Prestonsburg Saturday during the annual Christmas Parade. The parade was originally scheduled for November 30, but rescheduled because of rain. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Former Floyd woman will testify against changes in donor program

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor



Doris Frances

Former Floyd County resident Doris Frances of Georgetown waited ten months for a life-saving liver transplant at the University of Kentucky. That wait could have been longer if proposed rules governing liver allocations are implemented, and Frances doesn't want that to happen.

In an effort to stop changes in the liver trans-

plant program, Frances, a daughter of Dolly Dotson of Middle Creek, will testify before a Health and Human Services Department panel on Thursday in Washington, D.C.

Current rules regarding the allocation of livers for transplants require the donated liver to go to the patient who is most in need of the transplant in the region. Proposed changes will send the liver to the patient who is the neediest in the nation.

Currently, the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) oversees the donation process. UNOS is based in Virginia. Changes in the allocation program were proposed after David Matter, a friend of President Bill Clinton, asked the

president to investigate the allocation process, according to recent news reports. Matter is a Pittsburgh developer whose client is the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, a major transplant center.

University of Kentucky physicians are concerned that the proposed changes will send more donated livers to the bigger transplant centers such as Pittsburgh Medical Center than to smaller programs, such as Kentucky's two transplant centers, UK and the Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Frances' physician, Dr. Dinesh Ranjan, direc-

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Beer sales question prompts line review

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Elections has ruled that Tiger Mart, located on Route 23 near Prestonsburg, is within the West Prestonsburg boundary lines, a wet precinct, and is permitted to sell alcoholic beverages.

The board addressed the issue Tuesday afternoon in a meeting at the Floyd County District Courtroom. Apparently, concerns have been expressed to the board about whether the convenience store was located in a wet or dry precinct.

The board agreed to establish distinct boundary lines throughout the county to clarify precincts.

Part of the confusion about which precinct Tiger Mart is located in, is apparently caused by an "outdated" map.

"The boundary lines for the

West Prestonsburg precinct were done in 1914," Floyd County Court Clerk Carla Boyd said Tuesday. "We are going to redo the boundary lines throughout the county. They are so outdated, they need clarification."

Norm Marcum, a member of the board of elections, said that the task of clarifying all precinct boundary lines will be a "major undertaking" and could take about a year to complete.

Marcum contributes the confusion with the lines to new roads, housing developments and subdivisions that have been built since the old map was established.

Boyd added that when the board of elections updates the boundaries, Prestonsburg's annexation of about 3,700 acres of property on top of the mountain behind the city would also be considered to reduce confusion in the future.



The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad extricated two female victims from a vehicle which was struck by a U-haul truck Saturday night at the mouth of Arkansas Creek. All four subjects in the car, and the two male subjects in the truck were transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Comp bill gets House votes despite pleas

by Lisa Carnhan
KPA News Bureau

The House of Representatives passed a workers' compensation bill last week that makes radical changes in the state's system.

The bill passed by an overwhelming majority and is now headed to the Senate for consideration.

Despite a nearly six-hour attempt by House labor forces to alter the bill, the proposal designed by Gov. Paul Patton passed almost unchanged by a vote of 80-17.

Senate leaders have said their chamber is even more supportive of the proposal than the House. Hearings before the Senate Economic Critics, including House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo and Chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee Ron Cyrus, argued

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Slice

are concerned that the reductions target the elderly.

The Big Sandy Aging Advisory Council conducted a news conference Friday to explain the budget cuts and the impact they will have on the public.

Many health care and service providers are concerned about the cuts and some see a reduction in staff who make deliveries of hot meals and provide transportation to the elderly.

"It's a lot easier to say it here, but who's going to tell these elderly we can't give them food anymore?" Eula Hall, director of the Mud Creek Clinic, asked at Friday's press conference.

Hall said many of the senior citizens who receive services from clinics are not able to fix themselves something to eat and don't have anyone to do it for them.

"Those who are unable to fix themselves something to eat wait for us to bring them their food," Hall said. "Where do the budget cuts leave them?"

Hall said senior citizens who use clinic services have no other contact with anyone else. "Sometimes we are the only people they see," she said.

Several other service providers for the elderly told of instances when they went to residences and found their patients sick or with broken bones.

"I once found an elderly individual dead, lying in the floor all night with a broken hip," Diana Conley, McDowell Home Health Care, said. "We will lose one aide with the cuts."

Several service providers said many of their patients don't have anybody else to look after them, and

with the budget reductions even fewer senior citizens will have somebody to help them.

Sue Richmond, director of Martin County Senior Citizens, said she invites every politician to sit in her seat for one week and say, "no we can't feed you or take you to the doctor."

"The senior citizens have earned their living and their life should be pleasurable," Richmond said, adding that their rights shouldn't be taken away and they shouldn't be placed in a nursing home if they don't want to go.

Richmond also said that those who want to go to a nursing home cannot because there are not enough beds for them.

"We have a lot of people we are not seeing," Jim Kelly, Social Security district director for the Big Sandy area, said Friday. "They are waiting. Not only can we not help them, we are having to cut back."

Kelly said the focus for BSADD needs to be damage control. "We have to get what resources we have to a most effective point," he said.

The budget reductions announced on November 22 are retroactive to July 1 and become effective January 1, 1997.

Council member George Archer said senators and representatives did not have a vote in the matter. "This action was taken without the public's representation," he said. "The frail elderly have nobody to speak for them. This is sad."

BSADD executive director Roger Recktenwald said the cuts were effective July 1, "but the impact will be felt through December and the first six months of 1997."

For Support Services for the Elderly, the Aging Advisory Council recommended that the budget cut of \$24,000 be absorbed in the following areas: administration, \$1,292; senior citizens' programs, \$20,308; and Kentucky River ADD contract, \$2,400.

In the Adult Day Care Program's \$9,933 reduction, the council recommended cuts of \$1,285 in administration; \$8,475 in Adult Day Care programs; and \$173 in the service contract.

The budget reduction for the Home Care program totals \$51,434, with only \$4,358 taken from administration and the remaining cuts affecting aide positions, supplies, travel and home-repair expenses, and aides reallocated to a HOPE grant.

The reduction for the Home Care Program is expected to affect 30 clients.

The Long Term Care Demonstration Project budget will be cut \$13,649, with \$1,480 affecting administration.

Archer said the council was told that the Long Term Care Demonstration Project will be terminated at the end of the year.

Many senior citizens at the meet-

ing expressed frustration about the cuts and the effects on the programs for seniors.

"Don't tell me there's no other place to take the money from besides the senior citizens," Avery Akers, a member of the Mud Creek Senior Citizens, said. He added that the clinic's slogan is "A home away from home."

"They want to dig a grave and put us in it," Akers said. "You close down our center and you might as well put me in the grave."

"Will America become a country where senior citizens are pushed aside?" Archer asked.

Other projects will also be affected by the budget reductions.

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) received a \$34,678 cut in services for spouse abuse victims.

Rose Price, director of CAP said about 15-20 victims will not be able to receive services this year because

of the budget reduction.

The Big Sandy Community Action Project will receive a reduction of \$12,767 in the budget for family preservation services.

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In other business Monday:

•Council voted to hire Rhoda Franklin as a full-time police dispatcher and reaffirmed its earlier commitment to hire another part-time dispatcher.

•Mayor Fannin presented a plaque with a key to the city to outgoing councilman Dick Clark. "It's been a pleasure serving with you all and I hope you continue doing well," Clark said. At Tuesday's meeting, the mayor also presented a plaque to Councilwoman Paula Goble, who also declined to seek re-election.

•Council lauded the fire department and Tim and Darrell Sparks for their efforts to decorate the West Prestonsburg bridge. Council also thanked other city workers and citizens for their efforts to decorate the city for the holiday season.

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Hilltop

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the hilltop after the area has been mined. Smith said Costain has been on the site since 1994 and the coal has "been mined out," except for the mineral owned by the city. There are, however, coal deposits on property adjacent to the current mine site, and property owners have expressed some concern over and objections to the annexation project. An appeal of the annexation decision may be filed soon in federal court.

In a related matter, the mining operation is located in an area zoned residential, in which coal mining operations are not permitted under the city's zoning ordinance.

Enforcement officer Larry Adams said any property taken into the city by annexation is automatically zoned R-1, which means residential. He explained any annexed property would remain under that zoning distinction until the city's planning and zoning commission met to recommend the property be rezoned.

A planning and zoning commission meeting is set for January 9 at 1 p.m. at city hall, but the annexation issue is not listed on the agenda.

Commission chairman Frank Fitzpatrick Jr. said Monday he did not know if there would be any problems related to Costain's mining operation being located in an area zoned residential. He added the only use permitted in the zone designation is low density residential.

"That's a very good question," Fitzpatrick said.

Mayor Fannin said he didn't see any problem with the mining operation because it was in existence when the property was annexed. "I don't foresee any problems," Fannin said.

The property was located in the county which has no zoning designations and, because of that, it received a R-1 zone designation, Adams said.

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Man arrested for theft of vehicle Monday

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Hueysville man was arrested early Monday morning after he allegedly stole a vehicle parked at Lackey Mini Mart and then wrecked it.

Jason Jenkins, 18, was arrested at 4:30 a.m. Monday and charged with theft by unlawful taking; first-offense driving under the influence; operating on a suspended license; and no insurance, third offense.

According to court records, the stolen vehicle was left "running" at the convenience store when Jenkins allegedly stole it. The car was owned by Carl Ray Hicks.

Jenkins was arrested after Floyd County deputy Thomas Gearheart discovered the accident and then found Jenkins walking near the wreck on Stone Coal Road.

"(Jenkins) admitted to the theft and subsequent wreck," according to Gearheart's report. "He said he hit an icy patch, and had too much to drink."

During arraignments Monday in Floyd District Court, Judge James R. Allen entered a not-guilty plea to Jenkins' felony theft charge.

Jenkins pleaded guilty to DUI, operating on a suspended license, and no insurance charges.

Assistant county attorney Lance Daniels recommended a \$500 fine and a 30-day jail sentence for the third-offense no insurance charge.

Jenkins' fines totaled more than \$1,000.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. December 18 to hear testimony on the felony charge.

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

A taxing situation

by Scott Perry

Back during the November campaigns, we heard a lot from candidates on tax issues, specifically auto taxes, and we hope the matter doesn't just fade away.

The system used for taxing vehicles is fundamentally unfair because taxes can be assessed on inflated values, not actual worth.

If you've purchased a car recently, you know what we're talking about. If you haven't, here's an example.

You go to an auto dealer, where you find the car of your dreams.

Being an American, you are required to kick the tires and haggle with the seller. That's traditional.

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Opinions regarding schools and garbage

Editor:

Can you imagine, one of our fat cats wants to take over the Letcher County schools? That is a joke. I wonder if Letcher Countians ever read our Floyd County paper or listen to the news. If they haven't, it's time they did, then they will see what a mess the schools are in here. I'm sure they wouldn't want a fat cat from Floyd County to take over their school system. I believe charity begins at home.

I had a friend who tried to get a job teaching in Floyd County. They wouldn't hire her 'cause there were no voters—she didn't have a family. He then backtracks himself and says we don't mix politics and education. That's a joke!

You Letcher Countians don't need one of our politicians to run your business, you would be better off to get someone out of Russia.

We have the best politicians that money can buy. That's a good bumper sticker—how true!

Just think what our fat cats have stolen and no one is to blame for it. Maybe the governor will keep some of these lawyers from getting everything a poor man deserves—they have robbed most of the miners. I hope he doesn't make it worse for them. I don't have much trust in him 'cause he didn't stand by his word when he was going to stop the taxes on a car every year. He forgot about that!

I got quite sick last week when I went to Prestonsburg to pay my taxes and those special parking lots with our fat cats name on them and me running everywhere trying to find a place to park so I could pay them fat cats. It's a disgrace to Floyd County not to have a parking place for the public. We fixed a nice one for them!

I'm still thinking that Floyd County should have their own garbage hole. The city of Prestonsburg has a private one, why are they different from us? I know some families can't afford a garbage bill, some draw SSI. I think SSI is only four hundred and a few dollars a month. Instead of paying Mr. Vance a big salary, why don't they hire someone to go and check on the ones who can't pay? I understand that's only a part-time job for him to tell people what they have to do.

We honest people are getting

sick of it. If some of you fat cats would visit some of our poor old people and children at Christmas, I believe you would change your attitude about a lot of things. I am for the poor, they need us, and they don't need to be robbed by some fat cat.

Nora Martin
Hunter

Floyd politician at Pearly Gates

Editor:

A Floyd County politician died, and beyond his wildest expectation, found himself standing before the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter opened the gates, and seeing him standing there trembling, told him, peace my child, and bade him enter while he checked the roll for his name. Then satisfied that he was indeed on the roll, Saint Peter gently took him by the hand and told him that he would lead him to his eternal home.

As they walked along the Golden Way, Saint Peter began to point out the homes of others who had made it through the gates during past times. Off to the left, he pointed to a man tending flowers next to a modest bungalow. "That is Pope Gregory," he said. Around a bend in the road, he pointed to a young woman minding a white horse next to a thatched cottage. "That is Joan of Arc," he stated. A monk standing by a Black Forest style house, he identified as Martin Luther. He waved and spoke to Billy Sunday, who was standing in the door of a Chicago style row house. As they progressed along the road, Saint Peter pointed to the great religious leaders and figures of history, all living in the most modest means. The Floyd County politician was horrified, remembering his own life and the lives of his associates. He thought to himself, "If these great men and women of history live so modestly here, surely I will be given a pig sty for my eternal home."

But to his complete surprise, Saint Peter stopped before the gate on a lane leading to a truly splendid mansion. Beside it lay fields of flowers in full bloom, with languid streams and leaping fish, a place of brightness and ample shade. It was truly a heavenly home.

But, but, but, the man protested, surely there must be some mistake. I have just seen the modest homes

of some of the great religious leaders of all time and you tell me that this splendid mansion is mine? There has to be a mistake.

No, Saint Peter assured him, "There is no mistake. You see, my child, you are very special to us. It is very common for us to get Popes, Bishops, Evangelists, and Missionaries here, along with good people from all walks of earthly life. And they are content with modest things. But you, my son, are the first Floyd County politician we have ever had here, and are likely the last. There is no mistake, the house is yours..."

Lloyd Goble
Prestonsburg

P.S.: Obviously this is not original, but it is a verbal story, and this is the first time I have seen it in print. Also, your story about the left handed golf clubs was very well done. I passed it around and got many chuckles from it. God knows we need a bit of humor with all of the bad news we get here.

Kentucky Nature License Plate

Editor:

I am responding to a recent Associated Press article regarding renewal of the Kentucky Nature License Plate. A two-year plate was authorized in 1994 to be sold on a calendar year basis. Over 9,000 of these plates with the Kentucky warbler and tulip popular branch have been purchased. In 1996, legislation was passed to (1) address the numerous complaints about the inconvenience of renewing a license plate in December instead of a birth month, and (2) extend the life of the plate to five years from date of purchase.

The transitional period from December to birth month renewal will cause some hardships for those with birthdays early in the year. Property taxes will have to be paid in December for 1996 and in their birth months for 1997. The Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board apologizes to any Nature License Plate owners who have been inconvenienced by this action.

Kentuckians who have purchased the Nature License Plate are supporting a very worthy cause. The \$25 cost for the plate provides

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Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Time to take inventory on that earthquake survival kit... the New Madrid Fault is back in the news.

If you'll recall, we were warned four or five years ago that the fault, which runs along the Mississippi River valley and slices through Kentucky's far-western tip, was due for a major shake up.

Some crystal ball gazers and tea leaf readers even predicted the date and time for the quake which, thankfully, didn't happen.

We all bought earthquake insurance, though, just to be safe.

Scientists now predict, using new geological evidence, that the fault offers a 60 percent probability of a quake within the next 15 years and a 95 percent chance during the next 50 years.

While we may be a safe distance from the fault itself, there's a pretty good chance that a sizable quake would rattle our area, too.

Better make sure those flashlights have those kind of batteries that keep going, and going.

Wait til after Christmas, though.

Batteries are at a premium right now.

Interesting story in the news this week about some state school districts which are experiencing financial troubles.

We know of what they speak, seeing as how the Floyd County system is in the red and may go deeper into the hole than originally thought.

Though we sympathize with our schools' money woes, it is troubling to hear such news just six years after a billion-dollar tax increase was enacted to "equalize" school funding across the Commonwealth.

Where did all the money go? It appears that most of it went to hike teacher salaries, which was deserved, but it also appears that many school systems didn't adjust their payrolls downward when student populations began to shrink.

That ignores the basic economic law of supply and demand. Since schools get a great deal of their money on a basis of their supply of students, the demand for school personnel ought to rise and fall in accordance with attendance.

When it doesn't, things can get expensively out of whack in a hurry.

The politicians who run our schools seem particularly adverse to downsizing personnel, preferring to make cuts when necessary in other areas.

Saving jobs certainly is the noble attitude, but it doesn't serve the best interests of education.

That, of course, is the primary interest for our schools.

How do we do a better job of educating our kids for less or, at least, for no more money than we're spending now?

Well, first we have to admit

that we need to do better.

For evidence to support that, just ask some kids who are just making the transition from high school to college.

They'll tell you, as many have told us, that in some cases, particularly math and science, they are not adequately prepared for college curriculums. In fact, many of our first-year college students are required to take remedial, non-credit courses in math and science before they can qualify for credited classes.

What does that tell you?

It tells us that we've got a serious gap between secondary and post-secondary education that needs to be bridged.

How do we build that bridge without having to buy a whole new set of tools?

By making sure, first, that we're using the same set of plans.

That will require some communication between college and high school instructors.

One group decides what materials are needed and the other fills the shopping list.

College-bound students should have the skills to cope with college curriculum before they get there. If we start building a bridge from both directions, we'll meet in the middle much faster.

'Tis the season...

While you are helping expand our economy during the Christmas season, try to remember the less fortunate among us.

There are any number of charities and goodwill organizations out there which depend on your assistance to make the holidays and beyond a little better for a whole lot of folks.

Find one the suits you and chip in.

If you don't know where to start, call your church, local food pantry or Salvation Army headquarters. They know where the need is.



Shonda Trimble, 19, of Salyersville, suffered massive head injuries in an accident Tuesday on Route 23 at the Route 1428 caution lights. Trimble was taken to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. Annie Snipes, a passenger in the other vehicle, suffered multiple injuries in the accident. The driver, Hazel Arnett, suffered minor cuts. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Three injured in Tuesday wreck

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Three area residents were injured Tuesday after two cars collided on Route 23.

Hazel Arnett, 75, of Prestonsburg, suffered minor cuts after she attempted to turn south on Route 23 at the Route 1428 caution lights and collided with

another vehicle, Prestonsburg Police sergeant Anthony Castle said.

Shonda Trimble, 19, of Salyersville, was traveling north on Route 23, when Arnett "drove directly into the front of her," Castle said.

Trimble suffered massive head injuries in the accident and was transported to Highlands Regional

Medical Center. She was later transported by ambulance to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

A passenger in Arnett's vehicle was also seriously injured in the accident. Annie Snipes, 81, of Abbott, suffered multiple injuries in the accident. She is listed in serious condition at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

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\$10 a year to the Heritage Land Conservation Fund. This fund is used to purchase land from willing sellers for nature preserves, wildlife management areas, state parks, recreation and environmental education areas, state forests, and wild river corridors.

Each vehicle with a Nature License Plate is driven by someone who cares about the Commonwealth's natural heritage. The Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board and all Kentuckians owe these folks our gratitude for investing in Kentucky's natural beauty and biological diversity.

We will be glad to provide more information about the Nature License Plates. Call Julie Brumback Smither at (502) 564-5525 for a free poster and flyer.

William H. Martin, Chair
Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board

Pikeville area YMCA asks financial aid

Editor:
As the YMCA programming continues to grow, it needs many new volunteers and new or increased sources of financial support. An important source of funding is the "Partners in Youth" fund drive. This is the means by which the Y receives financial help necessary to continue its operations and to sponsor participants who cannot afford to pay for the programs.

As young people today grow, the YMCA can be a benefit to their lives. The YMCA focus is building mind, body and spirit through programs. These programs are handled in a Christian environment and developed to increase bonding between a parent and a child, increase productivity, increase self-esteem, and increase self-confidence which is derived from the mastery of physical skills.

Present YMCA programs include: aerobics, after school program, cheerleading, church league

basketball, flag football, gymnastics, karate, men's basketball, men's softball, mother's day out, nerf soccer, over 35 basketball, racquetball, rollerblading, summer day camp, swimming activities, T-ball, tennis league, tennis lesson, wallyball, weight center, women's softball, youth basketball, youth soccer, youth swimming lessons and others.

Being a partner with the youth of today is crucial. Volunteers have committed their time and effort to raise additional moneys for the "Partners in Youth" program for the Y. The volunteers who will work on this year's fund drive include: Jerry Kaney, chairman; Don Chill, Sandy Runyon, Gary Justice, and Diane Andrews as division leaders; Mike Thompson, David Collier, Daryl Maynard, John Elliott, Maxie Syck, Dr. Mary Wiss, Penny Stratton; Norm Walters, Ed Little, Tina Blanton, Frances Coleman, Phil Lucas as team captains; Barbara Smith, Rick Keene, John Blackburn, Barry Lucas, Mike Traunam, Patsy Justice, Angie Jarvis, Bill Burchett, Chuck Mueller, Melody Kanney, Dennis Sink, Steve Huffman, Dennis Rohrer, Brandt Mullins, Todd May,

Alex Poulos, Angela Kanney, Sara George, Judy Wellman, Ron Williamson, Tom Hartsock, Tom Hall, Greg Keene, Bruce Elliott, Letha Reed, Kitty Pauley, Pat Collier, and other volunteers.

Support the progress of the YMCA by making a tax deductible contribution to the "Partners in Youth" drive. Your contribution will be very much appreciated and will help foster the continuing growth of the YMCA, in Pikeville, Pike and Floyd counties, and the surrounding region. If you would like to support the YMCA, contact a volunteer, the YMCA office at (606) 433-9622 or mail your contribution to The Pikeville Area Family YMCA, 740 Bob Amos Drive, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Alternately, if a volunteer contacts you to request your support, consider the YMCA's large benefit for the entire region and assist us in any way that you may be able.

Jerry Kanney
Chairman
Partners in Youth Fund Drive

Orman Boggs
Executive Director
Pikeville Area Family YMCA

The Numbers Game: Kentucky Lottery Results

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December
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James Mitchell Jarrell and Ginger Dawn Lowe were united in marriage on July 7, 1996, by Pastor Ellis Stevens at the Trinity Chapel at Martin, Kentucky.

The mother of the bride is Darlene Lowe of Covington, Ky.; and the father of the bride is Joe Stewart of Knott County, Kentucky. Mother and father of the groom are Monroe and Debra Jarrell, of Little Paint; grandmother of the groom is Elvia Scott, of West Prestonsburg; grandfather of the groom is Jack Scott of Hamilton, Ohio.

Maid of honor was Ms. Elizabeth Jarrell, sister of the groom; best man was Ricky Hall.

Donor

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tor of UK's liver transplant program, and Dr. Bruce Lucas, director of UK's kidney transplant program and immediate past president of UNOS, will also testify before the panel. The university asked Frances to share her experiences as a liver transplant recipient.

Frances said she plans to tell panel members that how donated organs should be distributed "should be left to the doctors and not to a government agency."

Frances said if the proposed changes had been in effect in September, she wouldn't have received her liver transplant.

"When they say the (donated liver goes to the) most needy patients, it's usually those who are in hospital beds," she said. "I had stayed in good shape. I wouldn't have gotten a chance."

Frances was diagnosed with primary biliary cirrhosis of the liver about three years ago. She had been suffering from anemia and had gone to her physician for a routine physical when the disease was found through a blood test.

A receptionist in the registrar's office at Georgetown University, she had to stop working about two years ago because of the debilitating impact of her illness.

In the spring of 1995, she was hospitalized in an intensive care unit for three days because of severe hemorrhaging. Her local physician sent her to the transplant specialists at the University of

Kentucky.

Her condition continued to worsen and she was put on a liver transplant waiting list in November 1995.

"My liver was deteriorated badly," she recalled this week.

She underwent TIPs surgery. TIPs surgery bypasses blood vessels past the liver, Frances explained. "It bought me more time," she said.

Her physicians advised her to prepare for the transplant by keeping her body in good shape. Although she was constantly exhausted because of her malfunctioning liver, she walked short distances and did mild exercises.

The extra effort paid off when she had her surgery. The surgery normally takes about 12 hours but, in her case, it took only six hours.

"I said a lot of prayers and it worked," she said.

Her recovery was also quicker than expected. She left the hospital seven days after the transplant. A minimum stay is usually three weeks, Frances said.

Another plus in her recovery was the close proximity of her home to the UK Medical Center. Frances resides in Georgetown, about a 20-minute drive from UK.

Frances thinks that if transplant rules are changed and the organs go to the bigger transplant centers, then transplant patients will have a more difficult time with recovery.

"It would have been really hard

to travel. I would have had to rent an apartment before the transplant. It could have been for a month, or a week or two. Afterward, I would have had to stay close to the hospital until the doctors thought I recovered enough to go home," she said.

United States Senator Wendell Ford, who is also urging the Department of Health and Human Services to resist making changes in the transplant programs, said the change could affect accessibility to transplants in Kentucky.

"We've save more Kentucky lives because of the increased accessibility to transplant centers located in the Commonwealth as well as the centers' own efforts to increase organ donations," Ford said. "Many Kentuckians do not have the means nor the ability to travel to distant places to receive transplants, which also usually requires spending months at the location before and after the transplant."

Ford, Frances, and the UK physicians think that sending the donated organs out of the region may result in fewer donations. More than 7,000 people are waiting for liver donations, Frances said, and only about half that number will receive transplants.

She encourages people to sign the back of their driver's license to donate their organs.

"Think about it. Discuss it with your family. I have always signed (my driver's license to donate). That way you can give somebody life when nobody else can," she said.

Frances celebrated her 50th birthday about one month after her surgery. Now she says she has two birthdays to celebrate.

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the reform effort was too sweeping and would harm injured workers.

Cyrus said while all legislators knew workers' compensation would be reformed during the special session, "little did we know the severity. It's inhuman and will hurt the working people of this state."

The longest and most emotional battle came in debate of an amendment that would restore to the bill the current system of evaluating and compensating black lung claims.

Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, prefaced his primary address on the House floor by saying he was not addressing the chamber as majority floor leader, but as "the representative of working families in Floyd County." He pled with legislators to consider the miners of Kentucky, "who give their lungs for your light bills."

Under the current system, miners use X-rays and the testimony of doctors in seeking black lung benefits. The new bill would require them to prove their breathing capacity has been reduced by at least 20 percent.

Patton, who has said he believes the current system is too liberal and racked with fraud, announced prior to the session that he has black lung but is not disabled from the disease.

As he choked back tears, Stumbo described his grandfather as a pulmonary cripple due to black lung incurred from years of working in the coal mines. He said Kentucky miners deserve the liberal system which is an incentive to get out of the mines before they are crippled by the disease.

Paul Mason, D-Whitesburg, said voting for the amendment would give legislators the opportunity "to right the wrong."

Supporters of the bill argued the black lung compensation system was one of the factors that had led to the current crisis and leaving it intact in the new bill would severely reduce the expected savings.

Another mountain legislator, Herbie Deskins, D-Pikeville, told his colleagues they had not been given adequate time to study the bill and should have been allowed the weekend in order to consult with constituents. He said the House was "rushing to judgment" by voting on the bill before they were familiar with all its components.

Highlights of the bill include:

- Utilizes an arbitrator in most cases, thereby reducing the need for attorneys. Requires arbitrator to settle most claims in 90 days;
- Independent medical evaluations will be done at university hospitals, reducing the need for private physicians;
- Tightens the definition of injury and redefines disability;
- Takes \$19 million a year to pay off the Special Fund which is being abolished. \$14 million of that will come from the state's general fund while the remaining \$5 million will be taken from the coal severance monies sent back to the counties. The Special Fund is expected to be paid by 2018;
- Workers' comp benefits will be phased out when the recipient is eligible for Social Security;
- Establishes a four-year reopening period for claims;
- Claimants seeking black lung must prove breathing capacity has been reduced by at least 20 percent;
- Black lung will be paid one-half by the employer and one-half from a new fund created by an assessment placed on the coal industry.
- Increases benefit for work-related death from \$10,000 to \$25,000;
- Eliminates factors of age, skill and education level in awards.

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Magoffin man arrested for setting fire to church

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Magoffin County man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly burning the Parkway Baptist Church on Route 114 in October.

Randell N. Perkins, 31, of Salyersville, was arrested by the U. S. Treasury Department Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Kentucky State Police, and Federal Bureau of Investigation officers on a federal warrant for the church fire.

Perkins was lodged in the Boyd County jail in Ashland Tuesday,

according to a KSP Post 9 media release.

The Parkway Baptist Church, located in Magoffin County about a mile west of the Floyd County line on Route 114, burned on October 26.

"It's just sad that it even happened," minister Ed Taylor said. "The biggest question in my mind is why." Taylor is also sports editor for the Floyd County Times.

The fire apparently began in a back room and Taylor said in October that investigators said they thought someone had broken a win-

dow in the room and started the blaze.

Taylor said Tuesday that he and the church have a "forgiving spirit." "We do forgive him," he said.

In the meantime, the Parkway Baptist Church has been conducting services at Glynnview Plaza shopping center.

The minister said the congregation would be in their new building near Sugar Loaf by this Sunday.

At the time of the blaze, the church had a congregation of about 25-30 members, Taylor said.

"Since the fire, we have had an increase in people joining the church," the minister said. "One individual said he felt he needed to help the church more so now than before."

Taylor said area residents have been very supportive, adding that other churches as far away as Oklahoma, Indiana, and North Carolina have been offering assistance.

Drug raids in Floyd County leads to additional arrests

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department is still sweeping the county, getting evidence to search the residences of alleged drug traffickers, and apprehending them.

Detective James Roderick said Monday that two additional traffickers were arrested Friday after a confidential informant made a marijuana buy from their residences.

Ronnie Pete Neeley, 57, of Hueysville, was arrested Friday after the sheriff's department confiscated "several bags of processed marijuana ready for sale" from his residence on Cool Water Road, according to Roderick.

While at the Neeley residence, Roderick said Russell Pete Neeley, 40, was searched and marijuana was found on his person.

Russell Neeley was charged with possession, and Ronnie Neeley was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Both men posted bond Friday evening and were released from the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

A few hours after the raid at the Neeley residence, the sheriff's department executed a search warrant at Larry Music's residence and a bag of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were confiscated.

Roderick said Music was charged with trafficking in a con-

trolled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

"We have several informants throughout the county," Roderick said Monday. "The sheriff's department is also investigating and targeting other drug activities in the county."

The drug raids Friday were conducted by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and Roderick. Deputies Tommy Shelton, Steve Little, and Brian Hall assisted in Friday's raids.



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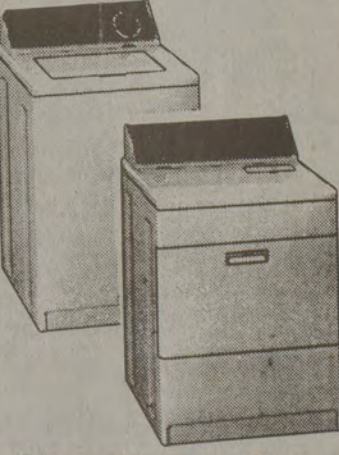

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Obituaries

Ronald Dale Trafelet Jr.

Ronald Dale Trafelet Jr., three-month-old son of Wanda Ann Stapleton Trafelet and Ronald Dale Trafelet Sr. of Raccoon, died Saturday, December 7, 1996, at the residence.

He was born August 26, 1996 in Pike County. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Roy Stapleton, and his paternal grandparents, Leonard and Beatrice Irene Trafelet.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Robert Austin Roy Trafelet at home; one half-brother, Christopher Scott Trafelet of Pikeville; one half-sister, Ashley Leann Hall at home; maternal grandparents, Herbert and Mary Ann Hunter; maternal great-grandmother, Maudie Collins of Printer; step paternal grandfather, Robert Mull of Inkster, Michigan.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 11, at noon, at the Christian Life Fellowship Church at Boldman with Terry Adkins and Robert Charles officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery at Hurricane Road, Pikeville, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home, Pikeville.

Susie Ousley DeRossett

Susie Ousley DeRossett, 77, of Martin, died Saturday, December 7, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born April 3, 1919 at Dock, she was the daughter of the late James and Emma Frasure Ousley.

Survivors include her husband, Jim DeRossett; one son, Paul David DeRossett of Prestonsburg; three brothers, Willard Ousley, Orville Ousley and Dewey Ousley, all of Prestonsburg; one sister, Grace Flanery of Martin; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 9, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Wireman officiating.

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

Randall Akers

Randall Akers, 48, of Teaberry, died Sunday, November 24, 1996, at his residence.

Born March 19, 1948 at Teaberry, he was the son of Love Akers of Teaberry, and the late Vernon Akers. He was a disabled coal miner.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Mildred Blankenship Akers; one son, Randall Lee Akers of Teaberry; three daughters, Melanie Hamilton, Miranda Akers and Maronda Akers, all of Teaberry; two brothers, Daniel Akers and Ralph Akers, both of Teaberry; three sisters, Brenda D. Hall of Teaberry, Vonda Oney of Columbus, Ohio, and Lois Kinn of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 27, at 10 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Blankenship Cemetery on Morge Branch, at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.

—Samuel Butler

Hazel Smith

Hazel Smith, 67, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 9, 1996, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born July 29, 1929, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Hattie Bryant Younce. She was a retired nurse aide and member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Smith of Island Creek; two sons, Bobby Matthew Akers of Island Creek and Francis Bertrand Jr. of Englewood, Florida; two daughters, Kathy Ann Sturgill of Island Creek and Wilma Jean Anderson of Floyd County; one brother, Clarence Younce of Elkhorn City; three sisters, Mollie Greer of North Carolina, Madge Picklesimer of Michigan and Maxie Wilkins of Maryland; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 12, at 11 a.m., at the Morris Funeral Home Chapel with the ministers Frankie Bryant and Clarence Robinson officiating.

Burial will be in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at East Shelbyana, under the direction of Morris Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Ted Stumbo

Ted Stumbo, 85, of McDowell, died Thursday, December 5, 1996, at his residence.

Born September 13, 1911 at McDowell, he was the son of the late Fred and Lona Hall Stumbo. He was a retired C & O Railroad employee, working as a trackman. He was a U.S. Army veteran during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Campbell Stumbo; one daughter, Karen Lynn Pack of McDowell; one sister, Alma Miller of Wabash, Indiana; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 8, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Jimmy Hall, Clinton Moore and Hargis Tuttle officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were John Thomas Pack, T.T. Pack, Hargis Tuttle, Doug Young, Larry Tackett and Buggy Stumbo.

Justin Daniel Martin

Justin Daniel Martin, 13, of Teaberry, died Sunday, December 8, 1996, at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Born September 16, 1983 in Pikeville, he was the son of Danny Lee and Debbie K. Hall Martin. He was an honor student and member of the Beta Club at John M. Stumbo Elementary School. He was on the grade school basketball team, the Mustangs, he received perfect attendance at the school, and was on the basketball training league at Betsy Layne. He was a member of the Case Knife Club.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Edgar and Verbal Martin of Teaberry; and his maternal grandparents, Bill and Genevieve Hall of Grethel.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 12, at 11 a.m., at the John M. Stumbo Elementary School at Grethel, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Cemetery at Grethel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Cora Cross

Cora Cross, 89, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Ligon, died Saturday, December 7, 1996, at her daughter's residence in Columbus, Ohio.

Born June 27, 1907 at Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Sonny and Corlista Hall Jones. She was a member of the Ligon Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Cross.

Survivors include one son, Virgil Cross of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Donie Estep and Pearl Mullins, both of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Corlista Hall of Clay City; four half-sisters, Maudie Gibson and Hannah Tackett, both of Hi Hat, Nora Hall of Beavinsville, and Draxie Hall of Columbus, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 11, at 11 a.m., at the Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Kenneth Earl Prater

Kenneth Earl Prater, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 6, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born September 13, 1928 at Middle Creek, he was the son of the late Miley and Laura Hicks Prater. He was a retired coal miner at Princess Elkhorn in Pikeville. He last worked for Peabody Coal Company. He was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Shepherd Prater; one son, Kenneth "Pee Wee" Prater Jr. of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Susan Laurel Reffett and Connie June Prater McGinnis, both of David; two brothers, Charles Prater of Pikeville and Arnold Prater of David; two sisters, Lona Hall of Allen and Ruth Prater of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 9, at noon, at Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ellis Stevens officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers were Bill Reffett, Ted McGinnis, Kevin Stone, Dwayne Reffett, Herbie Stone, Greg Johnson and Ralph Prater.



Iris F. Fuller

Iris F. Fuller, 78, of Brantley, Alabama, died Friday, December 6, 1996, at her residence.

Survivors include four daughters, Peggy Warrick and Shirley Wilcox, both of Brantley, Alabama, Patricia Baggett of Elba, Alabama, and Betty Wilson of Sacramento, California; three sons, David Fuller and Shannon Fuller, both of Brantley, Alabama, and Larry Fuller of Wayland; four sisters, Myrtis Beasley of Haynes City, Florida, Lela Moseley of Luverne, Alabama, Francis Smith of Tampa, Florida, and Louise Minard Ward of Luverne, Alabama; two brothers, Sam Garner of Haynes City, Florida, and Ray Minard of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 9, at the Turner Funeral Home Chapel in Luverne, Alabama, with Rev. Eldon Wilson officiating.

Burial was in the Fairmont Cemetery in Red Level, Alabama, under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Information courtesy of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Rebecca Jane Stanley

Rebecca Jane Stanley, 81, of Harold, died Sunday, December 8, 1996, at her residence.

Born April 15, 1915 at Grethel, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Sarah White Riley. She was a member of the Lower Toler Church of Christ for 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Morgan Stanley.

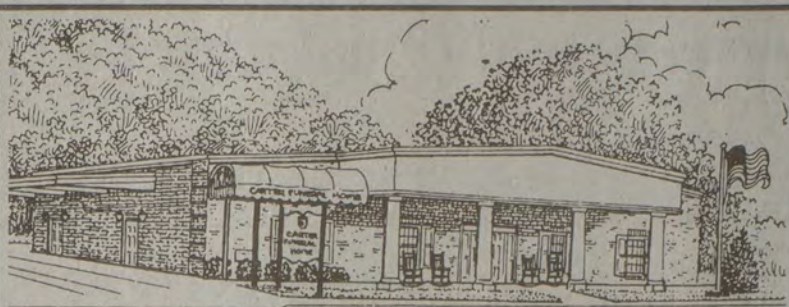
Survivors include five sons, Bob Stanley and Donald Stanley, both of Clyde, Ohio, Paul Stanley and Bill Stanley, both of Harold, and Herbert Stanley of Winchester; 15 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 11, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergymen Doyle Meade and Tommy Bush officiating.

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

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THE FAMILY OF THECKLA CLICK REFFETT

Card of Thanks

The family of Oscar Eugene Davis 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 spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Church of Christ ministers for their 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 OSCAR EUGENE DAVIS

Card of Thanks

The family of Clarence H. "Jake" Crisp wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergyman Russ Taylor 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 CLARENCE H. "JAKE" CRISP

Card of Thanks

The family of Larry Dean Scutchfield 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 Clergymen Mark Tackett and Bill Campbell for their comforting words, the singers for their beautiful songs; and to the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF LARRY DEAN SCUTCHFIELD

Card of Thanks

The family of Lottie Hicks 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 Timothy Melling and the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF LOTTIE HICKS

Card of Thanks

The family of Ronnie "Hoppy" Hopkins Jr. wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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Post office offers mailing tips

To help customers handle the holidays, the Prestonsburg Post Office is delivering some special mailing tips. "This is the busiest and best time of the year for the post office," said Postmaster Edith Risner. "Our office becomes filled with red and green envelopes and all sorts of packages. Mailing is a big part of the holidays for many people."

To help customers get their holiday gifts mailed safely and on time, Edith Risner offers these tips:

- Print your return address and the recipient's address neatly on only one side of the package, the same side where the postage will go. Use waterproof, smudge-proof ink. Include the address information inside your packages as well.
- Always include apartment or suite numbers in an address. Use the correct directional (such as N, W, SW, etc.) and street suffix (such as AVE, BLVD, ST, etc.).
- Never guess at a ZIP Code. Call the local post office to get the correct one.

- When sending a package, use filament tape to seal the package. Twine and cord tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.

- Leave space for cushioning inside the carton. The container should have space to hold the contents plush cushioning to prevent damage. Always use leak-proof containers and mailing materials when shipping liquids. Plain, air-popped popcorn makes an inexpensive, environmentally friendly packing material. Other materials include polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble plastic, and fiberboard inserts.

- For those traditional domestic procrastinators, we offer Priority Mail, which gets packages to their destination in two to three days to most major cities. It's a great buy at \$3.00 for up to two pounds. For \$10.75, we also have Express Mail Service which gets mail to most major cities overnight.

- Special tip—Protect holiday film sent off for processing from getting lost by taping your name and address to the side of the film container. Then, if the film is separated from the envelope, we can get it back to you.

During the Christmas season, the Prestonsburg post office will have extended hours. The post office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., December 14 and 21. Beginning December 9 and ending December

23, the post office will be open week days from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For additional help with holiday mailings, Risner advises customers to talk with the window clerk. "Our clerks are a wealth of information, from how a gift should be packaged to the best mailing option," she explains. "At the Prestonsburg Post Office we're all ready to help our customers handle the holidays."

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'Black ice' on Floyd roads causes 30 to 40 accidents Friday

by Chris McDavid Staff Writer

"Black ice" took motorists by surprise Friday morning, causing numerous vehicles to slip and slide all over Floyd County roads.

According to police records, Prestonsburg sergeant Gerald Clark estimated that 30 or 40 drivers lost control of their vehicles early Friday morning.

At 5:33 a.m., Clark reported several wrecks on Route 114. He said that a truck was over the guard rail near the mouth of Spurlock.

On Route 23 near the mouth of Abbott, the road was also extremely slick and caused drivers to lose control of their vehicles.

Within the next 30 minutes, Clark advised the dispatcher's office that seven or eight wrecks had already occurred.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department assisted the police in cautioning drivers about black ice.

Prestonsburg Fire Chief Tom Blackburn said "black ice" is a thin layer of ice that freezes on the road and contours to the shape of the road. "You can't see it as ice on the road," Blackburn said. "It just appears to be a wet spot or dark pavement."

The fire chief's vehicle, two squad trucks, and the fire department ambulance went to locations on Route 23 to try to get drivers to slow down, Blackburn said Monday.

When David Layne, director of transportation for Floyd County schools, witnessed some of the accidents on Route 23, he decided to call school off Friday, he said.

Layne said he received numerous complaints from parents Friday because they were not aware of the road conditions and could not understand why there was no school.

Floyd County schools were also canceled Monday due to the road conditions, Layne said.

Layne said the majority of the roads in Floyd County were clear on Monday, but in some areas, such as Sizemore, Conley Fork, and Fork Hill, the roads were extremely slick.

"I got up at 3 a.m. this morning and started checking the roads," Layne said Monday.

He said school was put on a two-hour delay because the highway department was putting salt on the roads. "I thought we would be able to have school on the delay, but some of the roads were still slick," Layne said.

"Our main concern is for the safety of all the kids who have to be transported to school," he said.

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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.

Graduation planned

Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center will hold a formal graduation ceremony on Thursday, December 12, at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Keynote speaker for the graduation will be an alumnus of Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, Don Hall, who resides and works in Paintsville.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Scholarship money available

The CEDAR program will award one \$1,000 scholarship to each high school in Floyd County. Students could also win additional scholarships of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000. See guidance counselors for details. Deadline is January 6.

Donations needed

The Middle Creek Volunteer

Fire Department is asking for donations to its Christmas Fund. Donations needed include new or used toys, clothing, household items and canned goods.

The fire department will distribute donations on December 12, 16, 17 and 19, from 7-9 p.m. at the fire department.

Call 886-0017 or 886-1381 if you have something to give.

Retired teacher to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting December 12, at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

Presenting the music portion of the program this year will be a trio from McDowell First Baptist Church, which includes Libby Hall, Trish Cieslak and Joan Chaffins. All retired teachers from Floyd County are encouraged to attend.

Toys for Tots

The Martin Youth Service Center along with Mrs. Derossett's civics class is collecting new or used toys until December 16, for the Toys for Tots Christmas.

Caregivers Support Group meeting

The Caregivers Support Group will hold a meeting for caregivers of the frail, elderly, physically or mentally impaired adults on December 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the Happy House Adult Day Center, Archer Park. For more information, call 886-0265.

Classic Cooking

Classic Cooking of Inter-Mountain Cable, with Chef Mark Sohn and special guests, will air on December 12 and 14, at 7 p.m. Sohn will prepare Christmas side dishes.

An evening with Shakespeare

The public is invited to spend an evening with Shakespeare on December 13, beginning at 7 p.m. when the seventh grade classes at Adams Middle School present excerpts from five Shakespeare plays. The performances are under the direction of Joe Clark, who has assisted with and performed in past Jenny Wiley Theatre productions, and include excerpts from Shakespearean comedies, as well as dramatic presentations. Performances will be held in the gymnasium.

Admission is \$1.

Duff council to meet Thursday

There will be a special site-based council meeting December 12, from 4-5 p.m. at the Duff Elementary School library.

Fruits orders in

Our Lady of the Mountains School's fruit orders are now available for pickup through Sunday, December 15, from 8-4 daily, except Sundays, when fruit can be picked up from 1-5 p.m. Payment is expected at time of pickup.

Historical society to meet

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society will host its annual Christmas dinner on

December 16, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The business meeting will follow the dinner.

The Jenny Wiley Family Association will meet December 14, at noon, at the Bonanza Steak House on 29th Street in Huntington, West Virginia.

Christmas program

The Floyd County Library will host a Christmas program with Munroe and Robin (from the Kentucky Opry), at the library December 17, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 886-2981. The program is free and open to the public.

Clark council to meet

The Clark Elementary School SBDM meeting will be held December 11, at 6 p.m., in the school library.

Emma Moore



The family of Emma Moore would like to thank everyone who helped in any way during our Mother's illness and also during the funeral. Your many acts of kindness were deeply appreciated and shall never be forgotten. May the Lord bless each and every one of you. Our Mother was truly an angel here on earth. God fashioned and filled her with qualities that brought out the best in everyone around her, and she set an example for what a true Christian and a mother should be like. Her gentle smile, twinkling blue eyes, and soft voice is missed by her children every minute of every day. We take comfort only in the knowledge that she is with Jesus and will never have to suffer again.

We give special thanks to our Uncles Woodroe and Hayes Dye who showed their love for their sister in so many ways, not only during her illness but throughout her life. Also special thanks to the ICCU nursing staff at Hazard ARH for their excellent care of our Mother. We have never met such caring and knowledgeable nurses. They not only gave of themselves to help our Mother, but also took time to comfort us. Thanks, also, to Dr. Chandrana, Dr. Chaney, Dr. Botto, Dr. Yalamamhi, Dr. Rao for their efforts and the kindness they showed. Special thanks to Dr. Chandrana who exemplifies what a physician should be like. He gave us strength and hope and helped guide us during many difficult decisions. He did everything in his power to help our Mother until the very end. His knowledge, kindness, and love for his patients and their family members should be an example to every doctor. We would also like to give special thanks to the clergy of the Old Regular Baptist and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service. Thanks, also, to the Price Community Club and everyone who brought and prepared such wonderful food during the funeral. Our love and gratitude go to Rabon Dye and the rest of the Dye family who helped dig the grave. We deeply appreciate the friends who watched over our Mother and helped her in every way they could, such as Mike Stumbo and Rabon Dye; she loved them like sons. But most of all, Lord, we thank you for blessing us with this very special friend, our Mother, for eighty-three years. Lord, bless her and keep her close to You until we can all be together again.

The Moore Family

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Words of Life

Advent, a season of longing

by Rev. David Powers

It is a strange and dangerous fact that among people, even among many church members, there reigns a rule of silence about the reality of sin and evil in our world and in our lives.

We have become uncomfortable naming sin or confronting evil. Some of this unease may come from our past, when so much emphasis was put on sin that the grace of Christ was nearly eclipsed in our consciousness.

Some of it may also flow from our accommodation to a culture that has abandoned almost all attempts at articulating common values and standards of behavior.

If there are no agreed-upon values, no standards of right and wrong, then it is difficult to speak of good and evil, sin, and virtue. In a culture that prides itself on being pluralistic, we have falsely concluded that respect for the rights and opinions of others means we can never challenge or confront evil in our midst.

As much as Christians need to be in dialogue with every culture, we cannot capitulate to the abandonment of values.

While we must respect the rights of others to see things differently, this does not mean that every opinion is correct, or every position equally true and valid.

Our mission of evangelization means that we must call into question whatever position or behavior is contrary to the gospel.

Our standards and our values are not based on what is culturally popular, but on the teachings and life of our Lord.

Recognizing the disparity between the standards of the gospel and the reality of life around us can lead to a variety of responses. Some people simply refuse to acknowledge the gap and try to live in a Pollyanna world where everything is wonderful, where evil does not exist.

Others may despair at coping with the enormity of the challenge and try to retreat into a safe enclave, associating only with like-minded people.

Others may be overwhelmed by the disparity and become depressed and negative.

Still others may rail against the night, ranting and raving against all who do not measure up to their standards.

All of these responses can shape the way we worship. Some approaches to worship insist that all must be goodness and light, that everyone should always feel great about life. In this approach, there is no room for any prophetic confrontation or gospel challenge of the way we live and act.

Another approach might be that the world is so evil and popular culture is so depraved that Christians must have nothing to do with it. Those who find the world overwhelming may worship in a manner that is continually negative, focused almost exclusively on the sins of others or the evils outside.

Perhaps the best approach; however, is to begin with an honest recognition that evil does exist and that sin is a reality of human life, without attempting to cover over or explain away the painful fact that evil continues to exert its influence in our world and in our individual lives.

The first biblical response to such recognition of evil is the lament. The psalms and prophets are

filled with examples in which God's people cry out in lament about their fate or the fate of the nation. There is frequent reference to the apparent absence of God, to the evil that threatens to overwhelm God's people, and to the sins of the people that often brings on such tragedy. Lament does not stop with itself, however, but leads naturally to prayer and to hope.

The biblical lament calls God's attention to the evil facing the individual or the nation and then seeks God's help in overcoming that evil. It does this with a confidence that relies on God's promises and God's example in the past.

Lament and thanksgiving are thus linked, as the anamnesis recalling God's past wonders in praise and thanksgiving is joined to a confident prayer that God will continue to act on our behalf in the present and in the future.

Advent, which occurs in the United States just following Thanksgiving, is an ideal time to seek the recovery of the prayer of lament. Advent is a time of hope and longing, and the important issue is how can we recognize both the need for lament and also the reason for our hope.

For many people, the first step must be learning to speak again of sin and evil. Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of our Savior, but many people have no clear sense of why we need a savior. From what are we to be saved? If sin and evil are not real, who needs a savior?

Advent longings only begin to make sense when we recognize the continuing existence and power of evil around us. Then we know why we need a savior.

With the disintegration of communism in the Soviet Union in 1990, many people began speaking of a new age of peace and prosperity, but it soon became evident that evil had not disappeared. Suffering continues in many parts of our world, and conflict is till a common fact of life.

Wars continue to cause death and destruction; refugees number in the millions; disease continues to run rampant; poverty still oppresses multitudes; hunger and starvation stalk the globe; family violence and sexual abuse scar both children and adults for life; crime flourishes both at home and abroad; environmental destruction continues to devastate the planet; abortion and euthanasia are common around the world; far too many marriages end in divorce; and too many children lack stable homes; sexism and racism still fuel discrimination; unemployment and homelessness still afflict untold numbers; and on and on.

There is no dearth of themes for lament, no lack of reasons to yearn for a savior.

It is important that these forces of evil be named and made concrete.

The roots of some of these evils will be evident in our own lives and hearts, and thus confronting them will require some personal conversion of attitudes, habits, and lifestyles. Other evils may not be the result of our own actions, but are nevertheless able to be influenced by our efforts; and confronting them will challenge us to work for change.

Some of the evils may seem beyond our influence or control; these should invoke in us in a special way the awareness that we need a savior and should prompt us to sincere prayer for God's redemptive

power to heal us and our world. These may remind us that ultimately all the efforts we can make to bring about the kingdom are dependent on God's power at work in us and that the fullness of the Kingdom cannot be accomplished by human effort alone. Only God can offer redemption.

Our observance of Advent, then, should be a time in which we look honestly at life from the perspective of the Gospel, cry out in lament over the evils that afflict God's people, yearn in hope for the power of God to set us free, and reach out to share that hope by confronting evil and fostering change whenever possible.

Many people sense the need to turn back to the basic meaning of Christmas, and we must look to Christ for practical and gentle guidance in how to do that.

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Stafford House plans open house

Holiday Open House will be held December 12 through 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Stafford Home on Broadway in Paintsville.

Tours will be given of the home by appointment only. Tours will be conducted by student volunteers.

A "Made in Kentucky Arts and Crafts" sale will be held. Hot cider and treats will be available. Musical entertainment will be provided by Holly Prater.

An old-fashioned candy pull demonstration will be held

Thursday, December 12.

Admission to the open house is \$1.50 with an additional charge for the candy demonstration Thursday. Group rates are available. Proceeds will be used to pay for gas and electricity. Additional funds will be used to help restore the house.

The Stafford House is estimated to be more than 158 years old. The back part of the house is the oldest. There are Indian-like graphics, primitive in nature, carved around the fireplace. The stones beneath this part of the home are hand

hewn and the fireplace has mud mortaring. The structure has dimensioned wood, as opposed to logs, which is surprising for the 1800s, according to local historians. That may be explained by the water-powered sawmill said to be owned and operated by Francis Marion Stafford, who was born in the home in 1837.

The "newest" frontal addition of the home dates around 1898, as documented by a family photograph of that year. It was said to have been built by "William,"

assumed to be a brother of Francis Marion.

Glass throughout the house is original, bubbles and waves are still in place. One of the home's former occupants, May Stafford, youngest daughter of Francis Marion, devoted her retirement to restoration of the home. The original family artifacts are presently on showcase in two of the rooms.

After Saturday, December 14, the home will be open only by appointment. For more information about the home, call 789-8108.

Betsy Layne students to participate in annual Kentucky Christmas Chorus in Rupp Arena

Betsy Layne students will sing during one of the Kentucky's largest sing-alongs on December 17.

Betsy Layne elementary and high school students will participate in the ninth annual A Kentucky Christmas Chorus in Rupp Arena. More than 3,900 singers from 97 choirs in 42 Kentucky counties have registered to participate in the event.

Betsy Layne High School will send 45 students to sing in the show. The Betsy Layne High School choir students are directed by Mike Cooley. Betsy Layne Elementary students are directed by Sandy Tackett.

The event is free and will run

from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Doors to the arena will open at 6 p.m. with additional festive family activities and entertainment beginning at 6:15.

Entertainment will include the Main Street Brass Band, the Salvation Army Brass ensemble, the Newman Center Bell Choir and the Lexington Police and Fire quartet. The Living Arts and Science Center will help the young people make holiday angels. Frosty and other holiday mascots will be on hand to greet kids.

The Lexington Philharmonic, conducted by George Zack, will provide the music. Lexington soloists Othello Pumphrey and

Melissa Baber will entertain and the Lexington Singers will help lead the singing. Local country musician and singer Troy Gentry will also perform.

Representatives from Southern Belle Dairies will provide free eggnog samples during the pre-show activities and concession stands will be open during the event.

WKYT-TV, Channel 27, in Lexington and WYMT-TV, Channel 57, in Hazard, will air the event live December 17 from 8 to 9 p.m. and rebroadcast it at 5 p.m. on

Christmas Day.

Seating for people with disabilities is available in the arena. Handicapped parking is on the High Street side of the civic center lot.

A Kentucky Christmas Chorus is sponsored by the Kentucky Eye Institute and WKYT-TV, Channel 27, in cooperation with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. More than 150 volunteers are involved in the production of this event.

To volunteer or for more information about the event, call (606) 258-3026.

Arts center to present Christmas Chorus

During the Mountain Arts Center's first Christmas season, a wide range of quality holiday programming is being offered.

In addition to Kentucky Opry Christmas concerts on December 15th and the 20th, the MAC is presenting the children's classic Babes in Toyland from the American Family Theater on December 14th along with performances by several area choirs throughout the month of December.

And in keeping with the season of giving, the Mountain Arts Center is presenting a Christmas gift to the community in appreciation for the thousands of individuals who have helped to make the Center a reality and a success. On Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30, all

of East Kentucky is invited to attend the Mountain Christian Chorus.

This concert will celebrate the season through voices, instruments and storytelling and is free to the public.

Patterned after the Kentucky Christmas Chorus held in Rupp Arena each year, the Mountain Christmas Chorus unites musicians and vocalists from throughout East Kentucky for a special holiday celebration.

Highlights include performances by the PCC Community Chorus under the direction of Mike Conley, the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir under the direction of Elizabeth Frazier along with instrumental performances by Kentucky Opry's David Morris on fiddle and Johnson County native Tom Money on flugelhorn.

Children will particularly enjoy an Appalachian Christmas story read by Misty Daniels, in addition to a song by a local children's choir. Undoubtedly, the high point of the evening will be an audience Christmas sing-a-long featuring a medley of seasonal favorites accompanied by the Mountain Christmas Chorus Orchestra.

Tickets for this event are free, but please make general seating reservations for your family, church or civic organization in advance if possible through the Mountain Arts Center Box Office at 886-2623 or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787). Tickets will also be available at the door.

Van Lear youth will represent Morehead

Two Morehead State University sophomores will represent Kentucky at the five-state regional competition of the Music Teachers Association which will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, in January.

Representing the state will be Adria Dowd of Berea and Jennifer Hughes of West Van Lear. They were first place winners in the Kentucky Music Teachers Association competition held in October.

The winners in the Tennessee match-up will advance to the Music Teachers National Association Convention in Dallas, Texas, April 6.

Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes, was the recipient of the Edwa Peters Young Award given by MSU's Department of Music. She is a member of the Concert Choir.

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Morehead to hold graduation ceremony

Morehead State University will hold its 1996 Winter Commencement at 10:30 a.m. on December 14, in the Academic-Athletic Center.

Approximately 500 undergraduate and graduate students are candidates for degrees to be conferred that day by MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. In addition, two distinguished Eastern Kentucky women will receive honorary doctorates.

Susie Halbleib of Morehead and Helen Price Stacy of West Liberty will receive honorary Doctor of Science and honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees, respectively.

Halbleib, a registered nurse, and her colleague, Dr. C. Louise Caudill, have worked together for nearly 50 years and are recognized throughout Eastern Kentucky as medical pioneers. A native of Louisville, Ms. Halbleib graduated from the Nazareth College School of Nursing (now Spalding University) with clinical work at St. Joseph's Hospital. While serving as a public health nurse in Clay County, she met Dr. Caudill and their medical partnership was formed.

While managing Dr. Caudill's family medicine practice over the years, Ms. Halbleib has assisted in delivering more than 8,000 babies for mothers in Eastern Kentucky. Working side-by-side, the two have helped to develop St. Claire Medical Center into a regional health care facility and in numerous other causes for the betterment of the community. Respected as a medical professional in her own right, Ms. Halbleib has strongly supported allied health education programs at MSU and been a champion of women's health issues.

Stacy is recognized as journalist, artist, poet, author and historian. One of 16 original Kentucky Heritage Artists, her work has been shown in Washington, D.C., throughout Kentucky and the United States, including in Appalshop's juried "Images from the Mountains" exhibits.

A published poet, she has been honored by the National League of American Penwomen and the Tennessee Author's Competition. One of her poems appears in the recently-published "God's Plenty," along with works by 56 other Kentuckians. The organizer of the Kentucky Hill Branch of the NLAP, she is a member of the Foothills Artists and the Lexington Art League.

A widely published writer, Ms. Stacy also has written for several Kentucky newspapers. A former member of the Kentucky Heritage Commission, she was recognized by the Morgan County Historical Society. A contributor to the Kentucky Encyclopedia, she also wrote two volumes of the history of Morgan County. She is one of the founders of the Morgan County Sorghum Festival.

The student speaker will be Cecilia Michelle Maggard of Vicco, a senior in the Caudill College of Humanities. A dean's list student, she will receive her A.B. degree in English with honors. A theatre minor, she also will be certified as a secondary education teacher and plans to teach. She did her student teaching this semester at Breathitt County High School.

Maggard transferred to MSU in fall 1994 from Hazard Community College. As an MSU student, she was a member of Sigma Tau Delta English honorary as well as Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and was active in the theatre program. She also worked in the Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business.

The daughter of Otis and Cecilia Maggard, she is a graduate of Dilce Combs High School.

Dr. Travis P. Lockhart, professor of theatre and recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Teacher Award, will be grand marshal, assisted by Dr. Frances Helphinstine, professor of English.

Student marshals will be Lauren A. Nash of Morehead, representing Graduate and Extended Campus Programs; Joseph C. Sweeney of Inez, College of Science and Technology; Stacy A. Wilson of Ashland, College of Business; Melissa A. Hoskins of West Liberty, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and Genevieve M. Campbell of Concord, representing the Caudill College of Humanities.

A reception for graduates and their families, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Eaglin, immediately following the ceremony.

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A Look At Sports

When you are state champs, gym can be a shining place

I attended the Allen Central at Paintsville game last Friday night and enjoyed the atmosphere created in the old gymnasium. The Paintsville gym is one of the very few remaining smaller gyms.



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The gym was probably built in the early '50s and holds a lot of memories to the old Paintsville Invitational that used to be an annual part of the basketball season.

As I sat in the old gym, I started to remember the many games I attended there when Martin would be a part of the PIT or just a regular season game with the Tigers.

The smaller gyms created a much nicer atmosphere than today's larger arenas. The crowds are not big enough to even start filling the bigger gyms and therefore the crowds are spread. But at the Paintsville gym, everyone is very close.

The state champions must have had some paint put to the ceiling and walls. I remember it being sort of dark when you walked in but not this past Friday night. The gym, with the refinished floor, was a glow and it was nice to be there.

OUSTER ATTEMPT FAILS...

When the site-base council convened at the Melvin Grade School last Thursday night there was to be an attempt on the part of some parents to oust basketball coach Tony Isaac from his head coaching position. According to reports, there were to be a large gathering at the meeting but only two showed up to launch a complaint against him.

"The subject was brought up by a couple of the parents," said Isaac who had become the subject of the controversy after he pulled his starting players off the floor against John M. Stumbo in the McDowell Christmas tournament.

The situation started to fester when Coach Isaac, who said he warned his players to either play well or sit the bench, benched his starters in favor of less experienced ones. Because of the controversy over the benching, four players quit the team causing some concern among the parents.

"We fell behind 26-6 and I pulled them out in the second quarter," said Isaac. Four players, two starters, then quit the team causing even more concern. "They accused me of cussing the kids and throwing basketballs at them. But that is not true."

"Mr. (Walter) Bentley told the parents that it was not a site-base issue," said Isaac. "He told them if they wanted to discuss it he

(See A Look at Sports, page ten)

Scott helps give Compton 200th career win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Junior guard Misty Scott saved the best for the last and coach Bonita Compton is glad she did. Scott scored 11 of her 13 points in the fourth quarter to help preserve a 67-59 win over a very good Phelps team that threatened to spoil the evening for Coach Compton on Monday.

The victory was the 200th in the career of Compton, but her team did not play up to its ability and had to hold off a third quarter surge by the Lady Hornets.

Prestonsburg struggles in 45-37 loss to Pikeville

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It resembled an NFL game, but they called it girls high school basketball. There were intercepted passes, fumbles, tackles, players on the floor, and even a few penalties, but still they insisted it was high school basketball.

So went the Pikeville versus Prestonsburg game last Monday night at the Prestonsburg fieldhouse with Pikeville pulling out a 45-37 win in a game that resembled nothing close to basketball.

The loss was the second straight to the Pikeville Lady Panthers. The previous meeting was a stunning upset of Prestonsburg in the first round of the girls 15th Regional Tournament last March.

Prestonsburg missed numerous lay-ups and did not fair too well from the free-throw line. Coach Harold Tackett had only one player who scored in double figures and that was Crystal Layne with 17 points. The next closest player was Jessi Burke with five points.

The cold shooting Lady Blackcats played without the service of Shelly Greathouse, who sat out the game, because of an ankle she injured in the Feds Creek game to open the season.

"It's still pretty sore," she said.

(See Prestonsburg, page three)

PIKEVILLE (45)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Burke	6	0	8-4	16
Narra	1	0	2-1	3
Kimberlain	5	0	1-0	10
Mullins	1	0	0-0	2
Koprivica	3	0	2-1	7
Hickman	2	0	4-3	7
totals	18	0	17-9	45

PRESTONSBURG (37)

players	fg	3pt	fta-tp
Layne	8	0	7-1 17
Leslie	1	0	1-0 2
Burke	2	0	2-1 5
L. Slone	1	0	0-0 2
B. Slone	2	0	0-0 4
Lawson	1	0	0-0 2
Wells	1	0	2-1 3
C. Slone	1	0	0-0 2
totals	17	0	14-3 37

Pikeville.....14 10 12 9 - 45
Prestonsburg.....9 9 6 13 - 37

Martin places three in double figures in 65-39 win over JCMS

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Timmy Davis led three Martin Purple Flash players in double figures with 17 points as Martin handed the Johnson County Middle School a 65-39 setback in middle school basketball action at Martin Monday night.

Larry Mullins scored 14 points in the win with Patrick Martin tossing in 10 points. Keith Crum just missed double digits with eight points. Jeremy Hayes scored seven.

Martin held Johnson County to one field goal in the first quarter

(See Martin, page three)

Allen Central was breezing along with a comfortable lead until the third period. Leading 40-19 at the half, the Lady Rebels became too relaxed and Freeman and Mercer put on a show in the third period. Phelps outscored Allen Central 21-8 to narrow a once large lead to just four points. Allen Central took a 48-40 lead after three quarters.

Freeman scored ten of her game-high 27 points in the third stanza, and Mercer had seven points. Mercer had two three-point baskets, and Freeman hit in the catch-up quarter.

It was Scott who found the basket in the fourth that helped the Lady Rebels to extend the lead back out. Amanda Samons, in an off-night, had five of her 15 points in the fourth period.

AC coach honored with plaque after game

"We looked good the first half," said the Allen Central coach. "But we looked terrible the second half. Misty caught fire in the last quarter and helped us to

retain our lead." Allen Central opened with a 13-4 first quarter lead with Samons scoring six points in the first period. Cooley, who scored 13 points in the game, hit for

Hornets in the second quarter. Samons had the only two field goals for Allen Central in the third period as the Lady Rebels went cold from the floor. Samons' two baskets came after Phelps had cut the lead to just four points, 44-40.

Crystal Martin finished with eight points for the Lady Rebs. Jessica Martin added nine points, and Natalie Cooley finished with 13 points. Jennifer Hopkins scored five with a first quarter three-pointer. Karen Wallen and Shawna Howell had two points each.

After the game, George Isaac presented a plaque to Coach Compton in recognition of her accomplishment in coaching girls' basketball. Compton has been the girls' head coach at Allen Central for the past ten seasons.

Her teams won four consecutive 58th District tournaments and won the Class A regional tournament three times straight.

Allen Central will visit Madison Central this Saturday night. The Lady Rebels improved to 3-0 on the season.

PHELPS (59)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Stiltner	2	1	4-4	11
Mercer	0	2	6-2	9
Freeman	8	1	10-8	27
Fannin	2	0	0-0	4
Fannin	1	1	4-0	5
Ratliff	0	0	4-2	2
Maynard	0	0	2-1	1
totals	13	5	30-17	59

ALLEN CENTRAL (67)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Samons	4	0	7-7	15
Scott	5	0	4-3	13
Martin	3	0	4-2	8
Wallen	1	0	3-0	2
Hopkins	1	1	0-0	5
Cooley	5	0	7-3	13
Martin	3	0	4-3	9
Howell	1	0	1-0	2
totals	23	1	30-18	67

Phelps.....4 15 21 19 - 59
Allen Central.....13 23 8 23 - 67

Johnson Central Inv....

Belfry 'steals' game from South Floyd

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The 92-54 win by Belfry over South Floyd in the opening round of the Johnson Central Invitational basketball tournament was a 'steal', literally. The Pirates "picked the pockets" of the Raiders en route to their first win of the season while South Floyd dropped to 1-1 on the season.

The younger Raiders had trouble handling the basketball as the Belfry pressure defense forced South Floyd to commit the turnovers. But several mistakes were of the unforced variety as well.

Brad Hatfield led the Pirates with 25 points while Barry Crum pumped in 23. Hatfield led a second quarter surge that netted Belfry a 46-22 lead at the half. He scored eight consecutive points hitting two three-point baskets.

Jason Shannon led South Floyd with 15 points and played in foul trouble. Sophomore Timmy Butler and Jonathan Paige scored 12 points each for the Raiders.

South Floyd had 10 first quarter turnovers as Belfry led 17-8 at the first stop. Hatfield's first three-pointer gave Belfry a 3-0 lead before Shannon's turnaround jumper made it 3-2. Belfry rolled to a 7-2 lead before extending it to nine points.

In the second period, South Floyd turned the ball over on four of their first five possessions, all steals, as Belfry went on a 24-2 run in the first five minutes of the period to lead 41-10.

Chris Moore scored six points for the Raiders with Nick Compton tossing in five. Landon Frazier added two as did Scott Little.

South Floyd will host the Allen Central Rebels Friday night in conference play.

(See Tigers, page three)



Slam

Allen Central's Thomas Jenkins (21) dunked the ball against Paintsville last Friday night at Paintsville. Jenkins finished with 31 points, but his team fell to the Tigers 71-61. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Paintsville Tigers survive Allen Central Rebels scare

Jenkins wins duel in 71-61 loss to Tigers

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

For the second week in a row defending state champion Paintsville fended off an upset minded opponent and went on to post a 71-61 win over regional rival Allen Central last Friday night at the Tigers den. Paintsville defeated Perry Central earlier in the week on a last second shot by J.R. Vanhoose.

Paintsville improved to 2-0 on the season while the Rebels fell to 0-2.

It was a battle between two big men for supremacy on the basketball court as Allen Central senior Thomas Jenkins squared off against the Tigers' Vanhoose. It was Jenkins winning the individual battle but a balanced Tiger attack was too much for Allen Central.

Jenkins led all scorers with 31 points and played the second half in foul trouble. Vanhoose tossed in 18 points but the Tigers got 26 points from outstanding guard Todd Tackett and the steady play of Josh

McKenzie, one of the most underrated players in the region, who finished with 16.

The luster of the matchup between the two teams wasn't there in all the pre-game hype but it was evident that this Johnny Martin coached team had come to play and falling behind by as many as 26 points did not send the Rebels into hiding.

With 2:06 left in the third period, the Tigers led 58-32 on a Todd Tackett dunk and led 58-37 after three quarters.

In the fourth, the Rebels press caused the Tigers all sorts of problems, just as it did against Perry Central. The Tigers could only score seven points in the first six minutes of the final stanza as Allen Central cut a 21 point deficit down to four points, 65-61 with 1:43 to play.

With just 55 seconds to play, Vanhoose scored underneath to send the Tigers out to a 67-61 lead but Jenkins was clipped under the basket and sent hard to the floor. In an act of concern, Coach Martin rushed onto the court to see about his all-state candidate. Jenkins was all right, but had to leave the game

because of Martin's venture onto the floor. Nick Samons was inserted to shoot the two free throws for Jenkins with 24 seconds remaining. He missed both attempts.

"It's hard for a player to come off the bench cold and shoot two free throws," said Coach Martin. "Nick is a fine free throw shooter and I felt he was the one to use."

Paintsville went to the free throw line six times and hit four in the final 22 seconds for the final 71-61 score.

"We felt our press hurt them in the second half," said the Allen Central coach. "We're a heck of a pressing team. We showed that. If we just had some depth."

Coach Martin said someone on his team was going to have to step up and contribute in order for his team to have that depth.

Paintsville held a 20-14 lead after the first quarter behind McKenzie who had five first quarter points including a three-point basket. The game was tied at 2 and 4 before the Tigers went out in front 7-6 on a basket by Mike Short, a Vanhoose free throw and

Sport Stats

Free agent signings

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA (2) - Re-signed John Smoltz, rhp, to a \$31 million, four-year contract; re-signed Rafael Belliard, ss, to a \$25,000, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (3) - Re-signed Ryne Sandberg, 2b, to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Shawn Dunston, ss, San

Francisco, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Terry Mulholland, lhp, Seattle, to a \$2.3 million, one-year contract.

FLORIDA (4) - Signed Bobby Bonilla, of, Baltimore, to a \$23.3 million, four-year contract; signed John Cangelosi, of, Houston, to a \$1,075,000, two-year contract; signed John Eisenreich, of, Philadelphia, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Alex Fernandez, rhp, to \$35 million, five-year contract.

HOUSTON (2) - Signed Sid Fernandez, lhp, Philadelphia, to a \$375,000 one-year contract; re-signed Bill Spiers, ss, to a \$600,000, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (2) - Re-signed Brett Butler, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; signed Todd Zeile, 3b, Baltimore, to a \$9.5 million, three-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (1) - Signed Rex Hudler, of, Anaheim, to a \$2.6 million, two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (3) - Signed Delino DeShields, 2b, Los Angeles, to a \$1.9 million, one-year contract; re-signed Willie McGee, of, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; re-signed Tom Pagnozzi, c, to a \$4 million, two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (1) - Signed Rene Gonzales, 3b, Texas, to a minor-league contract (\$225,000).

REMAINING FREE AGENTS NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA (7) - Steve Avery,

lhp; Mike Bielecki, rhp; Mark Lemke, 2b; Terry Pendelton, 3b; Luis Pologna, of; Dwight Smith, of; Jerome Walton, of.

CHICAGO (3) - Luis Gonzalez, of; Dave Magadan, 3b; Jaime Navarro, rhp.

CINCINNATI (6) - Eric Davis, of; Kevin Mitchell, of; Joe Oliver, c; Mark Portugal, rhp; Chris Sabo, 3b; Lee Smith, rhp.

COLORADO (2) - Eric Anthony, of; Bret Saberhagen, rhp.

FLORIDA (2) - Andre Dawson, of; Alejandro Pena, rhp.

HOUSTON (5) - Danny Darwin, rhp; Doug Drabek, rhp; Xavier Hernandez, rhp; Kirt Manwaring, c; Gregg Olson, rhp.

LOS ANGELES (1) - Dave Clark, of.

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GAMES ON TAP

High School Basketball Schedule

Thursday, December 12

Girls

Betsy Layne at Prestonsburg, WPRG-TV/CableVision

South Floyd at Letcher County

Friday, December 13

Boys

Paintsville at Prestonsburg, CableVision/WPRG-TV

Allen Central at South Floyd, WMDJ-FM

Betsy Layne at Johnson Central

Saturday, December 14

Girls

Phelps at Betsy Layne

Allen Central at Madison Central

Boys

Pike Central at South Floyd

Monday, December 16

Girls

South Floyd at Prestonsburg, CableVision

Betsy Layne at Tolsia

Millard at Allen Central

Tuesday, December 17

Boys

Betsy Layne at Paintsville

Belfry at Prestonsburg

Wednesday, December 11

Duff Bulldogs at Martin

Purple Flash

Prater Creek at Auxier

Hornets

Adams at Louisa Middle School

Allen Eagles at Osborne

Eagles

Thursday, December 12

Adams at Inez Middle

AP Top 25 teams

1. Kansas (63)	7-0
2. Wake Forest	6-0
3. Kentucky	6-1
4. Villanova	5-1
5. Michigan	5-0
6. Iowa State	4-0
7. Cincinnati	2-2
8. Arizona	3-1
9. Utah	4-1
10. Clemson	6-1
11. North Carolina	6-1
12. Indiana	6-1
13. Texas	4-0
14. Duke	5-2
15. New Mexico	6-1
16. Fresno State	5-1
17. Minnesota	5-1
18. Texas Tech	5-0
19. Xavier, Ohio	5-0
20. Arkansas	3-1
21. Stanford	3-1
22. Louisville	4-0
23. UCLA	1-2
24. Alabama	7-0
25. Boston College	3-1

Short Sports

COMPTON REACHES MILESTONE

Allen Central girls basketball coach Bonita Compton won her 200th game of her coaching career when her team defeated Phelps Monday night at home. The Lady Rebels are 3-0 on the season.

NUNNERY QUITS PRESTONSBURG TEAM

Sophomore Kimi Nunnery decided to quit the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat basketball team and might pursue transferring to another school to continue her basketball career. She is undecided to what school she might transfer to.

COLLINS ENJOYING SEASON WITH PAINTSVILLE

Heather Collins, who has gone through so much controversy concerning her eligibility at Paintsville High School, is enjoying the season for the Lady Tigers. She scored 18 points against Raceland Monday night in Paintsville's 91-60 victory.

SHANNON HAS CAREER HIGH

In a late reported game, South Floyd's Jason Shannon had his career high for the Raiders scoring 37 points and pulling down 17 rebounds against Jenkins to help the Raiders win their opening game. Shannon had 15 points against Belfry last week.

BELFRY LADY PIRATES BALANCED

Coach Cindy Stewart Halbert has her Belfry Lady Pirates off and running this season. The Lady Pirates placed five players in double figures in Belfry's 88-61 win over Lawrence County Monday night.

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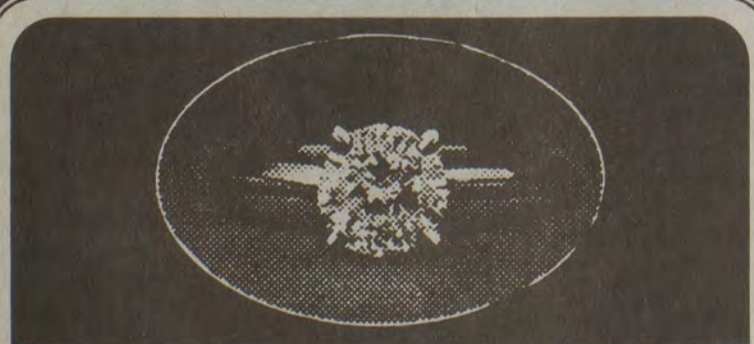
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Prestonsburg

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"I don't think I could do much by playing on it."

Neither did anyone else do much as the Lady Blackcats hit only three of 12 from the free throw line.

What had been their "bread and butter" for the past two seasons failed them when Pikeville had little trouble in solving their press. The Lady Panthers, when they did score, were finding the middle open in the press and going in for easy baskets. Not one basket in the first half was of any distance from the outside, but rather rebound baskets or easy lay ins for Pikeville.

Prestonsburg jumped out to a 6-2 lead but it was Pikeville leading at the end of the first quarter 14-9 behind Charity Burke and Jill Kimberlain. Mental mistakes proved costly for Prestonsburg, like the one that took place just before the time expired in the first quarter.

Tigers

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McKenzie's rebound basket.

Allen Central led 4-2 on a short jumper by Jenkins, and their second lead came at 9-7 on a three-point basket by Jenkins. Allen Central took a 12-10 lead on Gary Hunter's three-point basket before the Tigers tied the game at 12-12 on a basket by Kyle Adams. McKenzie buried a trey and the Tigers were never headed.

Paintsville's balanced attack of inside and outside stung the Rebels in the second quarter as Vanhooose had two rebound put backs and a thundering dunk that sent them out to a 36-22 half time lead.

"We wanted to go to the locker room maybe 10 down at the half," said the Allen Central coach. "But we just don't have a lot of depth and we tired in the second quarter."

Points were scarce for the Rebels in the third period as Paintsville, behind McKenzie, rolled to a 58-37 lead after three quarters. McKenzie scored 11 points in the third period to lead the Paintsville charge.

Saddle with foul trouble, Jenkins went to war as he took his game inside and used his quickness and speed, slashing to the basket in scoring 14 points. At one point he went on a personal 10 point run.

In front of a University of Indiana assistant coach and Eastern Kentucky staff, who came to town to view Vanhooose, Jenkins showcased his ability to play at the next level.

"I still think Thomas is the best player in the 15th Region," said the Allen Central mentor after the game. "They came here to see J.R. (Vanhooose) but Thomas was just great."

Todd Howard came off the Allen Central bench and tossed in 11 points. Edmund Slone, who did seem to be intimidated by the taller Vanhooose's presence under the basket, finished with 10 points. Hunter had five and Jesse Hall four for Allen Central.

Todd Tackett buried two three point basket and played a strong floor game in scoring 26 points. The junior guard had a dunk that brought the Paintsville crowd to their feet and has been in the eye of the University of Kentucky of late.

Short finished with seven points, including a trey, and Adams finished with six points for the Tigers.

Allen Central returns to the hardwood this Friday night when they face South Floyd at Raider Arena for their first conference game.

Pikeville, in desperation to get the ball up the floor, went to the free throw line with :00.4 on the clock. Burke was fouled by Ladonna Slone on the desperation heave from mid court.

Pikeville led 24-18 at the half. Prestonsburg just couldn't execute on offense against the Pikeville defense and were guilty of poor shot selection before the half ended.

The Lady Blackcat woes continued in the third quarter as they fell behind by as many as 14 points and trailed 36-24 after three quarters. Play was very rough at times as the

officials let them play.

On one play the game did actually resemble basketball, but NBA style. Crystal Layne drove the length of the floor all alone, put the basketball in one hand as if to dunk the ball and in an embarrassing moment, failed to get the ball up to the goal in missing a shot.

In the fourth period, Prestonsburg made a run at the Lady Panthers as they tried some of the stuff Prestonsburg had been doing all night.

Ladonna Slone scored on a rebound basket to start the fourth

period and Layne then missed the easy lay up. But four consecutive turnovers by Pikeville allowed Prestonsburg to pull to within three points 35-32. Crystal Slone scored on a nice assist from Ladonna Slone. Layne hit a basket and Jessi Burke sank a short jumper for the three point difference.

The lead went back to six points when Sarah Hickman completed an old-fashion three-point play. Prestonsburg turned the ball over consecutively and Pikeville extended their lead back to nine, 42-33.

Amber Leslie fouled out with 2:50 left to play and Ladonna Slone followed at the 2:33 mark.

Brandi Slone scored four points for Prestonsburg, Brandi Wells netted three while Leslie, Ladonna Slone and Brandi Lawson finished with two each.

Burke lead Pikeville with her 16 points. Kimberlain tossed in 10 with Ivana Koprivica and Hickman scoring seven points each. Sam Narra had three points and Connie Mullins two for Pikeville.

Pikeville committed 19 turnovers while Prestonsburg had 16.

Prestonsburg (1-1) will encounter Betsy Layne Thursday night in their first conference match up.



Under for two

Prestonsburg's Crystal Layne scored one of the rare layups the Lady Blackcats were able to convert against Pikeville Monday night. Layne scored 17 points but Prestonsburg fell 45-37 to the Lady Panthers (photo by Ed Taylor)

Martin

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and led 14-4 after the first period. Davis hit a three-pointer and scored five points in the frame.

Davis scored six second quarter points and Martin hit a three-pointer and had five points in the second as Martin led 34-13 at the half. Henry Napier buried a trey in the period.

Hayes went scoreless in the first half but came back with all seven of his points in the second half, five coming in the fourth period. He had a three-point basket in the fourth.

Napier finished with three points while Samons, Dwight McKinney and Brandon Sizemore scored two each.

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Newsome's 24 lead Bobcats past Millard

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Bobcats evened their season record to 1-1 with a 66-41 win over the Millard Mustangs this past Saturday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Senior guard Rocky Newsome hit four three-point baskets and scored a game high 24 points to lead the Bobcats. Chad Kendrick led Millard with 16 points.

Millard could only manage six points in the first quarter as Betsy Layne led 19-6 at the first stop. Newsome, Craig Johnson and Jason Tackett each hit three-point baskets in the opening period. Kendrick had four of the six Millard points.

In the second period, Kendrick became more involved offensively and scored nine of his 16 points in the period. Newsome hit his second three point basket and scored nine second quarter points for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne went to the locker room with a 40-22 half time lead.

In the third period both teams struggled offensively with Betsy Layne outscoring the Mustangs 8-5. Millard had but one field goal in the third period, that by Bill Bevins.

Newsome buried his final two treys in fourth quarter scoring eight points. Freshman Adam Tackett had four fourth quarter points.

Jason Tackett netted 18 points in the win. Randy Coleman and Nico Haubenreisser each scored four points. Adam Tackett also had four points, while Neil Newsome and Byron Stapleton scored three apiece for Betsy Layne.

Bevins netted eight points for Millard, P.J. Ratliff and Derek Adkins scored five points.

Betsy Layne opened the season against Magoffin County and fell 54-51 after watching an eight point lead disappear in the fourth quarter. The Bobcats led 43-35 going into the final period but Brian Helton led the Hornet charge with nine points in the final stanza. Magoffin County outscored Betsy Layne 19-8 in the fourth.

Craig Johnson led Betsy Layne

with 23 points. He hit seven three-point baskets for the Bobcats, five coming in the first period. Rocky Newsome tossed in 17 with three treys. Nico Haubenreisser scored four points for Betsy Layne.

The Bobcats led 20-15 after the first quarter hitting six three-pointers in the period. It was a 31-27 game at the half.

Magoffin County stayed in the game from the charity stripe hitting 16 of 24 free throws. Betsy Layne attempted four and connected on one.

Betsy Layne will visit Johnson Central Friday night.

BETSY LAYNE (51)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Newsome	4	3	0-0	17
Johnson	1	7	0-0	23
Tackett	1	0	0-0	2
N'Newsome	1	0	0-0	2
Coleman	1	0	2-1	3
H'risser	2	0	2-0	4
totals	10	10	4-1	51

MAGOFFIN CO. (54)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Helton	7	0	5-3	17
Howard	6	0	8-4	16
Patton	0	0	2-2	2
Wireman	1	0	2-2	4
Allen	2	0	5-3	7
Robbins	3	0	2-2	8
total	19	0	24-16	54

Betsy Layne.....	20	11	12	8	51
Magoffin Co.....	15	12	8	19	54

MILLARD (41)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Ratliff	1	0	4-3	5
Bevins	4	0	1-0	8
Kendrick	5	0	7-6	16
Dye	0	0	2-1	1
Childers	2	0	0-0	4
Spears	0	0	5-1	1
Syck	0	0	2-1	1
Adkins	0	1	2-2	5
totals	12	1	23-14	41

BETSY LAYNE (66)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Newsome	6	4	3-0	24
Johnson	0	1	0-0	3
Tackett	6	2	0-0	18
Newsome	2	0	0-0	4
Coleman	1	0	2-2	4
H'risser	2	0	0-0	4
Stapleton	0	1	0-0	3
Collins	1	0	0-0	2
Tackett	2	0	1-0	4
totals	16	7	6-2	66

Millard.....	6	16	5	14	41
Betsy Layne.....	19	21	8	18	66



Hits the jumper

Amanda Samons (54) of Allen Central hit this jumper against Pike Central last Thursday night in totaling 23 points in her team's 83-63 win to go 2-0 on the season. Allen Central travels to Madison Central Saturday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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by Robert B. Pamplin Jr and Gary K. Eisler

BABE RUTH

Not many people have a candy bar named after them. But for Babe Ruth—arguably the greatest baseball player of all time—this sweet immortality was only one of the honors he had received.

Born George Herman Ruth, for decades, he held the claim to both the most home runs in a single game and for a career. Ruth electrified the stadium every time he came to bat, because the fans knew this guy was likely to swat the ball clear out of the park.

And yet, but for some kind people who cared about him, he might just as well have wasted his talents in anonymity. Certainly, he was off to a bad start. His early youth was spent over his father's saloon in Baltimore, and when he wasn't over the saloon, he was in it.

He once said he did not know the difference between right and wrong during his childhood. That's probably what brought him to St. Mary's Industrial School—a training place for orphans, incorrigibles, delinquents and run-aways. It was as an "incorrigible" that Babe entered St. Mary's.

But a Brother Matthias at the school recognized Babe's talents at baseball, and spent hours hitting long fly balls at him.

After a decade of this training, Babe left school in 1914 to play ball for the Baltimore Orioles. Later that year, he found success as a pitcher with the Boston Red Sox. And by the time he wound up with the New York Yankees in 1920, he was a regular outfielder.

In 1927, the Babe hit 60 home runs—a record that was to stand until 1961. When the Yankees constructed a new stadium, they named it "the House that Ruth Built."

Ruth never forgot where he came from. He quickly became a sports idol to millions of kids, and the Babe made it a point whenever possible to spend time with them before and after the games.

The world paid attention when the Babe was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936, and observed with sadness his passing from cancer in 1948. His spirit of giving back, though, lives on.

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Compton gets win 199 as Allen Central rolls

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central coach Bonita Compton closed one game closer to a milestone in her radiant coaching career as she picked up win number 199 in quest for the elusive 200th win of her career.

The Allen Central coach saw her Lady Rebels dismantled the Pike Central Lady Hawks Thursday night 83-63 with a strong floor performance and a trio of double digit scorers.

Freshman Natalie Cooley scored a career high 24 points to lead the scoring parade for Allen Central. Cooley was all around the basket and even drilled a three-pointer in the victory.

Senior center Amanda Samons added 23 points and had (unofficially) 12 rebounds as her team improved to 2-0 on the season. Junior Crystal Martin netted 17 points.

Allen Central was able to contain the Lady Hawks offensively with the exception of sophomore great Amanda Collins. Collins finished with 28 points despite shooting poorly from the charity stripe. She hit six of 12 attempts. Tiffany Slone, a sophomore, tossed in 17 points and Kim Hall finished with nine.

It was an unselfish Allen Central team that was not concerned about personal stats in winning over last year's regional runners-up. Jennifer Hopkins, who finished with seven points, was a big part of the defensive effort put on the rest of the Lady Hawks as Collins scored her points but not without a challenge.

Jessica Martin played a strong floor game, especially under the boards pulling in five rebounds in the second half.

Allen Central broke out early and built a 14 point, 44-30, lead at the half. Pike Central, behind Collins, bit into the lead and cut it to just seven points, 55-42 on a 12 foot jumper by Collins. Slone controlled the offensive boards for Pike Central as the Lady Rebels forgot to block out under the basket. Slone had two consecutive offensive baskets as Pike Central trailed by six.

Allen Central extended their lead back to 11 points on a rebound basket by Cooley, and free throws from Jessica Martin and Crystal Martin. A free throw and layup by Collins made it a 57-49 game. But Jessica Martin and Cooley connected at the free throw line as Allen

Central took a 60-49 lead after three quarters.

It was all Allen Central in the first three minutes of the fourth period. The Lady Rebels went on a 10-1 run that netted them a 70-50 lead they never gave up. Samons

scored six points in the spurt and Crystal Martin had four. Allen Central's biggest lead was 23 points, and that came thrice in the fourth period.

Slone picked up her fifth personal foul with 3:48 to play in the

game. Allen Central point guard Misty Scott failed to score in the game but was a leader on the court with seven assists (unofficially). Scott caused some anxious moments for fans when she went sliding hard into the bleachers hitting her head. She was already playing with an injured thumb.

"We're playing very well right now," said Coach Compton. "We beat a good Pike Central team but it doesn't get any easier as we play Phelps on Monday night (December 9). Phelps has a very good girls team. They have some girls that can shoot the ball."

Jessica Martin finished with four points for Allen Central. Freshman Shawna Howell added three points.

Bethany Bliffer scored five points for Pike Central and Ashley Melvin added three.

Allen Central will travel to Madison Central (Richmond) this Friday night.



Standing tall

Misty Scott (23) of Allen Central stood tall next to Pike Central's Ashley Melvin. Scott played with a hurt thumb as the Lady Rebels rolled to an 83-63 win over the Lady Hawks. (photo by Ed Taylor)

PIKE CENTRAL (63)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bliffer	2	0	2-1	5
Slone	8	0	2-1	17
Hall	3	0	5-3	9
Collins	11	0	12-6	28
Melvin	0	0	5-3	3
totals	24	0	26-14	63

ALLEN CENTRAL (83)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Samons	8	1	6-4	23
Scott	0	0	0-0	0
C. Martin	6	0	8-5	24
Wallen	1	0	0-0	2
Hopkins	2	1	0-0	7
Cooley	8	1	8-5	24
J. Martin	1	0	4-2	4
Howell	1	0	2-1	3
totals	27	3	28-17	83

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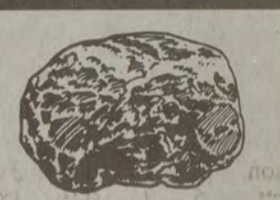
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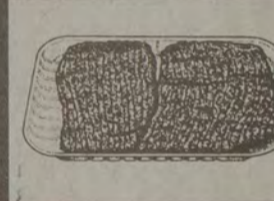
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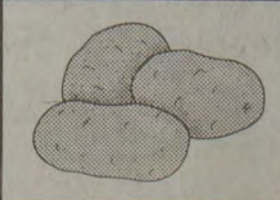
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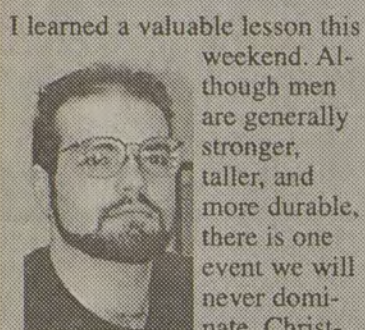
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TIME OUT

HOWDY Y'ALL

by John Frazier
Times Outdoor Writer



I learned a valuable lesson this weekend. Although men are generally stronger, taller, and more durable, there is one event we will never dominate. Christmas shopping. I was coaxed into joining my wife and the in-laws on an all day shopping spree last Saturday. The day started out normal enough. We all met at Shoney's for breakfast. We had a wonderful meal and after some conversation we began.

Our first stop was at Watson's. My mother-in-law had to pick up a few items she had in lay-away. As the women in our group slipped off to the lay-away department I realized I was left tending to a four-year-old and a six-year-old in a crowded department with lots of very expensive, very fragile items on the shelf. An hour later I managed to regroup with the women and relinquish control of the children. My father-in-law, a seasoned veteran of the sport, was sitting quietly by the front door waiting for us to finish. After a thirty minute chat with a cousin that just happened to be in the same store, we rallied our troops and made our way to the greatest shopping arena of all times, Wal-Mart.

As we entered the store I spotted the snack bar. Tables, chairs, and refreshments, I was on my way. Before I was out of earshot my plans were foiled. The kids wanted something to drink. I tried to pretend I didn't hear my wife, but she ran me down. Two slurpies and fifty napkins later I left the snack bar to locate the rest of my party. I managed to locate my wife but before I could escape she put plan B into action. She led me to the exit claiming she was ready to go, but my mother-in-law was still in the store. My wife raced back into the store to find her and there I stood with the kids, again. I did happen upon my father-in-law. He was parked on a bench smoking his cigarette and chatting with another gentleman. Probably poking fun at me. Five dollars worth of quarters kept the children content and eventually my wife, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law emerged from the crowd with a cart full of sacks for the men to carry.

Next stop, K-mart. This last stop wasn't too bad. My father-in-law, either because he felt sorry for me or he just wanted the company, grabbed me the second we entered and we were off to the snack bar. We sat quietly, enjoying an ice cold drink and a piece of pie. A few moments later, apparently sensing the women approaching, he urged me off to the sporting goods department. He doesn't wear a watch so I don't know how he can tell. I suppose it is the sort of thing you can only learn from experience. When time was up we met up with the women and he conveniently began a discussion of our dinner plans. After arousing everyone's appetites they were ready to go.

Once we were safely back at their house I realized something. I was tired, plum wore out, but I hadn't bought a thing. It was a tough lesson learned the old fashioned way, but you can bet your blue-light special, next time I'll be prepared.

Want to see something on this page? Call John Frazier at 886-8506

Tools, Guns and Gadgets

Every Man's Christmas List

Attention wives, girlfriends, and significant others!! The superior gender has been trying desperately for the past three weeks to provide you with subtle hints and suggestions as to what we want for Christmas. For some reason it doesn't seem to be working. What we have here is a failure to communicate. I'm going to make it simple. No more hunting magazines left open on the coffee table. No more newspaper ads stuck on the refrigerator. Here is what we want.

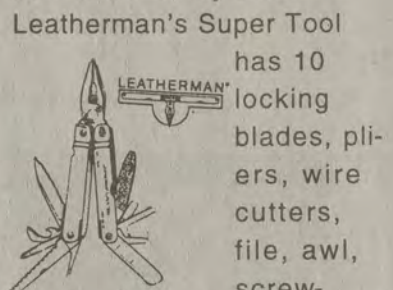
It is no big secret, men have egos, but it is important that you understand the male ego before selecting Santa's surprises. There is an age-old competition among men. The challenge is for bragging rights to boast the biggest ego. The building of a man's ego ranks very high on his list of priorities, just slightly above eating. Egos are measured by the number of tools, guns and gadgets owned. However, quantity is not the only factor considered in the judging.

When discussing tools quality is of the utmost importance. It doesn't matter that a man has a 2,000 piece socket set if it was a K-mart special. I've heard my wife say "What difference does it make? A hammer is a hammer." To a man there is a big difference. We are firm believers of 'you get what you pay for.' To insure a proper selection, check his toolbox for the brands he normally uses, or just stick with the name brands, i.e. Craftsman, Snap-On, DeWalt. If you're still unsure try this. Suppose you've decided on a drill press. When you arrive at the hardware store (not a department

store) you locate three drill presses that to you all appear the same. They have the same features, accessories, and warranties. Buy the most expensive one. Here is a perfect example. On the left we have a Black & Decker, variable speed jigsaw. The Black & Decker turns at a maximum speed of 3,200 strokes per minute.



On the right we have a DeWalt variable speed jigsaw. The DeWalt turns at a maximum speed of 3,100 spm. Both saws have the same blades and accessories available, but the Black & Decker retails for about \$90 and the DeWalt sells for around \$150. We want the DeWalt. I know it doesn't make any sense to you ladies, but when men get together and start comparing tools, everyone knows a DeWalt is worth more than a Black & Decker. If you are still unsure, try this.



Leatherman's Super Tool has 10 locking blades, pliers, wire cutters, file, awl, screwdrivers, and much more. It also comes with a leather sheath and 25 year warranty. Suggested retail price \$50. Guns are probably the most difficult item to purchase. Men are very particular about their firearms. For this one I recommend looking for his subtle hints. Before purchasing a firearm

make absolutely sure you have the correct caliber, manufacturer, model number, barrel length, finish, sights, and stock. If you know he wants a 10-gauge shotgun then you've already narrowed your search to about 1,000 possible selections. You might want to go with him the next time he stops at a gun dealer and pay close attention to which firearm he fondles the most. If you can't be absolutely positive about your selection, you might want to consider a gift certificate. However, if you are set on buying a gun stick to the basics. A good solid shotgun can serve him well. Of course it won't be anything special to show off, but he will be sure to make good use of it. He will also appreciate having an ordinary gun to hunt with so he can leave the fancy guns he picked out himself in the case for display. Again, stick with the name brands. These brands became famous by making good products (Remington, Winchester, Colt, Ruger). For a shotgun I recommend the Remington, model 1100, 12- or 20-gauge, with a full or modified choke. (Photo not available).

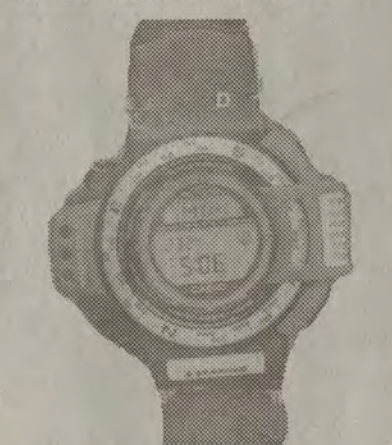
Last but definitely not least are gadgets. Gadgets are measured not on quantity or quality, but on originality. Even the most expensive gadget in the world doesn't mean a thing if one of his buddies already has one. Gadgets serve only one purpose in a man's life, something to show off. If you've ever eavesdropped on a group of men shootin' the bull you undoubtedly noticed the constant struggle to one-up the previous speaker. Most of their stories begin

with "That ain't nothin' one time I..." When selecting gadgets look for anything marked 'New,' there should be several available this time of year. Look in places most people wouldn't look. The local Radio-Shack may carry some crafty little gizmos, but all the other wives will know that too. Mail-order catalogs are a great source of innovative electronic wizardry and state of the art gadgetry. Remember, a gadget is no good unless it is the only one on the block.

Here are a few to consider. Although you may not purchase these same items, they may give you an idea of the criteria to follow when selecting an appropriate gadget.

First we have the Stanley keyless entry system with programmable security code. True, you already have a garage door opener for each car and an extra in the desk drawer, but if no one else has one of these he'll really have something to brag about. Suggested retail price \$34.

You could really go all out for that special man in your life. The 'new' Triple Sensor Watch from Bass Pro Shops is a time piece for all times. Built-in sensors



measure direction, altitude, atmospheric pressure and temperature. It also fea-

tures digital compass, altimeter, altitude alarm, barometer with graph, thermometer, five daily alarms, hourly chime, 1/100 sec. stopwatch, 12/24 hr. format and auto calendar. It is water resistant to 100m, retails for about \$190, and it even tells time.

If that seems a little too much, how about a gadget that serves a purpose. I mean a useful purpose. This new portable auto-alarm, also available from Bass Pro Shops, requires no wiring.

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Now you see, we're not really that hard to shop for. Our needs are simple, tools, guns, and gadgets. You might even consider anything sports-related, but please, for our sake and the sake of our egos, let us pick out our own socks and neckties. Good luck ladies and to everyone MERRY CHRISTMAS!

LET'S EAT

This week we feature more of a helpful hint than a recipe. Many of us have heard of marinating. Some of you may have even tried it. You begin with your favorite sauces and flavorings cover your meat and let it soak overnight. The next day when you prepare your entree you realize you can't even taste the marinade.

The single most important ingredient in any marinade is the one most commonly forgotten. All marinades must have some form of acid to break down the meat and allow the flavorings to penetrate. The most common ones are vinegar and lemon juice. You do not need an excessive amount of either and don't worry, your meat won't taste like vinegar. Here is one of my personal favorites:

- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 3/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 cup diced onion
 - 1 lb. lean beef (1 inch cubes)
- In a large zippered plastic bag, combine lemon juice, soy sauce, vegetable oil, and onions. Mix thoroughly, and add beef cubes. Seal bag and allow to set overnight or at least 8 hours. Pour entire contents of bag into a large skillet and brown meat over medium heat. Serve over rice with a side-dish of steamed vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots).

Anyone who has spent any time at all in the workshop has realized how quickly things can clutter your work area. Many of us have wasted valuable time sifting through the junk drawer or digging in a coffee can for those 1 inch wood screws you know you put somewhere. Organization can save you time and money. If you need 18 screws to assemble a TV/VCR cart and the screws come in packages of 25, what do you do with the extras? You will probably need them next weekend to finish your gun rack, but you are completely out of

room. Here's a simple and inexpensive way to store nails, screws, and other small items that would otherwise be lost or in the way. Try placing each item in a separate jar. The jars should be clear to view the contents and prevent having to label every jar. I recommend plastic jars to prevent breakage. After you have designated a jar for 1-inch wood screws, one for 2-inch finishing nails, one for half-inch sheet

metal screws, etc, etc; you have cluttered your shop with jars. Now you need a place to store all these jars where you can find them later without them being in your way. Do you have a shelf or workbench in your shop? I'll bet you do. Nail or screw the lids from the jars to the bottom of the shelf. Now screw the jar, with the nails in it, into the lid. You now have an easy access storage facility

In the Shop

for anything that will fit in a jar. If you can't attach the lids under a shelf or workbench try the ceiling. A small step stool should provide easy access to your storage system. This type of storage set-up can be customized to accommodate any workshop. You can store anything from thumb tacks in baby food jars, to a mayonnaise jar of 6-inch lag bolts. Once you know what you have, you won't waste money buying hardware you already own, and you can spend more time working and less time looking.

Humble finds success in Georgia tournament

The ninth annual Georgia State Bass Fishing Championship-Highland Marina Invitational was held on West Point Lake in La Grange, Georgia November 23-24.

Local angler Keith Humble of Auxier came home co-champion and a little richer in the \$15,000 first prize. Humble and Covington, Georgia's Homer Robertson boated a total of 34 pounds to capture the championship and first-place prize money.

Over 400 of the top fishermen and women from seven states competed for over \$50,000 in cash and prizes.

All who competed were there by invitation by finishing in the top five of a major tournament on a Georgia lake or by representing their Georgia Bass Club. This was the largest team tournament ever held on West Point Lake.

For Humble and Robertson,

throwing crankbait around a submerged island produced limits each day within 45 minutes and it continued to produce at least another four limits of fish to cull.

Although they had no lunkers, their weights of 20.72 pounds on Saturday and 13.28 pounds on Sunday were enough to win the coveted title by almost eight pounds. The duo weighed in two five-fish limits.

Bruce Bunn of McDonough, Ga., and Troy Slate of Covington, Ga., also had a two five-fish limits and a total of 26.30 pounds to claim second place and a check for \$6,000. They fished up the river and caught their fish on crankbait also.

Ron Savage of La Grange partnered with Wayne Bennett of Tallapoosa, Ga., weighed in 10 fish that tipped the scales at 22.98 pounds and earned them \$3,000. Their fish came off road beds and

were caught on crankbaits.

The big fish on Saturday and for the tournament weighed 9.52 pounds and was caught by Bill Cobb of Columbus, Ga., and earned him \$1,110 and a custom "crankin'

rod." Cobb caught his fish jiggling a spoon.

Sunday's big fish was reeled in by Scott Chatham of Acworth, Ga., and weighed 8.26 pounds. He also received a check for \$1,110.



Split prize money

Homer Robertson, left, and Auxier's Keith Humble were the top anglers in the Georgia Bass Tournament in November. The duo split the \$15,000 first place prize money. They boated 34 pounds of bass for first place.



In the middle

Beau Tackett (32), Allen Central, found himself open as Todd Howard (25) looked on during basketball action against Paintsville Friday night. Paintsville defeated the Rebels 71-61. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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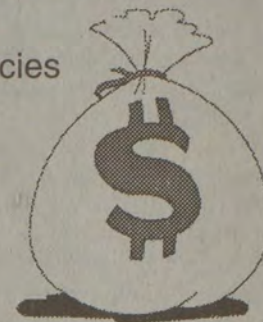
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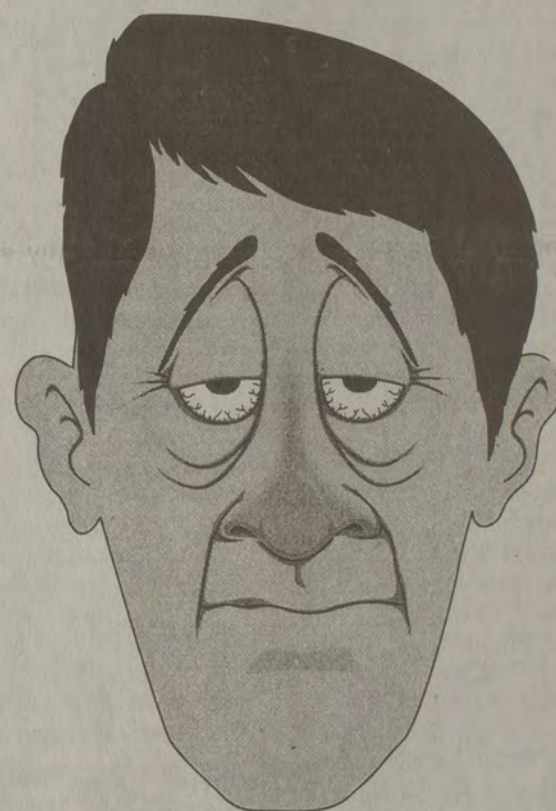
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Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Pitino's Kentucky team is the Mike Tyson of college basketball

It was just one of those nights when everything we did turned out right and things Indiana tried to do didn't," Rick Pitino said Saturday. Kentucky's coach was being kind, and modest.

Kind because he knows a Christmas bauble when he sees one. Three months from now NCAA Tournament committeemen have a way of making revenge matches (see Florida State vs. Florida in the Sugar Bowl).

Modest because No. 3 Kentucky is good. Very good. No, make that outstanding, and so early too. And his facial expression after Saturday's game tells us Da Coach knows it. Kentucky was so much better than Indiana last week, Pitino's club could have played the Hoosiers a best of three weekend and skunked 'em.

The only difficulty in predicting the game's outcome was figuring which coach would be commander-in-chief. Knight wanted a set-up offense, but Pitino was in charge (again) and there would be no half-court game. The defensive pressure would be relentless and the transition game fearless. Quick and convertible UK gobbled up points as if they were tokens while the Hoosiers trolled for theirs among the weeds of 20-second time-outs.

When it was over Knight's concession speech was coded. Kentucky and its coach, he said, are "the best there is today at playing this style of basketball."

A style about frenzied pace and good television. It is a combo of street-ball dunks and double pumps and Rupp ball, run 'n shoot 'n rebound. College basketball's orchestra leader in the 1990s is Rick Pitino, and he has cast the perfect team to play to this music. In some ways the team is better sooner than last year's. A club that is infinitely well conditioned, makes half its shots and creates a pace that panics opponents into not just turnovers, but forced to play at a pace that contorts Pitino's face into a pancake that looks as if he's under 20 Gs of lift-off pressure as he barks from the sidelines.

Kentucky is a young Mike Tyson. Fearsome and comin' at'cha with a withering fury of blows opponents want no part of. It is speculation to offer what comes next, but speculation reasonably arrived at.

No. 1 Kansas, without injured point guard Jacques Vaughn, could not beat a Kentucky team that shot 50 per cent.

No. 2 Wake Forest. This would be as much a laughter as the last time they met when the Demon Deacons had to rely too much on Tim Duncan.

After Kansas and Wake there are a handful of teams that, because they rely more on brawn and braggadocio than brains and ball handling, could not handle the Kentucky team we saw against Indiana — No. 4 Villanova, No. 5 Michigan, or No. 9 Cincinnati.

The challenge ahead for Pitino's No. 3 Wildcats? Avoid complacency, hone and fine tune a system and rotation that is remarkably synchronized considering the time of year and who is manning the pivot position. And restrain Derek Anderson and his mates from indulging in juke dances after dunk shots. There will be lots of opportunities.

For now, this week, reigning NCAA king Kentucky is wearing its crown well, playing like a champion.

Q'S 'NA'S

Fans ask questions and everyone has answers, including me.

Q. Why did C.M. Newton not hire a 'name' football coach?

A. It was not (metro) media-emphasized, but one of the criteria UK's director of athletics mentioned repeatedly was, "we want someone who wants to be here." I think some of the 'name' candidates wanted the UK job until something better came along. Or, in Howard Schnellenberger's case, to forge a final glory chapter to his career.

Q. How long until Hal Mumme's team is competitive?

A. Immediately. UK has an extraordinary number of returning regulars next season at all positions. Plus, the 'schedule break' in 1997 is the best in years. Early going — Louisville at home, open date, Cincinnati at home, Indiana in Bloomington, followed by home dates against Florida, then Alabama.

Q. Who are the 'must get' in-state high school prospects UK needs to sign next spring?

A. Based solely on size and potential, and knowing nothing of their academic records — running back Tony Driver of Male, and/or Derek Homer of Fort Knox; quarterback Gary Gumm of Doss; and linemen Braxton Anderson of Franklin-Simpson and Art Steinmetz of CovCatholic.

Q. Biggest surprise in UK's basketball play so far?

A. 1. How soon the team seemed to understand and execute defensively. 2. Jamaal Magloire-Nazr Mohammed platoon; 3. Jared Prickett's stamina. 4. How quickly the team rotation meshed. 5. Allan Edwards.

Q. UK's basketball team was ranked 5th last week. Too high?

A. I thought so until seeing Kentucky dismantle Indiana. Now just for the pleasure of it, I wonder how badly No. 3 UK would beat No. 2 Wake Forest.

Q. Louisville is unbeaten and unranked. How come?

A. Has UofL played yet? The Cardinals have cream-puffed so far. But that changes Dec. 14 and 21, when UofL plays Purdue in Indianapolis and Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Q. Best high school basketball talent in-state?

A. Most of the best are underclassmen. However, from all accounts could be Henderson 6-2 senior guard Adrian Armstead. And Union County 6-0 senior Rachel Byars.

OPEN LETTER TO HAL MUMME

Open letter to University of Kentucky head football coach Hal Mumme.

Dear Coach, Since the ink is dry on your contract and the high school football playoffs are history, use the honeymoon wisely.

1. Get an Oh Kentucky road map, and contact Jimmie Reed at Washington County High School. Reed is a long-time officer and activist in the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, and would be an excellent tour guide.

2. Make plans immediately to visit coaches Jean Rollins at Franklin-Simpson, Alvis Johnson at Harrodsburg, Bob Redman at Louisville Male and Brett Burnett at Fort Knox. Note the preposition, at.

Braxton Anderson is a 6-5, 275-pound prize lineman at Franklin-Simpson; Derrick Johnson is a 6-2, 295-pound lineman at Harrodsburg; Tony Driver is a 6-2, 210-pound running back at Male; and Derek Homer, the state's all-time yards rushing record holder, is a 5-11, 190-pound running back at Fort Knox.

Footnote: And while you're at it, try and get Covington Catholic's 6-5, 270-pound Art Steinmetz to change his mind about Wisconsin, and sign with Kentucky.

3. Rent-o-car. A few have-to stops: Owen Hauck in Florence (Boone County) and Bob Schneider in Newport (Catholic) and Dale Mueller in Fort Thomas (Highlands), Craig Clayton in Hopkinsville, Tom Duffy in Henderson and Mark Brown in

Bardstown (Nelson Co.), and Joe Jagers in Radcliff (North Hardin), Mike Holcomb in Jackson (Breathitt County), Mike Whitaker (Corbin) and Royee Mayo in Pikeville, Bob Blackman in Paducah (Tilghman). And in Louisville: Chuck Servino (Trinity) and John Bunting (Doss).

That's for starters.

4. Add a Louisville high school coach to UK staff. Follow Denny Crum's lead in hiring Louisvillians Jerry Eaves and Scotty Davenport to keep a recruiting grip on Jefferson County.

5. Throw a party and get acquainted with football members of K-Men's Association. Jeff Van Note would be a good place to begin. But get to know Rodger Bird in Henderson, Bob Butler in Mt. Sterling, and the list goes on.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

✓ About colorful names of Kentucky's tiny high schools of yesterday.

David Espie, Crofton, Md. (native of Eddyville) writes: "I played for Eddyville until 1945. One of my teammates was Grady Chandler, a hot shooting guard who now lives in Brandenburg. Some of our (high school) opponents were Friendship, Kevil, Cobb, Nebo, Morton's Gap, Providence, Fredonia, LaCenter, Birmingham, Smithland, Salem, Flat Rock, Sharpe and Farmersville."

Espie recalled a game at Salem where the ceiling was so low, his coach told the guards to shoot the ball off the backboard so it could be rebounded and put back. Smithland's "relatively new gym had a pot-bellied stove at each end of the floor."

Espie's fondest memory was "being substituted into a game and playing against future Hall of Famer Joe Fulks of Kuttawa."

✓ About the view here that UK's membership in the Southeastern Conference should be reviewed.

Bill Blackburn, of Williamson, W.Va. wrote, and enclosed a 1994 letter he sent C.M. Newton in which he pointed out, rightly, that in the modern world Kentucky has little in common with its deep south SEC cousins.

"You will note that Kentucky borders only one SEC state while it borders on three Big Ten ones. I genuinely believe that this conference affiliation has unfortunately, added fuel to the backward image of Kentucky."

COMMENT: Blackburn's 'cultural' point may be arguable, but what is not, is UK's marriage to the SEC. As long as UK rakes in a share of revenues from SEC schools going to football bowl games every winter, the school will not consider leaving the conference.

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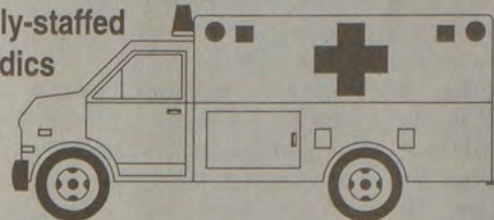
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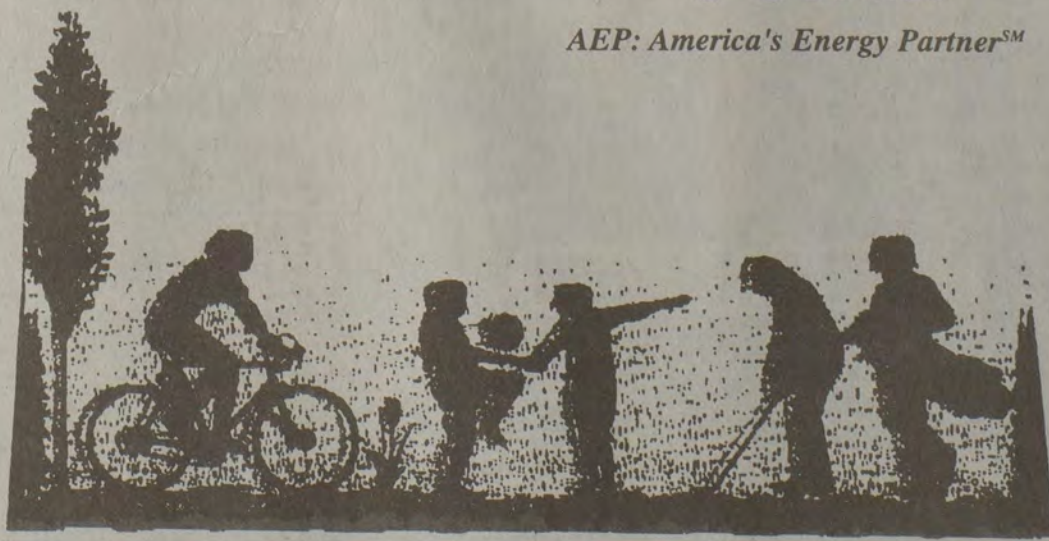


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NASCAR Connection

by Ben Trout

DEAR SANTA...

I know you must be wondering why you haven't received my letter yet, but I've been one busy man. I sincerely hope you and Mrs. Claus have had an enjoyable and productive year. I also hope the NASCAR season went your way. Rumor has it, though, that you were pulling for that man in the black number three. Oh well, there's always next year.

Let me open up this letter with a word of thanks. For the last few years, I've been repeatedly asking you to bring a victory to Richard Petty and his team. Finally, my wish has been fulfilled. What took you so long, Santa? Anyway, thanks. It sure was great to see that patented Petty smile back in victory lane.

So, I'm sure you are wondering what tops my wish list for 1996? As you can well imagine, my list once again has a rich NASCAR flavor. So let's get the motor running.

First let me say that you have already given Dale Earnhardt an early Christmas with the addition of crew chief, Larry McReynolds to his GM Goodwrench Service racing team. So, I won't make any

requests on his behalf. Boy Santa, you must really want Dale to win that eighth championship.

There are some drivers on the Winston Cup circuit that I would just love to see win a race or two. Would it be too much to ask you to bring a victory to Michael Waltrip, Ted Musgrave, or maybe even Rick Mast? I know Micheal won the Winston Select this year, but a win in a points race would be great. These guys have been around a long time without winning a big one, they deserve at least one major victory.

I feel that one of my all-time favorites, Darrell Waltrip, is just about ready to hang it up and call it quits on his spectacular racing career. I ask that you bring him a productive 1997. A win would be awesome, but I'll accept a few top-tens and a top-five or two. He has given the sport a tremendous amount of his time and effort and in the twilight of his career, he deserves a few big finishes.

Here's a request we have never sent your way, maybe you can help us out. This past season, all us race fans were on the edge of our seats because we thought that we were finally going to see someone win

the Winston Million. But Jarrett slapped the wall at Darlington, and the Winston Million went unclaimed again. I don't care who wins it, but could you please make sure that Winston has to cough up the million dollar bonus in 1997? I know they're getting tired of sitting on all that cash.

Boy Santa, all of us sure got tired of putting up with all of those NASCAR rules changes during the '96 season. This coming year, could you give NASCAR a set of specifications that all teams can be happy with? I know they would appreciate it.

Hey Santa, did you get to go to any races this year? A lot of my race fan friends went to a race or two. They said they would have went to more, but they couldn't afford the ticket prices. Most tracks are asking \$65 to \$100 just for tickets. That's a lot to ask from us race fans who love to go to these races. Could I get you to knock a few dollars off the ticket prices? I know you may not be able to do anything about that, but it's harder and harder for us to afford to go to these races we all love so well.

Most of all, I ask that you bring each and every team a great and

safe season of racing in '97. And please, remind all of the fans out there to stop and remember the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

Well Mr. Claus, that will about do it for this year's list. I hope it isn't too much to ask for the things I have mentioned. As always, I wish you the best of luck on your trip this year and I hope it is a safe one.

I'll be sure to leave a few lug nuts and a fresh can of Unocal on the table.

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The Racing Reporter

by Gerald Hodges

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Fans, team members, and others lucky enough to get tickets to NASCAR's Winston Cup Banquet knew Terry Labonte was the champion. The country boy from Corpus Christi, TX., showed everyone what he was made of.

After winning the championship in 1984, it took him 12-years to get back in the spotlight in the main ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria hotel, but he left no doubt in anyone's mind, that he would wear his crown well.

His prize money from NASCAR and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, totaled \$2,027,135. Additional monies will push his total to near \$3 million. For winning the championship in 1984, he received \$150,000.

Other top ten finishers and their awards:

- 2) Jeff Gordon, \$896,000
- 3) Dale Jarrett, \$629,000
- 4) Dale Earnhardt, \$397,000
- 5) Mark Martin, \$325,000
- 6) Ricky Rudd, \$268,000
- 7) Rusty Wallace, \$261,000
- 8) Sterling Marlin, \$199,000
- 9) Bobby Hamilton, \$163,000
- 10) Ernie Irvan, \$145,000

There were many other awards by companies to teams, drivers, or crew members who used their products, including:

- True Value Man of the Year - Jeff Gordon, \$50,000
- NASCAR award of EXcellence - Tom Higgins, Charlotte Observer
- Highest Finishing Unocal Driver - Dale Earnhardt, \$50,000
- Gatorade Front Runner - Dale Earnhardt, \$50,000
- Busch Pole Award - Jeff Gordon, \$50,000
- Winston Cup Most Favorite Driver - Bill Elliott for the 11th consecutive year.
- Crew Chief of the Year - Gary DeHart, Terry Labonte's no. 5
- Car Owner - Rick Hendrick

HENDRICK REFUSES TO COMMENT

Rick Hendrick, in town for NASCAR's Winston Cup Banquet, refused to discuss conspiracy charges that he attempted to bribe Honda of America Automobile executives in order to get additional Honda distributors and Honda cars.

On December 11, he was indicted by a federal grand jury in North Carolina on 13 counts of money laundering, plus one count each of conspiracy and mail fraud.

Hendricks Motorsports, owns Terry Labonte's no. 5 car that won the 1996 Winston Cup Championship, as well as Jeff Gordon's no. 24. The no. 25, driven by Ken Schrader is part of Hendrick's stable, but Rick's father, "Papa Joe" Hendrick is the

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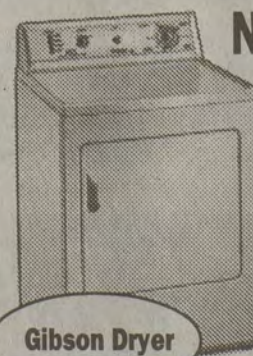
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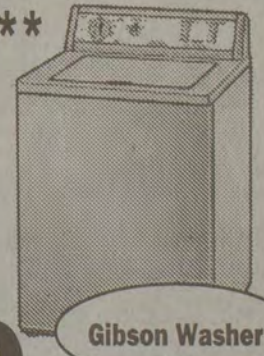
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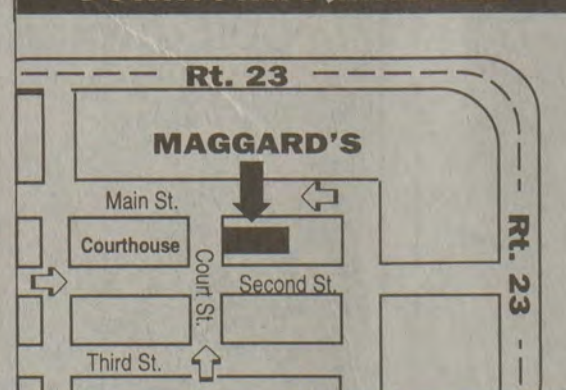


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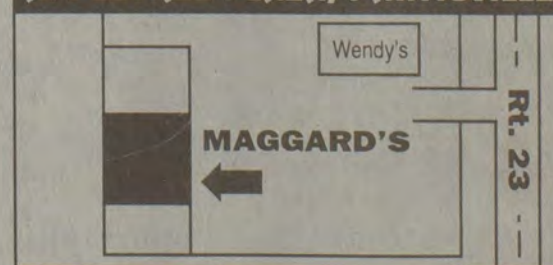
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Scott scores 22 points as Melvin Cougars fall to Duff Bulldogs

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Rodney Scott scored a game high 22 points to lead the Duff Bulldogs past the Melvin Cougars 42-35 in grade school basketball at the Wheelwright gym last week.

James Slone led Melvin with 12 points and Travis Adams tossed in eight. Rusty Tackett scored seven points but also handed off five assists.

"I am very pleased with the play

of Travis," said Melvin coach Tony Isaac. "A coach couldn't ask a player to play any harder than he is right now."

Scott not only hurt the Cougars in scoring but his work on the boards as well.

"He hurt us there as well as in scoring," said Coach Isaac. "We got mixed up on some defenses and that hurt us as well."

Melvin held a 7-6 lead after the first quarter with Slone scoring five points in the initial period. He com-

pleted an old-fashion three-point play.

Scott pumped in six of his points in the second quarter as the Bulldogs and Cougars went to the locker room tied at 17 at the half. Travis Francis hit a three point basket and had five second quarter points for Duff. Adams hit a trey for the Cougars as did Rusty Tackett, who had five points in the period.

Scott scored six third quarter points as Duff went on a 13-7 surge to lead 30-24 after three quarters. David Watkins had five points for Duff in the period. Slone scored three in the third and two in the fourth.

"James has really begun to play up to his ability," said Coach Isaac. "Over the last seven games he is averging around 20 points and 10 rebounds a game."

Brandon Kohler, who finished with three points, drew the praise of his coach for his work ethic.

"Brandon is the work horse of this team," said the Melvin coach. "He does all the things that most players don't want to do."

"Rusty is playing under more control for us as well. That has helped us a great deal. He is one of the best shooters in the county when he plays that way."

Scott and Jonathan Ellis, who finished with 10 points, each scored six points in the final quarter for Duff. Francis and Watkins finished with five points each for the Bulldogs.

Kevin McKinney, a seventh grader, added three points for Melvin but made some big plays.

"He has done that for us all season," Isaac said. "Against Osborne he scored five straight points and had two offensive rebounds in a one point game."

Melvin hit seven of 11 free throws for 64 percent. Duff connected on one of five for 20 percent.

In the girls game, Beth Combs scored 12 points as the Lady Bulldogs defeated Melvin 30-15. Tiffany Williams led Melvin with 10 points.

Stephanie Baker added seven points for Duff. Stephanie Slone scored six. Karie Osborne netted three and Miranda Holthouse scored two.

Erica Tackett hit a three-point basket for Melvin in scoring three points. Sharee Hopkins added two.

A Look At Sports — (Continued from page one)

would be glad to sit down and talk with them."

The four players are still missing from the Melvin team but Coach Isaac said there is still an open door for the players to return but the decision has to be their own.

"At practice last Wednesday, the players did not show up that quit," said Isaac. "I told the other players to tell them they had until Sunday to make up their minds whether they were going to play or not. They didn't come back."

Parents were concerned the kids were shamed in the game against Stumbo and when the team fell 40 behind, Isaac reinserted the players, feeling that was unfair to them.

One of the players who stayed is being harrassed by players who left the team, causing some concern on the part of his parents. Making known the players names is not that important in this drama. But it is sad that such a thing has filtered its way down to the grade school level.

The Melvin situation is just another chapter in the ongoing saga of coaching in this day and time.

OTHER ITEMS:

• On the NBA level, Pat Riley is showing that his stint with the L.A. Lakers and New York Knicks was no fluke as he has his Miami Heat on top in the Eastern Conference with a 14-5

record as of Monday.

Riley, a UK product, is one of the most successful coaches of our modern era.

• Can you believe the Chicago Bulls continue to win taking 17 of their first 18 games.

• On the college scene, did you notice if IU's Bobby Knight got upset or not during the UK game. The camera's did not catch the red sweater coach raving, but it doesn't show everything.

• UK has handled Purdue, Indiana and will face the third part of the Indiana big three on Saturday, December 14 when they host Notre Dame.

• At the high school level, Allen Central's Thomas Jenkins was a show in itself as he took charge in the fourth quarter to bring his team back from a seeming blowout against Paintsville last Friday night.

The young man out did himself. His school and parents were proud of the way he handled himself. I caught him conversing with former Tiger Craig Ratliff after the game.

• I like the play of South Floyd's Timmy Butler (versus Belfry in the Johnson Central Invitational), just a sophomore. If he stays healthy and keeps his mind in the game, he will be one of the best South Floyd has produced.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



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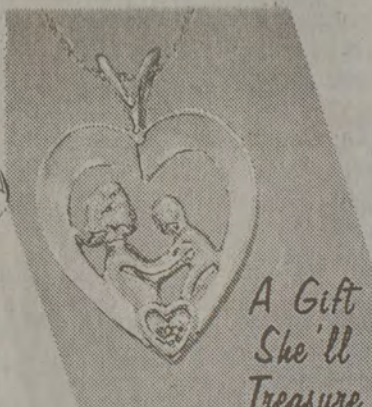
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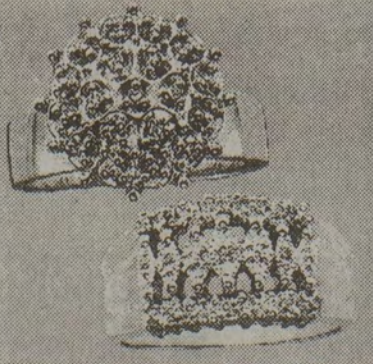
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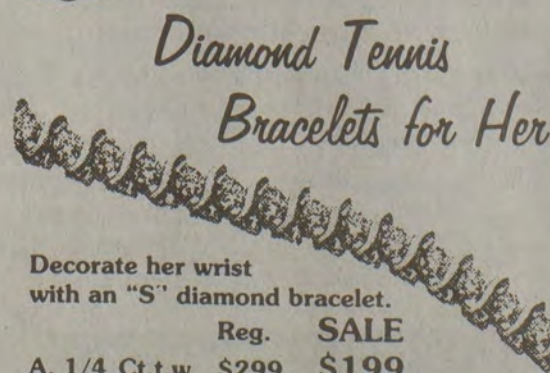


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If you've ever wanted to observe our national symbol in its natural habitat, you should register for one of this winter's Eagles Weekends in Western Kentucky. Three special weekends have been planned in January and February to give wildlife watchers a chance to view bald eagles and other wildlife up close and personal on Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

Kentucky State Parks, in cooper-

ation with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, is happy to continue the Eagles Weekend Events at Kentucky Dam Village, Kenlake and Lake Barkley state resort parks.

For 28 years Eagles Weekends have been devoted to the observation, education and conservation of our national symbol, the bald eagle. Special programs, guided tours to view eagles, refreshments and a visit to the Land Between the Lakes' Nature Station are included in each weekend. Although lodging

is not included in the registration fee, reservations can be made through the state resort parks at a 15 percent discount.

Tours are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must register with the individual park hosting the eagle weekend. Locations and dates for the 1997 Eagles Weekends are as follows:

- Kentucky Dam State Resort Park, (502) 362-4271 or 1-800-325-0146, January 24-26
- Kenlake State Resort Park, (502) 474-2211 or 1-800-325-0146,

February 7-9

• Lake Barkley State Resort Park, (502) 924-1131 or 1-800-325-1708, February 21-23.

JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST

Young artists get your paint brushes ready — the deadline for the Kentucky Junior Stamp Contest is almost here. Students K-12 enrolled in public or private schools are eligible to enter the annual competition.

Entries are limited to North

American ducks, geese or swans, the Hawaiian Koloa or the Laysan duck. Each contestant may enter one original 9"x12" artwork. Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 1997. For more information about the contest, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 564-4336 or the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Suite 2038, Washington, D.C.

20240.

The Junior Duck Stamp Program is more than an art contest. It is a conservation education program that combines science and art in a way that is educational and fun. Illustrating a junior duck stamp requires extensive research on waterfowl. Through their creative processes, students produce artwork that has real-life implications for wetland conservation and environmental education.

Racing

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registered owner. NASCAR's only response was a prepared statement read by Bill France.

"NASCAR has no knowledge of the allegations associated with the indictment of Rick Hendrick, announced in North Carolina. However, when it comes to motorsports, we wish we had more car owners like Mr. Hendricks. The results of Hendricks Motorsports on the track speak for themselves. Off the track, Rick has never asked for any special consideration. He has never asked for a competitive advantage. He has consistently tried to promote the sport in every possible way."

"When all the facts are on the table, I'll be vindicated," said Hendricks. "I'm not going to let this or anything else spoil Terry's championship."

ANOTHER NASCAR TRACK....

NASCAR's 1997 Winston Cup schedule is complete. It has been extended to 32 races, including stops in two new markets, Los Angeles and Dallas/Fort Worth, Tx., plus a second race in New England.

Los Angeles and Dallas/Fort Worth are the second and eighth largest television markets in the United States.

Several tracks have requested additional racing dates, and now, it is reported that International Speedway Corp is looking at the Chicago area as a possible site for a NASCAR sanctioned racing complex.

ISC, is the speedways division of the France family, owners of NASCAR. Their track holdings include, Daytona, Talladega, Darlington, and Tucson raceways, plus an interest in the Watkins Glen road course.

FARMER STILL TRYING TO WIN SNOWBALL DERBY

Veteran stock car driver, Red Farmer has won over 700 races, and he knows everything about Pensacola, Fla's Snowball Derby, except for the thrill of winning it.

Farmer is the only driver to have appeared in all 29 Snowball Derby's.

On a cold winter weekend in 1968, Farmer led a 36-car field toward the green flag in the first Snowball Derby.

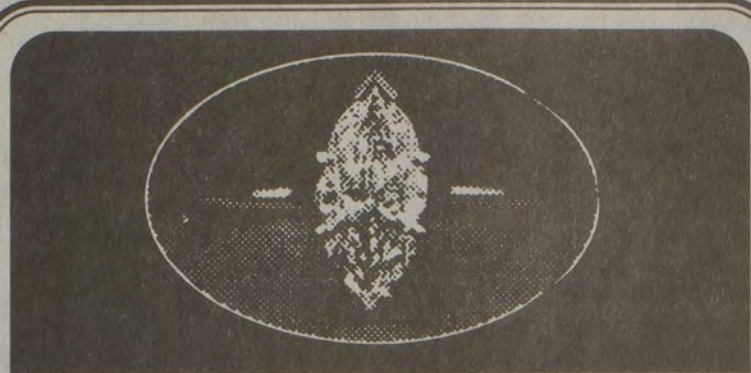
Twenty-nine years later, he is still competing in this Florida event, which was staged this past Sunday for the 29th time at Five Flags Speedway. Even though he has been the fast-qualifier several times, his best finish was second in 1987.

"I don't know if I'll ever win the thing," Farmer said. "We've been close several times, but it seems like something has always happened. I've got to win it soon, though, my time is running out."

The Snowball Derby is unlike any other race-it's just a championship race held the first weekend in December. There are no points or series crown on the line. This year's distance was 329-laps. Each year the distance increases one lap. Past winners include Bobbie Allison, Darrell Waltrip, Rusty Wallace, Rich Bickle, Gary St. Amant, and a host of other well-known drivers.

Rich Bickle of Concord, NC won this year's event in a Richard Petty prepared Dodge. Bickle became the first three-time-winner of the event.

Bickle began the race in the 11th spot, but gradually worked his way up through the field, and on lap 278 passed leader, Jeff Purvis, and went on to take the checkered flag by .06 seconds ahead of Darrell Brown of Birmingham, AL.



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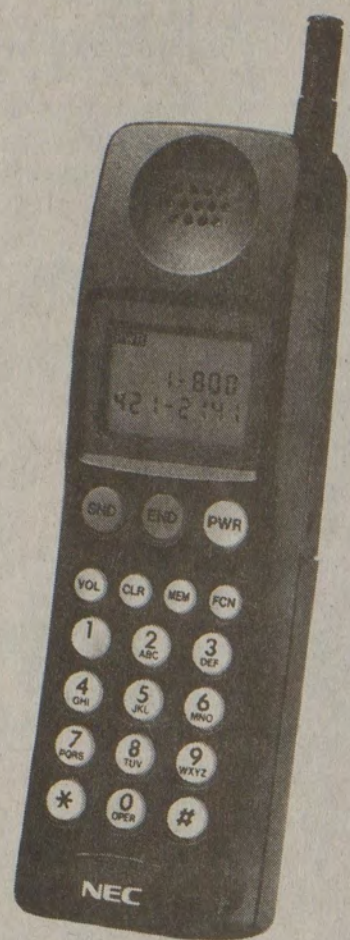
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Lifestyles

Baker slices masterpieces by ice sculpting, decorating

by LCpl. Teresa A. Brown
 Okinawa Marine
 Staff Writer

Up to his elbows in thick, gooey icing — there's no place SSgt. Dennis E. Shepherd would rather be.

Since 1988, the MCAS Futenma mess hall cook has been obsessed with baking cakes. He even balances his numerous mess hall responsibilities (including property chief, responsible officer, safety officer and chief cook) while finding time for his sweet hobby.

Yet, his balancing act has paid off because bridal couples', retiring Air Force master sergeants' and sergeants' major of the Marine Corps mouths watered over his creations, and with no surprise. His "masterpieces" look and taste like the cakes from any well-known bakery.

Shepherd began honing his cake-baking skills by teaching himself the basics.

"The Marine Corps didn't teach me this," Shepherd said. "I'd watch other people and ask them to teach me how to do it. Then I'd perfect it."

Along with his culinary skills, Shepherd admits that his first artistic love is his work with ice sculpting.

"If I had my choice between cake and ice, I'd choose ice," he admitted. "You don't see that (skill) in the Marine Corps much anymore."

Shepherd began carving ice in 1989. A mess hall manager at Camp Pendleton, California, taught him basic carving skills. His first displayed piece was for a unit party, and from there, interest in his work boomed. His works have included everything from rank insignias to submarines. If someone provides a picture, he can carve it, he said.

"You should see someone's face when you draw on ice. They're amazed," he added.

However, whether carving in ice or frosting a cake, Shepherd's favor rests on the Marine Corps.

"My wife asks, 'Why do you work so



Marine at work

SSgt. Dennis E. Shepherd, MCAS Futenma Mess Hall, created roses for the top of a Navy birthday cake.

late (at the mess hall). 'It's because I can get so much done...' he explained. 'I (especially) get crazy around the Marine Corps Birthday. I can show my pride.'

His pride was acknowledged in 1994 when he was given the opportunity to create a cake for SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet, then-Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, during his visit to Okinawa.

"That was the most impressive time of my life," he raved. "He gave me his coin, and that is (one of the things) in the Marine Corps I will never forget."

Shepherd shows his enthusiasm for his work and his career through cakes and ice.

"You have to love this work," he said. "It'll take hours ... (but the) biggest payoff is personal pride."

Editor's Note: Shepherd, who has been a marine since he was 17, is formerly of Floyd County. He is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is the son of Bonnie and Donnie Shepherd of West Prestonsburg.

His father, Donnie, pastors the Faith Deliverance Tabernacle in West Prestonsburg.

Shepherd supervises meals at the Marine Corps base and plans meals for about 5,000 soldiers daily. Friends may write to him at PSC 556 Box 118, FPO AP 963 86-0118.

Christmas just doesn't smell right anymore

After we put up our genuine, authentic, ten-year-old artificial tree last weekend, Wilma made the comment that she'd have to buy some fresh pine-scented candles.

That set me to thinking.

No wonder Christmas doesn't seem like it used to. It just doesn't smell right anymore.

When I was a kid we always had a real tree. Dad would go into town and buy one from a man who sold them from the back of a pickup parked in front of Murphy's five and ten, or sometimes he and little brother Joe and me would go up on the hill behind the house and find one that would fit into our living room and Dad would cut it down. Perhaps it was the song Roy Rogers had out about the scraggly little knotty pine that turned into a glorious Christmas tree when decorated with love, but for whatever reason, we didn't always aim for beauty. After we got through turning the flat, ugly side toward the wall, and got it all decorated, though, as far as we were concerned it was the best looking tree in the hollow.

And, for two or three weeks, our house smelled like pine ... and no scented candles were needed.

Today our house is totally electric. As promised by the electric company, it's odor free.

In those days, however, our tiny Northeast Coal Company home was heated by two fireplaces. (When we moved to Silk Stocking Row, we had gas.) The smell of a smolder-

ing piece of coal that had fallen out onto the hearth, or a log positioned too close to the front of the grate to have its fumes drawn up the chimney properly were with us for all the winter months, but for some reason, I remember them as Christmas smells, too.

Another odor I associate with Christmas is that of oranges. I'm sure we did, but I can't remember having oranges any other time of the year. When Dad could get them, we ate an awful lot of oranges the two or three days before, and after, Christmas.

I can remember the smell on my hands after peeling one, and I can remember how my face would burn around my mouth after I'd try to gnaw the juicy pulp from the rind. I guess naval oranges hadn't been invented then because I don't think I ever saw one until I was grown.

Then, there's the memory of waking up on Christmas morning with the aroma of turkey or ham (or both) mixing with those from fresh-baked bread or pumpkin or cherry pie (or all three) filling the house.

At the time, what with colorful presents waiting to be discovered under the tree, one of which was almost always a large box of crayons (what smelled better than fresh crayons?), I doubt I was even aware of what it was that I was smelling.

But now that I don't have the old familiar odors of Christmas anymore, I miss them.

Poison Oak



Clyde Pack

Ten Years Ago (December 17, 1986)

Legislative task force heard from area residents at the May Lodge Wednesday during a meeting to find out why home and auto insurance is harder to get in Eastern Kentucky and more expensive...A house fire in Estill Sunday claimed the life of three-year-old Megan Suzanne Slone...A West Virginia man died last Wednesday when the twin-engine plane crashed on a mountaintop at the head of Ivy Creek while he was en route to Pikeville airport from Huntington...A resident's complaint that Left Beaver Creek was "running as black as soup" Thursday led to a citation of Wheelwright Mining Company for pollution...It was an argument over politics that led to the stabbing and hospitalizing of Milton Conn, 39, of Florida, and the arrest of Alvin Barnett, 60, of Buck's Branch...Former Prestonsburg City Council member Robert Ranier left town owing them around \$67,000, First Commonwealth Bank officials claim in a suit filed last week in Floyd Circuit Court...There died: William Stumbo, 84, of Martin, last Wednesday following a short illness...Grace Noe, 83, of Wayland, Monday following a short illness...Melda Triplett Messer, 71, of Estill, Tuesday following a short illness...Edgel Jones, 54, of Hueysville, Tuesday...Gus Yates, 76, of Martin, Thursday, following a long illness...Frenchy L. Moore, 38, formerly of Price, Sunday at the Good Samaritan Hospital...Mary Archer Van Petten, 87, native of Prestonsburg, Thursday...and Perry Newman, 62, formerly of Hi Hat,

Sunday after an apparent heart attack.

Twenty Years Ago (December 15, 1976)

What promised Saturday afternoon to be an old-fashioned Democratic donnybrook when precinct delegates met at the courthouse to elect an executive committee developed into a show of party unity as the two candidates for the county party chairmanship reached agreement...In its last scheduled meeting of the year the Floyd Fiscal Court, Monday, accepted the bid of the Adams Construction Company to supply within 45 days, 10,000 tons of gravel at \$5.93 per ton, plus sales tax...Prestonsburg residents are being notified this week of the rate increase of 20 cents per 1000 cubic feet which went into effect on natural gas here, December 1...Development plans for Centennial Mall, the first fully-enclosed regional shopping mall in Southeastern Kentucky, were announced Tuesday by an official of the Pikeville-based Centennial Company...Rumors of devil worship spilled over from Pike County into Floyd this week, and at Betsy Layne a reported 10-15 pupils were kept out of school Monday by parents who had become disturbed...A second gas company strike was averted this week when union

employees of the Columbia Transmission Corporation voted to accept the 8 1/2 percent wage increase offered by the company...There died: Mary Magelene Conn, 87, died Tuesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Clyde Jarrell, of Cow Creek, died Saturday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Ollie Caudill 73, of Dayton, O., formerly of Hi Hat, Wednesday, December 8, in a hospital in Springfield, O.; Elder Ernest Ward, 71, Monday at his home at Mousie.

Thirty Years Ago (December 15, 1966)

Training of a class of 22 persons for future employment at the U.S. Shoe Company plant here began Monday morning...A contract for grade, drain and bituminous concrete surfacing on U.S. 23 to revise the Ball Alley curve here has been awarded by the Highway Department...75 sauger pike were released in Dewey Lake, December 6, by state Fish and Wildlife Resources officials...Former Governor Bert Combs has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian Regional Hospitals, it was announced last week...Acquisition of an additional 21 acres of land to make possible future expansion of the Prestonsburg

Community College was authorized Tuesday by the board of trustees of the University of Kentucky...Desultory attempts at contract negotiation and scattered line blasting marked another week of the strike affecting the United Fuel Gas Company...The Maternity and Infant Care Project of the Division of Maternal and Child Health has expanded its program for high-risk mothers and infants to include Floyd County...The undefeated Maytown Wildcats scored win No. 11 against the Wayland Wasps at Maytown Monday...Married: Miss Elizabeth Carol Bentley, of Langley, and Mr. Delbert Stephens, of Spurlock, Dec. 3 at the Free Will Baptist Church, Martin; Miss Rita Lee Cahill, of Drift, and Mr. Raymond Curtis Henschen, of Bellvue, Ky., November 29 at St. Juliana's Church, Martin...Born: to the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Harrison, of Louisville, a son, Gregory Lane, Dec. 2...There died: Mrs. Pearl Allen Napier Conley, 71, of Lancer, Friday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Jess Hopper, 81, of Topmost, November 27 at a Perry County hospital; Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, 92, of Weeksbury, last Wednesday at the home of a daughter in West Virginia; Mrs. Mary Page, 68, of Dwayne, Friday at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago (December 13, 1956)

Fire which followed the burglary early Monday morning of the Fountain Korner,

(See Yesterdays, page four)

Our Yesterdays

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

Society News

David Hereford
Society Editor
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Pressley-Tuttle wedding

Brandy Lynn Pressley and Wesley Tuttle were united in marriage, Saturday evening, December 7, at the McDowell First Baptist Church. Reverend Carl Ray Tuttle officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Nichole McGuire, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Chad Tuttle, brother of the groom, served as best man. Allison Adkins was the soloist.

The reception was held following the ceremony in the church Family Center.

Brandy Lynn is the daughter of Jeffery and Terri McGuire of McDowell.

Wesley is the son of Terry and Freddie Tuttle of McDowell.

The couple are students at Morehead State University.

Attend Sturgill funeral

Family members who were called here due to the passing of their father, Arthur "Red" Sturgill, were Emogene Capparuccini of Columbus, Ohio; Ben Curtis Sturgill and Arthur Sturgill Jr. of Albion, Michigan and Paul Richard Sturgill of Jackson, Michigan. Mr. Sturgill, who was 101 years old, was a well-known Prestonsburg citizen.

Sturgill Thanksgiving

The Annual Sturgill Thanksgiving was held at the Holiday Inn. Hosts for the event were: Mrs. Elizabeth Castle, her son Howard Castle, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Ella Hampton, of Columbus, Ohio; Ada Castle, of Lexington; and Susan Hicks, of Prestonsburg. Several family members attended.

Secession Day dinner

The East Kentucky Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Mattie Morgan Chapter, Order of the Confederate Rose held their East Kentucky Secession Day Dinner and Confederate Auction, Saturday evening, December 7, at the Paintsville RECC Building. Proceeds from the auction will be donated toward a memorial for the Kentucky men who fought in defense of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Kentucky is the only state that has not honored its sons who fought there. Donations may be sent to Commander John B. Wells III, Court Street, Paintsville.

Attending from Floyd County were Alice Howard, Robert Perry, Teddi and Kathy Frasure, Owen Wright, Owen Wright IV and David and Peggy Hereford.

60th anniversary

Herbert and Elva Spradlin of East Point, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 5.

Allen-Akers wedding scheduled Saturday

The wedding of Miss Rachael Allen and Bobby Akers II, will be solemnized Saturday evening December 14, 6:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

A reception following the ceremony will be held in the Family Life Center.

The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.

New arrival

Chris and Melissa Henson, of Auxier, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kalyn Victoria, born November 26, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz., and was 20 1/2" long.

She is the granddaughter of Montie and Barbara Rice of East Point and Michael and Brenda Henson of Auxier.

50th wedding anniversary

Bill and Viola May, of David, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 29, with a reception at their home.

Thanksgiving hosts

Walter and Armita Snaveley entertained to dinner, Thanksgiving Day, at their home on Little Paint, Jess and Dorothy Stover and Tommy, of Prestonsburg; Melissa Hensley of Paintsville, Nena Snaveley and Wilma Messer, of Little Paint.

Here for Thanksgiving

Mary Ann Waltman, of Millville, New Jersey, and Edwin and Kay Wingham and son, Matthew Thomas, of Tipp City, Ohio, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Tom and Mable Jean LeMaster at their home on Scott Court in Prestonsburg.

Joining the LeMasters for Thanksgiving Day dinner were

other family members, Winifred Blackburn and son, Thomas James and Minta Conley and daughter, Joy Olivas.

Visit family here

Charles and Shari Snaveley and children, Chris and Katie of Harrogate, Tennessee, were the weekend guests of Walter and Armita Snaveley at their home on Little Paint.

Rebekah Lodge meets

The regular meeting of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31 was held December 3. Paulena Owens, past noble grand presided.

Installation of the noble grand-elect, Wanda Elste, took place. She has been ill for some time and was absent at the regular installation. Jean Hickman, conductor, was also installed at this time.

The Miriam Lodge Christmas party will be December 17. Members are urged to attend and bring their favorite Christmas dish and also a gift for the lodge kitchen.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mable Jean LeMaster.

Members present were Paulena Owens, Hope Whitten, Sue Moore, Claudine Johns, Wanda Elste, Beverly Hackworth, Jean Hickman, Violetta Wright and Mable Jean LeMaster.

The next regular meeting will be December 17, at 6 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. hall.

Thanksgiving guest

Mrs. Sara Isaneko, of Mt. Clemons, Michigan, was the guest of Betty Castle for Thanksgiving holidays.

Christmas poinsettias

Poinsettias were placed in the sanctuary of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church in Prestonsburg in memory and in honor of the following:

In memory of Henry Curtis by Julia Curtis, Otis Bussey by Wonell and Garland Godsey; Gorman Collins by Eva Collins; Alec Spencer Bailey by grandparents, Shag and Shirley Branham; John Goble by Anna Mae and Fred Goble; Stella Cline by Anna Mae and Fred Goble; Angela Spradlin by Matthew Goble and Lea and Evan Spradlin; Harvey Gunnell by Kathy, Bill Tom and Matthew Goble;

Dr. Ernest E. Martin by Doris and John Grant Anderson; Nelma

Ann Martin by Doris and John Grant Anderson; Adrian McNutt by Carrie and Dale McNutt; Sam Wallen by Connie, Sara, Kara and John Sammons, John "Spence" Fulks by Judy and Harold Burchell; the Gearhart family by Burieta Gearhart; Reverend William Amburgey by Glenda and Eugene Blackburn; George Lee Shannon by Vivian Shannon and children, Bill Pettrey by Dolly Pettrey; Curtis and Ruth May by Marguerite Sharp; David Ellis Valentine by Tommy, Jennifer and David Valentine; Tim Prater by Janice Prater; Ed and Goldia Allen by Janice Prater; Stuart Demaree by Ramona, Kim and Seldon Horne;

Forest and Ethel Johnson by Jo Ann and Ronald Johnson; Tim and Cleo Bartley by Dena and Randy Patton; Tim and Cleo Bartley by Diann and Danny Moon; Violet Turner by Myra, Myranda and Andy Elliott; Betty Elliott by Myra, Myranda and Andy Elliott; Kenneth Caldwell by the Caldwell family; Glen and Ollie Burchett by the Caldwell family; Tom W. Burchett by the Caldwell family; Woodrow Burchett by Narcie Burchett; Richard Sturgill Burchett by Narcie Burchett; Glenn, Ola and Glenn Jr. Anderson by Doris and John Grant Anderson; Huck Francis by Betty Francis and family; Jerry Lafferty, Jr. by Pat and Tim Hites and Stella Lafferty; Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Miller by Pat and Tim Hites and Stella Lafferty; Ira Castle by Pat and Tim Hites and Stella Lafferty;

Theckley Short by Joyce and James Allen; Frankie Blackburn by the Wrights; Edgar Hale by Anita Hale and Gwen Harmon; Wanda and Keen Setser by Jo Ann and Ronald Johnson; Beverly and Elsie Whitaker by Mildred and Miles Whitaker; and Ellis and Lulu Howard by Mildred and Miles Whitaker.

In honor of David Thomas Valentine by Narcie Burchett; Ruby and Cam Garrett by Pattie and Tom Walker, Narcie and Sally Burchett by Pattie and Tom Walker; First Baptist Church family by Pattie and Tom Walker; Delia and William Nolan by Betty and Gus Kalos; Gwen Robinson by Carrie and Dale McNutt and Ruby Garrett by Kathy Goble.

Dinner hostess

Marlene Spradlin VanHoose was hostess to members of her family

during the Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Auxier.

Enjoying the occasion were Ronnie and Sharon Cornette and daughters, Rachel and Ariel, of Van Lear; Nick and Jennifer Marsh and children, Rebecca and Josh, of Ashland; Michael and Tammy VanHoose of Louisville, his daughter, Jenny, and her daughter, Shannon, and Chris and Michael VanHoose of Winchester. They attended church services Sunday morning at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

Visits in New York

Laura Goble of Lexington spent several days in New York City last week visiting her brother, David Hereford II. They were joined on Saturday by Patrick Allen and spent the day visiting antique stores. The group enjoyed a Broadway show that night. They are all former residents of Prestonsburg.

Home from hospital

Leatha Joy has returned to her home on Riverside Drive,

Prestonsburg, after spending several days in Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Entertained on holiday

Ruth Joy DeRossett and Leatha Joy entertained members of their family and friends with a dinner on Thanksgiving Day at their home on Riverside Drive, Prestonsburg. Present for the occasion were Greg and Linda Carol DeRossett and children, Dakota, Marissa and Morgan, of Morehead, and William Rannels of Prestonsburg.

Visit with family

Greg and Linda Carol DeRossett and children, of Morehead, visited her parents, Charles and Linda Hall, at Bevinville, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Hicks entertain

Howard and Amy Castle, of Las Vegas, Nevada, were guests of honor at a traditional family gathering at the home of Susan and Larry Hicks.

Visits family during Thanksgiving holidays

Patrick Allen of New York City, was here during the holidays visiting Denzil and Janice Allen and Clyde Blackburn, at Endicott; David P. Allen in Prestonsburg, Cassie J. Allen at East Point, and other family members and friends.

Opens the Christmas season

The City of Prestonsburg officially opened the Christmas season with a parade, Saturday afternoon, led by the "Jolly Man," Santa Claus.

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Dispatch Logs

DECEMBER 2

7:51 a.m. — Caller advised that her vehicle had been stolen from her residence on Webb Lane.
 1:01 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Market Place.
 1:56 p.m. — Caller advised that an elderly man was over the guard rail trying to get up the hill at Prestonsburg Community College.
 5:37 p.m. — Intrusion alarm activated at Bank Josephine ATM machine.
 5:58 p.m. — Caller advised that there was an odor of gas at Social Services.

DECEMBER 3

12:05 a.m. — Caller advised that he has a burglar nailed in the closet at his house on Graham Street. Upon arrival, the burglar had crawled into a cubby hole.
 7:40 a.m. — Report of a drive-off at Shell Mart.
 10:29 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries on Friend Street.
 11:22 a.m. — Caller reported an odor of gasoline in water on Main Street.
 3:28 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Moore Barber Shop.
 7:56 p.m. — Caller advised that her vehicle was stolen while she was in Wal-Mart.

DECEMBER 4

1:02 a.m. — Caller advised that someone was around her house on Harris Street.
 2:14 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Kentucky Fried Chicken.
 3:44 p.m. — Report of a fight-in-progress at Neeley Apartments. Caller advised that three male subjects were fighting.
 4:52 p.m. — Fight in progress on Main Street.
 6:29 p.m. — EMS run to South Central Avenue. Caller advised that a female subject fell in the parking lot.
 6:34 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Food City. Caller advised that a vehicle hit the Food City building.

DECEMBER 5

12:34 a.m. — Caller advised that gas could be smelled at North Arnold Avenue residence.
 6:04 a.m. — EMS run to North Arnold Avenue. Caller advised that a man passed out in the floor at a residence.
 8:48 a.m. — Caller advised that a gas odor was in residence on North Arnold.
 10:34 a.m. — EMS run to Adams Middle School. Caller advised that a girl was having chest pains and her fingers were numb.
 11:10 a.m. — While at the school, a girl reported having back pains due to kidneys.
 11:30 a.m. — Caller advised that a purse had been stolen from a female subject at the Prestonsburg post office.

DECEMBER 6

1:28 a.m. — Report of a fight-in-progress at Village Road. Caller advised that 20 or more people in Super 8 were fighting.
 1:28 a.m. — Caller advised that someone kicked down his door to his house on North Central Avenue.

2:53 a.m. — EMS run to Earl Street. Caller advised that a 90-year-old male was running a high fever and was dizzy.

5:33 a.m. — Officer advised that there had been several wrecks on Route 114. Also advised that there had been 7 or 8 wrecks at this time on US 23 at the mouth of Abbott.

5:56 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries on Route 23.

7:31 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Bert T. Combs bridge.

7:40 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries on the overpass of Route 23 and 80.

9:59 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Food City.

10:22 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Hardee's.

3:26 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Cliffside. Caller advised that a vehicle was in the ditch.

4:19 p.m. — Caller advised that two male subjects were fighting behind Kentucky Fried Chicken.

7:00 p.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at the four-way stop in Lancer.

9:28 p.m. — EMS run to West Prestonsburg.

10:32 p.m. — EMS run to Highland Heights. Caller advised that a female subject was having seizures.

DECEMBER 7

12:12 a.m. — Job Corps personnel advised that a student got marijuana from a male subject at the bowling alley.

12:33 a.m. — Caller advised that two male subjects were fighting beside SuperAmerica.

1:03 a.m. — Alarm activated at Food World.

5:47 p.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at Bert T. Combs bridge.

DECEMBER 8

1:18 a.m. — EMS run to South Lake Drive. Caller advised that a female subject was having severe chest pains.

2:27 p.m. — EMS run to Highland Heights. Caller advised that a subject was in labor.

9:38 p.m. — EMS run to Subway. Caller advised that a male subject was having an asthma attack.

Property transfers

Patricia and Winfred Tackett to Lois Martin, property on Big Mud Creek;

Hubert Lawson to Hubert Gene Lawson, property on Spurlock Branch;

Darlene Scott to Sherrel and Jalenda Shepherd, property at Maytown.

Rebecca Stanley, Bobby and Genieva Stanley, Paul and Barbara Stanley, Herb and Martha Stanley and Donald and Emily Stanley to Billy J. Stanley, property on Toler Creek;

Alma and James Dozmati, Velma and Oliver Salisbury, Oliver Bascom and Eula Hall, Emma Lou and Frank Cielensky, Hazel Parsons, James and Bonnie Hall, Janice Pullium, and Larry Hall to Leonard and Bulavene Hall, property on Parsons Branch;

Thurman Lee and Bertha Tackett to Hugh Allen Hall and Kathy Hall, property on Big Mud Creek;

Gracie and Emery E. Ross to Eva Chaffin, property on Middle Creek;

Kathleen Litton to Jesse and Linda Meade, property on Stephens Branch;

James and Ruth Cox to Charles Michael and Sandra Jean Brooks, property on Mare Creek Road;

Terry W. and Mary H. Cole to Daniel W. and Shawn Troxell, property near Cow Creek;

Betty L. Schuster to Brian N. and Jennifer Lynn Hager, property location not listed;

Marcella Justice to Doug Keathley, Warranty deed to property in Buffalo Creek;

James Hawkins to Kora Kirk and Stella Salisbury, property in Ferguson Addition at Harold;

Betsy May and J.A. Fulmer to Bobby Ray White and Stuart Vance, quitclaim deed, property location not listed;

Maggie Reynolds Mitchell to Dock Reynolds Jr. Demas Reynolds and Phillip Dale Reynolds, property on Big Mud Creek;

Robert Akers to Harold Counts, property in Burton Village, a subdivision on Left Beaver Creek;

Rodney H. and Amber G. Smith to William H. and Rose E. Tackett, property on Dewey Lake View;

Joe and Johnna Sloan to Phillip D. and Lisa K. Hunt, property on Woodland Hills Subdivision;

Wanda Johnson Calhoun and Bud Calhoun to Edison Johnson, property on Left Beaver Creek;

Sherry Collins Hall (Fraleyle) and Michael Fraley to Bernadette Hall, property on Little Mud Creek;

Levi Hall to Dawn Michelle Hall, quitclaim deed, property location not listed;

Michelle Kidd to Linda Woods, property on Corn Fork;

Big Branch Development Company Inc. to William Trent Nairn and Robin Nairn, property in Cedar Trace Subdivision on Big Branch of Abbott Creek;

Patricia Ann Reynolds to CSX Transportation, property on Bucks Branch of Beaver Creek;

Don Holbrook and Ellen Holbrook to Dream Homes & Land Development Inc., property in Windy Brooks Subdivision;

Douglas Ray Hall and Kelli Ann Hall to Larry F. Stumbo Jr. and Danita Dawn Hall Stumbo, property on Frasure's Creek;

Ramona K. and Michael T. Auxier to Leslie Trent Auxier, property near Emma;

Helen Robinson Goodman and Richard Goodman to Josephine Robinson, property on Bucks Branch;

Wallace Julian Scalf and Jean Scalf, Wallace Dwayne Scalf and Lisa Scalf and Rita Scalf King and Richard King to Stephen Anthony Scalf, property on Mare Creek;

Jimmy Akers to Chester Akers Jr., property location not listed;

Nita Bandy and David Bandy to David Allen Ison and Johnene Ison, property on Copperas Lick Estates;

Mary E. Gibson and Robert Korreck and Georgie R. Burton and Jerry D. Burton to Irene Gibson, property in Betsy Layne;

Joy Hamilton and Larry Hall to Donald Adkins and Lois Adkins, property location not listed;

Joan Scalos and Harry Scalos, Jean Spencer Johnson, Paul Spencer and Bonnie Spencer to G.W. Spencer Jr. and Ruby Spencer, quitclaim deed, property in Davidson Memorial Gardens;

G.W. Spencer Jr. and Ruby

Spencer to Jean Spencer Johnson, quitclaim deed, property in Davidson Memorial Gardens;

G.W. Spencer Jr. and Ruby Spencer, Joan Scalos and Harry Scalos and Jean Spencer Johnson to Paul and Bonnie Spencer, property in Davidson Memorial Gardens;

Joan Scalos and Harry Scalos, Jean Spencer Johnson and Paul Spencer and Bonnie Spencer to G.W. Spencer Jr. and Ruby Spencer, quitclaim deed, property on Beaver Creek;

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Restaurant, school, and mobile home park inspections

All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey and Russell Wallace.

Auxier Elementary, 92: Outside container not covered. No covered garbage can in women's rest room. One door not self-closing. Urine odor in boys' rest room.

Auxier Elementary Cafeteria: Wiping cloths not properly stored. Outside container not covered. Floor and ceiling needs repair.

Hyden Mobile Home Park, 98: Some litter over river bank.

Mayo Court, 100: No violations observed.

J & W Mobile Home Park, 100: No violations found.

Rite Aid, 98: No self-closing door or covered waste can in rest room.

Melvin Elementary, 92: Two commodes were leaking in boys' upstairs rest room. Walls in boys' upstairs rest room in bad repair. Lights burned out in several class-

rooms and window shades in several rooms.

Clark Elementary, 91: Girls' rest room in fourth grade area has very bad ceiling and needs repair. First grade to kindergarten divider rusted. One rest room does not have soap or towels. Urine odor in boys' first grade to kindergarten rest room. Leaks in hallway and gym.

Clark Elementary cafeteria, 95: One cooler door needs repair. Floor needs repair. Outside dumpster not covered. Ceiling needs repair.

Allen Central, 93: One ceiling needs repair. Girls' rest room does not have self-closing door. Roof leaks in some classrooms.

Allen Central cafeteria, 99: Not all lights are shielded.

Big J. Meats, 98: Lighting not shielded. Personal items not properly stored.

Johnson Grocery, 98: Limited retail sales. Not all refrigeration units have thermometers. Lighting not adequate in some parts of the store.

Martin Food World, not rated: Critical items have been corrected. Deli is now using proper sanitizing procedures. Barbecue chicken now being held at 140°F. No noticeable evidence of rodents observed during this inspection. All outside openings corrected.

Pappy's Mart, Teaberry, 93: Walk-in cooler has no thermometer. Several food items stored on the floor. Rest room has no self-closing door. Rest room walls and ceilings are incomplete. Lights in walk-in refrigeration not properly shielded.

Jan & Doug's Pizza, Banner, 94: No drain boards on three-compartment sink. Facility has no chlorine test strips. Single service foam trays stored on the floor. Newly-constructed rest room facility should be enclosed and separated from food and equipment storage area.

Facility should maintain a copy of receipt from a plumbing contrac-

tor indicating date the holding tank was pumped. Holding tank appears to be functioning properly at this date.

Melvin Elementary Cafeteria, 94: Reach-in refrigerator in back storage area has no thermometer. Wiping cloth use not restricted, inadequate storage. No towels at handwash sink. Outside garbage dumpsters have no lids. Floors in slight disrepair in storage area.

Tackett's Stop & Shop, 98: Limited retail sales. All refrigeration and freezer units should have conspicuous thermometers. Not all parts of the store has adequate lighting. Facility is clean and well organized.

A & B James Mobile Food, 96: Paper towels used for shelf liners. Floor and ceilings need repairs.

Marriages

Martha M. Nobili, 41, of Ligon, and Robert F. Hopson Jr., 26, of Martin.

Crystal Gay Wright, 19, of Prestonsburg, and Bart Doyle Akers, 25, of Prestonsburg.

Heather N. Childers, 19, of Allen, and Jeffrey A. Meade, 21, of Allen.

Rhonda J. Nelson, 21, of Langley, and Joel C. Branham, 22, of Langley.

Sandra C. Conley, 39, of Salyersville, and Jesse L. Rudd, 43, of Salyersville.

Teresa L. Slone, 32, of Bevinsville, and Timothy A. Slone, 35, of Bevinsville.

Jennifer L. Akers, 20, of Grethel, and Steve O. Compton, 22, of Grethel.

Misty D. Roberts, 21, of Harold, and George Markus Daniel Adam Rose, 15, of Harold.

Jennifer Hamilton, 18, of Teaberry, and Scotty R. Hall, 19, of Teaberry.



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	<p>Old Fitzgerald Kentucky Bourbon Whisky 86 PROOF 1.75 LITER</p> <p>15⁹⁹</p>		<p>Bacardi Puerto Rican Rum SILVER OR AMBER 750 ML</p> <p>7²⁹</p>
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	<p>Very Old Barton Kentucky Bourbon Whisky 1.75 LITER</p> <p>13⁴⁹</p>		<p>Tanqueray Gin 750 ML</p> <p>13⁹⁹</p>
	<p>Wild Turkey Kentucky Bourbon Whisky 101 PROOF, 750 ML OR HEAVEN HILL KENTUCKY BOURBON WHISKY GREEN LABEL 1.75 LITER</p> <p>12⁹⁹</p>		<p>Robert Mondavi Woodbridge Wine CABERNET OR CHARDONNAY 1.5 LITER</p> <p>9⁹⁹</p>
	<p>Old Forester Kentucky Bourbon Whisky 86 PROOF 750 ML</p> <p>7⁴⁹</p>		<p>Almaden Wine CABERNET, WHITE ZINFANDEL OR CHARDONNAY 5 LITER</p> <p>11⁹⁹</p>
	<p>Crown Royal Canadian Whisky 750 ML</p> <p>15⁹⁹</p>		<p>Gallo Livingston Cellars Wine 3 LITER</p> <p>7⁹⁹</p>
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			<p>Miller, Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft, Budweiser or Bud Light Beer 12 PACK 12 OZ. CANS</p> <p>6⁴⁹</p>
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Sunshine Lines

by
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Carroll



Senior citizens, last week was our final segment of the booklet review, "Your Guide To Understanding—An Important Message From Medicare." This week in Sunshine Lines, we will refresh our memory as we tie the "chapters" together and bring this study to its conclusion.

As you will recall, the past two weeks in the Floyd County Times, your Sunshine Lines column reproduced in its entirety "...one of those very important papers that will require your signature..." Hopefully, this series of arti-

cles has made you aware of this paper before you or a loved one is hospitalized. Naturally, there's concern when one learns that he or she has to be hospitalized. At a time like this, to be presented with additional paperwork and another form to sign, of which one knows nothing about, can be dramatic for the patient as well as for the significant others in the patient's life.

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Remember that there are three basic types of Hospital-Issued Notices of Noncoverage and all three are denials.

Remember you do have rights if you are presented any of the notices of noncoverage.

Remember to keep open communication with your doctor(s)/caregiver(s) and your family regarding your health.

Remember that you can ask for a review and that if it becomes necessary you can appeal a decision within specified time frames.

Remember that you could be financially responsible for your stay in the hospital if you were issued/provided a notice of non-coverage and you entered or remained in the hospital once you were given a notice and that notice was not rescinded/overturned.

Please, if you have not done so, call the Medicare Beneficiary Hotline: 1-800-288-1499 today and request the free booklet we have been reviewing. "Your Guide to Understanding—An Important Message From Medicare." While you are talking with the representative request a booklet that discusses the changes you should expect in your Medicare coverage.

Once you receive your booklets, if there is something you don't understand, contact the Medicare Hotline at the number above. Or write to Health Care

Excel, Incorporated, P.O. Box 23540, 9502 Williamsburg Plaza, #102, Louisville, KY 40222.

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Carol Napier is the coordinator who oversees this program in Big Sandy's five-county service area.

For answers to your questions call her at 886-3876 or toll-free at 1-800-556-3876. If you live in Pike County, call your benefits counselor serving senior citizens in Pike County, Ms. Anna Cassady at 432-2181.

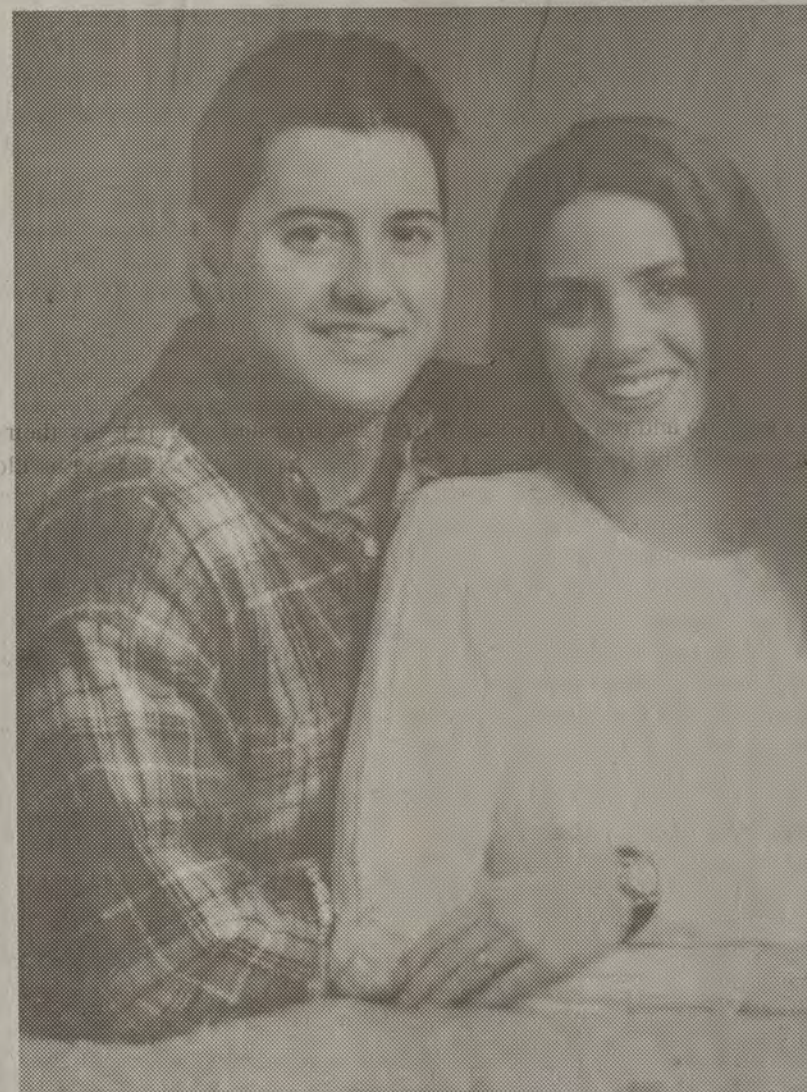
Call for your free booklets today. Remember, "It is better to have and not need than to need and not have."

Engagements



Allen-Akers to wed Saturday

Rachael D. Allen and Bobby C. Akers, will be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church on South Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg. Allen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Allen. Akers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby C. Akers. A reception will be held in the church's Family Life Center. The custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Stephanie Stephens and John Combs

Stephens, Combs to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stephens of Lexington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Clark Stephens and John William Combs, son of Joan Tackett and John R. Combs of Frenchburg.

Miss Stephens is a student at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. Combs is a graduate of

Morehead University and is employed at Harrison Memorial Hospital. An open wedding will take place at Epworth Methodist Church in Lexington, on December 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Stephens is the daughter of the late Arnita Clark Stephens, and the granddaughter of Ruby and Arnold Clark, of Prestonsburg.

Fresh western citrus plentiful for holidays

Sunny California and Arizona citrus groves are living up to their promise to deliver plenty of fresh citrus fruit in time for the festivities! Produce departments in local markets will have generous supplies of everyone's favorite eating orange, the Western-grown navel. And this is the season for all the special citrus varieties you have been waiting for: mandarins and tangerines, Moros (or "Blood oranges"), pummelos and the new grapefruit varieties Oroblancos and Melogolds. All these beautiful and nutritious citrus fruits are ideal for gift-giving, and essential for holiday cooking and baking recipes.

The Western-grown navel oranges are a must for any holiday fruit basket, with their rich tradition in gift giving. This year, navel oranges will be sweet and flavorful for the holiday season; their characteristic rich color develops as the nights cool. While this year's crop is slightly smaller than this year's, more high quality fruit will be available to consumers, and there will be good supplies of the most popular sizes.

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Lemons are the most versatile

desert areas.

Eating quality is very good for grapefruit this holiday season. While sizes may be a little smaller than usual, the Ruby and the Rio Red varieties will be beautifully colored with a pink blush. There are lots of ways to enjoy the refreshing flavor of grapefruit besides a cut half with breakfast. Be sure to include it in fruit salads, or on a bed of mixed greens. For an

well worth the effort. The largest citrus fruit, Pummelos, will be ripe in time for the holidays. They are aromatic, sweet, and popular as a gift, especially in the Asian communities.

Several varieties of easy-to-peel Western-grown tangerines and mandarins will be plentiful for the holiday season. They are great for on-the-go snacks and tucking into lunch boxes. Look for Satsumas, and Fairchild's; their size will be slightly larger than last year's fruit. A strong crop of delicious Orlando tangelos will be available. Minneolas won't be quite as plentiful this year, but will be of good size and eating quality.

Moro oranges, the best-known variety of the "blood orange," will be in the markets, and are wonderful for gift baskets. Their orange exteriors are laced with a beautiful, red blush, and the interiors are deep red. Moros have an intense and appealing flavor, with some berry notes. They can turn an ordinary salad or beverage into a festive holiday creation!

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of fruit, and can be used on everything from appetizers and salads to luscious holiday desserts. When you set your holiday table, remember to serve a lemon slice in each water glass for better flavor and eye appeal. If you have plans to roast a chicken or turkey, tucking one or two cut lemons in the cavity of the bird will help to keep it moist, and give it a subtle flavor as well. An ample supply of winter lemons will be coming in from California's central valley and the

easy and elegant appetizer, toss in some grapefruit sections with a shrimp cocktail. Fresh grapefruit is a nutritional bargain—high in fiber, virtually no fat, and plenty of vitamin C.

This is the season for Oroblancos and Melogolds, the mild, new grapefruit varieties with all the sweet, juicy flavor and less acidity. They can be bright green when ripe, but will have a pale yellow tinge this time of year. They may not be easy to find, but are

Yesterdays

(Continued from page one)

Prestonsburg drugstore, created an estimated total damage of \$50,000, and as consequence two juveniles, both Prestonsburg High School pupils, face possible charges of arson and burglary...Contract for the construction of the outside plant facilities of the Harold Telephone Company was awarded to Alpha Construction Co., of Tulsa, Oklahoma...The number of Floyd County recipients of surplus commodity foodstuffs has been cut more than half, it was said this week by G. R. Spradlin, commodity office clerk...A jury empanelled by Coroner James J. Carter following the death Sunday afternoon from a rifle bullet of Woodrow Monk at his home at Mare Creek held that the fatal shot was accidental...An estimated \$668,000 worth of work on the relocation of U.S. 23 and 460 from Prestonsburg to Auxier has been marked for No. 1 priority by the Kentucky Department of Highways...The Maytown Wildcats, one of the three remaining unbeaten teams in the 15th region, won their 10th straight game last week-end against Wheelwright...There died: Mrs. Dona Johnson Adkins, 49, formerly of Weeksburg, last Saturday at Fennville, Michigan; Will Tackett, 77, of Tram, Monday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Willie Jarrell, 50, of Dana, Sunday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Lulie Hall, 66, formerly of East McDowell, Saturday at Ashtabula, Ohio.

Fifty Years Ago (December 12, 1946)

Practically all mines of Floyd County resumed operation Monday, following the work-order issued by John L. Lewis, UMWA head, last Saturday...Prospects for installation of a city bus line here similar to those already in operation in Paintsville and Pikeville brightened this week as the city council announced that it will receive at its regular meeting January 6, sealed bids on such a bus line franchise...The three-day opening of the Firestone Store by Frank H. Layne and Roy Gibson was held here last Thursday through Saturday...B. B. Hatcher, U.S. Navy, formerly of Harold, is a member of the crew of one of five ships which will leave Norfolk, Virginia, January 2, on the

Byrd expedition to the South Pole...Marcum Slone, McDowell miner, is in serious condition at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, as a result of a highway accident Wednesday morning at the Star Bottom Mining Company near McDowell...The Vanhoose Lumber Company at Louisa, managed by Scott Craft, former Prestonsburg man, was destroyed by fire, Tuesday afternoon...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dingus, of Hunter, a daughter, November 24 at the Gearheart's Hospital, Martin...There died: Mrs. Katie Spurlock, 35, Wednesday at home near Printer; Mrs. Mary Alice Bates, 52, of Bevinsville, en route to a Martin Hospital, Wednesday.

Sixty Years Ago (December 14, 1936)

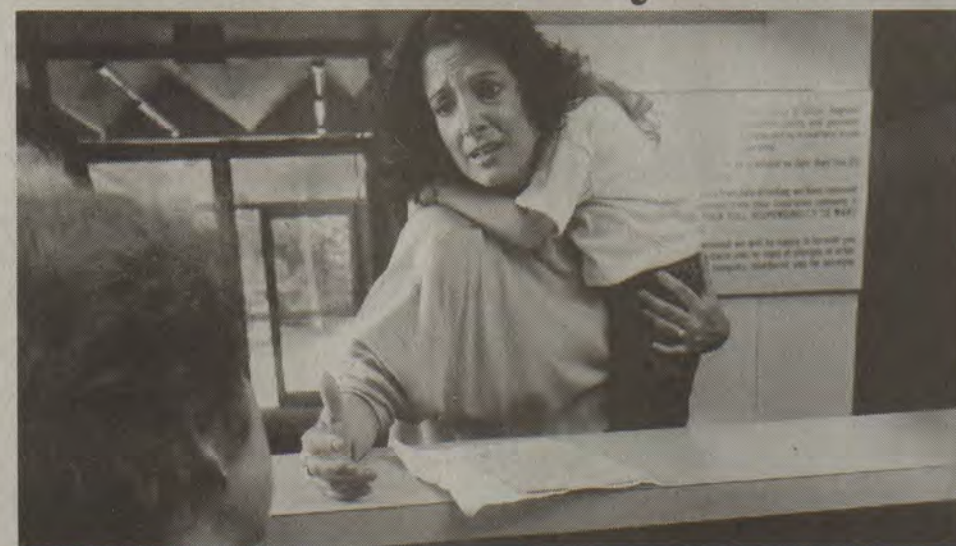
The Floyd County Board of Education, in its meeting last Saturday, awarded the construction of a brick and tile school building here, to consist of 12 classrooms and an auditorium, to Stewart Construction Co. The Stewart bid was \$45,000...As he was taking road measurements near Arkansas Wednesday, C. Everett Mink, of Alphoretta, state highway department inspector on the Allen-Lackey road paving, was seriously injured when the two-ton scoop of a concrete mixer was accidentally lowered onto him, crushing him...The city council passed an ordinance recently stipulating a \$10 fine or 10 days in jail, or both for anyone shooting fireworks within the corporate limits of Prestonsburg...The Mayo Cash Grocery, here, operated by J. D. Mayo, was sold Monday to J. E. Ball...Franklin, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Colonel May, suffered serious injuries Monday when struck by a car on Graham Street, here...There died: Miss Dorothy Davis, 23, of Prestonsburg, December 2 in a Morehead Hospital; Andrew Jackson Miller, of Short Branch of Abbott, Monday; Mrs. Emma Hall, 52, at her home at Wheelwright, Thursday; Mrs. Lyda Francis Meade Blevins, 69, at home at Boldman, November 26; George Salyers, 76, of Eureka, Friday; Charles Robert Johnson, 21-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johns, of Harold, Thursday, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin.



Crowned Little Miss Red, White and Blue

Kelly Nicole Clark, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Brent G. Clark of Betsy Layne, was crowned 1996 Floyd County Little Miss Red, White and Blue on October 10, at South Floyd High School. Kelly is nine years old and is a third-grade student at Allen Elementary. She is the granddaughter of Thelma and Rutherford B. Clark of Harold, and Emma and Tommy DeRossett of Dwale. Her great-grandparents are Oma Reynolds of Harold and Ida Belle DeRossett of Dwale. Kelly was escorted by Justin Collins, son of Roy and Angie Collins of Allen.

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Mary Ingles, Early American Heroine

Mary Ingles feared for her life and that of her two sons and unborn baby after she was kidnapped by Indians on July 8, 1755.

She was distraught over the murder of her mother and her young nephew and the burning of her home. The quick turn of events was like a dream to her. It began that afternoon when the Indians attacked her home while the men of Draper's Meadows were gathering wheat.

The Indians looted the home and tied the items on their horses before beginning their journey. They stole the weapons and ammunition of Draper's Meadows and thereby knew it was unlikely that they would be followed.

The caravan of Indians and captives headed northward, traveling along the ridges. Mary noticed her sister-in-law, Eliza Draper, who trudged along with her wounded arm, showing no sign of emotion since the old Indian bashed and scalped her baby that afternoon.

The Indians knew broken English and Mary knew from their talk that their journey would be a long one. She heard her captors express concern that she, in her pregnant condition, and her children could not continue to keep up. She heard two of the braves talking of scalping Eliza because she would sometimes linger. Mary had an opportunity to tell her of her concern soon thereafter and Eliza made a noticeable improvement in her movement.

An hour or so after their journey began the Indians stopped at the home of Phillip Barger where they killed an old man and cut off his head, putting it into a sack. They resumed their journey until arriving at Sinking Creek where they stopped at the home of Phillip Lybrook finding Lybrook's wife alone at the cabin. Her husband had left for Draper's Meadow along with William Preston who escaped death for the second time in one afternoon.

"Look inside and find a friend," the old Indian directed Lybrook as he handed her the sack. "We also have sack for your husband."

The Indians took several items from the Lybrook cabin before continuing their trek. Mary knew she couldn't continue to keep up with the others in her pregnant condition and carrying her two-year-old son George. Her four-year-old, Thomas, grew increasingly tired and could not keep up. Mary could tell from the Indian's glances that they were considering putting her children to death and Mary couldn't bear the thought. She encouraged Thomas to keep up and prayed to herself over and over and at times found herself praying aloud.

Soon Thomas slowed down even more than before. Eliza Draper, though wounded, took George from Mary's arms and carried him. Mary knelt down and instructed Thomas to climb on her back so she could carry him.

They continued for nearly two more hours before they came upon another band of Indians who also had prisoners who were unknown to Mary.

The Indians set up camp for the night and before long a third band of Indians arrived with various items of loot which they undoubtedly had taken from other settlers.

At the behest of the old Indian, the caravan resumed before dawn the following morning, not pausing to fix a meal for two full hours. Mary was surprised she was able to negotiate the march since her stomach pained her as the baby within became increasingly active. She knew she couldn't maintain the pace, nor could Eliza Draper.

She prayed and wondered what she could do to save her children. In addition to being young and stout, Mary was industrious. She had many talents,

frequently showing the ladies of Draper's Meadows her ideas on making clothes, making meals more tasty, or assisted in other ways. It came to her that the Indians would be more patient with her if she had an opportunity to display her skills.

"That's it," Mary told herself in a hushed voice. "They've got to know that I can help them. It's my only chance."

When the Indians stopped to prepare a meal, she immediately involved herself in its preparation, with the result pleasing her captors. Mary tore a sleeve from her dress and used it to tie Eliza's injured arm. She had noticed that the packs were not well secured on the horses with several coming loose during their travel. She proceeded to rearrange the bundles and tied them taut. She found the rearranging required the Indians to need one less horse.

"I can be of help in your camp," she told the chief as they prepared to resume their travels. "I can cook and make clothes and tend to the sick."

"But my babe will come soon and I can hardly keep up on the trail. If you will allow me to ride the horse, I will be able to help in many ways."

"So be it," the Indian answered and Mary, with difficulty, climbed atop the mount.

Eliza Draper helped Mary's son Thomas get on the horse and he sat snug behind his mother. Mary looked at her pained and weak sister-in-law before turning back to the chief.

"She is hurt and weak," Mary said. "Can she ride with us?"

"She must walk the trails and learn our ways," he answered. "Small boy ride with you."

The Indian proceeded to help Eliza in handing George to Mary who put the two-year-old in front of her. As their northward travel resumed, Mary held George close as Thomas snuggled closely behind. Eliza picked up a walking stick to help her on the trail and she was relieved that Mary's youngsters were riding instead of being carried.

Mary Ingle's prayer had been answered. They were able to keep up with their captors and, for the moment, their lives were not at risk.

Editor's note: Mary gives birth to a daughter in Jadon's From the Mountains next week in the Floyd County Times.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS by Jadon Gibson



Births

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November 25: A daughter, Cheyenne La'Faye Horn, to Stacy M. Bentley of Martin; a son, Don Franklin, to Rhonda Sue and Jasper Ray Staton of Offutt; a daughter, Erica Renee Osborne, to Melissa Gaye Wells of Williamsport; a son, Packston Tale, to Della and Randy Gibson of Inez.

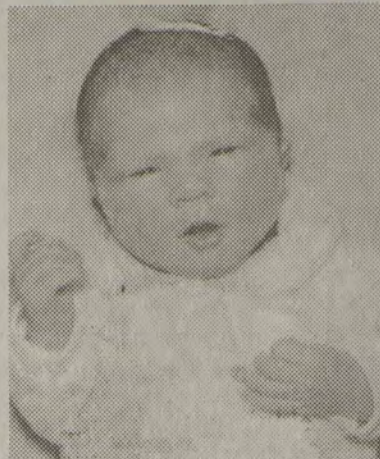
November 26: A daughter, Sha Koda Danielle, to Carol Shauavon and Marvin Darren Gamble of Salyersville; a son, Austin, to Jon Ann Horn and Dr. Everett J. Horn of Staffordsville; a daughter, Rebecca Sue, to Brenda Sue and William Ratliff of Mousie.

November 27: A son, Tyler O'Neal, to Bonnie Kay and Larry

Bailey of Salyersville; a daughter, Amber Louise, to Stephanie Louise and Charles Daniel Marsillett of Prestonsburg.

November 30: A son, Keenan Ray Bishop Turner, to Deonna Marie Turner of Inez; a son, Braydon Pinson Payne Turner, to Deonna Marie Turner of Inez; a daughter, Tiffany Nicole, to Sondra Leigh and Henry Clifton, Jr., of Prestonsburg.

December 1: A daughter, Emily Paige, to Carrie Lynn and Marc Edward Lynch of Pikeville.



It's a girl

Emily Dayle Hinkle was born on November 14, to Dale and Renee Hinkle, of Westland, Michigan. She is the sister of Derika Danielle and the granddaughter of Denny and Connie Hinkle, of McDowell, and Glen and Willa Tackett, of Teaberry. Her great-grandparents are Opal Kinney of McDowell and Walker and Mearl Tackett of Teaberry.



Birth announced

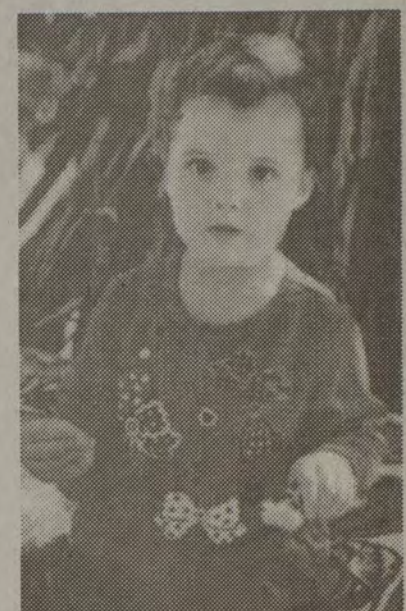
Kevin and Jane Williamson of Lexington announce the birth of their second child Kristen Danielle Williamson. She was born November 1, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 inches long. She has a big sister Kaitlyn Nicole Williamson, also of Lexington. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David B. Mollette of David. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Williamson, of Prestonsburg. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hall of Virgie, Mrs. Effie Williamson of Phyllis, the late Denver Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mollette.



Birth of first child announced

Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Wells, of Prestonsburg, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Madisun Rose. She was born at 5:23 p.m. on October 1, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She weighed 9 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Her paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Jan Wells, of Prestonsburg, and her maternal grandparents are Donald R. McDaniel, of Louisa, and the late Rosemary Hicks McDaniel.

Birthday



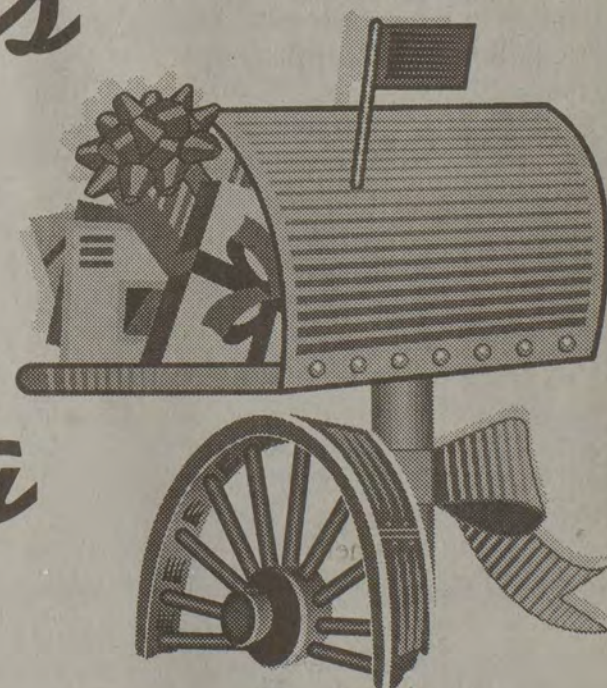
Turns two

Kassidy Marie Frasure celebrated her second birthday on November 30, with a Sesame Street Big Bird party. Those celebrating with her were her parents, Teddie and Kathy Frasure; her big brother, Trent; her grandparents, James and Anna Nichols; her great-grandmother, Stella Sweeney; and Jimmy and Angie Nichols; Kristen Duff, Randall, Judy, Tim Frasure and Shannon; Joe and Mattie Sublet; Kim and Rachel Tussey; Homer, Charlotte, Beth, Kayla and Kevin Snodgrass; Misty Marsillett; Jamie Collins and Christian; Rebecca, Jessica, and Meagan Johnson; Tarina and Ashley Hall; John Bill, Joyce, Jessica, Clorissa Bryant; Chris and B.C. Thornsby; and Denna Prater.

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Health Matters

TAKING CARE OF YOUR COLD

There is little or nothing a doctor can do for a simple cold. You can take measures to stay more comfortable while the symptoms run their course.

- Cold medicine can have more adverse side effects than the cold itself. Take medicine only if you really need it.

- Bed rest will not cure a cold or even relieve symptoms, but if you feel exhausted or your symptoms are painful, rest at home may be desirable.

- Increasing the humidity in the air may make you feel better. Use a cold mist vaporizer or humidifier if you wish.

- Saline gargle (1/4 teaspoon of salt in 8 ounces of water) may help relieve sore throat symptoms.

- Saline nose drops (1/4 teaspoon of salt in 8 ounces of water) may clear nasal passages.

- There is no evidence that an increase in fluid intake will help a cold, but it can ease a dry throat. However, if a fever is present then push fluids.

- Hot drinks, however, can be comforting. In addition, studies show that chicken soup increases the flow of nasal secretion. Other hot soups or tea may be just as helpful.

- If the cold settles in the chest, take a few days off from exercise.

- Try these suggestions and you may feel better, but only time can cure a cold.

TIP: Close your eyes for three minutes after putting in eye drops. Otherwise, you will pump out most of the medication when you

blink.

RELIEVE YOUR DESK STRESS

After sitting too long in one position, many people have back pain. In fact, 80 percent of Americans will suffer back pain at least once in their life. Sitting can cause extra pressure on your lower back. The extra pressure comes from the upper body shifting forward, forcing back muscles to strain to hold your back erect. Slouching increases the pressure on your lower back to about 15 times as much as when you are lying down.

These following tips will help relieve the extra pressure from sitting:

- 1) Keep your shoulders back, with your head centered over them, your knees slightly higher than your hips, and your feet either flat on the floor or on a stool.

- 2) Cross your legs at the ankles, if at all. Crossing your knees can pull your pelvis out of alignment.

- 3) Do not keep a wallet in your back pocket. When you sit, the wallet can press on your sciatic nerve and lead to leg pain.

- 4) Your chair should have a back rest that firmly supports your lower back but isn't heavily padded, since padding can cause

excess curving of your spine. The chair should fit under your desk or table so you do not bend forward. Propping reading material so that it is eye level may also help you maintain proper posture.

- 5) To avoid fatigue, stand up every 15-30 minutes to stretch. Maintaining your back in a static position decreases blood flow to the muscle of the back and increases the risk of back pain.

Try the tips above to avoid a pain in the back. They do make a difference. A regular walking program may also help reduce your risk for back pain by increasing the blood flow to the back.

TIP: If you eat an orange, you may get as much as 60 percent more vitamin C than you would if you squeezed it and drank the juice.

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Anniversaries



50th anniversary

Worlington and Geneva Wicker, of Mousie, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their children from 4 to 6 p.m., December 21, at the First Baptist Church of Mousie. The couple were married December 23, 1946, in Prestonsburg. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



50th anniversary

Taylor and Renis Ousley, of Martin, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 12. Mr. Ousley is a retired coal miner. Mrs. Ousley is a housewife and babysitter. The couple have three children: Joe Ed Ousley, of Warsaw, Indiana; Donnie Ed Ousley, of Denver; and Melinda Hager, of Martin. They also have four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Academics



Coloring winners at Allen

Winners of the Champions Against Drugs Coloring Contest at Allen Elementary were Tina Hurd, first place; Kelly Clark, second place; and Alanna Cline, third.



Allen winners

Allen Elementary students winning the Champions Against Drugs Essay competition were Crystal Harless, first place; Tiffany Ratcliff, second place; and Iris Stumbo, third place.



Maytown faces

Debbie Johns has bright little faces in her primary classroom. There are entry level and first grade within this class.



Maytown-birds

Patricia Martin's class has primary and fourth grade students. The class recently studied about birds, their habitats and concluded the unit by making bird feeders. The bird feeders were taken home to feed the birds. The class had a guest speaker visit to inform the students about protecting and caring for birds.

Harold academic team

The Harold Elementary Academic team met for a county meet at Betsy Layne on Saturday, November 23 and came away with these wins:

Harold scored first place in quick recall defeating Duff, Allen and Osborne. Brenton Akers placed first in math; Adam Chaffins placed fourth in science; Whitney Lykens placed second in language arts; Anthony Adkins placed third in language arts; Whitney Friend placed fourth in language arts; Whitney Lykens placed second in general knowledge; and Bretton Akers placed fourth in general knowledge.

The Harold Team is coached by Bonnie Ward.



Allen poster winners

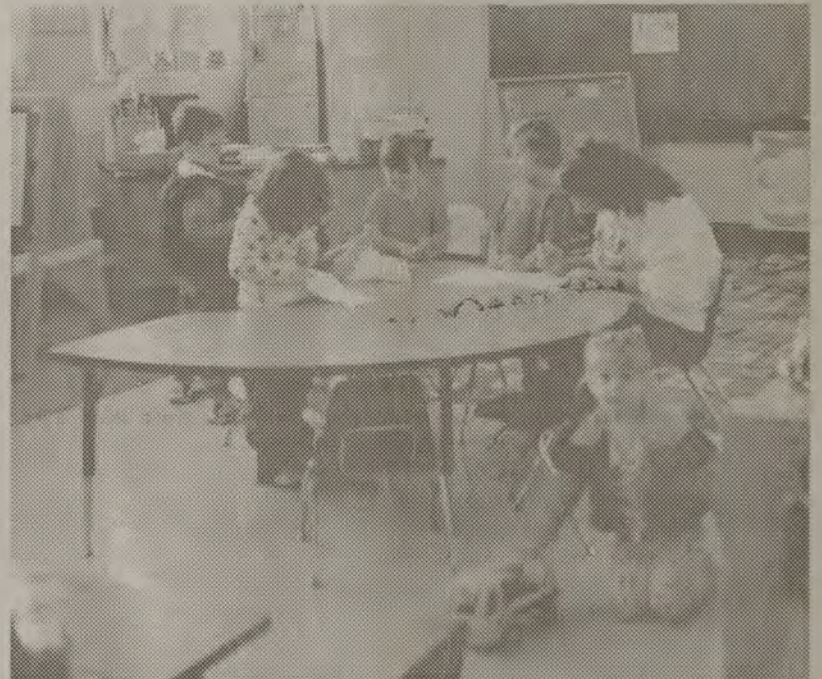
Winners of the Champions Against Drugs Poster Contest were Andrew Hilton, first place; Amber McCoy, second place; and Chanel Music, third place. Amanda Keathley was the champion winner.

Harold's Junior academic team

During the first county meet held at Osborne Elementary in November the Harold Junior Academic team placed as follows:

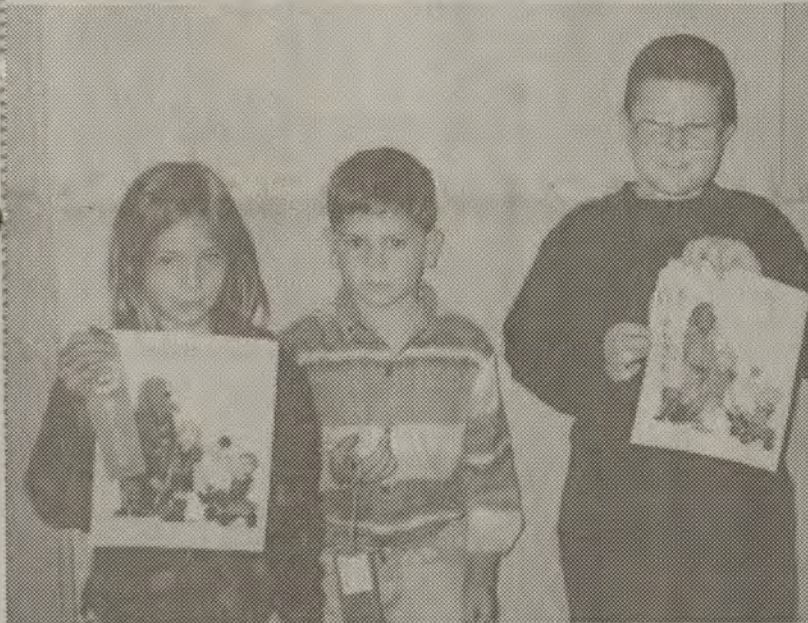
Courtney Reid, fourth place, in math; Tyler Harris, first place in social studies; Sarah Click, first place in language arts; Becky Lykens, fourth place in language arts; Sarah Click, first place in English comp.; and Becky Lykens, third place in general knowledge. In a county meet held at Martin Elementary the following students placed: Tyler Harris, third place in social studies; Joseph Ratliff, fifth place in social studies; Becky Lykens, first place in language arts; Sara Click, fourth place in language arts; Tyler Harris, third place in English comp.; and Sarah Click—fourth place in English comp.

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Busy

Jamie Stone's headstart class has busy bees all around the room. This is the first year for Maytown Elementary to have headstart class within the school.



Auxier winners

Auxier Elementary students winning the Champions Against Drugs Coloring Contest were Ashley Gallimore, first place; Patrick Collins, second place; and Kevin Setser, third place.

Savings Bond program launches poster contest

The Savings Bonds program began the search for its 1998 campaign poster today by announcing the 6th annual Savings Bond Student Poster Contest. The contest, for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders provided the artwork for 1996 and 1997 savings bond campaign posters. "Children give us a fresh perspective on the bond program," said Dino De Concini, Executive Director of Public Debt's Savings Bonds Marketing Office.

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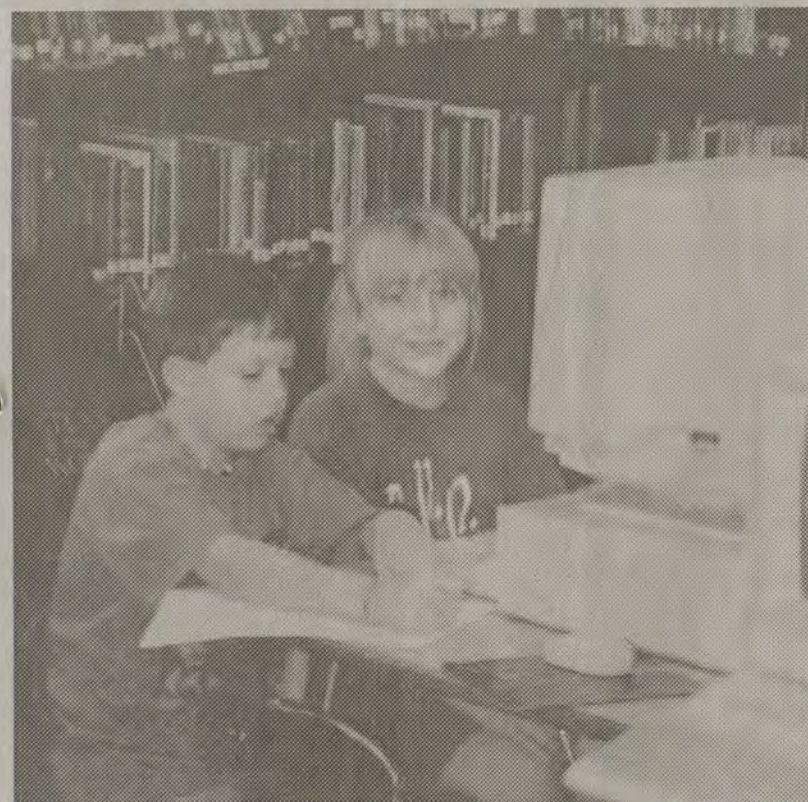
Treasury started the poster contest in 1992 as a fun way for students to learn the value of savings. The theme of this year's contest is "U.S. Savings Bonds—Invest Today, Enjoy Tomorrow". According to the sponsor of the event, James R. Leva, Chairman, President, and CEO of General Public Utilities Corporation, New Jersey. "The poster contest is a wonderful way to begin teaching our children about the benefits of saving for their future."

The first, second, and third place national winners will win a \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 savings bond respectively. The three winners along with a parent or guardian will be flown to Washington, D.C. where they will be honored at a special ceremony.

The winning poster from each state and the District of Columbia will be judged for the national awards. The first, second, and third place winner in each state will win a \$1,000, \$500, and \$200 bond respectively.

Students must enter their posters in each state by February 7, 1997. The poster contest has won the endorsement of major educational groups. Among them are: National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, American Association of School Administrators, National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National School Public Relations Association.

Teachers and parents interested in getting information on how to enter the contest can visit Public Debt's Internet home page (<http://www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureau/pubdebt>) or write to: National Student Poster Contest.



Computer fun

Auxier students, Justin Rice, left, and Joani Osborne, right, think its fun to use computers in the library to do research for their class assignment. They are in Davida Bickford's homeroom.



The joy of reading

Brenda May's primary class is currently studying about authors and various kinds of stories. The reading has taken them to many places and they have covered many miles through reading.



Bowling and learning

Champions Against Drugs sponsored a drug-free education program for Auxier students at the Evergreen Bowling Center.



Preparing for competition

The Auxier Academic Team takes a break before practicing for competition. From left to right, Cindi Ousley, Joy Wells, Brian Collins, Jody Harris, Ralph Mullett, Ricky Wright, Arlinda Craft, John Gillispie, and Amber Patrick. Ernest Croot is their sponsor.

Business/Real Estate

WSAZ Channel 3 and Foodland team up for holiday food drive

NewsChannel 3 and the region's Foodland Stores have teamed up for Project Restock, a massive food drive to help food banks stock up to meet the needs of hungry families throughout the area. Food donations will be accepted at Foodland Stores Sunday, December 8th through Saturday, December 14th.

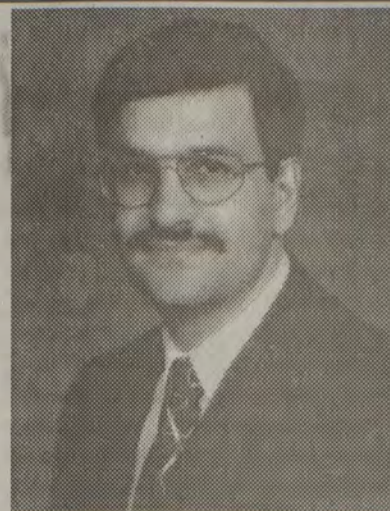
Each Holiday season the demand on area food banks increases and each year it gets harder meeting the needs of those asking for assistance. Food banks

need our help. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items can take them to their local Foodland. According to Foodland Advertising Manager Gary Yazell, "We're encouraging customers to take advantage of numerous specials during the week and donate their non-perishable 'free' items to benefit Project Restock."

WSAZ and Foodland are counting on the public's help in making sure that all of our area food banks have plenty of stocked shelves this holiday season and that this is the

most successful food drive ever. Food collected through Project Restock will be distributed through area food banks to the region's needy this holiday season.

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Dr. Yassin Khattab

Khattab seeing patients in Pike County area

Yassin Khattab, M.D., is now practicing pediatrics at both the Phelps Care Center and the Mouthcard Care Center.

Now, the children of the Phelps and Mouthcard areas can be cared for by a Board Certified Pediatrician without having to travel to see a doctor. Dr. Khattab sees patients at the Phelps Care Center on Mondays and Wednesdays.

He sees patients at the Methodist Care Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He also works in Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Pediatric Urgent Care Center one weekend per month.

Dr. Khattab completed his residency training in pediatrics at the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio.

He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics and a Candidate Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Khattab and his wife, Hala, have two children, a four-year-old son, Asaad and a three-year-old daughter Hana.

In addition to playing with his children, he enjoys playing tennis and volleyball.

ARH nurses ratifies contract

Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) has been informed by the Kentucky and West Virginia Nurses' Associations that their members have ratified the Corporation's contract offer by a vote of 425 to 57. The new five-year agreement became effective on November 23.

The announcement was made

jointly by David Lang, chief negotiator for ARH, and Pat Tanner, chief negotiator for the Associations.

The new contract covers conditions of employment, rates of pay and benefits.

Registered nurses employed at ARH facilities at Hazard, Middlesboro, McDowell, Whites-

burg, and South Williamson in Kentucky; and Beckley and Man in West Virginia are covered by the new collective bargaining agreement.

ARH is a not-for-profit health care system with hospitals, primary care centers and other related facilities and services in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia.

Kentucky's business climate ranks in the national top five

Kentucky's business climate ranks as the fifth-best in the country, according to a report in the October 1996 issue of Site Selection magazine.

Kentucky's ranking is explained in the magazine's report entitled, "Eyeballing 1996's Top Business Climates: A Sharp Focus on Results, Time and Perception." The ranking was based on several factors: A survey of top corporate real estate executives; Site Selection's analysis of the number of new and expanded manufacturing and supportive facilities announced in Kentucky in 1995; plus those announced in Kentucky from 1993-1995. Included in the survey were those facilities that involved at least one million dollars in capital investment, or those which created at least 50 new jobs, or included at least 20,000 square feet of new floor space.

"Kentucky's high ranking indicates clearly that corporate executives view that state as one of the country's top contenders for facility locations," Site Selection's Associate Editor Tim Venable said. "And our research shows that Kentucky continues to land large numbers of new plants, offices and other facilities."

"We're gratified with the results,"

said Governor Paul Patton. "We've known all alone that our strategy for creating more and better opportunities for our people is working. Now our success is being recognized nationwide."

"This proves that we're on the right track," added Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Gene Strong.

"The Kentucky Strategic Plan for

Economic Development gave us a blueprint to follow to create these opportunities, and this report shows that what we're doing is working. Now our job is to keep the momentum going."

The top ten states, according to Site Selection's rankings are: North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, Arizona and Indiana.

Commerce Corner

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce joins the Floyd County Times in hosting a "Business After Hours" early in 1997. The Business

After Hours was originally planned for December 18, but has been delayed due to technical difficulties.

All Chamber Members will be invited to attend this Chamber function

highlighting the new home of the Floyd County Times. This new facility has allowed our local newspaper to consolidate its news, advertising and printing facilities. What might surprise you is that this

development affected not only our local paper, but that of five surrounding counties. The Floyd County Times is one of the area's leading manufacturing firms, whose printing capabilities serve five Eastern Kentucky counties. The Chamber of Commerce congratulates the Floyd County Times on its new home, and we thank them for their dedicated service to Eastern Kentucky.

The Chamber of Commerce also congratulates Chamber Member, Evergreen Bowling Center, on a successful Holiday Toy Drive on December 7th. Evergreen's efforts have raised 375 toys for the Headstart children of Floyd County. The bowling center plans a Christmas Party on December 18th, and schools will bring Headstart children to Evergreen Bowling Center to visit Santa and receive a toy.

On behalf of Evergreen Bowling Center, the Chamber of Commerce thanks those individuals whose Christmas Spirit has allowed them to brighten the lives of so many this holiday season. If you would like to get involved in this worthwhile event, you may contact the Chamber of Commerce at (606) 886-0364 for information on how you can help make the Christmas party a success!

visually impaired individuals. Mike's office is located in Prestonsburg. Mike graduated from Betsy Layne High School in 1976. He earned a Bachelor degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1981 and is currently working toward a Masters degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling through the University of Kentucky Graduate Program.

Mike is the husband of the former Georgia Stambaugh. They have one child. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenis Hall of Banner.

College, Lexington Campus, acquiring an associates degree in 1992. He then graduated from Devry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree.

Hanks and his wife Jana have two children, Heather Hanks Hill, age 26 and Jon Christopher Hanks, age 23. They are also the grandparents of Hunter Drake Hanks. The Hanks family reside in Johnson County.

Hanks has attended Sullivan

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Hall named Counselor of the Year

Mike Hall earns "Counselor of the Year" award for Region Four, Kentucky Department for the Blind for the seventh time.

John Thomas, regional administrator with the Kentucky Department for the Blind presented Mike a plaque for outstanding work and accomplishments at the annual regional meeting November 19, at Buckhorn State Park.

Mike is from Banner, and has been a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the Department for the Blind since 1981 and has helped rehabilitate 418 blind and

Kentucky Tech welcomes new data processing instructor

Mayo Regional Technology Center announces the addition of Daniel D. Hanks to the Data Processing staff.

Hanks is a computer programming instructor. He comes to Mayo after 21 years of military duty. While in the military he became proficient in army finance and computer programming in several computer languages. He retired from the army with the rank of First Sergeant.

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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, U.S. 23 and Dixie in the Goble Roberts Addition. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

NOTICE OF PHASE I BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0257
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, P.O. Box 784, Hazard, Kentucky 41702, has applied for Phase II Bond Release on Permit Number 836-9018 which was last issued on December 20, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 4.84 acres located 0.7 mile southeast of Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky.

NOTICE OF PHASE I BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0257
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment 3 of permit number 836-0257 which was last issued on 11/19/96. The application covers an area of approximately 282.6 acres located 1.5 miles east of Wayland in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles east from KY 1086's junction with KY 7 and located at the headwaters of Steele Creek and Doty Branch. The latitude is 37° 25' 50" and the longitude is 82° 46' 00".

The bond now in effect for the increment is a surety bond in the amount of \$70,900. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$70,900 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading, topsoiling and seeding. 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 February 3, 1997. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. February 4, 1997 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 3, 1997.

NOTICE OF PHASE I BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0254
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment 1 of permit number 836-0254 which was last issued on 6/27/96. The application covers an area of approximately 176.89 acres located 1.5 miles southeast of Northern in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from the junction of KY 80 and KY 680 and located 0.4 mile southwest of Goose Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 03" and the longitude is 82° 47' 54".

The bond now in effect for the increment is a surety bond in the amount of \$94,000. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$94,000 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling and seeding. 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, Kentucky 40601, by February 3, 1997. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. February 4, 1997 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 3, 1997.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has applied for a Phase I bond release on permit number 836-5297 which was last issued on 11/24/92. The application covers an area of approximately 1646.55 acres located 1.75 miles south of Odds in Floyd and Johnson Counties.

The permit area is approximately 2.46 miles southeast from KY 3's junction with Long Branch Road and located 0.15 miles Southeast from Long Branch. The latitude is 37° 43' 52" and the longitude is 82° 41' 37". The bond now in effect for this permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$48,200. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$48,200 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, and revegetation completed in July 1996. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 17, 1997. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 21, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 17, 1997.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on their property that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority before doing any work and 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; Julia M. May, Executive Director, 606-886-8204; after hours; Donald Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor, 606-886-9489; Charles Shell, Maintenance Person, 606-886-1543.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
The following item will be offered at public sale on December 27, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at The Bank Josephine, Harold Branch, Harold, Kentucky:
Earth Pack Satellite System #2. This includes the following. 7.5' dish antenna, Fujitsu FSR 500 receiver, E/Pack LNBF with Acuator.
All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over advertisements. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.
Terry Sizemore
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0247, Am. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Addington Enterprises, Inc., 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, Kentucky 41102, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.50 mile south/southwest of Wonder in Floyd County. The amendment will add 7.07 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 446.43 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.63 mile west from the Clark Branch Road's junction with Buffalo Creek Road and located in the Clark Branch and Wolf Branch of Buffalo Creek and Cow Creek of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37 degrees, 37 minutes, 37 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 37 minutes, 30 seconds.

The proposed amendment area is located on the Thomas, Lancer, Harold and Broad Bottom U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Barbi Bow and Steve Conn and Norman Goble, et al. The operation will use the mountaintop removal method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Donico Mining, Inc., 22375 Mission Circle, Chatsworth, California 91311, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5104 which was last issued on January 12, 1990. The application covers an area of approximately 39.80 acres located on Stephens Branch of Right Fork of Beaver Creek near Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 0.7 mile west of the junction of KY 80 with Route 1210 near Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky. The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 35 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 46 minutes, 48 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5014 is a surety of \$15,000. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$15,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1992. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 17, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 21, 1997, at 9 a.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department For Surface Mining

Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 17, 1997.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Stanford Elkhorn, Inc., Box 1394, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-6582) intends to apply for Phase II and III bond release on Increment 1 and 2 of Permit No. 436-0105 which was last issued on _____.

Increment 1 of the operation involves a surface area of approximately 5.78, and no underground area; Increment 2 involves a surface area of 74.72 acres and no underground area. The operation is located approximately 0.7 miles southeast of Allen in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.9 mile southeast of the junction of KY 1427 and US 23, and is 0.6 mile south of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

The performance bond (Surety) now in effect for Increment No. 1 is \$_____, and is \$____ for Increment No. 2. 100% of the original bond of \$____ for Increment No. 1 and \$____ for Increment No. 2 is to be included in this application for release.

For Increment No. 1, reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, construction of roads, power/telephone lines, buildings, etc., and was completed in spring of 1994. For Increment No. 2, reclamation work thus far performed includes backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Spring 1984. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of the approved post mining land use plan which is commercial for Increment 1 and pastureland for Increment 2.

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 Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601 by January 23, 1997.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for January 27, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Enforcement's Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this notice, advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Dewey Lake Project Land Transfer, Floyd County, Kentucky, is complete and available for public review. A finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the Project Plan.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins December 2, 1996 and ends January 1, 1997. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502

8th Street, Huntington, West Virginia; Floyd County Public Library, 53 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Pike County Public Library, 225 College Street, Suite 1, Pikeville, Kentucky; City Hall, 90 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Dewey Lake Project Office, Dewey Dam Road, Van Lear, Kentucky; Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource, Eastern District Office, 2744 Lake Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Copies of the DEA and FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at 304-529-5712. Comments pertaining to the documents should be directed by letter to: A. Benjamin Borda, Chief, Resource Evaluation Branch, Planning Division, Huntington District Corps of Engineers, Huntington, West Virginia.

Cancer Survivors Face Discrimination

(NAPS)—If you're fortunate enough to survive cancer, you may find yourself unfortunate in the workforce, a new study shows.

American workers with cancer are fired or laid-off five times as often as other workers and may face discrimination from supervisors with inaccurate views of treatment side effects.

One in 14 cancer survivors (7 percent) said they were fired or laid off from their jobs as a result of their illness, according to a landmark national survey co-sponsored by Working Woman magazine and Amgen, a global biotechnology company. In contrast, the most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that about one in 80 American workers (1.3 percent) lost their jobs in 1995 due to firings or layoffs.

Some employers still view cancer as a death sentence, despite the fact that more than 50 percent of people diagnosed with cancer today will win their medical battle. In addition, cancer survivors' quality of life is vastly improved, now that much of today's treatment is conducted on an outpatient basis. The last decade also has ushered in medical breakthroughs to treat side effects such as nausea and prevent life-threatening infection that can keep workers off the job.

Improvements have been so great that 40 percent of those surveyed said they missed fewer than five days of work in an average month during cancer treatment. Some people were able to manage their illness so well that they never revealed their cancer diagnosis in the workplace (14 percent), although most survivors (66 percent) notified their employer of their illness within one week of their diagnosis.

Cancer survivors seeking strategies to counter discrimination and keep their careers intact can call 1-800-333-9777 for a free guide to managing cancer in the workplace.

Rain Or Shine, Looking Fine

(NAPS)—At least 60 percent of all women in the U.S. must contend with hair that is unruly, rough, dry, and dull. If you're one of them, "hair" this: you don't have to suffer anymore.

Here are some tips from hair care experts on what to do with your do:

1. Don't use products that contain alcohol as they will further dry out

the hair.

2. Do use a moisturizing shampoo to help hydrate your hair.

3. Don't expose your hair to harsh elements like the sun. When outdoors, try to cover your hair with a hat or attractive scarf.

4. Do investigate hair moisturizing products. One of the most effective, according to its millions of users, is Frizz-Ease Hair Serum, the heart of an entire haircare system that makes controllable, shiny hair a possibility.

British hairstylist John Frieda, famous for his fashion spreads and celebrity clientele, developed Frizz-Ease Hair Serum to be within reach of every woman. Since 1991, when Drug Store News cited it as the year's most successful product launch, Frizz-Ease Hair Serum continues to be the No. 1 hair styling product, outselling 700-plus hair styling products on the market. The product is unique because it dramatically reduces frizziness, reactivating curls when drying naturally and deactivating frizz for a smooth, chic, shiny straight style after blow-drying.

"Frizz-Ease takes a prescriptive approach to the specific problems associated with naturally frizzy, permed or color-treated hair." Company president, Gail Federici says, "Most styling products are formulated for normal hair and are therefore designed to add body. Yet body is generally the last thing people with this hair type need or want. All the products in the Frizz-Ease line have been formulated to calm, style and control frizzy hair leaving it smoother and shinier and easier to manage."

The Frizz-Ease product line includes shampoo, conditioners and styling products and gets rave reviews from celebrities such as singer Mariah Carey, broadcast journalist Barbara Walters; and actresses Jane Seymour, Emma Thompson, Nicole Kidman and Helena Bonham-Carter.

The Frizz-Ease product line is available at local drug stores.

Cold Weather? High Heating Costs? Insulate!

(NAPS)—Here are two pieces of news you may want to insulate yourself (and your home) against.

First, the U. S. Department of Energy reports there will be fuel shortages this winter. This usually means higher heating costs. Second, the 1997 Farmer's Almanac is predicting an extremely cold latter half of the winter throughout the country with above normal amounts of snow.

To prepare now for the colder weather, the CertainTeed Home Institute recommends you call your local utility for an "Energy Audit" of your home. Most audits are offered free of charge and can uncover areas within a home where there are energy leaks.

Many homes, for instance, built before 1980 may not be insulated to today's energy standards. A well-insulated home can cut heat loss by up to 30 percent, according to many utilities, and reduce the burden on the local utility in the process. If you feel uncomfortable in your home or believe it could be underinsulated, the CertainTeed Home Institute suggests you call a professional insulation contractor. An insulation contractor can examine your attic and sidewalls

and suggest ways to upgrade them to appropriate effectiveness. The higher the R-Value, the greater the insulating power.

An insulation contractor can also suggest other areas that should be insulated in your home, such as crawl spaces, basements, water heaters, ducts and pipes. Insulating water heaters, for instance, can help you retain as much as 12 percent of energy that would otherwise be wasted.

One material many contractors are using today for upgrading insulation levels in attics and sidewalls is Insul Safe III® Fiber Glass Insulation. Insul Safe is noncombustible, noncorrosive to pipes and wires and will not provide sustenance for pests and vermin.

To learn more about saving energy and insulating, write for a free "What You Should Know About Blown-In Insulations" and "How To Select An Insulation Contractor" pamphlets from the NHTSA, 400 7th Street, S.W., NTS-13, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Exercising Restraint Saves Lives

(NAPS)—Effective restraint systems can and do save lives, especially those of children. Research on the effectiveness of child safety seats has found them to reduce fatal injury by 71 percent and to be 67 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization.

Experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) remind drivers that children in rear-facing child

seats should never be placed in the front seat of cars with passenger-side air bags. The impact of a deploying air bag striking a rear-facing seat could result in death or serious injury to the child. The back seat, they add, is generally the safest place for all children in the event of a crash.

A child who is too small to use the shoulder/lap belt is also at risk of injury in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side airbag.

According to the Brain Injury Association (BIA), brain injury is the most frequent cause of disability and death among children and adolescents in the U.S. Further, BIA reports that more than one million children sustain brain injuries each year, over half of which involve motor vehicles.

"Are You Using it Right?", a free brochure describing the proper use of child safety seats, is available by faxing 202-493-2062 or writing NHTSA, 400 7th Street, S.W., NTS-13, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Did You Know ?

(NAPS)—A spokeswoman at Cadillac, which designed its new Catera to be responsive to the voice of women, reports that women currently make up 37 percent of the luxury car market.

An economical choice, frozen vegetables are available year-round, and they can easily become a pizza topping or added to other foods kids love for extra nutrition, point out the experts at the Frozen Vegetable Council.

Jerry Vap, President of the National Association of Conservation Districts, believes the voluntary approach used in the 1996 Farm Bill will be enthusiastically endorsed by America's farmers and

learning oriented honeymoons. A new feature on many phones is the built-in Caller ID capability. Sony, for example, offers Caller ID with Call Waiting compatibility on both its 25-channel and digital 900MHz phones.

The Honeymoon Isn't Over—It's Just Different

(NAPS) — Traditionally, newlyweds would dash off from their wedding for a classic honeymoon—they'd order room service, lounge by the pool and perhaps enjoy breakfast in bed. Not anymore. Today's newlyweds have to make a stop at home for their golf clubs, tennis rackets and hiking boots as honeymoons have become active vacations.

Instead of honeymoon packages, couples are buying scuba, golf and tennis packages and are often visiting several destinations. They're doing more sightseeing and taking learning vacations. There's a desire for new skills and experiences, not just time together.

"There has been a 're-engineering' of the honeymoon concept, which has driven couples to seek a greater return on their honeymoon time and investment," said Victor Lopez of Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. "Satisfaction, not only for honeymoons but for vacations in general, is no longer based solely on sunbaths, sand and sea but on what travelers' experience, learn and achieve," he added.

This trend is attributable to several factors: •In our work-crazed, dual career society a honeymoon is often the only time couples will allow themselves the luxury of taking a long time (often two weeks or more) away from the office.

•Couples want to maximize the value of their time away and thus are turning to sports and

learning oriented honeymoons. •With many couples now living together prior to marriage and having longer engagements, the honeymoon is often not the first vacation a couple will take together. Therefore, while they are looking for quality time together, they are also seeking new experiences and destinations.

Some resorts are accommodating this trend by offering specialized programs with expert instruction by world-champion athletes and Ph.Ds.

For example, in Orlando, the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress hosts both the Grand Cypress Golf Academy, a state-of-the-art learning facility, as well as the only British Horse Society certified equestrian training center in the U.S. In Palm Springs, the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort has personalized tennis instruction that lets novices feel like pros in a facility that features a 10,500 seat stadium used to host professional tournaments. For those into water sports, other Hyatt Resorts include such programs as windsurfing taught by a two-time world champion, fly-fishing clinics, and scuba instruction not just for fun, but including the skills needed to join in underwater research or search for sunken treasure.

Hyatt's educational programs include astronomy in Hawaii and a collaborative venture with the Hopi tribe of Native Americans in Arizona that teaches the rich cultural history of the Hopi.

One hopes that with all this activity honeymooners will be in their room long enough to enjoy the traditional bottle of champagne!

For more information on Hyatt Resorts and programs, future honeymooners (and others) can call 1-800-233-1234.

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WALNUT GINGERBREAD MUFFINS

1 cup rolled oats
1 cup chopped Diamond walnuts
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons water
1 package (14 oz.) gingerbread mix

In small bowl, combine 2 tablespoons each of the oats and walnuts; add the brown sugar and set aside. In large bowl, combine remaining oats and water; mix to blend. Stir in the gingerbread mix and the remaining walnuts; mix just to blend. Spoon into twelve greased or paper-lined muffin tin cups, dividing equally. Sprinkle tops with walnut-sugar mixture. Bake at 400°F. just until mixture to the touch, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 12 muffins.

TURKEY WALDORF MUFFINS

1/4 cup bottled Italian dressing
1/4 cup dried cranberries or cherries
1/4 cup chopped toasted walnuts
1/4 cup mayonnaise
4 Bays English Muffins, split, toasted
1/2 pound sliced turkey
1 Gala or other crisp apple, cored, thinly sliced
1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
Fresh sage

Combine Italian dressing, cranberries and walnuts. Spread mayonnaise on toasted English muffin halves. Arrange sliced turkey, apple slices and celery slices alternately on top. Spoon dressing mixture over top. Garnish with fresh sage leaves.

Note: For those short on time, equal parts of leftover Waldorf Salad and cubed or sliced cooked turkey can be substituted for above mixture. Garnish with dried cranberries.

GINGERBREAD

1 cup molasses
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon ginger
2 cups flour

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl, cream together molasses, shortening, sugar and eggs. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased, floured 9"x9" baking pan. Bake for 25 minutes (until knife inserted in center comes out clean).

MAPLE BRUNCH SWEET POTATOES

4 medium sweet potatoes (about 2 1/2 pounds)
1/2 cup Aunt Jemima Lite syrup
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine, melted
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/3 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Heat oven at 350°F. Lightly spray 8-inch square baking dish with no-stick cooking spray or grease lightly.

Slice sweet potatoes crosswise into 1/2-inch slices; cook in boiling water 20 to 25 minutes or until fork-tender. Let cool to touch, peel and mash. Set aside.

Combine syrup, brown sugar, margarine, cinnamon and nutmeg; mix well. Add syrup mixture to sweet potatoes; mix well. Pour into prepared dish; sprinkle with pecans, if desired.

Bake 15-20 minutes or until heated through. Makes 8 servings.

CHEESY HAM CUPS

1 (10 oz.) can flaky refrigerated biscuits
1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 cup cooked ham, cubed or chopped
1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
4 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chiles, drained

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease 10 muffin cups. Separate dough into 10 biscuits. Place 1 biscuit in each greased muffin cup. Firmly press in bottom and up sides, forming 1/4-inch rim. In bowl combine cream cheese, ham, olives, cheese and chiles. Blend well. Spoon into each biscuit-lined cup. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until edges of biscuits are golden brown. Cool 1 minute. Remove from pan.

CRANBERRY TURKEY MEATBALLS

2 pounds ground raw turkey (breast meat preferred for lowest fat and cholesterol content)
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1/2 cup cornflake crumbs

1 egg or 2 egg whites
1/3 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
3 green onions, finely chopped with tops
Hot sauce, as desired, or a teaspoon of minced hot chile
Cranberry sauce
1 (16-ounce) can jellied cranberry sauce
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons brown sugar
1 small bottle chili sauce (tested with Heinz)
Cooked rice
Yield: 8 servings
Prep time: 30 minutes
Baking: 20 minutes

In a large mixing bowl, combine the raw turkey with soy sauce, cornflake crumbs, egg, ketchup, mustard, green onions and hot sauce or minced chile. Mix well with a sturdy meat fork. Shape into golf-ball size or larger meatballs. Do not brown. Have oven heating to 350 degrees.

For cranberry mixture, mash the canned cranberry sauce in a medium saucepan and stir in the lemon juice, brown sugar and chili sauce. (Add a touch of mustard to taste, if desired). Heat, stirring occasionally, over medium-low heat until it's smoothly melted and blended.

Place uncooked meatballs in a shallow roasting pan or baking dish (10x6 inches). Pour warm sauce over the top and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until the meatballs are cooked through and sauce is

thickened and bubbly. Serve over rice.

WINTER CABBAGE SOUP

About 3/4 pound (at least 8 ounces) cored cabbage, chopped fine
3 slices bacon, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 large russet baking potato, peeled, diced
2 cups chicken broth
1 carrot, chopped
2 tablespoons dry white wine
1-1/2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
1 cup half-and-half
1 tablespoon dried dillweed
Hot pepper sauce to taste
Salt only if broth is unsalted
Yield: About 5 cups
Prep time: 1 hour

In a Dutch oven, cook bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Add onion and the diced potato; cook and stir until the onion softens. Add chicken broth, the cabbage, carrot, wine, sugar and caraway seeds.

Bring soup to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, until vegetables are tender, 30 to 40 minutes.

If you like a smoother soup, put about half the bath in a blender; return all to Dutch oven. Stir in half-and-half and simmer soup, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Stir in dill, salt and hot sauce, to taste.

CABBAGE FRUIT SALAD

1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 egg
3/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup sour cream (light is fine)
4 cups shredded green cabbage (or nappa)
2 diced red Bartlett or winter pears (don't peel)
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/4 to 1/2 cup grated coconut, optional

Yield: 8 servings
Prep time: 25 minutes

In a small saucepan, mix together the sugar, cornstarch and lemon peel. Stir to remove all lumps. Beat the egg with both orange and lemon juice; stir into sugar mixture. Simmer on medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. If bits of cooked egg form, skim out with a spoon or sieve finished dressing.

Chill sauce and fold in sour cream when ready to serve. In a large bowl, toss desired amount of dressing with cabbage, pears, raisins and coconut.

CINNAMON CIRCLES

1 cup butter, softened
2/3 cup confectioners sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour (unsifted)
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup semi-sweet or milk chocolate morsels

In large mixing bowl with electric mixer set at high speed, beat butter until smooth; gradually add sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. In medium bowl or on a square of wax paper, combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, and salt. Add to butter mixture, beating until just combined; cover bowl. Chill dough until firm but not hard, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 3/4-inch balls using one tablespoon dough for each. Place on ungreased cookie sheets 2 1/2 inches apart. Using the bottom of a floured glass, press each ball into a two-inch circle. Bake until just golden around the edge, about six minutes. Do not overbake. Remove from baking sheets to wire rack; cool completely. In small saucepan over very low heat, melt chocolate morsels, stirring constantly. Frost half of each cookie using a small spatula. Place on rack to set. Refrigerate in a tightly covered container. Makes 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

CINNAMON GLAZED ALMONDS

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
2 4-ounce cans blanched whole almonds (about 1 1/2-cups)
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
Line a baking sheet with foil;

butter or grease foil; set aside. In small cup, combine cinnamon, allspice, salt and red pepper; set aside. In large skillet, combine almonds, sugar and butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar melts and turns a rich brown color, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Immediately stir in spice mixture. Quickly spread almonds onto prepared baking sheet. Cool completely. Break into small clusters. Store, tightly covered, up to two weeks. Makes about 2 3/4 cups.

CAVIAR-STUFFED MUSHROOMS

3/4 cup salad oil
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1 clove garlic, coarsely chopped
Dash freshly-ground pepper
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3 tablespoons minced onion
30 to 36 medium-size mushrooms (about 1 pound)
1/2 cup (4 ounce) Romanoff Caviar®

In shallow bowl, combine oil, vinegar, garlic, and pepper. Wash and remove stems from mushrooms. Coat caps with dressings; set aside, hollow side up. Combine cheese with mayonnaise and onion. Fill mushrooms with cheese; top each with rounded quarter teaspoon of caviar. Makes 30 to 36 stuffed mushrooms.

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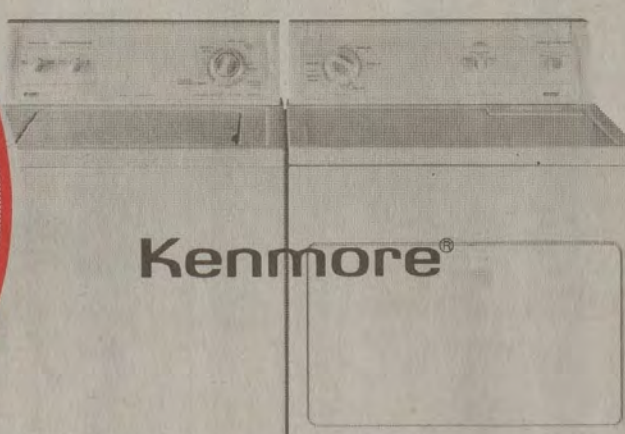
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