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No Respect: Misconceptions are the worst enemy for alternative school

Editor's note: This is the third part of a continuing series examining alternative education programs in the Floyd County School System.

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Upset over rumors that an alternative school would be relocated to the Martin Middle School during Christmas break, some parents of children who attend the middle

school recently voiced their complaints about the move.

Interim Superintendent Louie Martin said last week that his office had received several calls from parents asking if the board planned to move Opportunities Unlimited to the Martin school. The concern was raised after a recent board of education meeting, when the board was presented a budget workshop committee report that suggested relocating the alternative school to the middle school campus. The move

would eliminate land and building rents for Opportunities Unlimited.

The board took no action on the recommendation at the December 4 meeting, and Superintendent Martin said last week he doesn't foresee the move to the Martin Middle School.

"Other places are being considered, but nothing has been determined," Martin said.

Martin said he does not expect the school to be moved during the Christmas break because members

of the board of education must approve the relocation.

Opportunities Unlimited Principal Jerry Fultz said he could understand parent's concerns because so many people have a misconception about the school.

"The public's perception when they think of alternative education is bad kids," Fultz said.

That perception is wrong, Fultz said.

Sonya Stephens and Jessica Kidd are two examples of the stu-

dents who are being helped by an alternative education.

Stephens is a high school senior who finishes her required classes this month. She's also the mother of a two-year-old special needs child who is visually impaired and must take several medications daily.

If it wasn't for Opportunities Unlimited, Stephens wouldn't be getting her diploma so soon because she'd be home, making sure her child received his medication on time.

"It's impossible to depend on other people (when it comes to giving that much medication to a child)," she said.

At Opportunities Unlimited, Stephens begins class at 9:25 a.m. after she's fed her son and given him his medicine. She leaves school around 1:25 p.m. and arrives home in time to give him his second dose.

Stephens thinks she would have

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Ho Ho Holy Cow!

City Councilman Wins Big Payoff From Lottery

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Somebody's gonna win, might as well be a Prestonsburg city councilman.

Ralph Davis was one of three \$100,000 winners in Kentucky Lottery's Cash 5 drawing Friday.

"I played and I won," Davis said Monday. "I'm going to pay off a lot of debts. You study the numbers and hope for the best."

Winning the lottery isn't all luck, Davis, said. He came upon a number

which, combined with the latest "hot" and "cold" winning numbers, plus two of a person's own lucky numbers, is supposed to increase your chances of hitting the big payoff.

Choosing two numbers corresponding with his wife's birthday, Davis picked various combinations of recent "hot" (winning) and "cold" (losing) lottery numbers to come up with the ones to play on his \$24 pick for Friday night.

"I ran across it (the wheel) in a magazine and experimented with it for about three weeks and it paid off," Davis said. "I played (the winning) numbers five times before I won the \$100,000. You mix-up the numbers and hope you mix them up right. There's some luck involved."

Davis has his list of numbers on his computer, which shows how many times the numbers have won and how many have not come up recently.

It wasn't until Saturday morning that Davis knew he picked all five numbers, after someone called his home inquiring about the winning

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Less than three days before Christmas, the Dwale residence of Columbus Quillen was totally destroyed Sunday night after a fire apparently started in one of the bedrooms, according to Allen Volunteer Fire Department chief Roy Compton. Twelve Allen volunteer firefighters responded to the scene shortly after 8 p.m. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Daniel's bankruptcy may snag trash delinquency suit

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A civil suit filed in November against an Auxier man who has not paid his garbage bill could be at a moot point.

According to Jim Daniels, who was charged with theft of services and for failing to comply with the

terms of the county's solid waste ordinance, he was accepted into bankruptcy court on December 10.

Daniels said Monday that he had to file bankruptcy earlier this month because of an "improper civil action" which was taken against him in Virginia nearly 13 years ago.

"The bankruptcy has nothing to

do with the civil suit the solid waste has against me," Daniels said.

Criminal charges against Daniels were dismissed in November because they were a result of an ordinance called unconstitutional by County Attorney Keith Bartley.

Daniels was the first non-paying customer served with a civil suit. He was served in the courtroom immediately following the dismissal of the criminal charges.

Those charges resulted from an ordinance adopted by the Floyd Fiscal Court in July 1994. That ordinance made it mandatory for residents to participate in the county's solid waste program.

Bartley said in November that the ordinance was unconstitutional because it said if you don't pay your bill, you go to jail. "You can't put people in jail who truly can't afford to pay," he said.

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Stumbo to be interviewed in AG's probe

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

In January, House Majority leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, is expected to meet with state and federal investigators to discuss the activities of former legislative aide Kent Downey.

Federal officials and members of the attorney general's public corruption unit are looking into the business dealings of Downey's company, Entertainment Outings Limited. Downey arranged fundraising golf trips for some legislators and allegedly hired topless dancers to serve drinks on the golf course. Some of those dancers have said other dancers were serving drinks in the nude at some of those events.

Investigators are trying to determine if prostitution was involved in any of the trips.

Some legislators were present on trips to North and South Carolina and in Oldham County, but Stumbo was not, according to his attorney, Burl McCoy of Lexington.

McCoy said Monday Stumbo did not go on any of the golf outings; there were no fundraisers for him and he wanted to talk with investigators "to clear the air." He said he expects Stumbo to answer questions about a Frankfort home he shared with fellow legislators Mike Bowling, Joe Barrows and Harry Moberly Jr.

When asked if Stumbo knew any of the dancers, whose names have surfaced during the investigation, McCoy said, "frankly, I've not asked him that, but they're not people who spent time in the house. He's not well acquainted with them."

Stumbo rented a home with fellow lawmakers at Big Eddy, a well-known neighborhood in Frankfort, during the 1996 legislative session and Downey reportedly made the rent payment after receiving the money from the legislators.

McCoy said he expects that to

be the only issue investigators will talk to Stumbo about.

As far as calling to schedule an interview, McCoy said it was not "unusual."

"If it weren't for Greg's position in the legislature, you wouldn't even hear about this, or (about) any of them," McCoy said. "I assume the main issue is to answer any and all questions they ask. In my mind, it's simply to get in, talk to them

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Court moves to close road, repair others

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The first reading of an ordinance to close a section of Gosling Branch Road near Eastern was passed Friday during the regular monthly meeting of the Floyd Fiscal Court, but the ordinance may face opposition at the second reading.

Magistrate Jackie Owens asked other magistrates during the meeting to vote against the closure at the second reading if the land is not surveyed more extensively.

County Judge-Executive Ben Hale said during the regular monthly meeting of the court that the portion of the road had been surveyed.

"I want it surveyed so there is no confusion about the right-of-way," Owens said Monday. "Right now, we have a legal, distinct right-of-way. We just need to make sure everything is done legally."

Hale said there would be a clear right-of-way for the new entrance and that the proposed closure of Gosling Branch Road was to make the property more feasible for future development.

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Searching for a miracle...

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Christmas is a season of miracles and five-month-old Sara Lafferty needs a few.

Sara, the daughter of Bennie and Pauletta Lafferty of Daniels Creek at Banner, has acute lymphoblastic leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant.

Her miracle could come on Christmas Eve if a donor is found during the first day of a bone marrow donor drive at the Central Kentucky Blood Center in Prestonsburg

Tuesday. The blood center will also conduct the drive Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

Sara was diagnosed with leukemia in November after her mother noticed a small bruise, about the size of the tip of the pinkie finger, on the child's thigh.

"It always caught my eye when I lifted her up and changed her diaper," Pauletta Lafferty said Monday.

When the bruise didn't go away, Pauletta scheduled an appointment with Sara's pediatrician. Sara had the bruise for about

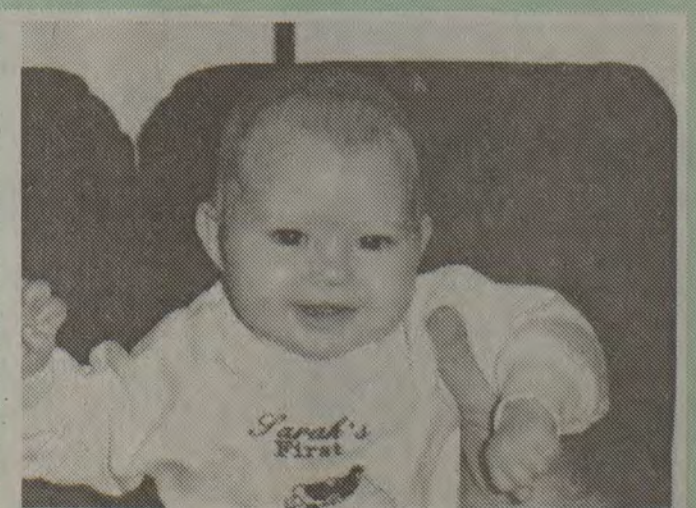
two weeks from the time Pauletta first noticed it to the time Sara's doctor, Jodi Mettu of Pikeville, examined the infant.

The bruise was so small and so pale that Dr. Mettu had a hard time finding the bruise until Pauletta pointed it out to her.

The pediatrician at first thought it was nothing to worry about and told Pauletta that she would check the bruise again during Sara's regular check-up scheduled for the next month.

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A Christmas Eve donor drive will begin the search for a bone marrow match for Sara Lafferty, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.



Miracle

"Take (your baby) home. Enjoy her. She's the happiest baby I've ever seen," Pauletta said the pediatrician told her.

"Sara is a happy baby. She laughs all the time," Pauletta said.

The doctor left the examining room, walked down the hall, stopped, and came back to the room. She asked Pauletta to take Sara to Pikeville Methodist Hospital for bloodwork.

"The doctor says she still doesn't know why she ordered the lab work. The doctors (at UK) also can't understand why she ordered the lab work on a seemingly healthy baby," Pauletta said.

When Pauletta returned home after the blood tests, Dr. Mettu's nurse called and asked her to return immediately for another test, saying that Dr. Mettu would meet her at the hospital.

"That told me something serious was wrong," Pauletta said.

Pauletta later found out that Dr. Mettu asked for the second test

because she thought the lab had made a mistake. The results showed Sara's white blood count was 230,000. Usually, a healthy child's count is 10,000, Sara's father Bennie said.

The second test revealed that the white cell count had increased to 250,000.

When Dr. Mettu received the results from the second test, she entered the waiting room to talk to Pauletta and Bennie.

"The look on her face told us we would hear devastating news," Pauletta said.

"She was shocked. She looked at us and we could see it in her eyes," Bennie said. "She told us she believed it was leukemia."

Pauletta recorded that traumatic event in a journal: "I immediately burst into tears.... I was saying, 'Oh, God... don't let it be true' ... It felt as if I was tearing apart... When I woke up that morning, I had the most beautiful, most perfect little girl in the world, a picture of health.

Now (I was being sent to the third floor of the Pikeville Methodist Hospital) to await an ambulance to transport her to a place in the ICU at the University of Kentucky's Children's Hospital."

Sara was put in the hospital on November 18. She was given an emergency blood transfusion because her white blood cell count had escalated to 364,000. When doctors at UK told Pauletta that the child had leukemia, she denied it.

"I was saying, 'You don't know until you do the bone marrow test.' I wouldn't accept it," she said.

The next evening, Dr. Mettu's diagnosis was confirmed.

Sara was started on chemotherapy treatments. Her parents were told she needed a bone marrow transplant. The doctors plan to do the transplant in February.

In the meantime, Sara has been put on a protocol treatment. The infant must take eight or nine different types of chemo treatment at various times during the day so that

her body won't build up an immunity to the treatment.

"Lymphoblastic is the type of leukemia that most kids get," Pauletta said. "However it is rare in a child under six months. Sara was only 4 1/2 months old when she was diagnosed. Generally a bone marrow transplant is not considered in children not considered high risk."

Sara is a high risk patient. Without a bone marrow transplant, she will relapse quickly, Pauletta said.

If Sara's illness had not been caught so quickly, she might not be alive today.

"The doctors said she could have gone to bed that night and maybe died that night. It's so rapid. It's that fast. A lot of miracles happened for Sara," Bennie said.

The couple hope for more miracles for their child. Through the national registry for bone marrow donors, two matches have been found for Sara, but doctors aren't

hopeful that those donors will be available. The physicians told Sara's parents that those donors may not be willing and, because names stay on the registry for about ten years, the individuals may now have serious health problems that would prohibit them from donating. The physicians prefer to find a donor in Kentucky.

The blood center scheduled the bone marrow donor drive for Saturday but, after more than 300 people called expressing an interest in being tested as a donor, the donor drive was changed and included in the center's blood donorama this week.

A \$45 fee is usually charged for testing as a bone marrow donor, but that fee will be waived if the individual donates a pint of blood, officials with the blood center said.

Bone marrow testing will be done Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Blood Center, and from noon to 8 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

Another miracle the Laffertys hope will materialize is a brief trip home for Christmas but, as of Monday, "things weren't looking good."

Sara's white count is 400 and her nutritful count is zero, which means she has no fighting cells and no immune system to ward off illnesses.

"If those numbers start climbing, they may let her go home," Pauletta said.

If she doesn't go home for Christmas, Sara will celebrate it at the hospital with her family. On Christmas morning, her two brothers will open their presents at home with their father while their mother talks to them on the phone. Then they'll take Sara's present to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital for the infant to open and for playtime with her brothers.

"Santa will come ... just like always," Pauletta said.

Court

"The road is not beneficial," Hale said. "We are trying to encourage development in the county and not hinder it."

Hale explained that the property could be a possible site for two businesses in the future.

According to the ordinance for the road closure, approximately 118 feet of the Gosling Branch Road, located off Route 680 about 151 feet from the Route 80 and Route 680 intersection at Eastern — is proposed to be permanently closed and eliminated from the Floyd County Road System.

If the ordinance is adopted at the county's fiscal court meeting next month, Gosling Branch Road will be extended to Route 80 for public access the road from the state highway entrance.

"There is no disadvantage to the road's closure," Hale said Monday. "We are giving another entrance to the state entrance."

In other business Friday, the Department of Highways met with the court and recommended improvements for the Floyd County Rural Secondary Road Program.

The county's anticipated allotment of \$930,343 for the upcoming fiscal year is recommended to be spent on maintenance and construction of Floyd's rural and secondary roads.

There are 129 miles of state high-

ways in Floyd County that are classified as the rural secondary system, and the Transportation Cabinet recommended that \$516,800 of the allotment be used for the maintenance and traffic of the state highways.

The Cabinet also recommended that \$3,862 of the allotment be used for county judge-executive expenses. The remaining money is expected to be used for resurfacing and patching county roads.

The court is expected to submit its recommendations and priorities of county roads that need maintenance work to the Transportation Cabinet. However, the final decision on the selection of projects for the Rural Secondary Program is made in Frankfort.

The Transportation Cabinet's proposed priorities include resurfacing Salt lick Road (KY 202) and Branham Hollow Road (KY 306); and patching Wayland-Minnie Road (KY 1086); Frasures Creek Road (KY 1929); Branhams Creek Road (KY 3379); Brandy Keg Road (KY 3386); Stephens Branch-Caney Road (KY 1210); Bucks Branch (KY 1122); and Little Paint Road (KY 1100).

Also Friday: The Floyd Fiscal Court approved payment of the semi-annual bond payment of \$66,015 to Fifth Third Bank for the interest on a loan

for the construction and improvement of Thunder Ridge.

Magistrates Owens and Elmer Ray Johnson voted against paying for the interest on the bond.

Hale said Friday that the fiscal court was obligated to make the payment, and Thunder Ridge has to reimburse the court.

Owens said he would like the court to pay the payment, but only after receiving the money from Thunder Ridge.

"We should get the money first, and then make the payment," Owens said Monday.

"They haven't defaulted on a payment yet," Hale said Monday, "and we have already received the January payment for the bond." Hale said he received the payment from Thunder Ridge Monday afternoon.

In November 1994, Thunder Ridge filed bankruptcy in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pikeville.

Betty Puckett asked the court to explain why the contract to purchase "pagers that are already outdated" was approved during last week's E-911 meeting.

Deputy Judge-Executive Chris Waugh said the pagers are not outdated and the newer models are more expensive. "We believe these pagers will do the job that is needed."

"Be sure you don't make another mistake and spend money on some-

thing that you can't use," Puckett said.

Waugh said Monday that a 3-year warranty was given with the pagers and materials can still be obtained for them.

"We were looking for a product at a reasonable price that will do what we need it to do," Waugh said. "What we got will be able to do what the more expensive, newer models can do."

Probe

and clear the air.

"I have read the newspaper articles and talked to the agents and Greg. I don't see he has any problems at all," McCoy said. "Greg asked me to assist him, get the meeting set up and go through the questions. I don't feel it will amount to much."

McCoy said he would be "very surprised" if Stumbo is called to testify before a federal grand jury in Lexington, which is hearing evidence from investigators.

The corruption unit's investigation came to light in October when a search warrant was executed on Downey's office at the Legislative

Research Commission.

Since that time, a former Pure Gold dancer said Downey asked her to have sex with him and other legislators during golf outings arranged by Downey.

Downey has denied any wrongdoing and he was fired from his LRC job.

Also, Legislator Mike Bowling, Stumbo's law partner, was interviewed by investigators last week. Bowling's attorney, former assistant attorney general Brent Caldwell, said his client is not a target of the investigation and he did not attend any of the golf outings.

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Snag

The civil suit against Daniels was another effort by the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission to increase its collection rate. "We are doing everything we can to increase the rate of collection," Bartley said last month. "Civil suits will be filed against (those who can afford to pay but are not paying their garbage bills)."

The commission has also warned that customers with delinquent bills may find liens on their property; their wages garnished; and their credit ratings damaged if they refuse to pay up.

A series of three letters to 4,200 customers are also being used to get the collection rate over 60 percent.

But, the letters and warnings from the commission don't seem to have had an impact on Daniels.

He said Monday that when he goes to federal court in January for a hearing of creditors, the court will take all assets. "I don't own any," he said.

Daniels said the bankruptcy court ruled that he has no assets.

Daniels allegedly owes Rumpke nearly \$1,500 for receiving the garbage service. "There is no ques-

tion about it—he is receiving the service," ecology officer Lon May said.

Daniels said Monday that he had been in the process of gathering the needed information and completing the paperwork for the

bankruptcy since mid-October.

"My attorney had already been contacted when I was given the civil suit," Daniels said.

Bartley could not be contacted Monday to comment on Daniels' bankruptcy.

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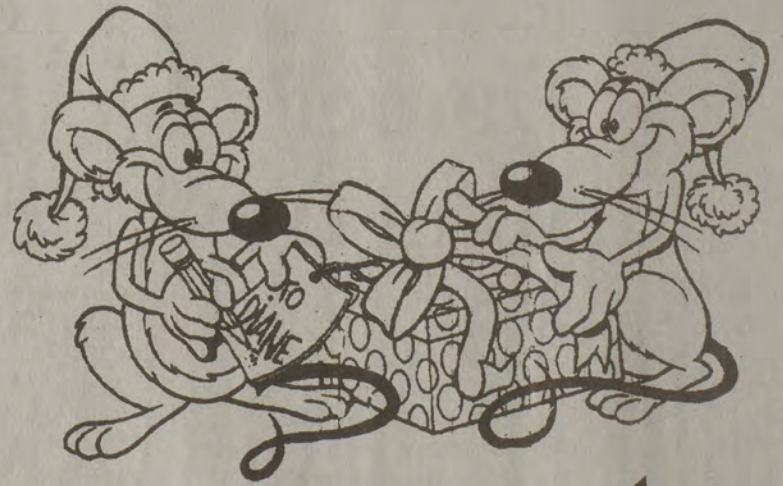
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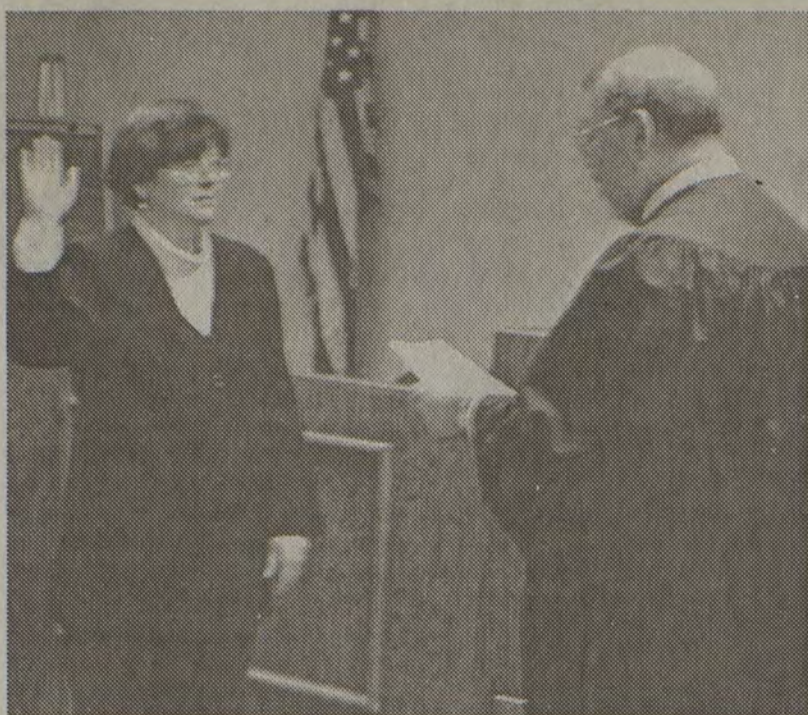
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Swearing in

Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo was sworn in Friday at Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill's courtroom for her second term. Stumbo ran unopposed in the November election for the eight-year term. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Respect

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continued her education if she couldn't attend Opportunities Unlimited.

"I have too much ambition not to make something of myself," Stephens said. "I would have found something, but this school meets the needs of the individual student."

Stephens' needs were many. She became pregnant when she was 16 years old. She married her child's father but soon realized she was in an abusive situation.

She became withdrawn. She took correspondence classes at home but her schoolwork disappeared; either her husband threw her assignments away or she lost them when she moved out of the abusive situation, she said. She had to move to three different homes to live with relatives until she found a place of her own.

She wanted to return to school but, because of her child's special needs, knew she could not attend full-time. She went to the Floyd County Board of Education and talked to Phil Paige, director of instruction, and asked for help. Paige informed her about Opportunities Unlimited.

Stephens took the placement test. Classes were structured to fit her schedule. She's completing her high school requirements and should have finished December 20. In January, she's going to Prestonsburg Community College where her twin sister is taking classes.

Stephens plans to become a speech pathologist. She's receiving advice and assistance from her son's speech pathologist and is ready to start her journey to financial security.

Fifteen-year-old Jessica Kidd became pregnant before she was in the eighth grade at Adams Middle School.

"If it wasn't for this school, I don't know what I'd have done," she said.

She didn't want to return to Adams.

"At Adams, the students high in popularity would talk about me. Neighbors told me about this school. I got in and it helped me a whole lot. Another student here was pregnant. No one made me feel bad," she said.

"They say this school is a bad school for really bad people. There were numerous fights at my other school. There's no fights at this school.

"Here it's like — I guess you'd

call us a family. I don't understand why everybody puts this school down," she added.

After the eighth grade, Kidd attended Prestonsburg High School, but she wasn't a "typical student" and fell behind in her classwork.

"I had Algebra I. The teacher would say turn the page and do it. He wouldn't explain (how to do the problems). I came here and within a month I was in Algebra II. It seems easier here. (Math teacher Danny Sturgill) can explain it. I'm doing geometry. It's a lot easier to learn here. We work a lot harder here, but it doesn't seem to be harder," she said.

Kidd said she could graduate as early as next December if she does independent studies. She wants to attend Morehead University and become a lawyer because she's concerned about her son.

"I don't want him to grow up and me be on welfare and have to live that way," she said.

Stephens and Kidd will graduate from their home schools. Although the students attend Opportunities Unlimited, they are still enrolled in their home schools, Fultz said.

"There is a misconception that they're students here. They're enrolled in their home schools. We are not a stand-alone school. We service every school in the county," he added.

Payoff

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Cash 5 numbers.

And, not only did Davis' winning ticket contain the right combination for the \$100,000 payoff, there were also three combinations which won \$100; four that paid \$10; and two one-dollar winners.

Davis, who owns The Market Place in Prestonsburg, will also receive \$1,000 for his business for selling a winning ticket. He said his employees will split that amount.

Other winners Friday night were located in Shady Park Key Market in Louisville and Debbie's Cash & Carry in Fulton, Kentucky.

Also, Theresa Jenson of Van Lear won \$150,000 in the lottery's Surprise Package scratch-off game. She bought her ticket at the Auxier Happy Mart. Worthie McGuire of Richmond and Pamela Gregory of Owensboro also were \$150,000 winners on the same game.

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Mon.-Sun. 7:05, 9:05; Fri. Mat. 4:05
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Mars Attacks
Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:10; Fri. Mat. 4:10
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Scream
Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20
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Michael
Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20
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Beavis & Butt-Head Do America
Mon.-Sun. 7:20, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:20, 4:20

CINEMA 9 Starts Friday "PG-13"

My Fellow Americans
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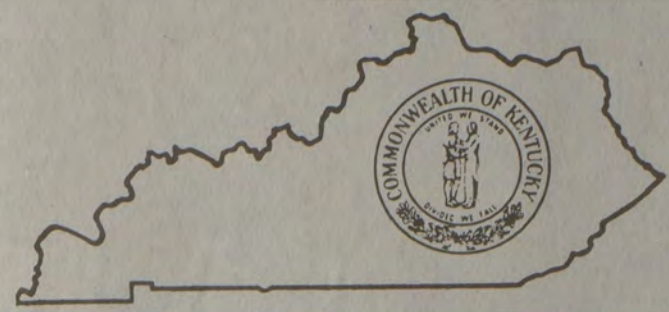
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Viewpoint

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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor
Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Makin' a list...

by Scott Perry

Perhaps this comes a little late for Santa, but we've prepared a Christmas list of goodies we'd like to see in our stockings this year:

- Fulfillment of the promise to return 50 percent of coal severance taxes to coal counties so they can get on with diversifying their economies.
- A new plan of attack for reducing high school dropout rates and for addressing our undereducated adult population.
- An Enhanced 911 system... that works.
- A reformed system of higher education that recognizes our need for both academic and vocational instruction, and one which doesn't waste so much time and money on useless curriculum.
- A successful, multi-county effort to create new job opportunities for the Big

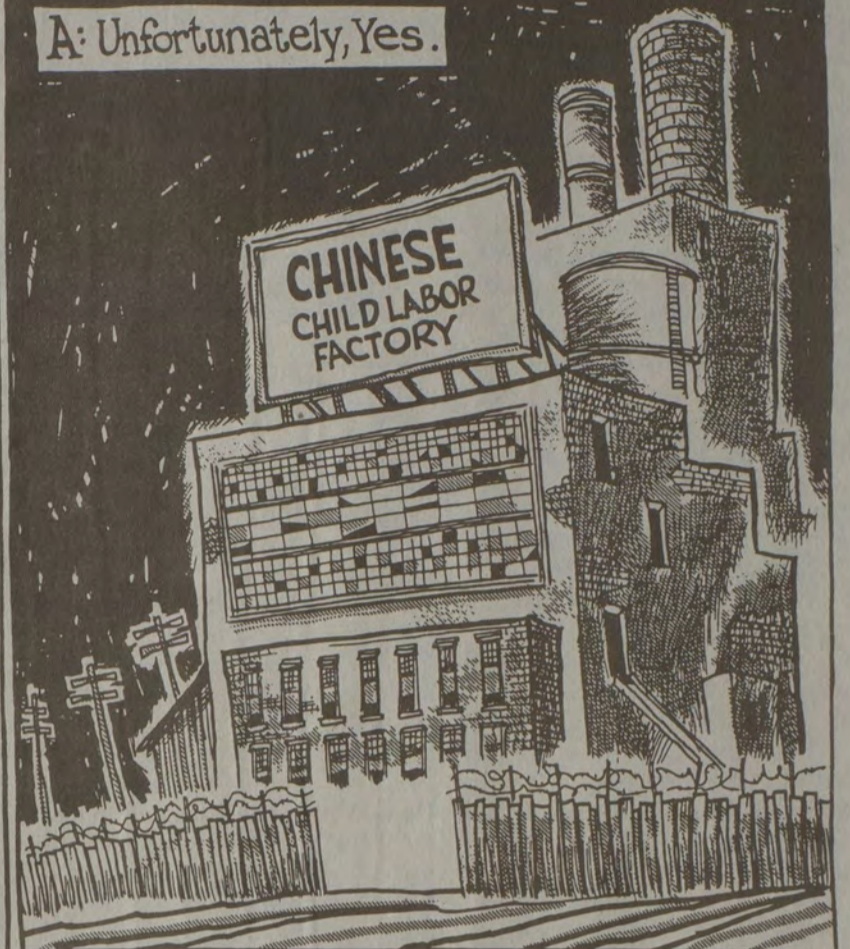
Sandy region.

- Gasoline prices that aren't so much higher than everywhere else in the state.
 - High school basketball games where the big F-word isn't used so frequently by "cheering" sections.
 - A very cold, but snow-free winter so coal miners can go back to work and kids can go to school.
 - A resolution from elected officials to put public service ahead of politics for a change.
 - Another look at welfare reform that puts a priority on solutions instead of unreasonable mandates.
- We're old enough to know that we don't always get everything we ask for and we'd settle for less. But if we were assured of having just one wish granted this holiday season, we'd have to defer to the last line in Lewis Carroll's classic story... *A Christmas Carol*...
- God bless us every one.

Q: Stories say that Christmas toys are made by tiny little people toiling in a workshop. Is this true?

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A: Unfortunately, Yes.



EDITORIAL DEADLINES

WEDNESDAY EDITION:

Lifestyles, Business, all pictures 5 p.m. Friday
Obituaries, Calendar items 10 a.m. Tuesday
(Calendar items, reunions, meetings, special classes, will appear in the Wednesday and Friday editions only prior to the event.)

FRIDAY EDITION:

News copy, all pictures 5 p.m. Wednesday
Obituaries, Calendar items 10 a.m. Thursday

Note: News articles of events more than three months old will not be published. All copy will be edited for clarity and length.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue. Letters may be sent to Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

Lessons of the past need to be relearned

Editor:
A recent letter criticized "...Christians with their outdated philosophy..." as being someone on the editor's pages with a "lack of reason." While I cannot speak for all Christians, I would like to express my concern about someone who chooses to criticize that which he appears to know little of nothing about.

It is a basic Christian desire to know the truth. Christians are admonished to study it, reason on it, buy it and sell it not. Jesus Christ defines himself as the truth.

Christians are not afraid of truth. However, I, as a Christian, am very dismayed by the need for generation after generation to have to be taught truth again. This is well established by the saying of "history repeats itself." For example: the 1990s drug problem compared to the drug problems of the 1890s, when cocaine was a common ingredient in many household products. Then its true nature was discovered. Now this generation is repeating the same mistakes. The same can be said for other choices, where one generation forgets the lessons of the past and thinks that the consequences of their deviant actions won't catch up with them. Also, the Bible itself calls for

people to come and reason together. While I recognize that there are many differences in the "religious" world, this is not due to truth but rather to human error when we "know not the scripture." The scripture as revealed in the Bible is truth. Lastly, it is not possible for that which is new to be outdated, and it is not possible for that which makes alive to be dead. May Christians continue to annoy, and cast light into the darkness, and bring truth where there are questions. But let us all accept the answer that is true and not keep searching because we do not like the answer.

Bruce Coleman
Printer

Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

It's the night before Christmas, he said with a grin. Time for a poem, with a sarcastic spin.

That plant makes us money, can't that Razorback tell? It won't kill nobody that doesn't inhale.

Bill won Kentucky but the cheer didn't spread, Congress, it seemed would be GOP-led.

Then he said let's move on, there's more presents to wrap. Our colleges, for instance, are knee-deep in crap.

If it doesn't, don't worry, we'll find a new way. Maybe Santa can bring us some jobs on his sleigh.

The holiday season is time for good cheer, and the perfect occasion to look back on the year.

But Kentuck was a state the Prez had to catch, so the Guv gave up smokin', started wearin' the Patch.

But Paul didn't cuss and Paul didn't stomp. Forget that, he said, let's fix Workers' Comp.

That's next on my list, he said, let's not bicker. If we do this together, we'll do it much quicker.

Drop some down our chimneys, spread some under the tree. rewrite the word 'poor' to spell op-poor-tune-ity!

It started with Paul in Frankfort's first chair, the first time in decades a hillbilly sat there.

Then he traded the farmers for the partisan role... "Go vote for Bill Clinton, he's younger than Dole!"

"This system ain't workin'," he said, "it's just bad. To make everyone happy, I must make everyone mad."

After that we'll do welfare, health care and taxes. We'll chop them all up with our lawmaking axes.

It's Christmas you know, we've been pretty good. But that doesn't matter, the way that it should.

The primary job, the guvner detected, was to help all his buddies to get re-elected.

Paul and the Democrats rallied their troops for a frontal assault on the GOP Newts.

The unions and miners were maddest of all. They said 'we're the ones who took you to the ball.'

Then we'll go to the mountains, and spend lot's of money. We'll transform one town into milk, into honey.

We'll get the same thing, again this time, we fear... A lump of black coal and a 'wait'll next year.'

Just one small problem, he said with a frown, That President Bill puts terbacky down.

They warned all the old folks, they scared them to death, said if Dole was elected, he'd cut off their breath.

The Guv kept on dancin', though not with his date, and he passed a new law that the lawyers would hate.

We'll build us a model where no one will pout. Then we'll do it again, if the money holds out.

After all of these seasons we haven't lost hopes. This year will be different... Boy, aren't we dopes?

Merry Christmas!



Seven Floyd County residents were injured Sunday after a car collided with a wrecker on Route 550 near Eastern. According to Floyd County deputy William Howell, the wrecker was getting a car from over the hill, and another car came around the corner, lost control, and hit the wrecker. Two adults and four children were in the car and transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. The driver of the wrecker was also transported to the hospital. (photo by Chris McDavid)

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Food for the needy

Members of Martin's fire department and women's auxiliary and police department delivered food baskets and toys Wednesday evening to needy residents in the area. The departments and city council donated money to buy turkeys and toys to be distributed throughout the community. (photo by Susan Allen)



The Floyd County Bar Association presented a \$1,300 check to Floyd County food pantries Friday as part of the bar's annual fund raiser for the pantries. As a bonus, whoever donated the most money for the fund raiser received their pick of two sets of UK tickets. The other set of tickets was given to the second most generous giver. (photo by Chris McDavid)

MSU registration will be held January 16-17

Morehead State University will conduct registration on Thursday and Friday, January 16-17, for its spring 1997 classes to be offered at the Big Sandy Extended Campus Center and South Floyd High School.

Students may register from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days at the Big Sandy ECC for classes offered at both Floyd County sites. Classes begin Tuesday, January 21.

More than 90 undergraduate and graduate courses will be available this spring for area residents, according to Dr. Margaret Lewis, center director. Among the areas represent-

ed are art, business, criminology, education, geography, government, history, health, math, music, nursing, physical education, paralegal studies, sociology, speech and social work.

Many of the classes at the center and all of those at South Floyd High School will be taught by distance learning technology, including on the Internet. Textbooks for the courses will be available at the Big Sandy Center.

Specific information on classes or registration may be obtained by calling Dr. Lewis locally at (606) 886-2405 or toll-free at 800-648-5372.

MSU essay competition

High school seniors in Morehead State University's 22-county service region are eligible to enter the university's 11th annual U.S. Constitution Essay and Scholarship competition.

Contest entrants may submit a 1,200 and 1,500 word essay on the topic "Is sexually offensive material on the Internet protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?"

Deadline for submission of essays is March 1, according to Dr. William C. Green, MSU professor of government and chair of the constitution committee. Entries must be typed, double-spaced and include not only the name of the student but also the sponsoring teacher and high school on the title page.

The winner will be announced by April 1 and will receive the MSU Constitutional Scholarship valued at \$1,500 for the 1997-98 year. The scholarship, renewable for three academic years, has a total value of \$6,000.

The competition is sponsored by

Hilltop

(Continued from page one)

the sale of timber on the property. Carter said it would be at least April before the city received any revenue related to the site.

City officials plan to build a championship golf course on the site, plus various sports related fields, a playground and a walking/jogging track.

Money derived from the sale of approximately 600,000 tons of coal on the site will be used to finance the construction of the recreational facility.

In other action Friday, council

PCC, KET offer televised courses

Prestonsburg Community College students can earn American history, sociology and family studies credits next spring through KET's televised college credit courses. Students can watch the courses on KET in their own homes or record them for later viewing. To earn college credit, students should register through Prestonsburg Community College between January 3-7.

The courses: America in Perspective, airing Tuesdays at 2:00 and 2:30 beginning January 21, focuses on the lives of ordinary people and the consequences of political and social conflict in our nation's history since 1877. The documentary programs combine historical film and photographs with interviews of leading historians and eyewitnesses to history.

Portrait of a Family, airing Mondays at 2:00 and 2:30 beginning January 20, takes a close look at marriage and family in the closing decade of the 20th century. Documentary footage, combined with expert commentary, brings into focus the mosaic of family forms that exist today; traditional families, single-parent families, stepfamilies, families without children, dual-worker marriages and cohabiting couples.

The Sociological Imagination,

airing Wednesdays at 2:00 and 2:30 beginning January 22, teaches students to think critically and analytically about social change and social structures. Each program tells a story, showing people in their family settings and at work, school, church and play.

For 17 years, KET and Kentucky Telecommunications Consortium colleges and universities have worked together providing access to college credit through distance learning telecourses, primarily to non-traditional students. KET telecourses are fully accredited college level courses brought to students' homes by means of television. Students may also meet periodically with telecourse professors on campus to discuss courses and to take exams.

For registration information, contact Prestonsburg Community College at (606) 886-3863, ext. 220. For a free telecourse schedule and booklet, call KET at (800) 432-0970.

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Special services at local church

Mark Ivan Bystroff, presiding overseer of the Prestonsburg Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, announced Monday that Robert D. Sansom, Circuit Overseer of Kentucky Circuit No. 3 will be serving the congregation this week, Tuesday, December 31, through Sunday, January 4.

Sansom visits the congregation twice a year to upbuild it. His activity will consist of Bible talks and house-to-house visitation not only with those who are members of the congregation but also upon other residents of the community.

Three meetings will be on the congregation agenda at which Sansom will give talks. The first is tonight, Tuesday. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will consist of two parts, the ministry school, followed by the field service training meeting.

Thursday night at 7 p.m., the congregation will be asked to join in a question and answer session involving topics of concern for all the community, and how the Bible sheds light on such matters.

Finally, on Sunday, after a two-hour program beginning at 10 a.m. with a public talk entitled, "Who Is Like Jehovah Our God," the visit will end.

All meetings will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Route 80 on Watergap Road. The meetings are open to the public and admittance is free. No collection will be taken.

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Obituaries

Edith B. Burchett

Edith B. Burchett, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 22, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born September 14, 1912 on Johns Creek, Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Willie and Anna Stricklin Burchett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Burchett, on November 16, 1988.

Survivors include one daughter, Lucy Woods of Prestonsburg; one son, Danny Burchett of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Thelma Hunt of Lagro, Indiana, Josephine Fannin of Wabash, Indiana, and Nancy Pitts of Sidney, Indiana; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 24, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Gordon Fitch officiating.

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



Esther H. Reitz

Esther H. Reitz, 67, of Martin, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at her residence.

Born January 21, 1929 at Martin, she was the daughter of the late John Wesley Halbert and Ada Martin Halbert.

She was a clerk for Martin Water Company, an accountant at Ray Allen Accounting Firm, and Lawton Allen, CPA Inc. She was an accountant for 35 years.

She graduated from Martin High School and was a member of the Eastern Star, Prestonsburg.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Reitz of Martin; two sons, Mike Reitz of Cynthia and Tommy Joe Reitz of Allen; one sister, Loretta Powell of Martin; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 22, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Dan Heintzelman officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Tom Stewart, Cory Reitz, Kris Reitz, Steve Halbert, Jeff Powell, David Games, Dr. Alan Halbert, Ronnie Bradley and Jody Howard.

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The family of Charles D. "Nig" Hall wishes to express heartfelt thanks to all who showed such love and support for us upon the loss of our loved one. All the food and flowers were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to my friends in the Lancer Community for their donations of love and support.

Very special thanks to my fellow employees of the Bank Josephine for providing food and gifts of love.

Special thanks to Community United Methodist Church members, Kim Compton, Ann Blanton, and Gods Men who provided beautiful music.

Special thanks to Rev. Sam Knox for his comforting service. We would also like to thank the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and also Floyd Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

We will never forget any of you. God bless all of you.
The Wife and Son of Charles D. "Nig" Hall

Willard Hamilton

Willard Hamilton, 77, of Harold, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following a long illness.

Born October 19, 1919 at Grethel, he was the son of the late John and Grace Sword Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Melinda Tackett Hamilton.

He was a former forest ranger with the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Survivors include seven sons, John Millard Hamilton of Grethel, Everett Hamilton, David Hamilton, Emmitt Hamilton and Orbie Hamilton, all of Harold, Willard Hamilton Jr. of Pikeville, and Ricky Hamilton of Dana; seven daughters, Joyce Newman of Grethel, Emogene Newsome of Teaberry, Rita Hamilton of Pikeville, Annalene McKinney and Evelyn Mullins, both of Harold, Delois Spears of Prestonsburg, and Vannel Hassett of Brunswick, Ohio; two half-sisters, Mary Lou Hamilton of New London, Ohio, and Loraine Williams of Stanville; 23 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 23, at 10 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett and Hamilton Cemetery at Grethel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Woody Hamilton, Willis Dean Newman, Bryan Spears, Ryan Newsome, Brandon Hall, Todd Hamilton, Josh Hamilton, Reggie Hamilton, Kevin McKinney, Timmy Adkins, Dustin Hamilton, Sean Mullins, Chris Hassett and Jordon Hall.

Estelle Burchett Harris

Estelle Burchett Harris, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

Born March 6, 1915 at Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Cleveland and Dora Stratton Cecil.

She was a member of the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church for approximately 55 years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Tracy Burchett, in 1959, and her second husband, James E. "Speed" Harris.

Survivors include one son, Howard Burchett of Brunswick, Ohio; one daughter, Anna Prendel of Jackson, Michigan; one brother, Cleveland Cecil Jr. of Jackson, Michigan; and two sisters, Anna Clevinger of Jackson, Michigan, and Margie Thompson of Lima, Ohio; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 23, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home, with Rev. James Harmon officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Burchett, Tracy Burchett, Gary Burchett, Troy Prendel, Shon Prendel and Adam Stratton.

Thelma Newsome Adams

Thelma Newsome Adams, 73, of Beaver, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 24, 1923 at Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Jarvey and Rhodina Vance Newsome. She was a member of the Samaria Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Adams.

Survivors include seven sons, Bill Adams of Weeksbury, Jimmy Adams, Donald Adams, John Adams, Michael Adams, and Bobby Adams, all of Price, and Tivis Adams of Martin; four daughters, Anna Lou Mitchell and Annie Tackett, both of Beaver, Anna Sue Hall of Martin and Joyce Caudill of McDowell; four brothers, Estill Newsome of Beaver, Tivis Newsome and Anthony Newsome, both of McDowell, and Anderson Newsome of Ligon; two sisters, Alice Johnson of Melvin and Lula Belle Tackett of Huntington, Indiana; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 24, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery at Beaver, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Ellis Hicks

Ellis Hicks, 84, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, December 20, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following a brief illness.

A native of Floyd County, he was the son of the late David and Ruby Allen Hicks. He was a retired plumber and pipe fitter and had worked previously as a coal miner. He was a member of the Crestwood Baptist Church in Frankfort, and a member of the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Union Local No. 248.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Salyer Hicks; one daughter, Brenda Kay Rucker of Shelbyville; one son, Ronald Hicks of Simpsonville; three sisters, Nora Ousley of Grass Lake, Michigan, Clara Hale of Huesville, and Gladys Tussey of Utica, Ohio; three brothers, Willis Hicks of Hippo, Hargis Hicks of Xenia, Ohio, and Arnold Hicks of David; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 23, at the Sunset Funeral Home with Revs. Wallace Kent and William Logan officiating.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Frankfort, under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home in Frankfort.

Serving as pallbearers were Barry Hicks, Scott Miller, Douglas Hicks, Denzil Hale, David Hale, and David Parrott.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Rucker, Stewart Harrod, Scott Barker, Tedd Hancock, and Joe Mattingly.

James Howard Pigman

James Howard Pigman, 63, of Maysville, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Hospital South in Covington.

Born October 3, 1933 at Mallie, he was the son of Vera Darcus Short Pigman of Raven and the late Dingus Pigman. He was a retired assistant superintendent for the Mason County School System and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Moore Pigman; three sons, Kevin B. Pigman of Columbia, South Carolina, Craig B. Pigman of Louisville, and Eric L. Pigman of Paducah; and one brother, Alger Pigman of Hindman.

Funeral services were Monday, December 23, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the minister Phil Cropper officiating.

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

Pallbearers for Hall

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Oma Hall were Billy Anderson, Jimmy Skeens, Albert Chaffins, Ray Jones, Johnny Gilliam and Darrin Caudill.

Pallbearers for Martin

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Tilda Ellis Duff were Jerry Rice, James A. Muff, Charles Centers, Jack Salyers and Brian Lafferty.

Delmer Douglas "D.D." Cole

Delmer Douglas "D.D." Cole, 54, of Stanville, died Wednesday, December 18, 1996, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following a long illness.

Born August 13, 1942, at Manton, he was the son of the late James B. Cole and Darcus Patton Cole. He was a self-employed mechanic and owner and operator of D. D. Foreign Car Repair at Stanville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ailene Stratton Cole; one son, Doug Cole of Stanville; three daughters, Lisa Thompson of Morristown, Tennessee, and Donna Rose and Marlana Cole, both of Stanville; three brothers, Troy Cole of Ivel, Virgil Cole of Southgate, Michigan, and James B. Cole of Harold; five sisters, Loraine Hunter, Mary Lou Rickett and Goletha Robinette, all of Harold, Edith Bowman of Piqua, Ohio, and Martha Phillips of Pikeville; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 21, at noon, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with the clergyman Tracy Patton officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Ousley, Miles Robinett, Doug Howell, Jeff Hicks, Keith Harris, Jonce Allen Cole, Jody Thompson and Bobby Johnson.

Reprinted due to an omission.

Mary Francis Hicks

Mary Francis Hicks, 86, of Seaford, Virginia, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at her residence.

Born February 12, 1910 in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Elzie H. Johnson and Sarah Ellen Thornsberry Johnson. She was a member of the Maytown First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Hicks.

Survivors include four sons, Bobby Ray Hicks of Clay City, Scotty McClay Hicks and Joe Paul Hicks, both of Lexington, and Danny M. Hicks of Seaford, Virginia; five daughters, Ethel Hicks Hunter of Loveland, Ohio, Ruby H. Bentley and Rochella Faye Turner, both of Seaford, Virginia, Gladys Ruth Battle of Orange Park, Florida, and Darlene Rose Palmer of Williamsburg, Virginia; two brothers, Iberay Johnson of Wheelwright and Arthur Johnson of Millwood; one sister, Myrtle Reynolds of Catlettsburg; 22 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 23, at 2 p.m., at the Maytown First Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Bolen Cemetery in Knott County, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Virginia Roop

Virginia Roop, 81, of Estill, died Thursday, December 19, 1996, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Born May 24, 1915 in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Merdith Griffith and Alice Barker Griffith.

Survivors include her husband, Noah Roop; two sons, Don Roop of Wayland and Keith Roop of Cleveland, Ohio; three daughters, Nira Foster of Lexington, Alice Ann New of Dayton, Ohio, and Nancy Shannon Terry of Hindman; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 22, at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Estill, with Clarence Combs and Hobert Hurt officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Claude Johnson

Claude Johnson, 39, of Meally, died Saturday, December 21, 1996, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, following a short illness.

Born February 8, 1957 at Martin, he was the son of the late Steve and Nora "Donnie" Hall Johnson. He was a custodian for Prestonsburg Community College.

Survivors include four brothers, Gardener Johnson of Elizabethtown, and Clarence Johnson, Ronnie Johnson and Russell Johnson, all of Prestonsburg; and six sisters, Birdie Spears of Hi Hat, Lora Craft and Rose Lee Craft, both of Meally, Peggy Case of Hunter, Myrtle Jones of Wayland and Crystal Gail Caudill of Irvine.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 24, at 11 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church at Price, with the Old Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

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

Herbert B. Salisbury

Herbert B. Salisbury, 72, of Harold, died Sunday, December 22, 1996, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

Born October 15, 1924 at Honaker, he was the son of the late James Penn Salisbury and Rhoda E. Hager Salisbury. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Salisbury. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include one brother, Walter Salisbury of Loraine, Ohio; one half-brother, J. B. Salisbury of Loraine, Ohio; one sister, Reathel Rogers of Harold; and five half-sisters, Novella Spears and Mary L. McKinney, both of Harold, and Ellie Bandy of Tazwell, Virginia, Lirlie Harrington of Van Lear, and Darlene Akers of Betsy Layne.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 24, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the minister Ronnie Samons officiating.

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

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Words of Life

Make room for the most important guest!

by Pastor Allan F. Hutchinson
First Church of God

As we approach this blessed holiday season, one thought continually attracts my attention, "How many people have made room in their hearts and lives for the greatest guest of all...Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord?" Luke, the beloved physician, in his account of the Gospel reveals a picture of our Savior's advent which addresses this very idea. Luke says, "And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the

inn." The magnitude of God's love shown to mankind in this scripture goes far beyond human comprehension. I am utterly amazed to think that there was not enough room in the inn for the Son of God. His first view of this earth was in a stable, a dwelling place for sheep! And yet, I wonder, is his view any different in people's lives today? Have you made room for Christ? Does he exist in the living room and banquet halls of your life? Or do you attempt to suppress him in storage, thinking someday you will invite him in at a more convenient time? I love this story told by a fellow

pastor which illustrates a view of Christ which many people maintain. The story is about a seven-year-old girl who went with a group of family and friends to see the Christmas light displays at various locations throughout the city. At one church, they stopped and got out to look more closely at a beautifully done nativity scene. "Isn't that beautiful?" said the little girl's grandmother. "Look at all the animals, Mary, Joseph and the little baby Jesus." The granddaughter replied, "Yes, Grandma, it is really nice. But, there is only one thing that bothers me. Isn't baby Jesus ever going to grow up...he is the

same size he was last year." Isn't it true that many people view Christmas as a baby in a manger surrounded by shepherds and wise-men, when in all actuality that baby has long since grown up, fulfilled a tremendous ministry, surrendered his life as an atonement for sin and ascended back to the glory of his Father and is there even now, making intercession for those of us who acknowledge his sovereignty and lordship in our lives. Just as this baby of Bethlehem has grown up and matured into the person God destined him to be, so too, must our experience with Jesus Christ mature into a growing and dynamic rela-

tionship. The Savior who came into an overcrowded world which made no room for him is the same Savior who, through his unmerited and abundant love, makes plenty of room for us. Matthew mentions this appeal in his Gospel, as Jesus invites us to "come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). When the scripture tells us, "There was no room in the inn," it

was symbolic of what was to happen to this child named Jesus. The only place where there was plenty of room made available to him was on a hill at Calvary. And yet, knowing this, he still sought an entry to the overcrowded hearts and lives of men and women, but couldn't find it. Today, his searching for a place to stay continues along with the rejection...at this Christmas season, will you make room for Jesus? "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).



Lifesaving donation

Russell Briggs, associate administrator for Highlands Regional Medical Center, accepted a donation from Wal-Mart associate Margaret Mulkey. Wal-Mart donated a portion of proceeds from a holiday sales campaign to the hospital's neo-natal unit, an intensive care unit for babies.

Wal-Mart brings early holiday gift to local charity

Highlands Regional Medical Center's Neonatal Nursery can celebrate the holiday season a little early this year. Wal-Mart associates presented Highlands with a check for \$1,275, representing a percentage of sales between 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday, November 30.

Wal-Mart associates chose to earmark the proceeds for the neonatal unit in recognition of the

service the organization is making in the community.

"Thanks to the support from our customers, we are proud to give Highlands some of the recognition and financial support it deserves," said Mike Hunt, manager of the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart store.

This season marks the fourth year Wal-Mart has donated a percentage of holiday sales to local charities.



Aid to the military

Thomasine Robinson with the Big Sandy Area Red Cross accepted a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart associate Peggy Lawson. The funds will be used to help military families and victims of national disasters. Prestonsburg Wal-Mart distributed a total of \$6,000 in grants to local organizations this year, so their parent company gave them \$3,000 in bonus funds to distribute to area groups. (photo by Janice Shepherd)



Yuletide gift

Debbie Amburgey accepted a \$1,000 grant from Prestonsburg Associate Peggy Lawson on behalf of God's Pantry East. In addition to the food banks in its ten-county area, the food pantry also serves seven church-operated food banks in Floyd County. Prestonsburg Wal-Mart distributed a total of \$6,000 in grants to local organizations this year, and received a year-end \$3,000 bonus to distribute to area non-profit groups. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Sale of dogs for protection increases

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There has been an increase in the reporting of robberies and rapes and murders of people in their homes especially older people this year. There is also greater awareness of danger on college campuses and sometimes on high school campuses.

This increased awareness has been accompanied by an increase in the sale of dogs for protection. At the same time, several Kentucky cities and at least one county have created new regulations regarding keeping animals and cleaning up animal waste after your pet.

These are just two considerations to keep in mind, if you're thinking about giving someone an animal for Christmas.

For the reasons above, and sometimes for companionship to lonely people as well as the pleasure of children, pets are often considered for gifts.

But it may not be as simple as it sounds. Some sensitivity to possible problems is needed.

While a pet can be an ideal companion for a child, for a young married couple without children and for adults who live alone, as well as for protection under many circumstances, the wrong kind of pet can cause severe problems.

Consider where the intended recipient lives. There may very well be a question of zoning regulations, as well as apartment regulations which prohibit pets or certain kind of pets. More and more communities are requiring that pet owners clean up their animal's waste from areas other than their own yards, and some penalties can be severe. An elderly person may not be able to comply. Check these out before making a purchase.

Consider allergies as well. A person not allergic to dogs may be allergic to cats. Some are allergic to birds.

Exotic animals offer unusual problems, as well as opportunities. Ferrets and gerbils, for example, are nocturnal animals. They will likely not be good companions for day-

time persons, but may be ideal for a night owl.

Birds may not do well in small apartments, though they may be all that's allowed. In close quarters, for example, and with poor ventilation, fumes from Teflon cookware can kill a bird.

If you're thinking of a gift for a child, always ask the parents. You may know them well enough to know whether they'd approve, but there is also the chance others may have the same idea and while one dog from one person might have been fine, one dog each from half a dozen friends would be a little less welcome.

Even more delicate, perhaps, is the situation with many older people. There's no doubt that the human/animal bond brings much joy to the lives of older people, especially those who live alone. Yet, these same people who so much appreciate the companionship may also be on fixed incomes and are often without transportation.

Animals to be used for security or guard purposes need special training, you thought of that. But remember, so do the people who will be handling them.

More problems to solve. But here are some ideas.

Before you buy a companion animal for the friend, check not only the zoning and apartment restrictions, but the income limitations of the person. Pet food and veterinary care can exceed the limits of their income. You might consider a gift certificate for veterinary services as part of the gift, or from another friend. Think about a gift of pet food. Or transportation to and from the veterinarian's office. That way you have given not only companionship, but a way to preserve it.

Take the animal to a veterinarian for examination before you finalize the purchase, this might prevent later complications.

Your veterinarians can help you solve such problems, and will likely be glad to find the time to discuss them.

He or she can help you match the personalities of animals with the

personalities of people, as well as project the costs of caring for the pet for a year.

Veterinarians have a practical side to their personalities, and are well aware of the practicalities of caring for an animal. Don't be ashamed to ask them about it.

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The family of Ned Gillespie wishes to thank everyone who came to see him during his sickness or even a phone call to ask about him. We would like to thank the 2nd floor nurses and Dr. Sundarm at Highlands Regional Hospital for being so kind to him; the Home Health Nurses who came to his home and took such good care of Ned; everyone who sent flowers, food or just coming out and shaking our hand, especially the Old Regular Baptist ministers Therman Akers, Red Alley, C. Ed Kidd, Dennis Kidd, and others, for their comforting words; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their help in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for being so kind and efficient.

The family of Ned Gillespie

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Christmas

December 24

5:00 p.m. Vigil
11:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours
12 Midnight Mass

December 25

10:00 a.m. St. Luke-Salyersville

If you need a ride to Church, please contact the office.

Community Calendar

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.

Infant needs life-saving transplant

Central Kentucky Blood Center is conducting a bone marrow drive for Sarah Lafferty, five-month-old daughter of Benny and Pauletta Lafferty of Banner, Saturday, December 28, at the Holiday Inn, from noon to 8 p.m. Lafferty was diagnosed this month with leukemia. She is in the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

For more information, call Mike Conn at the Prestonsburg Police Station. There is no charge for the bone marrow test.

Closed for holiday

The Floyd County Circuit and District Clerks' offices, Small

Claims, and Driver's Licensing will be closed on December 24 and 25. Also, the Floyd County Sheriff's office will be closed December 24 and 25, but a dispatcher will be in the office.

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Professionals

Randy Burruss, left, and Marty Green recently received their certification from the National Federation of Professional Trainers. Burruss and Green are available for professional training at Pro-Fitness Health and Wellness Center.

Burruss and Green are new certified trainers at Pro-Fitness

Pro-fitness recently announced the certification of two new personal fitness trainers by the National Federation of Professional Trainers.

At age 39, Randy Burruss has made a career of fitness training with no less than 20 years of

weightlifting experience along with many local and state bodybuilding and powerlifting titles to show for his efforts. In addition to personal training, Burruss is the dayshift manager at Pro-Fitness Health and Wellness Center.

Marty Green, 32, is a former educator at the David School. He recently made a career change to the fitness industry by assuming the evening manager position at Pro-Fitness. Green is now available for professional fitness training at Pro-Fitness. He has also won several local bodybuilding titles and has been weight training for 15 years.

Pro-Fitness Health and Wellness Center, located on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, is also the Kentucky State Testing Center for the National Federation of Professional Trainers, established in 1990 with its headquarters in Lafayette, Indiana.

3,000 families in Floyd County. Rifkin and Associates, which owns and is funding the investment to upgrade the cable system, serves more than 300,000 customers in 12 states.

CableVision upgrading system, means more for area customers

A flicker here and a two-minute interruption there are the result of CableVision's efforts to bring more channels and improved picture quality to its customers.

By replacing cable lines and upgrading electronics, CableVision will be able to provide more channels than ever. Some of those channels, like TV Land, American Movie Classics and America's Health Network are already on.

"That's just the beginning," said a glowing CableVision System Manager Dan Perry. "We're going to put more programming on in '97, and best of all, our customers are going to select what goes on!"

CableVision has started to provide month-long programming samples on cable channels 50, 51 and 52. Written comments will be accepted through the end of the sampling, which is scheduled to continue into the spring.

Fiber Optic Lines

The new cable distribution system uses state of the art fiber optic cables to deliver an extremely sharp picture. By using sophisticated laser light waves, there are less pieces of equipment to get the cable signal to the customers' homes which results in improved reliability. While CableVision will continue to offer free house calls for repairs, a dramatic decrease in repairs is expected because of the improved technology.

Since the summer, crews having been working on every street we provide service. "We appreciate our customers' patience during the construction," added Perry. "I'm confident that our customers will find that any recent inconvenience caused by the construction will be worth it—both with additional programming and better looking pictures."

CableVision serves more than

Floyd residents get opportunity to participate in upper-level courses

Innovative technology from Morehead State University will permit Floyd County area residents the opportunity to participate in 17 upper-level courses during the Spring 1997 semester—without commuting to the MSU campus.

Classes ranging from Oral Communications, an undergraduate course, to Organizational Theory, a graduate course in management, will be offered at the MSU Big Sandy Extended Campus

Center in Prestonsburg, according to Dr. Autumn Grubb, MSU's Office of Distance Education director.

Distance Learning is a multifaceted program which utilizes the Information Superhighway to provide an interactive learning environment via the Internet and interactive television.

"This emerging technology allows MSU to provide more and more academic offering off cam-

pus and at extended campus centers," Dr. Grubb said. "For example, it is now possible to obtain degrees in nursing and business administration through distance learning technologies."

Additional information on how to enroll is available from Dixie Blankenbeckler at (606) 783-2039.

The compressed video schedule for Floyd County is:

Day	Time	Course	
M, W, F (1)	(11:30-12:30 p.m.)	ACCT 490	Cost Accounting II
T, TH, F (2)	(11:30-12:30 p.m.)	BEOS 321	Business Communication
Monday	(4-6:40 p.m.)	SPCH 370	Business and Professional Speech
Monday	7-9:40 p.m.)	MNGT 620	Quantitative Business Analysis
Tuesday	(4-6:40 p.m.)	SPCH 300	Oral Communications
Tuesday	(7-9:40 p.m.)	MNGT 630	Managerial Communication
Wednesday	(4:30-7:10 p.m.)	NURB 361	Nursing Research
Wednesday	(7:20-10 p.m.)	MUSH 364	History of African-American Music
Thursday	(4-6:40 p.m.)	SPCH 383	Group Discussion
Thursday	(7-9:40 p.m.)	MNGT 691	Business Policy and Strategy
Friday	(3:45-6:25 p.m.)	MNGT 602	Survey of Quantitative Analysis & Statistics
Friday	(6:40-9:10 p.m.)	NURB 365	Concepts & Theories Basic to Professional Nursing
Saturday	(9-11:40 p.m.)	MNGT 612	Organizational Theory
Saturday	(1-3:40 p.m.)	ECON 350	Microeconomic Theory

The Internet schedule is: FIN 660, Financial Management; ECON 600, Survey of Economics; and MNGT 667, Women and Men in Management.

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Birth announced
 Misty Dawn and Cecil David Francis of Banner announce the birth of their son, Cody David, on September 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Cody weighed eight pounds 12 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Cody is the grandson of Paul David and Pauline Shepherd of Banner, and Cecil and Carol Francis of Pikeville.

By
Ed Taylor,
Sports Editor

The Floyd County Times



Schoolboy Classic
Betsy Layne vs.
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Tuesday, December 24, 1996

A Look At Sports

Happy Holiday's to everyone; don't over do it

The holidays are upon us and Wednesday is Christmas day. The kids will get a break from school and the sports scene will take a couple of days off until they resume on Christmas Day.



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

I like the Christmas season, but I don't like the cold weather that comes with it.

I am not a cold weather person. The hot weather suits me just fine.

I have my Christmas wish list made out for each of our teams in Floyd County and I want to share them with you on the day before Christmas.

- Allen Central Lady Rebels: For coach Bonita Compton's team to make a strong showing in the Florida tournament this coming weekend. This is a solid basketball team, not just on the regional level, but state as well.

- Betsy Layne Lady Cats: For the Lady Cats to put together four good quarters in one game. This could be a contender if they can mesh together better after the holidays.

- Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats: For coach Harold Tackett's team to be able to find the art of making a lay up. If they do, they will be dangerous.

- South Floyd Lady Raiders: For this young, young, ballclub to pick up at least 10 wins this season. What a boost to the program.

The men's basketball season hasn't been as prosperous as expected. But I look for a big improvement after the holidays with several games under their belts.

- Allen Central Rebels: Two consistent scorers that will help pick up the offense and stop the double teaming of Thomas Jenkins. Jenkins has really taken a beating under the baskets through four games.

- Betsy Layne Bobcats: For the exchange students to make an impact for Coach Junior Newsome's ballclub. For Rocky Newsome to get the recognition he deserves.

- Prestonsburg Blackcats: For coach Jackie Pack's Blackcats to get Andy Jarvis back in a hurry. Like, the Ashland Invitational. As goes Jarvis so go the Blackcats.

- South Floyd Raiders: For Tim Butler to realize what a great basketball player he could become. For Jason Shannon to turn the heads of some college coaches.

Although the football season is a long ways off for next year, still I know the coaches are doing some shopping.

- Coach ?, Allen Central: I just hope, if coach Glenn Reeves is still leaving, the Rebels will find a coach that will continue the good job that Coach Reeves has done.

- Coach Randall Hager, Betsy Layne: Some of the promising young ball carriers to really step up their game this coming season and work hard during the off time.

- Coach John Derossett, Prestonsburg: A season of peace and tranquility. Look for the Blackcats to be strong this coming season.

- Coach Donnie Daniels, South Floyd: That Nick Compton will become the state's leading passer next season, which means two excellent receivers.

Baseball and softball has never been the popular sport that basketball and football have been. But the game has picked up in fan interest of late and we want to wish each team well during the season.

- Allen Central Lady Rebels:

(See A Look at Sports, page eight)

Sports commentary...

Holiday tournaments to highlight Christmas season

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you have a great Christmas.

The basketball season will take a very short break during the upcoming holidays as five holiday tournaments are on tap, beginning Christmas Day.

The oldest invitational tournament in the state of Kentucky is the Ashland Invitational. I can remember it being played when I was in high school and I care not to discuss

how long that has been. Coach Jackie Pack's Prestonsburg Blackcats will get a severe test as they journey to Ashland's Paul Blazer High School to be a participant in the event.

Prestonsburg will face Russell in the first round on Christmas Day with tip off time slated for 8:30 p.m. The Blackcats may have to play without the services of junior standout Andy Jarvis. Should Jarvis return by tomorrow, and I know he wants to, it would be a great Christmas gift for the Prestonsburg coach. But caution must be taken in

the case of Jarvis to prevent further injury to his ankle.

Russell is a team that likes to play "Pitino ball," according to the Prestonsburg coach.

"They are a quick team. They like to press the whole game," said Coach Pack. "They will use the whole gym and play 10-11 people. They like to play man-to-man.

"They have a couple of good shooters and play the up style tempo," he said.

Coach Pack said his 6'6" center wants to play but he will use caution in deciding if he does or not.

"Right now (Friday) he is about 50 or 60 percent back," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "I feel like if Andy is healthy and can play against Russell, we could hurt them inside."

Coach Pack expressed his confidence in his two guards, Wes Samons and John Ortega, in bringing the ball up against the press.

"It hasn't bothered us yet," he said, "and I really don't expect it to with the two guards we have."

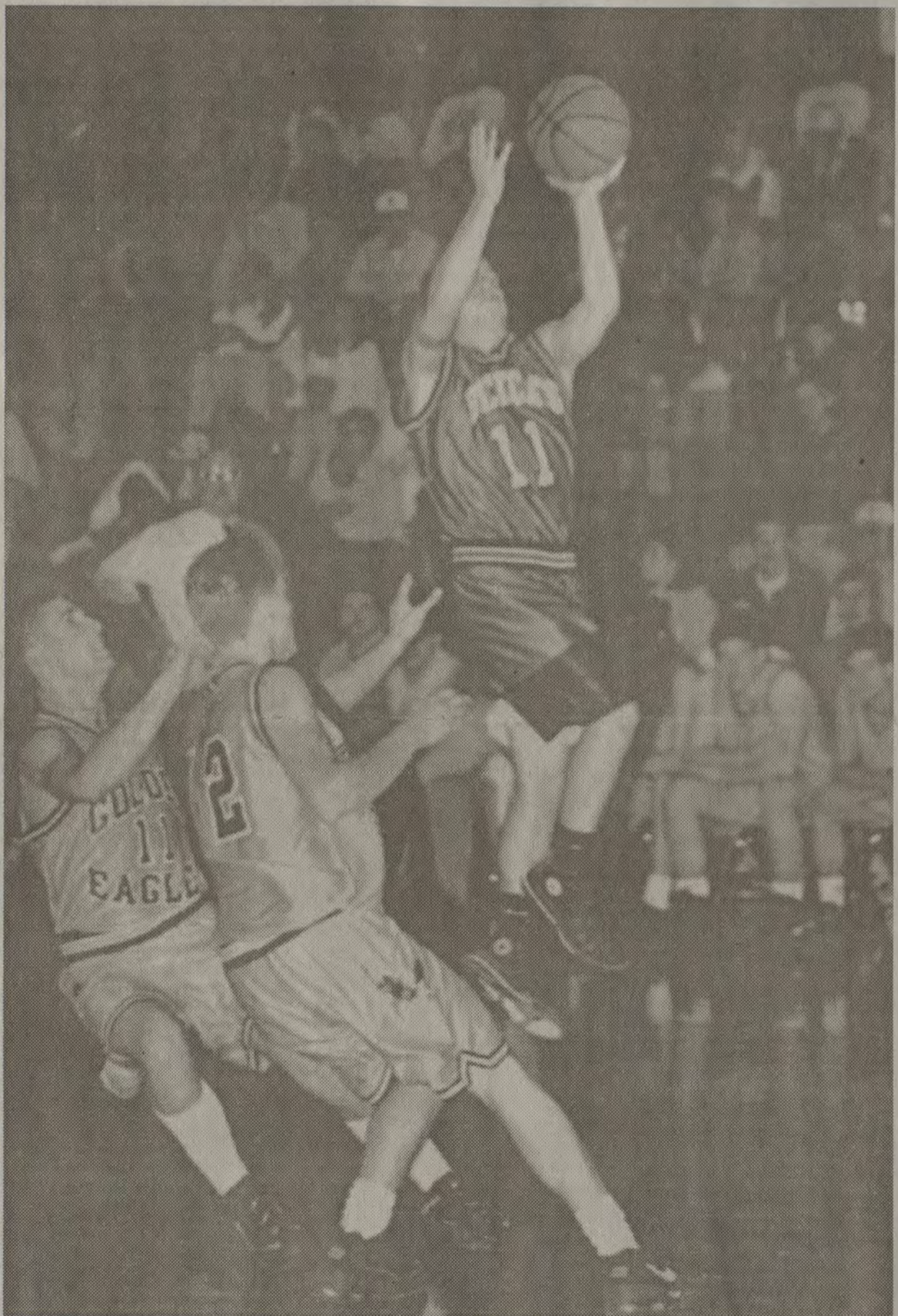
Prestonsburg will play in the Famous Recipe Invitational to be held at various sites in Northern

Kentucky. The Blackcats will face Simon-Kenton at Boone County on January 2, in a 6:30 start. Sixteen teams will comprise the tournament.

"They take the best eight teams out of the 9th Region and invite eight others to come and play them," said the Prestonsburg coach.

Allen Central's Runnin' Rebels will travel to Campbell County for tournament play. I haven't been able to find out just who the Rebels will play but they will play on

(See Commentary, page three)



Soaring Blackcat

Prestonsburg's Wes Samons (11) went for two points against Johnson Central last Friday night. Samons hit two three-point baskets and scored 14 points in the Blackcats 69-66 win over the Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Balanced attack sends Martin past Osborne Eagles, 81-51

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Twelve players played and twelve scored for the Martin

Middle School Purple Flash in a stunning 81-51 win over a very strong Osborne Eagles team last week in elementary basketball.

Tim Davis scored 13 points to

lead the offensive attack for the Purple Flash. Larry Mullins added 12. Jeremy Hayes and Chad Samons netted nine points each.

Tyler Hall came off the bench and buried four three-point baskets in the fourth quarter and led the Osborne scoring with 12 points. Michael Hall netted nine points as did Josh Newman.

Martin shot a high percentage for the game in routing the Eagles. Hayes and Davis each had three-point baskets for the Purple Flash. Davis went scoreless in the opening period but scored 11 of his 13 in the second period. Mullins pumped in nine first quarter points when Martin jumped out to a 24-13 lead. Hayes, Samons and Henry Napieor, who finished with nine points, scored four each in the opening quarter.

Michael Hall scored five first quarter points on a three-point basket and a field goal. B.J. Bryant had four in the first and finished with seven for the game.

Martin took a 46-29 half-time lead.

(See Martin, page two)

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

With just over five minutes to play, the Prestonsburg Blackcats held a comfortable 10 point lead over coach Johnny Ray Turner's Johnson Central Golden Eagles last Friday night at Johnson Central in a top 15th Region match up.

But the 60-50 deficit was short-lived as Johnson Central took advantage of some sloppy ball handling by the Cats to soar their way back in to the contest.

On nine possession in the closing five minutes, Prestonsburg turned the ball over six times allowing Johnson Central to cut the lead down to one point. In the final five minutes of the contest Prestonsburg managed only one field goal, a lay up by Kris Lawson. In the final 44 seconds of the game, the Blackcats hit six consecutive free throws to seal their fifth win of the season.

Prestonsburg coach Jackie Pack did not want to use junior standout Andy Jarvis, who was nursing an injured ankle. But the presence of the big man on the bench was too much and he entered the game with less than a minute to play. He contributed as well, pulling down a very important rebound and hitting two free throws after Johnson Central had cut the lead to two, 63-61. Jarvis' two free throws were the first of six straight for Prestonsburg. John Ortega connected twice for a 67-63 Prestonsburg lead.

After James Butcher's three-point basket made it a one point affair, 67-66 with 12 seconds to play, Wes Samons sank two charity tosses with eight seconds to play for the final 69-66 lead. Johnson Central had their chance to tie, but turned the ball over on a walking violation.

Prestonsburg held their biggest lead of 11 points in the second period. Two free throws by Joe Campbell with 3:21 to play in the first half made it a 34-23 game.

Prestonsburg led by eight points throughout the third period but the half-court three-point basket by Ortega gave Prestonsburg a 58-47 lead going into the fourth period.

Campbell took a nice feed from Ortega and hit a short jumper that gave the Blackcats the 60-50 margin. But Prestonsburg began to spread their defense and worked without a true center. While it appeared to be a mild stall, Prestonsburg began to force their passes and Johnson Central picked them off. Butcher scored on one of those steals and later Davy Turner went solo following a turnover.

Johnson Central employed what resembled a 1-2-2 zone trapping at half court. Prestonsburg threw the ball away three consecutive times with Butcher burying a trey, Jason Meade sinking two free throws, and Butcher connected twice from the foul line for a 63-61 game.

Jarvis entered the game at the 1:47 mark and immediately was an intimidator inside forcing Meade to take a bad shot in an attempt to tie the game, and pulling down the missed shot.

After Ortega missed twice from the charity stripe, the Eagles still could have tied the game but threw

the ball out of bounds with Coach Turner becoming visibly upset.

The game marked the return of Ortega to the Prestonsburg line up after sitting one game with an injured ankle. But the way the sophomore performed you could never tell he was hurt. Ortega took control early scoring nine first quarter points. He completed an old-fashion three-point play and hit a three-point basket with 59 seconds to go that gave the Blackcats a 17-8 lead. Four free throws by Johnson Central cut the lead to five, 17-12, but Samons three-pointer, just a fraction ahead of the horn, gave Prestonsburg a 20-12 first quarter lead.

Prestonsburg's biggest lead of the game came at the 6:05 mark of the second period when Samond buried his second trey of the game. Prestonsburg led 25-12. After Turner completed an old-fashion three-point play, Ortega sank his second three-pointer for a 28-15 game.

On a great move inside, Trel Farler (former Blackcat) scored and was fouled completing the three-point play to cut the lead to nine, 30-21. Johnson Central trailed the Blackcats 39-33 at the half.

Ortega led the balanced Prestonsburg scoring with 19 points, hitting four three-point baskets. Campbell and Gavin Hale scored 15 points, and Samons finished with 14. Lawson had four points and Jarvis finished with two.

Derek Howard and Butcher each scored 16 points to lead Johnson Central. Turner finished with 11 and Meade 10. Farler, who had a three-point basket, tossed in six with Don Robinette scoring four. Brent Walters had three points, all from the free throw line.

Prestonsburg (4-2) plays Russell Wednesday night in the Ashland Invitational Tournament.

McDowell Lady Daredevils win 12th straight

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The McDowell Lady Daredevils ran their overall record to 12-1 on the season and won their 12th straight game with a 50-16 win over the Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats in elementary basketball last week. McDowell's only loss came in a controversial game at the start of the season.

Minnie Tackett scored 12 points and Misty Halbert added eight for the Lady Daredevils. Jessica Paige scored seven points in the win.

Devon Reynolds led Betsy Layne with six points. Heather Johnson, Natasha Stratton, Nikki Keathley, Brandi Bentley, and Whitney Newsome scored two points each for Betsy Layne.

Megan Ousley added six points for McDowell. Stephanie Skeans netted five and Leigh Ann Tuttle scored one.

McDowell pulled down 31 rebounds. Alexis Maldonado had four to go with her two points. Johnson had four boards as did Monica Moore. Moore also scored three points.

Floyd County Conference Standings			
MEN			
Team	Conference	Overall	
Prestonsburg	1-0	5-2	
Allen Central	1-0	3-2	
Betsy Layne	0-0	2-3	
South Floyd	0-1	1-5	
WOMEN			
Team	Conference	Overall	
Prestonsburg	2-0	3-1	
Allen Central	0-0	4-1	
Betsy Layne	0-1	1-4	
South Floyd	0-1	0-5	

Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Christmas gift ideas (grin) for a few deserving folks in the toy store

Ah, Christmas. If sports is a toy shop then Christmas season must be a super Wal-Mart.

So, here are some (ho ho ho) gifts in my shopping cart for a few people who make their living in the toy store.

When we put up the tree, we put up the Christmas spirit too Dept.

If I could, I would give...

Hal Mumme. A honeymoon guests' list ... to be reviewed after UK loses a game some in the media herd believe he would have won.

Tim Couch. A Ben-Gay preventive medicine program for arm fatigue.

Tim Couch. A center, four semi-trucks and a buncha partridges flyin' out of the pear tree down the field w-i-i-i-de open.

Billy Jack Haskins. A college degree and a Phil Simms future.

Chris Redman. A Fran Tarkenton travel kit on how to successfully run for your life.

Scott Padgett. Some breathing room. Larry Bird? Geez.

Allen Edwards. A pat on the back and a little book with blank pages on which to chronicle the rewards of perseverance.

Marvin Major. A between-the-ears visit with five-time All-Pro Dermontti Dawson.

And, for the person or persons who design season tickets packets for University of Kentucky basketball games, an idea — decorate the package cover, with a sketch of a tom turkey.

Christmas is a time when some people want their pasts forgotten and their presents remembered.

If I could, I would give...

Paul Hornung. The Howard Schnellenberger 'I-Care-About-My-State' Award for helping find Kentucky a football coach and helping Tony Driver find his way out of town (and state).

Ron Cooper. A Barney Fife trigger when Louisville's coach decides to suspend a key starter.

DeJuan Wheat. An upscale job in New England next winter. Running the Celtics.

Nolan Richardson. Bill Clinton's lawyer. And Hillary Clinton's lawyer.

Jamal Mashburn. A Christmas card inside of which would be a quote from his own lips: "Nobody (Mavs coach Jim Clemons) has contacted my representatives. I called them to see what's going on."

Comment: 'So, Mash, this is what money does to you.'

Albert Belle. A sack of coal. No, make that two sacks. Large ones ...

and one for Jerry Reinsdorf. No, make that 'get outa here! You're spoiling this game! Both of you! Get out!'

Dennis Rodman. A copy of Get Real and a video collection of the one you love most.

Bob Huggins. A friend.

It's a Wonderful Life Dept.

Some people have a wonderful life already that can be made only slightly better.

If I could, I would give...

John Y. Brown Jr.. An invitation to run for president ... at the University of Kentucky.

William F. Reed. A hope that when you arrive at the Pearly Gates two guys standing next to St. Peter are not Joe Hall and Bill Curry.

Jim Host. New NCAA Headquarters locates in your back yard. Save you a trip to Whitaker's Bank.

Major League Baseball. Mario Cuomo.

Louisville Eastern High's basketball team. Once upon a time there was UNLV that ran into Duke and...

J.R. VanHoose. A wise man to remind the Paintsville High prodigy 'kid, you only pass this way one time.'

Rick Pitino. Somebody, anybody who can recruit.

Dick Vitale. A reset button to push when your brain and mouth get stuck in the same loop.

Denny Crum & Bill Olsen. A Slick Willie Award.

Curtis Turley, basketball coach at Greenwood High. Nah, he's

already got everything that counts.

Pete Rose. A really really good spin doctor.

Merry Christmas.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions I've been asked lately.

Q. If UK football coach Hal Mumme is, as you say, on a honeymoon, how long can he expect it to last?

A. If Kentucky has a reasonable recruiting campaign, maybe as long as Sept. 27, 1997. That's when UK hosts Florida.

Q. David Perison, sports editor of the Russell Register asked what UK home game this season would be the best to attend? Answer:

A. There are so few quality ones. But, Feb. 9, Villanova.

Q. Why did the state media, some more than others, go after Bill Curry with such vigor?

A. The 'more than others' segment did because that's what a herd does, follow the leader. The 'some' stomped on Curry because, unlike Joe B. Hall, the ex-Kentucky coach was moving to North Carolina and would not be around any longer.

Q. How is Rodrick Rhodes doing at Southern Cal?

A. His numbers are passable, but if satellite watchers caught USC games against Long Beach State and Tennessee as I did, then you saw nothing's changed. Rhodes is still a pouty, uninspired basketball player.

BILLY JACK HASKINS

Everyone else who feels badly about Billy Jack Haskins' treatment by the UK football program, Kentucky fans and a handful of media, please raise your hands.

For context, we might consider the number of college athletes today with their names on police blotters for everything from rape to shoplifting, while Haskins' failing was being in the right place at the wrong time.

Certainly, the Paducah native and Kentucky Mr. Football proved

that he could compete very well at the top level of college football.

DIS 'N DATA

According to scouts, two of the top NFL draft candidates among cornerbacks next spring will be Van Hiles of Kentucky and Sam Madison of Louisville.

All those high school talent scouts, please stand up alongside experts Bob Gibbons and Clark Francis, and recite for us again, just how good is Felipe Lopez?

UK RECRUITING

Kentucky struck out on another big man recently when 7-0 Karim Shabazz of Woodmere, NY, committed to Florida State. The Seminoles may be in for a double dip of good news if Oliver Simmons transfers as expected.

Lamar Odom, the 6-9 power forward prospect had a "reasonable" visit to Lexington two weeks ago. But, like Tracy McGrady, even if Odom qualifies academically he prefers the NBA draft next spring.

If one or both sign with Kentucky, their stay would be only long enough for a Pitino 'seminar' and then on to the NBA. I say, tell 'em both to take a hike.

Meanwhile, Rick Pitino is still courting 6-10 Michael Bradley of Worcester, Mass. Burncoat High who verbally committed to Boston College; and 6-10 Elton Tyler of West Roxbury, Mass. who has also said he would sign with Boston College.

JUST WONDERING DEPT.

Is Tickle Me Elmo really Big Red, Western Kentucky U's sports mascot? Yo, who's got the patent rights?

Leon Lett, Michael Irvin, Deion Sanders and Jerry Jones. These guys are part of America's

Worth Repeating Dept. Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson on team brat Dennis Rodman: "I

don't think Dennis will ever change."

Comment: Yes he will. Someday his hair will be one color, white.

Rick Pitino who once compared Scott Padgett to Larry Bird was doing a back-pedal last week. "Scott's not anything like Bird."

PARTING SHOT

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace by giving our children rockets, machine guns, tanks and computer star war games.

And so it goes.

May you have the merriest Christmas ever.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky, P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740. Or, E-Mail SprtsInKy@aol.com.

Martin

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The Purple Flash outscored Osborne 21-1 in the third period to break the game open. Coach Roger Johnson did not put his starters back in the game, allowing his bench to play the second half.

Martin, later, made the same move. Tyler Hall showed the coach made the right choice by burying four treys. Heath Hall, who scored six for Osborne, had two three-point baskets in the fourth period. Jared Allen scored three and Michael Little two for the Eagles. Danny Hall had one point.

Keith Crum and Dwight McKinney scored eight apiece for the Purple Flash. Will Goodman added four as did Patrick Martin. Brandon Hansford and Brandon Sizemore scored two each. Chris Ownes finished with one point.

The win was Martin's sixth straight to improve their record to 17-8 on the season.

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Put back
Gavin Hale (44), Prestonsburg, grabbed an offensive rebound and scored against Johnson Central last Friday night. Hale finished with 15 points as Prestonsburg upended Johnson Central 69-66 in regional play. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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The Racing Reporter

NASCAR Putting plans in gear for 50th anniversary

With the 1996 NASCAR season officially over and testing for the 1997 season set to start in Daytona Beach in three weeks, NASCAR is already working on plans for its 50th anniversary in 1998.

The name NASCAR has become a household word for millions of Americans. We all know the names of our favorite drivers, both past and present, and practically all racing fans know that it is the France family that has brought American automobile racing to its present heights, but exactly what do we know about the organization, and how it was built? And were is it headed?

The nation was going through a tremendous period of change in 1947. Just a couple of years out of war, everything was getting back to normal. In fact, everything was going well. The economy was on an upswing, and the country was in a good mood. The heroes had shifted from the battlefield to the ball field. And to the movie screen.

And to the race track. Stock car racing was experiencing the greatest popularity it had ever seen. Dirt tracks sprang up in cow pastures, behind factories, and more and more drivers were racing in front of more and more fans.

In December of 1947, Bill France Sr., of Daytona Beach, Fla., organized a meeting at the Streamline hotel in town to discuss the makeshift facilities, and lack of cohesiveness that confronted both the drivers and fans.

France had come to Florida from Maryland years earlier and had operated a local service station as well as promoted events on the city's famed beach course that he often raced on himself. From that meeting, the National Association of Stock Car Racing was born. Few knew when the meeting adjourned if the organization would be successful. In fact there were skeptics who believed it would never work.

Not even France, who believed a sanctioning body was exactly what the sport needed, could have envisioned what NASCAR has become today.

NASCAR was founded by Bill France Sr., father of current NASCAR president, Bill France, Jr.

Commentary

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Friday night and again Saturday evening. Coach Johnny Martin's Rebels will be part of the field of teams in the Pikeville Invitational. Allen Central will play Thursday, January 2, squaring off against Russell, in an 8:30 p.m. tip off.

The Lady Rebels of Allen Central will travel all the way south to Daytona, Florida, for the Father Lopez Invitational. Coach Bonita Compton's team will play about four games in the south.

The Lady Cats of Betsy Layne will play three games and maybe more in the Citizens Bank Holiday Classic at Johnson Central beginning Thursday afternoon. Coach Bill Newsome's team will square off against powerful Paintsville at 2 p.m. Thursday. Friday they play Hart County at 2 p.m. and will face Sheldon Clark Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Betsy Layne will feature the play of Ashley Tackett and Jessica Johnson. Johnson is averaging over 23 points per game but Tackett has come on strong of late.

Coach Junior Newsome's Betsy Layne Bobcats will play in the Belfry Schoolboy Classic, beginning Thursday night, when they meet Sheldon Clark at 8:30 p.m. They will return to the court on Friday night against the Phelps Hornets, also an 8:30 start.

"It depends on how we do in the first two games if we get to play anymore," said Coach Newsome.

The Bobcats will feature the area's top point guard in Rocky Newsome who is averaging just over 21 points per game and dishing out six assists a game.

South Floyd has a regular season game scheduled for Monday, December 30, as they will host Fleming-Neon. The Raiders will be in the Pikeville Invitational on New Year's Day facing Phelps in the opening game at 6:30 p.m.

Betsy Layne will also be in the thick of things as they will take on Whitesburg in the Pikeville tournament. The Bobcats play the Yellowjackets at 6:30 on Thursday, January 2.

So while the schools take a holiday break, basketball will continue on the tournament level during the next two weeks.

Commonly referred to as Big Bill, he began as a promoter of stock car races on Daytona's famed beaches. From that genesis, grew NASCAR, and on February 15, 1948, the first NASCAR-sanctioned race was held on Daytona's beach course. Red Byron, a stock car legend from Atlanta, won the event in his Ford modified.

It was 1949, however, when what is now known as the Winston Cup Series, the premier racing division in America, was born.

Jim Roper of Great Bend, Kansas was the winner of the first-

ever NASCAR Grand National (now Winston Cup) event, held at the Charlotte, N.C. Fairgrounds. A tremendous crowd attended the event to see automobiles with the appearance of a street car, race door-to-door. The new racing series was off and running. And it was an immediate success.

A year later (1950), the country's first asphalt superspeedway, Darlington Raceway in South Carolina, opened its doors for the new division.

Names like Lee Petty, Fireball Roberts, Buck Baker, Herb Thomas,

Tim and Monty Flock, Bill Rexford, Paul Goldsmith and others became as well-known to racing fans as Willie, Mickey and Duke were to baseball fans.

Looking into the future, and the past with the success at Darlington, Bill France, Sr., began construction of a 2.5-mile high banked superspeedway four miles off the beach in Daytona.

France had helped lead the fight to keep affiliated with the city. When those looking to set land speed records began opting for the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah so the

incoming and outgoing tides at Daytona Beach would not be a factor, the city wanted to maintain one of its main attractions — fast cars and the beach. By the end of NASCAR's first decade, the city not only had held on to its racing roots, but had outgrown the beach, and, in 1959, moved events to Daytona International Speedway.

That first Daytona 500 in 1959 didn't end for three days. It took that long for NASCAR officials to study a photograph of the finish between Lee Petty and Johnny Beauchamp before declaring Petty

the winner.

The following year (1960), superspeedways were opened outside Atlanta and Charlotte. The 1961 Firecracker 400 from Daytona Beach was televised by ABC as part of its "Wide World of Sports."

New heroes began to emerge. To be continued next week.

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TIME OUT



Howdy Y'all

by John Frazier
Times Outdoor Writer

During my most recent shopping spree, I witnessed an overwhelming demand for video games. I'm sure there aren't many kids who wouldn't be thrilled to find the latest home entertainment technology under the tree Christmas morning, but I would like to make another suggestion. Try placing a new rod and reel under that tree, or a compass in a stocking.

Recent surveys have shown that children ages six to ten spend more than 85 percent of their lives indoors. It has also been determined over 60 percent of these children wear corrective lenses. These numbers are more than double survey results from only ten years earlier. Many experts attribute the increase to television, computers, and video games.

I am aware that in today's hustle and bustle of cell phones and fax machines it is hard to find time to explore the great outdoors. I strongly urge you to make time, and take your children with you. They are never too young to start. I have a stepdaughter who just turned four this past October, and this spring she will learn to fish. She loves to go for walks in the woods, and the look of pure amazement on her face when I answer one of her ten billion questions, is something I will always cherish.

I believe "quality time" is the buzz word used to describe it, and I can't think of a more enjoyable and rewarding way to spend my quality time. If you are not an outdoorsman or woman, check your public library for a guide book or two, and learn together.

It is a sad statement when our children can surf the internet or program a VCR, but can't tell the difference between an oak and a maple.

On another note...

It has been brought to my attention that I have yet to write an article concerning fishing. There are a couple of reasons for the delay. The main reason is the weather. Although I truly enjoy fishing, I hang up my rod and reel when the weather turns cold. I know many of you die-hards are still hard at it, and I have not intentionally overlooked your sport.

Secondly, I have spent most of the past two months hunting. November through January is a very busy time for hunters. First squirrel season, then deer, and rabbit, and waterfowl, has kept me occupied.

Never fear. I haven't forgotten my angler buddies, and come March, when "Time Out" is released as a tabloid, I can almost guarantee you a good fishin' tale in almost every issue. In the meantime, I will try to include what I can for those of you fishing for something to read.

As always, your comments are welcome and appreciated. If there is something you would like to read about, or an article you would like to comment on, feel free to write anytime, or give me a call.

Last but not least...

Tomorrow is the big day. No more hints or sly suggestions. We will soon know if our loved ones caught on to our hints, or did we get another shirt. Regardless of your outcome, I would like to wish each and every one of you, a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas and God Bless.

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

Talkin' Turkey

There is a new sport in Kentucky. Well, it is a relatively new sport. Turkey hunting has recently become a popular sport in the Commonwealth. Over the past few years the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has released wild turkeys throughout the state in an effort to rebuild the population. I am pleased to announce the program is a success.

In 1978, Kentucky turkey hunters took only 44 birds. Since then, over 6,600 turkeys have been released by the KDFWR and, as of 1996, the Bluegrass State's wild turkey population stood at 100,000 and growing. In 1995 almost 11,000 gobblers were taken.

Therefore, many hunters in the state are new to this sport. I am one of those just getting started, in what promises to be another enjoyable adventure. With this in mind, I will begin a new addition to "Time Out."

Spring turkey season is scheduled to begin in April. Official dates have not been determined, but KDFWR is hoping to extend the season to include three weekends. Beginning today, and contin-

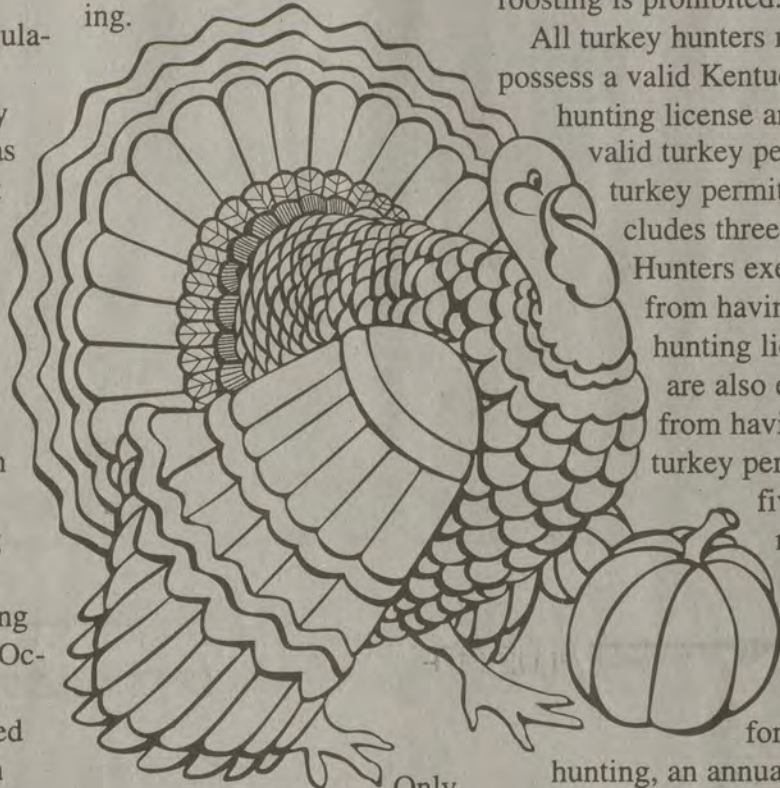
uing through April, I plan to learn all I can about these new members of our Kentucky forests. I will take you with me during my learning process, as we accumulate knowledge of the bird's feeding habits, the use of game calls, hunting strategies, and much more.

I will begin today by learning the rules and regulations governing the new sport. The 1997 Kentucky Turkey Hunting Guide has not been released yet, but with the exception of exact season dates, regulations should remain unchanged.

The season is divided into two parts. Gun or bow season takes place in the spring, beginning in mid-April and continuing for about three weeks. Archery only occurs during the fall, running through October and November. No turkey hunting is permitted during a county's modern gun deer season. Wildlife management areas are open for turkey hunting and follow the standard regulations, with some exceptions. Check the 1997 Kentucky Turkey Hunting Guide when it is made available.

During the spring season

only two turkeys may be taken, both must have visible beards. Only one turkey may be taken per day. Shotguns no larger than 10 gauge or no smaller than 20 gauge are the only firearms which can be used or possessed while turkey hunting.



Only number four shot or smaller is permitted. Guns must be plugged to hold no more than three shells.

During the fall "archery only" season only one turkey, either sex, may be taken. Archers may use only

longbows, recurve and compound bows which do not have devices to hold an arrow at full or partial draw without human aid. Only barbless arrows with broad-head points at least seven-eighths inch wide are permitted. No chemically treated arrows or chemical "pods" are allowed.

Shooting hours during spring season are one-half hour before sunrise to one o'clock p.m. Fall season is daylight hours only. Shooting turkey while they are roosting is prohibited.

All turkey hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license and a valid turkey permit. A turkey permit includes three tags.

Hunters exempt from having a hunting license are also exempt from having a turkey permit. A five-day nonresident license is not valid for turkey

hunting, an annual license is required. All hunters born on or after January 1, 1975, except those under age 10, shall have completed a state-approved hunter education course and must have a valid course completion card in their possession while

hunting.

Immediately after a turkey is taken and before the carcass is moved, hunters must permanently mark the appropriate turkey permit as follows: There's a row of numbers down each side of a tag representing days of the month. Across the bottom of each tag is written "April" and "May." You must cut through or mark with permanent ink, the month and day your turkey was taken. Tags do not have to be attached until you transport the turkey by vehicle, or unless, for any reason, you are not in direct possession of the bird.

Certain hunting methods are prohibited. Dogs may not be used to hunt turkeys. Turkeys may not be hunted from boats. Recorded or other electronic calls are prohibited. Live turkeys may not be used as decoys. Turkeys may not be hunted on any baited area or be taken by the aid of baiting.

The regulations governing turkey hunting are subject to change, and I will keep you informed as information is made available. Keep your eyes open for the next edition of Talkin' Turkey, and we will take a long, hard look at these magnificent birds. We will discuss their anatomy, habitat, feeding habits, and more. An educated hunter stands a much better chance at success if he knows what he's up against.



It's Christmas Eve, and many of us will be entertaining guests. So why not a recipe for eggnog?

- 1/3 cup sugar
 - 2 egg yolks
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 4 cups milk
 - 2 egg whites
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - Brandy or rum flavoring, to taste.
 - 1/2 cup cream, whipped
- Beat 1/3 cup sugar into egg yolks. Add salt; stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture coats spoon. Cool. Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add 3 tablespoons sugar, beating to soft peaks. Add to mixture and mix thoroughly. Add flavorings. Chill three hours.
- Top with whipped cream, sprinkle with nutmeg, and serve. Makes about eight servings.

- For those guests who do not prefer the traditional eggnog, try this delicious frosted cocktail.
- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2/3 cup water
 - 2/3 cup lemon juice
 - 2/3 cup unsweetened pineapple juice
 - 2 tablespoons lime juice
 - 2 unbeaten egg whites
 - 4 cups crushed ice
- Cook sugar and water five minutes; chill. Add remaining ingredients. Whip in blender until light and frothy. Serve at once in chilled glasses.

Kentucky Sport Fish Restoration Program 1993-1996 Summary

Thanks to the financial support of both Kentucky anglers and boaters, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has completed multiple projects benefiting both user groups. Sport Fish Restoration dollars are federal funds generated primarily from a manufacturer's excise tax on sport fishing equipment and the federal tax on motorboat fuel. These funds provide two-thirds of the \$3.8 million needed for the Fisheries Division to operate. The Department received \$7.5 million in fishing license revenue and \$2.9 million in federal aid for the Sport Fishing Restoration Program in 1995. Sport fishing in Kentucky is an important recreational endeavor, since one out of every four residents fish. Fishing translates to an economic output of over \$900 million annually, making it a major contributor to Kentucky's economy.

During the last three years, about one-fourth of all Sport Fish Restoration funds have been dedicated for constructing facilities such as lakes, boat ramps, fishing piers, fishing jetties, courtesy docks, a shoreline walkway and renovating a lake. A majority of Sport Fish Restoration funds and Fisheries Division budget are dedicated for either fish rearing and stocking or research and surveys. Research and surveys are necessary to identify management problems, determine the best management approaches to implement, and measure success of meeting objectives.

These efforts will continue to be emphasized in the future, but more maintenance of facilities is expected in place of construction. New initiatives anticipated from the Fisheries Program include:

- Develop fisheries at the 34,000 acre Peabody Wildlife Management Area that contains several hundred lakes.
- Construct a 784 acre lake in Lincoln County.
- Acquire corridors along selected streams to provide fishing access and protect stream integrity.
- Expansion of the Kentucky Aquatic Resources Education Program in urban communities.



mechanic's



The holiday season is upon us once again, and though we may all wish for a white Christmas, a winter wonderland can make driving hazardous. Now is the time of year many car owners debate over snow tires or tire chains. Both have their advantages and disadvantages.

Snow tires come in many styles to fit all makes and models. They have the advantage of being installed and left until spring. They can be used when roads are clear, and are there when you need them. Most of today's advanced tread designs claim to be self-cleaning and do not become clogged with snow. Though most will provide reasonable traction in snow and rain, few if any will gain traction on ice.

One disadvantage to snow tires is, they will cause your car to ride rough when roads are clear, and it takes some doing to change tires every time road conditions change. Snow tires are also more expensive than chains, and they do wear out.

Tire chains, on the other hand, are less expensive, and can be installed or removed easily as road conditions change. With some practice, you should be able to install your chains in under 30 minutes, easily. Tire chains may also provide some traction during icy conditions, depending on the weight of the vehicle and the type of chains. Tire chains can be stored easily in your trunk, and are ready when you need them.

On the down side, you will have to put them on when the time comes. If chains are needed, it is

probably not the type of weather you would prefer for working on your car. In addition, chains must be removed when road conditions improve. When a situation arises that you may or may not encounter poor road conditions, it will be up to you and the weatherman to make that decision. Some states or counties do not allow the use of chains on public roadways.

I cannot make a recommendation as to which I feel is best. As I said before, both have their good points and bad points. I can, however, offer these guidelines. If you live in an area with inconsistent weather patterns, such as eastern Kentucky, you may prefer snow tires to avoid installing and removing chains too often. If you are relatively sure road conditions will remain hazardous for extended periods of time, you may decide on chains for extra traction. You should also consider the amount of driving you will be doing. If you choose chains over snow tires, odds are the more you drive, the more often you will be installing and removing your chains. However, if road conditions are good, several long, bumpy trips on a knobby snow tire can be very irritating and detrimental to your gas mileage.

The only way I know to be 100 percent safe when old man winter takes over the highways is to stay home. If you must be on the road in these conditions, slow down. Do not brake or accelerate quickly, and no quick or erratic steering motions. Be sure your vehicle is stocked with emergency supplies should you become stranded. You should carry extra clothing or blankets, safety flares, canned food, water, flashlights, and a portable CB radio. If you do become stranded, remain in the vehicle until help arrives. Should your vehicle still run, start the engine only occasionally to provide heat. Allowing the engine to run continuously could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, or an empty gas tank and no heat.

Be prepared, and be careful!

Fishtrap Lake 1997 Shelter Reservations

It looks like winter is about here and summer is a long way off, but it's not too early to start thinking about family reunions, birthday parties, company picnics and other group outings that make the summer months so nice. Persons wanting to reserve a shelter for the upcoming year can do so at the Fishtrap

Lake Corps of Engineers office, located just below Fishtrap Dam. The Ranger staff will begin taking reservations at 8:00 a.m., January 6, 1997. The 1997 reservation fees will be \$45 without the electrical hook-ups and \$50 with electrical hook-ups. Remember, walk-ins only, NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE! For more information please call (606) 437-7496.

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Each year Kentuckians are given the opportunity to lend their financial support to preserving our rich and varied wildlife heritage by donating a portion of their tax refunds to the Nature and Wildlife Fund Tax Check-Off. So, tax season can actually be viewed as an open season to benefit wildlife.

However, on average, not even two percent of those Kentuckians who receive tax refunds actually contribute to the nature and wildlife fund. That's about 18,000 to 19,000 people. These contributors are very helpful, though, donating an average of more than \$5 each, raising nearly \$95,000 for nongame programs each year. But if everyone who received a state tax refund would donate just \$2 (the minimum contribution) each, more than \$1 million could be raised.

The funds generated from the tax check-off go towards many beneficial programs such as Partners in Flight, an international program focusing on all neotropical birds. Other programs include threatened and endangered species projects, public education and restoration efforts, such as those dealing with the peregrine falcon and river otters.

The Nature and Wildlife Fund Tax Check-Off is located on the Kentucky individual income tax form and lessens the amount of your return accordingly.

If you would like to learn more about the Nature and Wildlife Fund, ask your tax preparer or write the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Contributions to the tax check-off are shared equally by these two state government agencies. Each has different areas of authority, interest and expertise, but their interests mesh together to help manage nongame wildlife and protect wildlife habitat.

The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) identifies, catalogs and acquires areas of significant natural value. These areas can be deemed important because of "flora, fauna, biological, ecological, geological, scenic or archaeological features of scientific, aesthetic, cultural or educational interest." Its share of the program must be used to acquire wildlife habitat.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) regulates the harvest of game species, through its regional and centralized fish and wildlife biologists, conducts research into wildlife problems and carries out management plans to improve wildlife habitat or increase wildlife populations.

Also, conservation officers in each county enforce fish and wildlife laws which protect both game and nongame animals. It derives almost all of its financing through license sales and federal taxes on sporting equipment. The KDFWR's share of the money goes into a special "nongame wildlife fund" and may be used only for nongame research and management.

TROUT STAMP CONTEST

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is now accepting entries for the 1997 Kentucky Trout Stamp Contest. The subject for this year's contest is the brook trout. (A previous newspaper column incorrectly identified the subject as the rainbow trout).

The design must be an original 5"x9" horizontal drawing or painting and may be painted or drawn in the medium of the artists choice. The contest is open to anyone 18 years of age or older by the close of the contest deadline. The deadline for entries is March 17, 1997.

Persons interested in entering the trout stamp contest should request an entry form and rights reproduction agreement from: Trout Stamp Contest Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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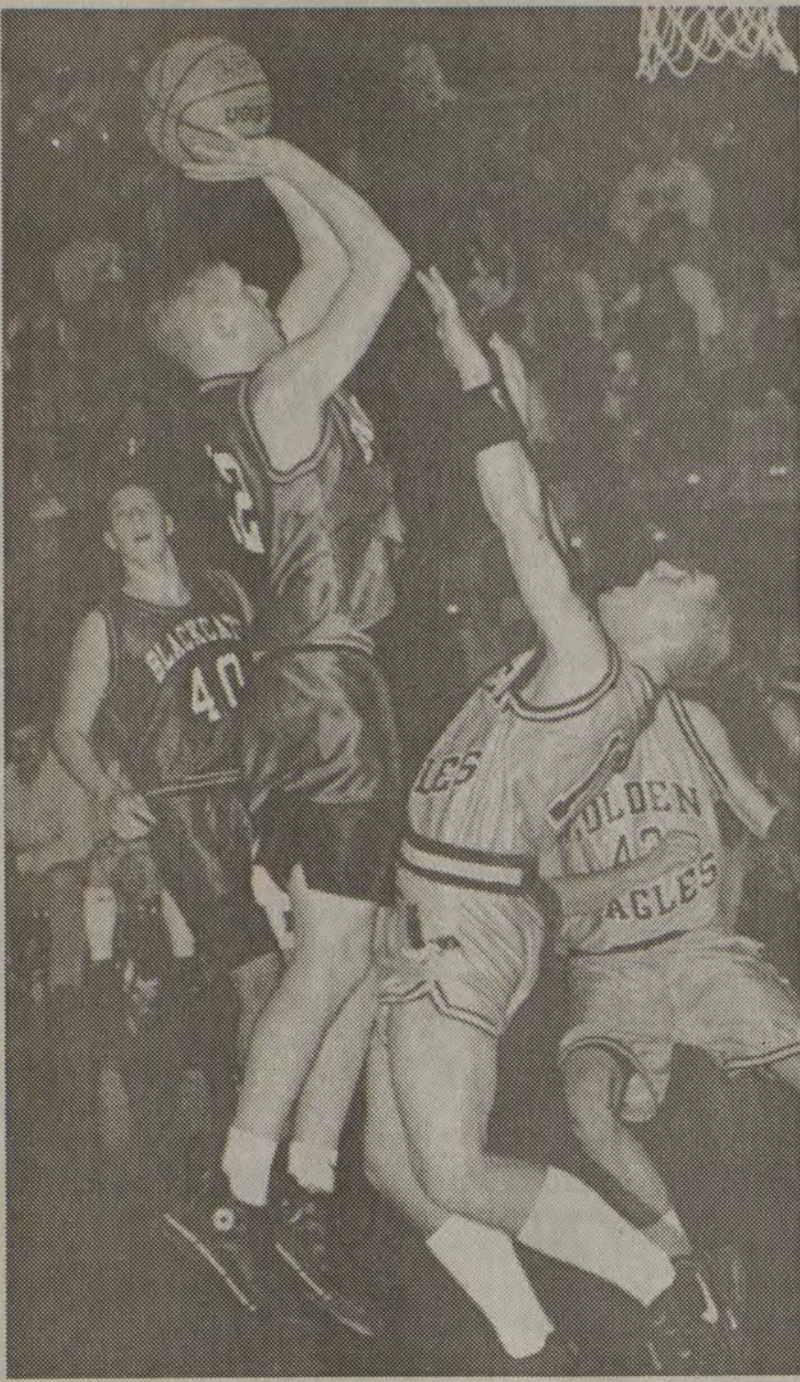
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Charge

Prestonsburg's Jason Keathley was whistled for a charging foul on this play to the basket against Johnson Central Friday night. Prestonsburg held off the Golden Eagles to post a 69-66 win (photo by Ed Taylor)



Three-pointer

Sophomore Joe Campbell drilled a three-point basket on this attempt against Johnson Central last Friday night. Campbell, who has been on a tear of late, scored 15 points to help lead the Blackcats to a 69-66 win over the Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

NASCAR Connection

Allison deserves better

There is no doubt, when looking at the list of NASCAR's all-time greats, the name Bobby Allison definitely comes to mind. His 84 career victories has him tied with Darrell Waltrip in the third place spot in total Winston Cup victories.

Competing with the likes of Richard Petty, David Pearson, Cale Yarborough, Waltrip and Dale Earnhardt, Allison forged his way into racing greatness and he reached a pinnacle that many only dream of achieving.

In addition to his many victories and his 1983 Winston Cup Championship, Allison was an ambassador for the sport. Along with Richard Petty, his name is one of the most recognizable the Winston Cup Series has ever known. He can be credited with helping NASCAR go far beyond his time and effort. In 1988 while racing at Ponoco, Allison nearly lost his life to the sport he loved so well. A violent crash robbed him of his driving career, one that was sure to see him win more races.

But Bobby didn't stop there. After a long and demanding rehabilitation, Allison made his way back into the racing scene as a talented car owner. He could no longer drive, but he could still give to the sport.

However, Allison's sacrifices to the sport were not over. The Allison name was synonymous with NASCAR racing. Bobby and his brother, Donnie were a force to be reckoned with each Sunday afternoon that the cars took to the asphalt. So it would seem natural for Bobby's sons, Clifford and Davey, to follow in the family footsteps and assume careers in racing.

A double-dose of tragedy struck the Allison family when Clifford was killed in a racing accident and Davey was killed in a helicopter crash while landing at Talladega. Bobby had lost his two sons to the sport he had given so much to. One can only imagine the pain and grief felt by Bobby Allison.

And recently, Allison has undergone a painful divorce and he has even had to auction off some of his racing belongings.

As we find ourselves on the

verge of another NASCAR Winston Cup season, Bobby Allison is without a driver, and perhaps more importantly, he is without a major sponsor. My question is why?

Bobby Allison deserves better. Here is a man that has 84 wins and a Winston Cup championship. He helped NASCAR become what it is today. And he lost two dearly loved sons to the sport he helped establish.

Yet no one will give him a top sponsorship? He is having difficulty in finding a driver? It is really hard to believe and equally hard to stomach. Major sponsors ought to be knocking on his door every minute of the day. Drivers ought to consider it an honor to drive for such a man.

But this is not the case. And it is truly sad. Simply put, Allison seems to continually get the shaft. It has broken my heart to watch Bobby Allison suffer the twists and turns of fate that he has had to endure over the past eight years.

It is the opinion of this columnist, that Bill France and NASCAR owe it to Bobby Allison to take care of him solely based upon his sacrifices and contributions to the sport.

I realize Mr. France and NASCAR cannot sign him up with a big-time sponsor, but I am quite sure they could help out in other ways. Perhaps they could name Bobby Allison as the driver to replace Elmo Langley, who recently passed away, in the pace car.

The bottom line is that Bobby Allison deserves better.

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Let us give thanks this Christmas Season for our many blessings. I realize it's difficult to balance the many hats we have to wear and keep our priorities in proper perspective: God first, family second, and career third.

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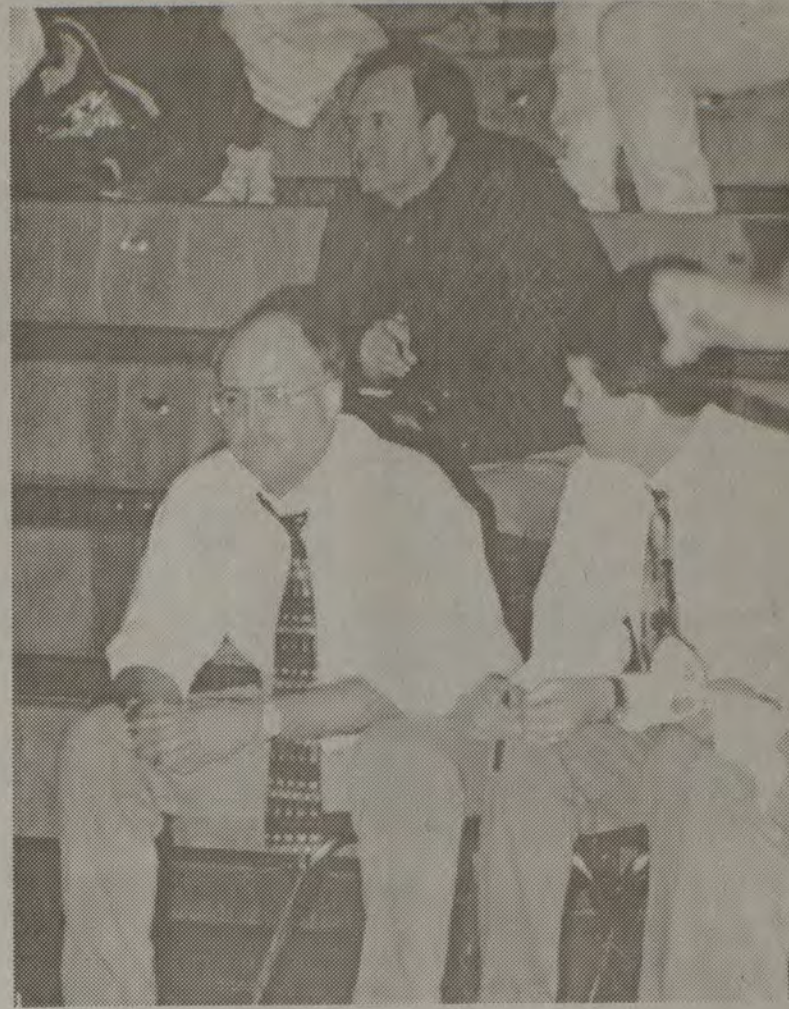
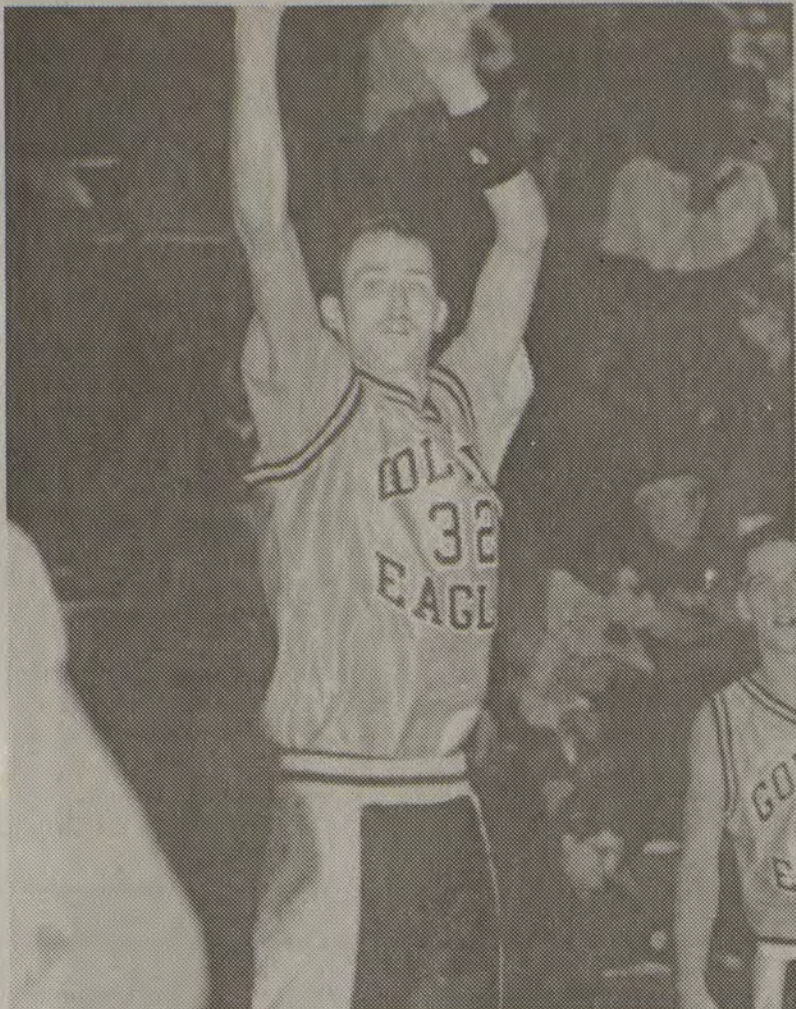
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Floyd County Connection

It was like walking into a Floyd County gym when visiting the Johnson Central fieldhouse this past Friday night. Davy Turner (left), Trell Farler (middle) along with coaches Johnny Ray Turner and assistant coach Brian Hall all hail from the county. (photos by Ed Taylor)

Chafin, Hall combine to lead OLM past FBC

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Robert Chafin and Robert Hall

combined for 37 points to lead Our Lady of the Mountains past FBC-Louisa in basketball play at Louisa last week. Chafin's scored 19 points

and Hall 18 in their team's 66-29 easy win. Sashi Param added 17 points in the victory.

OLM led 13-4 after the first

quarter behind Param's six points in the opening period. Hall scored four in the period as OLM opened cold from the free throw line. Chaffins misfired on all five of his attempts from the charity stripe in the first period.

Hall tossed in eight second quarter points as OLM led 26-13 at the half. In the third period, Chaffins scored 12 of his 19 points and Param added 10 as OLM pulled away from the Louisa team. Hall scored six second quarter points.

Shanta Param came off the bench and scored six points, all in the fourth quarter. Alexis Bohr added two fourth quarter points. Ann Higgins, Kevin Vogelsang also finished with two points each.

Jeremy Hazlett led FBC with nine points. Dustin Hazlett added five.

Chaffin pulled down nine rebounds and had three assists for OLM. Hall had six boards and three assists. Param dished off four assists.

In the junior varsity game, OLM posted a 37-14 win behind Ann Higgins 14 points. Vogelsang added eight points and Bohr scored four. Ryne Carroll also had four points.



Trapped

Basketball was heavy at the Adams Middle School this past Saturday as the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League held games all day. The Prestonsburg league is one of the area's strongest. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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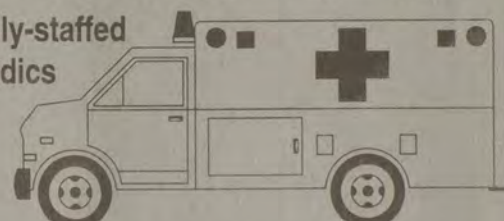
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Kentucky has two of the country's most talented young coonhunters in Andy Davenport of Hardin and Leslie Stinson of Spottsville. They both placed among the top 40 at the National Coonhunting Championship on October 24 and 25. The competition has been sponsored by Joy Dog Food since 1981.

Davenport, son of Eddie and Sue Davenport, is a senior at Marshall County High School. He has only been coonhunting for two years but he took first place in the regional hunt to qualify him for the national hunt. He competed at the nationals with his dog,

Judy. Stinson, the son of David and Tina Stinson, is a sophomore at Henderson County High School. He qualified for the championship by earning points at local competitions throughout the year. He has been coonhunting since 1992 and competed at the nationals with his dog, Stinson's Blue Jammer.

Coonhunting is a sport that teams a youth and their dog with the common goal of tracking a raccoon at night. Once the dog picks up the scent, it tracks the raccoon to a tree and holds it there until the handler arrives. Points

are earned during each segment of the hunt. Raccoons are not hurt during the hunt.

KENTUCKY ANGLER WINS BIG IN BASSMASTER TOP 100

Dan Morehead pulled in a three day total of 54 pounds, 11 ounces to claim first place at the Maryland BASSMASTER Top 100 on the Potomac River on September 28. The Murray State University graduate altered a spinnerbait and shallow-running crankbait to catch bass that were moving back and forth with the widely fluctuating tides in a creek.

In years past, contestants have spent the majority of their time on the main Potomac, according to Steve Price of the B.A.S.S. Times. This year, with tides slightly higher and lower than normal because of the full moon, the bass in the tributaries were forced to move with each changing water level.

Morehead could see them because the water was clear.

"We could see them swimming over the top of the milfoil in a foot of water as the tide went out," says Morehead.

Morehead fished stained water just two feet deep with a 3/8-ounce Stanley Vibra-Shaft spinnerbait(chartreuse), featuring a No.3-1/2 Colorado blade(orange) and a No.4 Indiana blade(gold). He worked the blades slowly but steadily and just beneath the surface around and through scattered vegetation.

"I use that particular spinnerbait a lot on Kentucky Lake where off-color water is a way of life," he says.

The strategy paid off. Competing in just his third season on the BASSMASTER Tournament Trail, Morehead has a wedding date scheduled for November 30, and the \$45,000 winner's purse should pay for a very nice honeymoon.

A Look At Sports — (Continued from page one)

A fireballing, underhand pitcher. They have a strong infield and outfield. The Lady Rebs just need some pitching.

• Betsy Layne Lady Cats: A season of several years ago when they dominated the district as well as the region.

• Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats: Just to be able to put together a strong outing in the "big" games.

• South Floyd Lady Raiders: A season of many wins and no defeats. This program is going to turn around.

Coaches Barry Hall of South Floyd and Allen Central's Kevin Spurlock have been outstanding with their respective baseball teams. They will rejoin veteran coaches Junior Newsome of Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg's Russell Shepherd this spring.

• Allen Central Rebels: A hard throwing right-hander that will throw b.b's.

• Betsy Layne Bobcats: Just to

continue with the success they have enjoyed. That Brandon Castle will get a real good look at this spring.

• Prestonsburg Blackcats: To regain that once dominating ability they enjoyed for so many seasons.

• South Floyd Raiders: To be rewarded for all the hard work put into last year's team.

For all the sports fans in the area and those who read this column constantly, my wish for you is that you will get everything you wished for this Christmas season. For those things you get and didn't want: that the return line at Wal-Mart will not be too long.

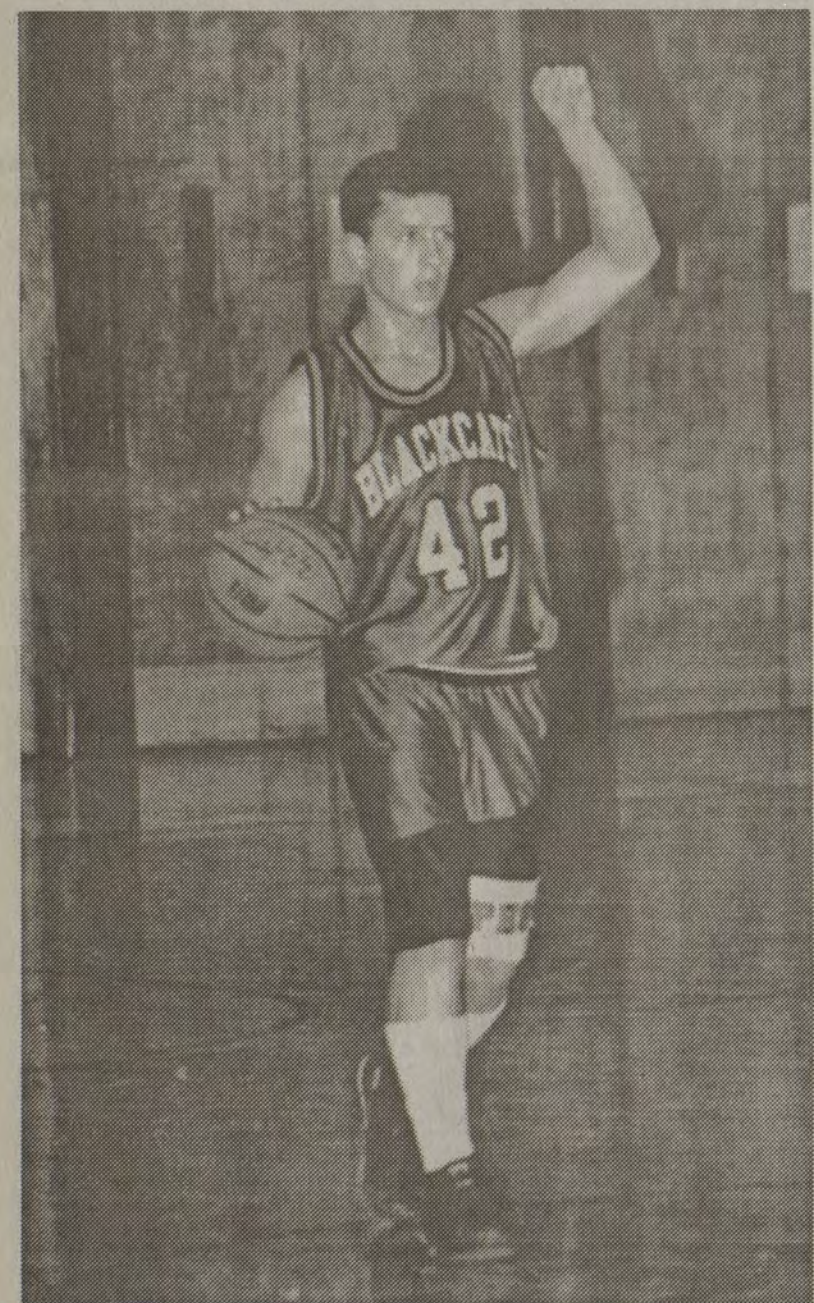
Christmas is a time of giving gifts. But, remember, the real reason is because of God's greatest gift to us.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports. And Merry Christmas from my house to yours!



Drive the baseline

Johnson Central's Davy Turner (32) drove around Prestonsburg's John Ortega (42) when the two teams met last Friday night at Johnson Central. The Blackcats held off the Golden Eagles 69-66. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Fist

Prestonsburg point guard John Ortega returned to the hardwood this past Friday night against Johnson Central. Ortega scored a game high 19 points and hit four three-point baskets to lead Prestonsburg to a 69-66 win over the Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Lifestyles

COUSINS ARE MERE HOURS APART



Second

Cindy and her daughter, Kimila, hold Katlyn Brooke Compton as dad, Mark Compton, hugs them all. Katlyn was born a few hours after her cousin.

Cindy that morning because she had been having contractions. I wanted to check on her and see if she had been to the doctor." Cindy headed to Pikeville Methodist Hospital to see Jackie and Fred's baby. "I came right over (to the hospital) and got to see the baby. Then we (Cindy's mother and daughter, Kimila) went shopping," Cindy said. They returned to the hospital to give Jackie the gifts that they had bought for Frederick. "That's when they started getting on me. I had been having contractions all day and by this time they were five minutes apart," she

said. "Cindy had been having contractions all day," Jackie reported. "When she brought me the gift that she had bought, I told her that she better at least call the doctor." At 3:30 p.m. Cindy left Pikeville Methodist Hospital and went to Dr. Altman's office. Dr. Altman saw her and told her to go back to the hospital immediately. She was admitted and at 6:33 p.m. was the mother of a new baby girl. Brothers, Mark and Fred, couldn't be happier.



First born

Jackie and Fred Compton are pictured with their son, Frederick Darrell Compton, at Pikeville Methodist.

We're more intelligent than this

In an article that ran in the Lexington-Herald a week or so ago, Rab Hagin, of Lexington, pretty much hit the nail on the head when he wrote the following: "Perhaps it makes sense to some. In the darkest time of year for the Northern Hemisphere—a time when sunlight deprivation makes humans increasingly susceptible to depression and suicide—our society decrees that we engage in an orgy of consumption, spending more money than we have, going more places than we want to go and pushing ourselves to extremes that are neither healthy nor enjoyable.

Welcome to the holiday season. Since that pretty much expresses the feelings of many of us, one has to wonder what on earth has happened to our society. It's pitiful how the reason for the season has long been forgotten in lieu of blatant, even sinful, commercialism. What makes the whole thing doubly sad is that even those of us who profess Christianity have become a part of the decadence. Whether we've intended to or not, it's almost like we've let the Tickle Me Elmos and Barbies replace the Nativity. Today's young children, through no fault of their own, since they've been denied nothing since birth, are prone to think that Christmas has absolutely nothing to do with the birth of Christ. Instead, as far as they're concerned, the holiday is in celebration of the birth of Santa Claus.

Thankfully, there are those who do remind us, if we care to read their words, that a new star was indeed placed in the firmament nearly 2,000 years ago...and still burns brightly. In The Glory of Christmas, Charles Swindoll offers an interesting perspective on the holiday's true meaning. "Christmas comes each year to draw people in from the cold. We try hard to attract them into the warmth. Week after week church bells ring. Choirs sing. Preachers preach. Lighted churches send out their beacon. But nothing seems to bring those who need warmth the most. Then, as the year draws to a close, Christmas offers its wonderful message. He didn't come to frighten us, but to show us the way to warmth and safety." Swindoll's words are plainly spoken yet, at least for some, so very hard to comprehend. It's really sad that a society as advanced as ours has opted to pursue such a dead-end street in search of the holiday spirit. If only there were some way we could just back up and start all over. Perhaps Hagin's seemingly uncovered, alternative route may be a good place to start. He suggests that this should be a time of renewal, of re-kindling old friendships, or doing something totally out of the ordinary. I suggest that one of the most extraordinary things we can do is look beyond the facade of credit cards and dollar signs and focus on the star. It worked once; it can again. **From our house to yours, Merry Christmas.**

Poison Oak



Clyde Pack

In The Glory of Christmas, Charles Swindoll offers an interesting perspective on the holiday's true meaning.

We love our pets, especially at Christmas

With the loss of faith in modern times, the great Southern novelist Walker Percy wrote, quoting the scholar Romano Guardini, "Love will disappear from the face of the public world, but the more precious will be that love which flows from one lonely person to another." The

The holiday season is not joyous and bright for everyone. If you are among the people who would rather skip to January 2, there are some steps you can take to make the holidays better. "For people who are experiencing the loss of someone or something such as a loved one, a marriage or a job, the holidays can make the grief more intense. Other people who feel lonely, depressed or stressed may find that the holidays make the pain worse," said Edward Maxwell Jr., M.D., clinical director of Kentucky's Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

more precious, too, will be the love that flows between pets and their humanfolks. Exhibit A: the holiday season, when Santa Paws comes to town and pet lovers express their feelings with FIVE BILLION DOLLARS in pet gift expenditures between Thanksgiving and

"In all of these scenarios, people can make changes or prepare for the holidays so that they can cope with their feelings." Maxwell, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Kentucky, said the normal feelings associated with a major loss such as anger, fear, confusion, loneliness, depression and anxiety often become accentuated during the holidays because it's suppose to be a happy, family oriented time. "Even though celebrating the holidays is usually fun, it does

Sadness, stress during holidays can be eased with preparation

(See Stress, page three)

Christmas. Each year Americans spend \$20 billion on pet gifts, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA). With 56 million American households now owning pets (60 percent of households from sea to shining sea), fewer are the office-party hecklers who howl, "You bought a Christmas present for your Ha-Ha-Hamster!" Proper response: "Why, yes. And did you know that 48 percent of hamster owners fete their furry friends with Christmas gifts, making hamsters more beloved by a whisker than guinea pigs (47 percent), and especially rabbits (21 percent)." Yes, it's true: Six in 10 dogs receive Christmas gifts, more than any other pet, which makes sense to us,

given the generosity of spirit shared by dogs and their owners. On the other paw, only 45 percent of cats receive Christmas gifts, which we'll

Wild Things

report without comment. It hardly surprises us that small and large dogs are lavished with more gifts than medium-sized dogs: small dogs play the role of human infants and big dogs are beloved as if they were strapping siblings still living with Mom and saving for college, whereas medium-sized dogs are more clearly, well, dogs. The most popular new pets are birds, 40 percent of whom find presents under the tree nowadays, up from 26 per-

cent four years ago. Iguanas are the hottest cold-blooded gift recipients: 23 percent of them get holiday presents. For last-minute shopping, consider the APPMA's award winners for best new pet products, including the "Wild Walk Perches" for birds, the "Polar Fleece Collection" (coats and booties) for dogs, the "Tuna Can Kitty Lounger" sofa bed for cats, and the "Food Hopper" for reptiles. Finally, the readers of this column may want to know of the newly published "Mutts: America's Dogs" (Warner Books, \$21.95), by Brian

Kilcommons and your faithful pet columnist, with my 135-pound mastiff-shepherd puppy Texas pictured on the cover. More than 60 percent of American dogs are mixed-breeds, and they finally have the first book describing more than 100 mutts by type, with pictures, moving stories and training advice. It's the first book that helps prospective dog owners avoid costly, overbred purebreds and know what they're getting in a mix from the pound. Send your animal and pet questions to Mike Capuzzo, "Wild Things," P.O. Box 157, Wenonah, NJ 08090.

Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times did not publish an edition during the Christmas holiday. Therefore no Yesterdays were available.

Births

PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL

November 16: A son, Codi Braxton, to Stacy Leigh and Chris Salisbury.

November 18: A son, Joseph Bradley Coleman, to Amanda Carol Kidd and Terry Coleman; a daughter, Rachel Anna-Maria, to Susan Maria and Jeffrey Paul Chaffins; twin daughters, Nancy Marie and Shawna Lee to Carol Sue and Steven Edward Maynard.

November 19: A son, Dylan Thomas, to Bridget Dawn Epling; a daughter, Katlyn Brooke, to Cynthia Ann and Mark Anthony Compton; a son, Michael Jadin Beavers, to Jamie Denise Smith and David Lee Beavers; a son, Frederick Darrell, to Jacqueline Sue and Frederick Lee Compton; a daughter, Genia Nichole, to Michelle Lee and Vernon Eugene Smith.

November 20: A son, Brian Michael, to Barbara Teen and Tennis Rogers; a son, Corey Brian, to Angela Dawn and John Brian Damron; a daughter, Summer Francis, to Tara Michelle and Estil Lee Daugherty; a son, James Wesley, to Pamela and James Ray Moore.

November 21: A daughter, Andrea Michelle, to Tammy Michelle and Richard Kendall Mullins; a son, William Scott Elliott, to Marilyn Conn.

November 22: Twins, a daughter, Brianna Taylor, and a son, Seth Tyler Reynolds, to Tonya Kay and Walter Reynolds; a daughter, Brittany, to Patricia and Luther Jr. Adkins.

November 23: A daughter,

Brenda Gale, to Lola and Richard Lee Hall; a daughter, Cassidy Leanne, to Cindy Leith and Douglas Eugene Begley; a daughter, Jaimie Madison Taylor, to Tracy Michelle and James Dale Young.

November 24: A son, Zachary Benjamin Otis, to Trina Carol and Earl Ray Lawson; a son, Isaiah Tyler Dwayne, to Tommy Lynn and Gary Dwayne Lowe.

November 25: A son, Seth Alan, to Stephanie Erin and Shawn Alan Newsome; a daughter, Hannah Nicole, to Melissa Gail and Joseph Wayne Logan; a daughter, Jasmine Hope, to Katherine Florence and Robert Kenle Cole.

November 26: A daughter, Erin Nichole, to Michelle Leigh and Anthony Micheal Castle; a son, Matthew Jennings, to Mary Elizabeth and Kimble Joe Thacker; a daughter, Hannah Nicole, to Leanne and Robert Steven Maynard; a daughter, Kalyn Victoria, to Melissa Lynn and Christopher Michael Henson; a son, Madison Sutter Bryant, to Laurie Ann and Jay Niblick; a son, Jimmy Dale Johnson Jr., to Rebecca June and Jimmy Dale Johnson.

November 27: A daughter, Savanna Brooke, to Victoria Ann and Marty Clayton Sexton; a son, Tyler Dale, to Charlene and Tennis Dale Mounts.

November 29: A daughter, Christin Maggie Lynn, to Sheila

Newsome and Gary Lee Mays.

November 30: A daughter, Santanna Leaann, to Angela Edith and Chester Lee Turnmire; a daughter, Tori Lynn, to Selina Dee and James Arthur Scott; a daughter, Kayla Lashae, to Judy Renee and Bruce Gillespie Jr.; a daughter, Deven Kyle, to Anna Marie and Tommy Newsome Jr.; a daughter, Jalesa Renee, to Ronetta Lynn and John F. Holbrooks.

December 1: A son, Colby Ray, to Maggie Marie and Clinard Brent Belcher.

December 2: A daughter, Haley Danielle, to Madonna Frances and Robert Dotson Jr.; a daughter, Alyssia Gabrielle, to Catrina Marie Bunts; a daughter, Autumn Mist, to Martha Mae and Jamison Jay Waldron; a daughter, Ashley Brooke, to Mary Lou and Timothy Ray Wright.

December 3: A daughter, Abigail Linn, to Debra Ann and Lanny Paul Hall; a daughter, Marissa Paige, to Judith Jolene and Michael Keith LeMaster; a son, John William Reynolds II, to Letha Renea Bentley and John William Reynolds.

December 4: A daughter, Virginia Rebecca Rose, to Brandy Marie Phillips; a son, Austin Keith, to Tammy Lynn and Timothy Paul Wright.

December 5: A daughter, Emily Grace Baker, to Violet Marie Sartin; a daughter, Jessica Lashae, to Melinda Kaye and Jerry Wayne

Adkins; a son, Jonathon Riley, to Sheila Ann Honaker.

December 6: A daughter, Emily Sue, to Ada Jean and Ricky Slusher; a daughter, Jondra Nicole, to Hollie Maria and Eric Jason Adkins; a son, Earl Scott Lewis III, to Edwina Lynn Lewis.

December 7: A son, Aaron Walker, to Cindy and Harry Lee Maness Jr.; a son, Millard Caleb Jordan Skeens, to Rebecca Jo Scott.

December 8: A son, Paul Douglas Shepherd Jr., to Ollie Rena and Paul Douglas Shepherd.

December 9: A daughter, Savannah Faye, to Donna Faye and Curtis Glen Trout; a daughter, Madison Leigh, to Bethany Leigh and Thomas Francis Tavis IV.

December 10: A daughter, Leah Shae Rose, to Eshalla Clovie Thacker; a daughter, Bethany Paige Hopkins, to Donna Renee Thacker and Chad Hopkins; a son, Robert Tyler, to Sandra Denise and Robert Kevin Wright; a daughter, Clorissa Danielle Kinney, to Chasity Anita Hall and Billy Vaughn Kinney; a daughter, Katelyn Paige, to Kristy Lynn McClanahan.

December 11: A daughter, Cheyenne Leigh, to Julie Nichole and Milford Case; a son, Bradley Shawn, to Tammy Renee and Robert Leeroy Huhn; a daughter, Lindsay Kaye, to Natalie Gail and Timothy Keith Kelly; a daughter, Gabrielle Dawn, to Robin Lynn and James Booker Justice; December

12: A son, Donovan Kevin, to Kimberly Renee and Kevin Dewayne Harris.

December 13: A daughter, Jessica Harley, to Jacqueline Christy and Christopher Kevin Thacker; a daughter, Lyric La'Asia Drevhae Hicks, to Latonya Lynn Anderson and David Myron Hicks.

December 14: A son, Jarren Michael, to Tangee Jean and Curtis Michael Hall.

December 15: A daughter, Lavahishia Nashae Robinson, to

Mitzi Jean Collins and Garth Edward Robinson.

December 16: A daughter, Ashley Nicole, to Wendy Renee and Gary Clayton Adkins.

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Birth announced

John Ross Hopkins was born August 30, at 5:05 p.m. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 21 inches long. He is the son of Steven Ross and Tiffany Loy Powers Hopkins of Lancaster.

John Ross is the great-grandson of the late former Secretary of State Lewis F. Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murphy of Stanford.

John Ross's other maternal great-grandparents are Cecil Powers of Danville and the late Anna Millard Powers. His other paternal great-grandparents are the late Ross Hopkins, Josie Hicks of McDowell and the late Ralph Newsome and Lula of McDowell.

His grandparents are Terry and Terri Powers of Stanford, Billy Ross and Glenda Hopkins of Hi Hat, and Kent and Vada Sauvage of Smithland.

Society

Christmas party held

The first Christmas party meeting of the Filipino-American Association was held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, on December 7.

The association was formed to acquaint families and friends in Eastern Kentucky.

East Point Masonic Lodge holds meeting

The East Point Masonic Lodge No. 657, met December 14, to elect officers for 1997. Elected were James McCoy, master; Alvin Y. Johnson, senior warden; Clyde E. Derossett, junior warden; Robert Peters, senior deacon; W. W. Hall, junior deacon; A. J. McCoy Jr. and Bill Craft, stewards; Jim Ramey, chaplain; A. J. McCoy Sr., treasurer; W. L. Baldrige, secretary; and Ben Smith, tiler.

Robert Peters and Jame E. Goble of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, installed the new officers.

Light refreshments were served after adjournment. The next meeting of East Point Lodge will be January 11, at 7 p.m.

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For The Record

Dispatch logs

Editor's note: Dispatch logs are taken from the logs of the Prestonsburg Police Department.

DECEMBER 9

11:32 a.m. — EMS run to Highland Terrace. Caller advised they needed an ambulance in the parking lot.

3:31 p.m. — Caller advised that a female customer at a North Lake Drive business was disturbing other customers.

10:53 p.m. — Caller advised that a male subject was trying to tear down the lights on the West Prestonsburg Bridge.

DECEMBER 10

11:04 a.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at the caution lights on Route 23 and Route 1428.

3 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries on Route 23 and Route 80.

5:35 p.m. — Caller advised that subjects were playing loud music near Mike's B&W and that her three-month-old child is sick and trying to sleep.

8:50 p.m. — Caller advised that a vase had been stolen from China Garden.

DECEMBER 11

12:47 a.m. — EMS run to Hardee's. Caller advised that a male subject was bleeding in the parking lot.

6:34 a.m. — EMS run to Highland Terrace. Male subject advised that he was having trouble breathing.

7:54 a.m. — Intrusion alarm activated at First Commonwealth Bank.

10:44 a.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at May's Branch. Caller advised that a flat bed city truck was over the hill.

5:51 p.m. — Officer advised that he had four juveniles in custody for possession of drugs.

9:16 p.m. — Caller said three subjects in a car drove off with \$14 in gas from Jenny Wiley Village.

9:28 p.m. — Caller advised that he could see smoke coming from residence across the street on South Evergreen.

9:42 p.m. — EMS run to South Evergreen.

DECEMBER 12

2:09 a.m. — EMS run to Highland Terrace.

5:08 a.m. — Disturbance call. Caller advised that subjects in an apartment at Cliffside had been playing loud music all night.

8:03 p.m. — EMS run to Highland Terrace. Caller advised that a subject was having trouble breathing.

DECEMBER 13

1:15 a.m. — Caller advised that a drunk person was in the lobby at Super 8 trying to start a fight with other subjects.

12:35 p.m. — Caller advised that he could smell gas in his residence in West Prestonsburg.

6:51 p.m. — EMS run to Cliffside. Caller advised that a subject took a lot of pills and has been drinking for two days.

DECEMBER 14

12:37 a.m. — Caller advised that a person possibly under the influence of alcohol was walking in the middle of Route 23 near Holiday Inn.

12:51 a.m. — Caller advised that two male subjects were trying to break into cars at Wal-Mart parking lot.

1:05 a.m. — Caller reported that a tool box was stolen from his truck at Super 8 Motel.

1:41 a.m. — EMS run to Holiday Inn. Caller advised that a male subject was hit in the back of the head with a beer bottle and he was bleeding badly.

4:38 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries in front of Carter Hughes Toyota.

9:51 p.m. — EMS run to Station 1. Caller advised that a subject was having chest pains.

DECEMBER 15

3:57 p.m. — EMS run to Mountain Arts Center. Caller advised that a male subject was having an epileptic seizure.

DECEMBER 16

9:50 a.m. — Caller advised a child was locked in a car at Wal-Mart parking lot.

12:12 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at First Commonwealth Bank parking lot.

6:20 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries on Bert Combs bridge.

DECEMBER 17

7:02 a.m. — EMS run to North Central Avenue residence. Caller advised that a female subject was possibly having a heart attack.

3:26 p.m. — Report of an accident with injuries in front of Dollar General Store.

5:14 p.m. — EMS run to Westminster. Caller advised that a 90-year-old female subject was possibly having a stroke.

7:10 p.m. — Caller advised that the shirt on a little girl caught on fire. The fire was extinguished, but caller is unsure of the extent of the burns.

9:38 p.m. — Caller advised that a man was jumping in front of cars near Jerry's Restaurant.

Marriage Licenses

Angela G. Pinion, 32, of Regina and Brian Stiltner, 39, of Feds Creek.

Lana Jane Williams, 31, of Science Hill and Ronald Bruce Thiesmeyer, 36, of Science Hill.

Rae Shella Cox, 37, of Kendallville, Indiana and Steven E. Pierce, 41, of Kendallville, Indiana.

Stephanie A. Sizemore, 19, of Martin and Ted N. McDonald, 21, of Prestonsburg.

Kristi D. Hall, 17, of Wheelwright and Michael A. Osborne, 20, of Ligon.

Kim Marie Spadaro, 29, of West Palm Beach, Florida and Thomas Howard Holifield, 38, of West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mary Sue Meadows, 21, of Blue River and Larry Sean Music, 24, of Blue River.

Jaime Elizabeth McCoy, 19, of Prestonsburg and Brian Albert Horn, 19, of Inez.

Alicetine Ward, 57, of McDowell and Johnie Rackey, 65, of Hi Hat.

Tracy A. Evertson, 32, of Somerset and Ronald Michael Simmons, 42, of Somerset.

Property Transfers

Janet Cooley Webb and Claude J. Webb to Jackie E. and Hattie L. Owens, property on Prater Fork of Brush Creek; Maudie Lucas to Billy M. Flanery, property on Middle Creek;

Robert and Naoma Spradlin to

Arthur Lewis, property on Cow Creek; Pamela Lynn Stumbo to Kevin James Stumbo, property location not listed;

Abbott Development Inc. to Burl Wells and Jeanne C. Spurlock, two tracts of property on Abbott Creek; Abbott Development Inc. to Burl Wells and Jeanne C. Spurlock, property on Left Fork of Bull Creek;

Blue Sky Motel Inc. to Thomas D. Lafferty Sr., and Burl Wells and Jeanne C. Spurlock, property on Left Fork of Bull Creek; Claud E. Webb and Edna W. Click to Claude J. and Janet L. Webb, property on Henry's Branch of Right Beaver Creek;

Claud E. Webb to Claude J. and Janet L. Webb, property between Henry's Branch and Turkey Creek; Melvin and Daisy Morrison to Gary T. and Barbara Sue Preece, property on Johns Creek;

Timothy and Teresa Lynn Hall to Danny and Teresa Bates, property on Left Beaver Creek in Burton Village Subdivision; Norman Shepherd to Mary Little, property on Salt Lick Creek;

Minerva Branham, Charles F. and Nan Arnett, Sandy and Dennis Love, and Janice A. and Kenneth R. Wells to Janice A. and Kenneth R. Wells, property on Abbott Creek;

Laverne Reedy Slone to Denver Ray Slone, property on Riley's Branch; Staniel D. and Jeri Mullins to Bobby D. and Jennifer J. Osborne, property on Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Restaurant, School and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's Note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey and Russell Wallace.

• Slone's Mobile Home Park, 94: Sewage system malfunctioning. Upper end of system near road. Owner given 30 days to correct violation.

• Market Place, Prestonsburg, 92 in deli and 92 in retail: Not all coolers with thermometers. Food items stored on floor. No hair restraints. Foil for shelf liner in cooler. Can opener needs to be cleaned. Utensils stored with handles down. Restroom garbage can needed to be emptied. Floor and ceiling need repairs.

• Sam an 'Tonios, Betsy Layne, 77: Critical violation: Container of what appears to be ribs on scales in dishwashing are in a severe condition of spoilage. These need to be discarded immediately. Dishwashing machine not sanitizing at all. No measurable chlorine detected. Hot water final rinse at 120°F. Manager advised to use manual dishwashing procedure until machine has been adjusted or repaired.

Owner given ten days to correct critical violations.

Other violations: T-bone steaks thawing at room temperature on top of the microwave. Baked potatoes on the floor. Entire door of chest-type freezer in bad repair. Wiping cloth use not restricted. Outside area of dishwashing machine has a build-up of encrusted food material.

Dishwashing baskets stored on the floor. Also clean utensils stored with soiled equipment. Foam cups stored on the floor. No soap at handwash sink. Lighting not adequate in food preparation and dishwashing area. Dishwashing area

needs more routine cleaning and sanitizing. Litter should not accumulate.

Inspector's Note: This inspection was conducted due to a complaint concerning storage and proper handling of meat items in the walk-in refrigeration units. A full and complete inspection shall be conducted of the entire facility.

All noticeable conditions exist regarding possible contamination of meat stored in the walk-in refrigerator. All meat items were found to be stored in an acceptable manner and away from all beer stored in the walk-in cooler.

• Cardinal Mart, Prestonsburg, 96 in deli and 97 in retail: No covered waste can. Tile broken on floor. Light in food preparation area not covered.

• Brenda's Pizzeria and Dairy World, Grethel, 95: All refrigeration units should have thermometers. Proper hair restraints not in use. Wiping cloth use not restricted. Purse stored with food and equipment. Mop head stored on the floor in downstairs storage area.

• Brenda's Place, McDowell, 84: Not all freezer and refrigeration units have thermometers. Ice scoop stored in a container of water. Reach-in refrigerator (bottom areas) broken and in bad repair. Paint brush being used as pastry brush. Grease build-up on pots and pans stored on shelf (clean utensil storage).

No detectable sanitizing agent in wiping cloth solution. Ice machine needs more intensive cleaning inside and outside. Outside dumpsters not covered. Floors in very bad repair. Walls and ceilings in bad repair. Lights in food preparation area not shielded.

Owner given 30 days to correct violations.

• Vance Quick Mart, 83 in deli and 92 in retail: Critical violation.

Half empty liter bottle (2 liter bottle soft drink) stored in ice machine in ice intended for consumption. Also evidence observed of employee's drinking water and a soft drink in food preparation area. Cleaning materials stored with food and food items.

Owner given one hour to correct critical violations.

Other violations: All refrigeration and freezer units should have thermometers. Pepsi stored in ice

machine, ice intended for consumption.

Proper dishwashing procedure not being used. Can opener blade in need of cleaning and sanitizing.

Dye test conducted on drainage (gray water) did not indicate gray water discharge at this date.

• On follow-up inspection, critical items, were corrected.

• Center Stage, 96: No self-closing door. Outside dumpster not covered.

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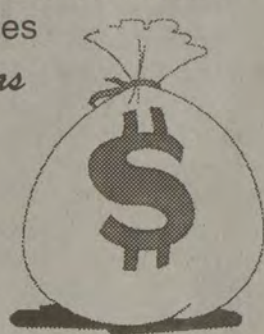
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strain your budget, time and family. When something has upset your life or you feel emotional pain, those stresses can be overwhelming," Maxwell said.

"The first step is to accept your feelings. Then express them in a positive way through talking with others, writing in a journal, or through some other personally meaningful activity such as prayer, and then come up with a plan to ease the pressure.

"If you have had a major loss in your life this year, be aware that Christmas will not be the same, but it can still be meaningful. Do not isolate yourself. Try to participate in a social gathering or church, or spend time with other people who are lonely such as nursing home residents," Maxwell said. "Most importantly, focus on the real meaning of the holidays."

Maxwell said people dealing

with the loss of a loved one may find comfort in remembering that person in a special way during the holidays.

For people who feel depressed or stressed, choose the things that you enjoy about the holidays, and budget your time, money and emotional energy, he said. Strive for a balance.

"You can't accept every invitation or request, especially if your energy is low or you feel overwhelmed," Maxwell said.

"Simplify your life and take care of yourself. Try to exercise, eat properly and get rest. Do not resort to alcohol use or taking street drugs to get through a difficult time because it will actually make things worse."

Maxwell said some people feel a big letdown after the holidays that leads to sadness. If you usually feel the after-holiday blues, try

planning an activity you will enjoy in January. For example, if you like to travel or enjoy a winter sport, plan a trip. If you enjoy get together, plan some gatherings with friends or family after the holidays.

"December is so crowded with activities and special meals, it might be a good idea to save some of those gatherings for January. You would feel less stress and have something to look forward to after the holidays," Maxwell said.

If you need help coping with depression or a loss in your life, Maxwell advises seeking the help of a physician, professional counselor, minister or support group.

Help in coping with holiday depression or anxiety is also available through Kentucky's regional community mental health and mental retardation centers.

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Sunshine Lines

by Beverly Carroll



Christmas and to what surprises lay hidden beneath the tree in brightly colored boxes and packages. And I know I'm not the only "Granny" reading Sunshine Lines today who gets as excited about this holiday as my eight year old grandson. When he playfully bounces through the house singing, "Christmas is my favorite time of year" he knows his voice is echoing my thoughts.

My bearded and beloved husband, though not big on Christmas, gets more into the "spirit" of the season by observing my personality regress to that of a child. I really think he gets more fun out of my excitement, and that of our grandson, than he does from opening the gifts that bear his name. However, every year he does snoop to see what Mrs. Claus stuffs into his stocking that dangles colorfully from the mantle. (One would think that the jolly old man would have learned by now to put things back as he found them.) Don't tell him, but when the child comes out in him, as it does when his stocking becomes bulging and tempting, I relish the moment I learn he has been snooping. I chide him but he never admits to it. I don't snoop, but I must admit I put things in my own stocking.

Earlier in the year I happened onto a mark-down basket and found a darling small stuffed frog. The toy was designed for toddlers, but this overgrown kid fell in love with it. As I pulled a string, the froggy's legs stretched downward. When I let loose of the string, music began playing until the little frog's legs went back into the manufacturer's intended sitting position. These cute

little critters were half-price. What a deal! Without hesitation I dug through the sale basket grabbing all of them that I could find. To my dismay there were only two. One I saved to send to our granddaughter, Heather, on the East Coast and the other I guiltlessly bought for myself. At home I packed them away until the stockings were hung.

Last week when my grandson saw the frog peeking up over my stocking he said, "Granny, who put that frog in your stocking?" "I did." I gleefully answered. He said, with an element of disgust in his voice, "Granny, people don't put things in their own stockings. Don't you know that!" Later, to my surprise, I found the little fellow—the frog that is—sitting under our tree. My grandson doesn't know it but he did me a big favor by removing it from my stocking. Now I can enjoy the frog sitting there while I'm waiting for Santa. When there's no one around, I am guilty of pulling the froggy's string. I hope he doesn't croak before the holidays are over. How would "Granny" explain that his music box is already worn out? Another way my grandson unbeknowningly did me a favor by removing the frog from my stocking is that he made room for Santa's helpers to stuff more things in it. Thank you, Devan. I hope my husband, daughter, son-in-law and grandson won't forget me. I have lots of room in my stocking now and I promise I won't peak—like Grampy does.

In our home we have laughter, food, loads of family lore, memories and pictures of years gone by. Some years there was no money for

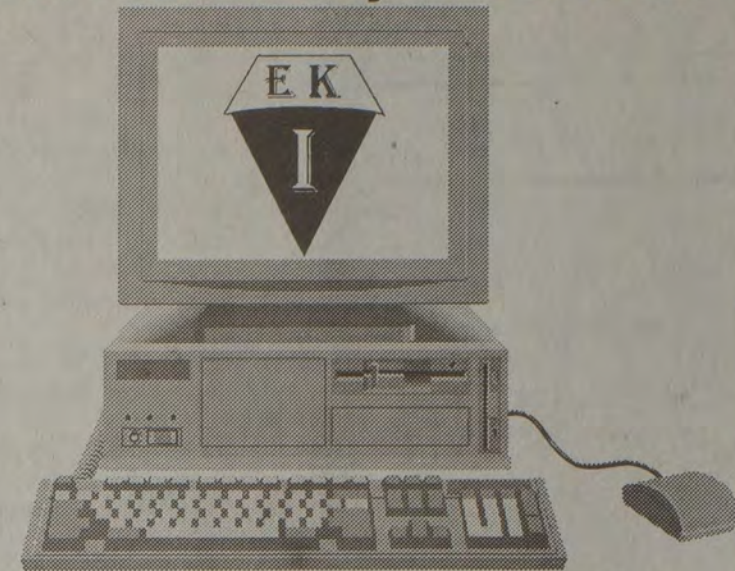
gifts but there was always the presence of family—many who are no longer here for us to hug and to hold. Without these memories, and our capability of making pleasant lasting memories for those around us today, for them to enjoy throughout their lives, December 25th would be little more than another day to us.

Senior citizens, we may not be able to afford gifts to wrap and give to those we care deeply about, but we have love we can impart. This Christmas, consider telling those you love how very much you love them. Your very personal gift to them will be with them long after you are gone. Your gift of love—words and warm embraces—is a special gift you can afford and one they will cherish forever. This precious gift is one that moths and rust cannot corrupt, it cannot be stolen, and it is one over which Old Man Time has no power. Your gift from the heart will live on forever in the lives of your loved ones.

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Tips for handling holiday food

During the holidays, special foods are often prepared for celebrations, many of these food dishes are home-made in keeping with tradition. Today's column will give valuable information on food safety topics including: cooked eggnog and turkey preparation information.

Although eggnog is available already made and pasteurized at any grocery store, various home recipes also exist for the beverage. Sandra Bastin, extension food and nutrition specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, said only recipes that are cooked should be used. "We recognize the very real danger of salmonella bacteria when egg-containing foods are eaten that have not been cooked" states Bastin. Salmonella is a food borne illness which is characterized by stomach cramps, vomiting, diarrhea and may be life threatening. Food Scientists at the College of Agriculture have developed a recipe for cooked eggnog that is safe to make and drink at home. The recipe is as follows:

COOKED EGGNOG

- 1/2 gallon whole milk
 - 3 beaten eggs
 - 3/4 c. sugar
 - 1/3 c. Nonfat dry milk
 - 1 packet gelatin (2 1/4 t.-unflavored)
 - 1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon Nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon Rum flavoring
 - 1/2 teaspoon Vanilla flavoring
- Stir together beaten eggs, liquid flavorings and 4 cups of the milk. Blend instant milk, sugar, spices and gelatin by stirring together thoroughly with a spoon in a small container. Mix these dry ingredients into the milk mixture with a wire whisk. Add the remaining milk. Heat mixture to greater than 165 degrees F in a microwave oven or double boiler, and hold at that temperature for at least 30 seconds. Stir with a wire whisk during and after heating. Cool immediately

in the refrigerator and stir before serving.

This recipe makes a little more than one-half gallon of eggnog. Store in the refrigerator for 10-14 days. Per one cup serving 240 calories, 100 mg. Cholesterol, and 9g. Fat. To reduce the calories by 60 per cup and to reduce the fat content by substituting skim milk for the whole milk. Sugar substitute made from an Acesulfame-K type sweetener can also be used to

turkey breast-side up on a flat wire rack. A tent of aluminum foil may be placed loosely over the breast for the first hour and then removed for browning, or foil may be put on after the turkey reaches the desired golden brown. However, if the bird is tented with foil the entire cooking time, more time will be needed for cooking.

To ensure safety and doneness, regardless of cooking time, internal temperature should be checked with a

three hours for an eight to 12 pound unstuffed turkey. A stuffed turkey at this weight takes three to three and a half hours to cook. An 18 to 20 pound unstuffed bird requires four and one quarter to four and one-half hours in the oven. One which is stuffed will take up to four and three fourths hours.

Other factors affect times. Dark pans cook faster than shiny ones. A lid on a Dutch oven or use of a cooking bag speeds cooking. The oven rack should be positioned in the center of the oven for uniform cooking and heat circulation. For additional roasting times and more turkey information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555. The line is staffed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET year round and has a selection of food safety recordings available 24 hours a day.

lower calories and provide the same amount of sweetness to the eggnog. Individuals who are allergic to eggs or need to restrict cholesterol can use egg substitute in the recipe. Pasteurized eggs in the shell are available in some locations, these are perfect for eggnog and take away the risk of salmonella if it is not cooked. However, ask your grocer for these Pasteurized eggs.

When it comes to putting the perfect holiday turkey on the table, more than just proper roasting time needs to be followed. Remember technique plus time and temperature equals turkey. Cooking techniques also affect the time whole turkeys take to roast to assure safety and doneness. Different techniques can lengthen or shorten cooking time from 15 minutes to an hour. First, oven temperature should be 325 degrees F or higher. Turkeys must be either fresh or thawed since times are based on birds at 40 degrees (the average refrigerator temperature).

In a shallow roasting pan, place the

meat thermometer. Temperature must reach a minimum of 180 degrees F in the thigh. Juices should run clear when the finished bird is pierced.

Several types of thermometers are available. At the beginning or toward the end of roasting, an oven-proof thermometer may be placed in the thigh joint so temperature can be checked at cooking intervals. Instant-read thermometers may also be used to check temperature periodically. Even when a pop-up thermometer is used, it is recommended that a conventional one be used to check temperature periodically. Pop-up thermometers are accurate for birds under 20 pounds.

For more uniform results, stuffing should be cooked outside the bird. If it is stuffed, stuff loosely and make sure the stuffing reaches 165 degrees F. Do not stuff before refrigeration because the stuffing acts as an insulator and may not reach refrigerator temperature within a short amount of time.

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CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP

1/2 C. finely chopped carrots
1 C. finely chopped celery
1 C. finely chopped green onions
2 C. water
1 medium white onion, chopped
2 Tbsp. diet margarine
1 C. flour
4 C. skim or 1/2% milk
4 C. chicken broth
1 (15 oz.) jar Cheez Whiz, light
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 Tbsp. prepared mustard
Boil carrots, celery and green onions in water 5 minutes.
Sauté white onion in butter. Add flour and blend well.

Boil milk and chicken broth. Stir briskly into white onion mixture with a wire whisk. Add Cheez Whiz, salt, pepper and cayenne. Stir in mustard and the boiled vegetables including the water in which they were cooked. Bring to a boil and serve immediately.

Chopping these ingredients in a food processor is not recommended.

Serves 8.

QUICKIE VEGETABLE SOUP

1 (12 oz.) can V-8 juice, regular or spicy
1 C. water
1/2 chopped onion
2 ribs celery
1 sliced carrot
1 (16 oz.) can green beans
Anything from the list of vegetable exchanges (cabbage, etc.)
Combine and simmer for about one hour. Serves 6.

CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

2 Tbsp. diet margarine
1 C. chopped onion
2 1/2 Tbsp. flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper (or less)
2 C. non-fat chicken broth
10 oz. frozen chopped broccoli, thawed, drained

2 C. skim milk
Sauté onion in margarine, medium heat, about 10 minutes. Add flour, salt and pepper and stir constantly for 2 minutes. Add broth slowly. Add broccoli. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Cover and simmer until broccoli is tender.
Puree in blender.
Return to pan, add milk and bring to simmer.
Serves 4.

CABBAGE SOUP

1 1/2 C. tomato juice
3 C. shredded cabbage
1/2 C. onion flakes (or 1 medium onion, chopped)
Dash of garlic salt and chili powder
2 C. water
1/2 C. diced celery
1 tsp. parsley
1 tsp. bouillon
Salt and pepper to taste
1 (16 oz.) can French-style green beans
1 (16 oz.) can sliced mushrooms
Cook all ingredients together except green beans and mushrooms until cabbage is tender. Then add green beans and mushrooms with liquid. Serves 8.

CHILI SOUP

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
3 (10 3/4 oz.) cans Campbell's condensed minestrone soup
1 (14 1/2 oz.) can stewed tomatoes
1 (10 oz.) can Rotell tomatoes
1 (15 1/2 oz.) can chili beans
3 (10 3/4 oz.) cans water
Brown together ground beef and chopped onion. Drain thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients. Mix together. Simmer for 10 minutes. Serves 16.

CHEWY CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

1 C. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 C. diet margarine, melted
3 Tbsp. cocoa
Sugar substitute (sweetened to taste)
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
1/4 C. canned evaporated skim milk
5 pecan halves, chopped
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
In a bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt.
Beat eggs.
Melt margarine.
Add all ingredients to flour

mixture. Bake for 20 minutes. Yields 16.

APPLESAUCE CAKE

1/2 C. diet margarine
4 tsp. brown sugar substitute
1 C. cold unsweetened applesauce
2 C. all purpose flour
1 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. powdered cloves
1 C. raisins
1/4 C. chopped pecans
Cream margarine; beat in brown sugar substitute gradually. Add applesauce. Add flour sifted with soda, salt and spices. Add raisins and nuts.
Spread in a 9" pan that has been sprayed with non-stick spray and floured.
Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves 16.

QUICK CHEESE CAKE

Crust:
1 stick diet margarine
1 C. flour
1 Tbsp. chopped pecans
Filling:
8 oz. lite cream cheese, softened
8 oz. plain non-fat yogurt
1 tsp. vanilla
20 pkg. sugar substitute
1 pkg. sugar-free whipped topping
Process crust ingredients in food processor or by hand until it will form a ball. Press into largest 10 inch pie pan.
Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool completely.
Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add yogurt, vanilla and sugar substitute, blend well. Blend prepared topping into cream cheese mixture.
Put into cooled crust and chill thoroughly. Serve with fruit garnish, if desired. Serves 12.
Add appropriate fruit exchanges if used.

HOT CINNAMON-CRANBERRY PUNCH

(9 servings, about 3/4 cup each)
1/2 cup red cinamon candies
2 cups water
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 quart cranberry juice cocktail
6 oz. frozen pineapple-orange juice concentrate, thawed
Tie candies in small cheesecloth bag. Place in 1-quart glass bowl or measuring cap. Add water and brown sugar. Microwave at HIGH (100%) until mixture boils, about 5

minutes. Stir. Microwave at MEDIUM-LOW (30%) for 8 minutes.

While water mixture is simmering, stir together cranberry juice cocktail and thawed juice concentrate in large pitcher. Stir in hot water mixture, discarding cheesecloth bag. Heat by cupful in microwave oven to serve. Keep in refrigerator.

VARIATION: For Cranberry-Pineapple Tea, drop 1 tea bag per serving into hot punch. Let steep to desired strength.

MAKE HOMEMADE EGGNOG

SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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thoroughly with a spoon in a small container. Mix these dry ingredients into the milk mixture with a wire whisk. Add the remaining milk. Heat mixture to greater than 165 degrees F in a microwave oven or double boiler and hold at that temperature for at least 30 seconds. Stir with a wire whisk a few times during and after heating. Cool immediately in the refrigerator and stir before serving.

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HONEY BREAD PUDDING

8 cups egg bread, cubed
1 cup raisins
3 cups 2% low-fat milk
1 cup evaporated low-fat milk
6 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup honey
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Low-fat whipped topping (optional)

Arrange bread and raisins in bottom of lightly greased shallow 2-quart baking dish. Beat remaining ingredients in large bowl until well blended; pour over bread cubes in baking dish and let stand 1 hour or until liquid is absorbed.

Bake at 375°F 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Top with whipped topping, if desired.

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EASY HARVEST PEACH COBLER

1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar, or to taste
1/2 teaspoons baking powder
A pinch of salt
1/2 cup milk
2 cans (15 oz. each) Del Monte Harvest Spice Sliced Peaches, undrained

Preheat oven to 375°F.
Pour melted butter into an 8 x 8 inch baking dish.

In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt and mix well. Stir in the milk, mixing until just combined. Pour this batter over the butter but do not stir them together.

Pour the undrained peaches over the batter but do not stir them together.

Bake in the preheated oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the top is golden-brown. Serve warm. For extra sweetness, sprinkle about 1 teaspoon of sugar over the top.

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She knew her captors would arise early the following morning and she must climb upon the horse and keep up with the procession, not slowing their travel. Her life and that of her children depended on it.

Mary's heartiness allowed her to do just that as she held her daughter while her son George snuggled close behind and her two-year-old, Thomas, sat immediately in front. She must have gained more admiration from the Indians because of her steadfastness.

After the Indians and the captive pioneer women and children moved away from the Greater Kanawha River and passed the Bluestone and New Rivers, their route brought them again to the Greater Kanawha. They crossed to the east side where they proceeded to a salt spring and began manufacturing salt to take along to their Ohio village.

The salt lick spread over an area of about ten acres and there were hundreds of large bones, bones of the mastodon and the arctic elephant, lying about on the ground. Some of the teeth weighed as much as ten pounds and were seven inches long and five inches across. Although Mary didn't know what animals they were from, she knew they were old and had no fear. She had a greater fear of bears which she occasionally saw while looking for herbs and roots in the wild.

The prisoners were kept in two areas while at the salt licks and Mary was separated from her two sons. She was however permitted to keep her infant daughter nearby. Mary's condition improved greatly in the days that followed but her sister-in-law's arm was greatly inflamed.

The Indians permitted Mary to travel deep into the woods in search of roots and herbs which she used to make a poultice for Eliza's frightful wound. She was watched carefully at first but after awhile the Indians felt they could trust Mary and gave her free reign of her actions. She had many chances to escape but couldn't bring herself to leave her children and Eliza although every day found her thinking of escaping.

The Indians stayed at the salt spring for several weeks and during this time Mary's health, and that of Eliza, improved greatly. During this time the chief and other braves exhibited more than a casual interest in them.

Mary gained the respect of her captors during this

period with her doctoring and with her cooking and sewing. Mary knew her position and that of her children was more secure and her actions conveyed it. She had full reign of the camp and environs.

When it was time for the party to break camp and proceed on to the Ohio Indian village, Mary directed Eliza to mount one of the horses and proceeded to assist George in getting atop the horse behind her.

"She must ride," she told the chief who leered at her. "She can take my little boy with her. It is enough for me to take Thomas and my baby. Eliza and George must ride."

The chief thought about it for a few moments before turning his attention to other matters. No further thought was given to Eliza riding the horse.

They followed the Kanawha River until reaching the Ohio River near present-day Point Pleasant, West Virginia. They crossed the river but then remained near the present site of Gallipolis, Ohio, for several days before proceeding on to the Indian settlements at the mouth of the Scioto River where it pours into the Ohio.

The returning warriors let out an eerie "scalp halloo" and soon it was taken up by similar shrieking from those in the villages on both sides of the Ohio. The residents of the village—older warriors, adolescents, squaws and wolfish dogs came forward to meet the returning warriors and their captives. Guns were fired into the air and many of the Indians brandished knives.

The war whoops caused Mary and the other captives much discomfort. Even the old Indian women, shriveled with age, gave distorted hideous howls, shrieks which caused goosebumps to rise over Mary's body. She thought the hour of her death was at hand but the chief who befriended her said that she and her children, although separated, would not be harmed.

The following morning, Mary saw the immensity of the Indian village which stretched along both sides of the Ohio River. There were as many as a hundred houses on the north side of the river and forty to the south. She noticed there were up to 300 men in the village. She wondered if she would again have an opportunity to escape.

Thirty days had passed since the Indians raided and burned her cabin and took them prisoner. It had been thirty days, but it seemed like three years.

Editor's note: Mary's sister-in-law is forced to run the Indian gauntlet in Jadon's *From the Mountains* next week in the *Floyd County Times*.

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Award winner

The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and the Kentucky Coal Association presented the first KCA/NWTF Reclamation Award, October 25 to the Eastern Kentucky recipient Coal-Mac Inc. Pictured above, from left, are Larry Herald, Director of the NWTF Kentucky Chapter, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Tom Bennett, Bob Daniels with Coal-Mac, Inc., Bobby Maddrey, NWTF director of Land Management Program, Joe Bland, Kentucky regional director for NWTF and Steve Case with Coal-Mac Inc.

Coal-Mac, Peabody Coal win initial KCA/NWTF Reclamation awards

The Kentucky Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), in concert with the Kentucky Coal Association (KCA) awarded two Kentucky coal companies the first KCA/NWTF Reclamation Awards. Coal Mac, Inc. was the recipient from Eastern Kentucky and Peabody Coal Co. from Western Kentucky.

The awards were presented by Bobby Maddrey, NWTF director of Land Management Programs, Joe Bland, Kentucky regional director, Tom Bennett, commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and Larry Herald of the Kentucky Chapter at the KCA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon. Accepting the awards were Bob Daniels and Steve Case of Coal-Mac and Brent Gray of Peabody Coal.

The recipients were chosen, based on their overall efforts to restore wildlife habitat during the reclamation process, with special emphasis in creating turkey habitat. Coal mines have a unique opportunity to create wildlife habitat during the reclamation process because they can add whatever type of habitat is lacking in a local area. Grassy areas for brood rearing and feeding

are lacking in a lot of areas and reclaimed coal mines planted appropriate grasses and other plants to provide this much needed habitat type.

The awards are an outreach program of a partnership agreement between the NWTF and KCA. The goal of the agreement is to maximize post mining land use and to encourage responsible wildlife management. The award recipients will automatically qualify to compete for the NWTF National Mine Reclamation Award which will be awarded at the NWTF National Convention in February of 1997.

Tax facts on charitable contributions

December is the month when people are most likely to open their hearts and their checkbooks. Whether you're touched by the season or motivated by a tax deduction, the Kentucky Society of CPAs suggests that you familiarize yourself with the rules covering charitable deductions—and you'd better hurry. In order to claim a deduction on your 1996 tax return, you must mail your check or deliver donated property by the last day of the year.

In order to claim a charitable contribution, you must itemize your deductions on Schedule A of your federal tax return. And your gift must be made to a qualified organization, such as a nonprofit religious, educational, scientific, or charitable organization that meets IRS standards. The amount of your deduction may depend on both the type of charity and nature of property contributed. However, donations to needy individuals and families are not deductible.

MOST DONATIONS ARE IN THE FORM OF CASH

In most cases, cash donations are fully deductible. However, if you get something in return, you may not be able to write off the full amount of your contribution. Say, for example, that your \$150 ticket to a fundraising charity ball includes dinner. If the value of the dinner is \$50, your deduction is limited to \$100, the difference between the price of your ticket and the value of what you received in exchange. For gifts of more than \$75, the law requires charities to advise contributors of the non-deductible amount.

Your write-off is also limited when you participate in a charity raffle. If you have a chance to win something, the law says you are gambling, not giving. There's no charitable deduction, but you can deduct your costs for raffle or lottery tickets against any kind of gambling winnings. And, when you make a contribution of \$250 or

more in cash or property value, you must have a contemporaneous written receipt from the charity. For donations below that amount, a canceled check will suffice.

PROPERTY DONATIONS WORK, TOO

The easiest way to contribute to charities is to write checks, but donations of property—from used clothing to valuable antiques—can earn you tax deductions just the same. When you donate property, your deduction is generally equal to the fair market value of the property at the time you give it. If the total value of property you donate exceeds \$500, in addition to getting a contemporaneous written receipt, you need to file Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, with your tax return. If you are donating a single item or group of items valued at over \$5,000, you also must obtain an appraisal from a qualified appraiser to determine the value of the property.

To make the most of your charitable contributions, you might consider the tax advantage of donating appreciated capital gains property that you've owned for more than a year, such as shares of stock or a mutual fund. When you donate long-term property that has appreciated in value, you earn a deduction for the property's fair market value and never have to pay capital gains tax on its appreciation. By contrast, if you donate cash and keep the appreciated assets, you'll face capital gains taxes when you sell the asset.

DON'T FORGET VOLUNTEER-RELATED EXPENSES

In addition to deductions for contributions of cash or goods to charity, you also generally can write off expenses you incur doing volunteer work on behalf of a charity. While claiming the value of your time or services is not allowable, you can deduct unreimbursed expenses, such as the cost of telephone calls, stamps, stationery, and

other materials, as well as 50% of meal expenses and the cost and care of a uniform you're required to wear while performing volunteer services.

When you drive your car in connection with volunteer activities, you're entitled to a deduction of 12 cents per mile, plus other cash expenses, such as tolls and parking. If you use public transportations, you can count the fares as charitable donations. Beyond local transportation expenses, you may be able to write off the cost of travel, including meals and lodging, should your volunteer efforts require you to be away from home overnight. However, there are limits on the deductibility of such expenses when there is any personal or vacation aspect to a trip.

Don't underestimate the tax value of contributing to charity.

If you're anticipating a big tax bill this year, you might consider making extra charitable donations before year end. Charitable gifts reduce your taxable income and, in turn, your taxes.

Philly elected vice president of geology board

Dr. John C. Philley, executive vice president for academic affairs at Morehead State University, has been elected secretary of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). His term will expire at the end of the 1997 calendar year.

Dr. Philley, a certified professional geologist, currently serves as chairperson of the Kentucky Board for the Registration of Professional Geologists.

Active in several professional organizations, he is the author of numerous articles and guidebooks in his field. He earned Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in geology from the University of Tennessee and B.S. degree from Millsaps College in the same field.



Linda Moore

Moore attends realtors convention

Local Realtor Linda M. Moore was installed as a senior vice-president of the Kentucky Association of Realtors at the annual installation banquet held during the December Quarterly meeting at the Marriott Hotel in Lexington on December 5. This is Moore's second term as a senior vice president.

Moore was elected to serve this two-year term at the annual Kentucky Association of Realtors convention held in Louisville in September.

As senior vice president, Moore will perform various functions across the state of Kentucky for the president of association as well as oversee several state committees and report their progress to the president and board of directors of the association. Moore is a charter member of the Big Sandy Board of Realtors having served as President in 1983 and 1990.

Moore is owner of ERA Moore Realty Co. which she began in 1983.

Attends soho expo '96

Mike and Jennifer Lusk, owner of Betsy Layne Pharmacy, in Betsy Layne, attended the Soho Expo, the National Nutritional Foods Association Southeast Region's (NNFA SE) Annual Convention and Trade Show recently held in Orlando, Florida, December 6-8, at the Orlando Expo Center.

The Lusks were two of the more than 3,500 retailers, manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of the natural products industry who attended the association's trade show. At the trade show, retailers who attended the Soho Expo were able to participate in the more than 15 continuing education programs and workshops. Many of the programs offered Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits for Florida Licensed Nutritional Counselors.

At the trade show, Mike and Jennifer also learned about the newest products in the natural products industry, and was briefed with scientific updates that will allow them to better serve customers. Also featured was keynote speaker Andrew Weil, M.D. best selling author of "Spontaneous Healing."

The NNFA SE, Inc. is the Southeast Region of the 4,000-member National Nutritional Foods Association. The organization serves Alabama, Florida, Georgia,

Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico. The NNFA Southeast is an association of those retailers, manufacturers, distributors, and brokers that promote optimum health. The NNFA promotes the growth of businesses that produce and market natural products.

Area consultant graduates from Hydrotex school

Hydrotex, Inc. is pleased to announce that Dick Hall of Prestonsburg, has graduated from Qualifying School held October 2-5 in Dallas. This intense four-day training program educates independent contractors on everything from selling techniques to Hydrotex products and market segments. The Q-School is just one in a series of Hydrotex training seminars called Lubrication University.

"The Q-School training is quite intense with lectures, product demonstrations and a final exam. This was one of the best groups we've had since we started the program because they were eager to learn and always participating," Lula Henning, training coordinator, said.

Commerce Corner

Merry Christmas! We hope you are all enjoying the spirit of the holiday season.

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce members have been contributing in various ways to make the season bright for others this Christmas. Here are a few examples of how our Chamber members have made a difference.

Evergreen Bowling Center celebrated the achievement of their Christmas goal of raising toys for the headstart children of Floyd County on December 18, with a Christmas party!

More than 350 kids received a treat, visited Santa and received a toy donated by customers and supporters of Evergreen Bowling Center. I feel fortunate to have been one of Santa's elves at the party. It reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

You can see the party video on CableVision. We send special thanks to Dan Perry and Linda

James of CableVision for all their support of this and other Chamber activities.

Food City participated with their regional office in the "Santa Train" which delivered toys to children in the Elkhorn City and Shelby Valley area of Pikeville.

CableVision and Kentucky Finance participated in a food drive to assist God's Pantry with giving to deserving families this holiday season.

The Prestonsburg Rotary Club gave fruit baskets to Prestonsburg Senior Citizens, gifts to participants of Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center who will not be going home for Christmas, and participated along with Century 21 in the Headstart Adopt-A-Child program.

The Chamber of Commerce extends season's greetings to all its members, and best wishes for a prosperous new year!



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Health Matters

DOES IT MATTER WHEN YOU SKIN A BIRD?

Nutritionists have long recommended that you remove the skin from poultry before cooking rather than after, but research does not support this. It only matters that you skin the bird.

On average, about half the fat in poultry comes from the skin, but apparently no significant amount of fat is transferred from the skin to the meat during cooking. Skinning poultry before cooking only leads to drier meat. The meat is not leaner. When removing skin after cooking be sure to remove all the visible fat left on the meat.

What about removing fat from other types of meat? The studies suggest that there is a small increase in the amount of fat that the meat contains if you remove fat after cooking. But what really counts is removing the visible fat either before or after cooking.

Tip: Low-fat, skim milk and whole milk have about the same

Child sexual abuse prevention program aimed at adults

The UK College of Social Work hopes to put an end to child sexual abuse in Kentucky—and is proposing new ways to stop it. A newly developed project called "The Community's Children" is unique for two reasons. First, it's one of only two programs in the country aimed at educating adults. Secondly, there are no paid professionals from outside the community trying to "solve the problem." Instead, the project is designed to help create and foster grassroots action on behalf of the communities themselves.

"What we try to do is form focus groups. The purpose is to try to have each community form specific prevention strategies," says Gary Paquin, an assistant professor in UK's College of Social Work.

Five Kentucky counties were selected for the project—Kenton, Larue, Lincoln, Shelby and Wolfe—and local community leaders, social service professionals, parents and other volunteers began meeting to find ways to help stop child sexual abuse in their counties. The five counties were chosen for being representative Kentucky communities with a good mix of rural and urban areas.

"The community has a better idea of what's going on," Paquin adds. "Also, it shows that people in the community with a high profile are making a stand, saying 'No, we won't stand for it.'"

In 1993, the Kentucky Council on Child Sexual Abuse reported that one out of every seven men have been victims of child sexual abuse. Across the country, over 129,000 reports of child sexual abuse in 1992 were found to be true. In Kentucky alone, the number of reports which were found to be true rose from 2,094 in 1986 to 2,631 in 1993. The prevention and education program is one of only two in the country aimed at adults.

"Most child abuse prevention focuses on children," Paquin says. "Especially with children, you're limited to teaching things like 'good touch, bad touch.' The results have been mixed, so now we're trying to take it to adults."

The education and prevention strategies that each community has developed vary. "Some counties are using posters, and for some counties we do baby-sitting training. We also distributed first aid kits that help identify the signs of child sexual abuse," Paquin says.

Signs of sexual abuse in children can include a host of behavioral indicators, from fear of the dark and nightmares to eating disorders, as well as physical indicators, including pain or itching in the genital area, difficulty walking or sitting and difficulty (or pain) while urinating.

"The Community's Children," a cooperative project of the Kentucky Child Victims Trust Fund, the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources and the UK College of Social Work, can provide information and support services to interested communities. Project director Lanette Whalen, located on the UK campus, can be contacted at (606) 323-1688.

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DOES PHYSICAL EDUCATION AFFECT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE?

A study of sixth graders in Anderson County by Murray State supports the importance of quality daily physical education classes. The sixth graders were split into two groups. The control group had recess and the experimental group received daily physical education classes that emphasized cardiovas-

cular activity. The sixth graders who had regular physical education increased their academic performance, improved their classroom conduct, and reported no loss in self esteem which is associated with adolescence. The group that had recess had no change in academic performance, classroom conduct, and had the decrease in self esteem associated with adolescence.

What was even more impressive was that the largest increases occurred in individuals with the lowest score academic perfor-

mance, classroom conduct, and lowest self esteem. The military and state police have long realized the importance of the physical in the development of the whole person. Schools trying to save money or provide more time for academic subjects have been decreasing the amount of time spent in physical education classes. They have failed to look at the whole child and realize the importance of physical activity in the behavior and academic performance of the child. Students benefit from regular phys-

ical education classes only if they are of quality. Physical education teachers cannot just "roll out the ball," they must provide high quality instruction and structure to their classes. Free time will not work. The message is clear, physical education should not be reduced but increased. However, those of us who call ourselves educators must provide a quality education for our students to deserve the support of the public.

Tip: Sweetened soft drinks contain 8 to 12 teaspoons of sugar per

12 ounces.

Christopher G. Fleming is Instructor of Kinesiology and Health Promotion and is the Director of Project Health at Prestonsburg Community College. He has a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education, a master's degree in Education, and a Master's plus Thirty with emphasis in Exercise Science. Fleming is also a certified American College of Sports Medicine Health Fitness Instructor.

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HINDMAN MOBILE HOMES KY RT 80 HAZARD 606-378-3143 or 1-800-510-7064 (outside Perry County) YEAR END SALE: 14x70 was \$21,400, now \$17,900; 28x72 was \$48,750, now \$45,900; 28x64 was \$43,400, now \$42,400; 28x52 was \$37,200, now \$36,200; 26x40 was \$27,500; now \$26,500. Plus get a \$500 factory rebate!

1994 FLEETWOOD 14X60. Two bedroom, one bath. Underpinning and 3-ton a/c. Take over payments. Call 874-0140, leave message.

MOBILE HOME LOANS from Green Tree Financial. Sellers/Buyers/Owners. 5% down payment. Refinance/equity loans; land and home loans; realtor calls welcome. Call 1-800-221-8204.

New & Used Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY

Living room suits; daybeds; gun cabinets; bedroom suits; recliners; odd chests; dinette sets; bunk beds; odd beds; loungers; used washers, dryers, refrigerators; and lots more! Call 874-9790.

ROSE'S USED FURNITURE: Electric guitars, drums, keyboard; pool table; jewelry; dinettes; bedroom and living room sets; snack bar; ab and back machine; stepper; washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators (30 day exchange); dishes; what nots; beds; much more. Between Goble Lumber and Lancer red light on Rt. 1428, across bridge to Goble Roberts, turn left at Sheila's Grocery, sixth building on right. Open Monday-Saturday, 9-5. Call 886-8085 or after 5 p.m. call 889-9898.

Antiques & Collectibles

ANTIQUES, ART PRINTS by Don Ensor, Ray Harm and Russell May, AND COLLECTIBLES. 606-886-6065.

For Lease

FOR LEASE: Billboard and/or building. Great location. End of Minnie-McDowell road and new KY 80 at Eastern. Building is 100x35. Can be used as office or office/warehouse combo. Can lease any or all of it. For more information call 358-9142.

Houses For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT: Two bedroom. Next to Dizzy Tire Company on new Rt. 80, four miles from Garrett. \$300/month includes gas, cable and water. Call 358-2000.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE. Cracker Bottom Road in Martin. \$250/month plus utilities. Call 285-3670.

Apartments For Rent

FOR RENT: New Allen. Upstairs two bedroom apartment. Completely furnished. Central heat/air, fireplace, dishwasher. All utilities included in rent. No hookups to pay. M. Tackett, 874-9052.

TRAILER LOT in country. Room for dogs, kids. Also, one or two bedroom apartments starting at \$200/month (some or all utilities paid). HUD accepted. Call 886-6900 or 606-745-1556.

TWO BEDROOM BASEMENT APARTMENT. Two baths, carpeted. Prestonsburg city limits. Partially furnished. \$200/month plus utilities and \$150 deposit. Call 874-1246.

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Great downtown Prestonsburg location. \$225-\$350 per month. Call 886-9466.

DUPLEX FOR RENT: 1 1/2 years old. Two bedroom. Carpeted, stove and refrigerator, central heat/air. Excellent condition. Water furnished. On U.S. 23, one mile from Prestonsburg. Call 886-9007.

LUXURY APARTMENT. 3,000 sq. ft. Scenic and private. Located at Harold. Call 1-888-807-9390 or 478-8145.

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT: Junction of Rt. 3 and U.S. 23, Auxier Heights. Near Thunder Ridge. Private. Very nice. Call 386-3552.

Mobile Homes For Rent

FOR RENT: Two bedroom trailer. Unfurnished. Located at Maytown. Call 285-3755 after 6 p.m.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, two bath trailer at Estill. Central heat/air, large yard. \$275/mo. plus utilities and security deposit. Call 606-358-3069.

TRAILER FOR RENT: Three bedroom, unfurnished. Cow Creek. Excellent condition. Call 874-2802, J. Davis. HUD accepted.

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME. Total electric. Stove and refrigerator. Good condition. Large yard. Good location. Close to Prestonsburg. Also have mobile home lots for rent. Call 886-9007.

3 BEDROOM TRAILER behind Autobahn in Prestonsburg. \$300/month plus deposit and utilities. Also, have three bedroom duplex. Call 886-2880.

TRAILER FOR RENT: 1 1/2 bedroom. Akers Trailer Court, New Allen. Call 874-8151 days or 874-2114 evenings.

Office/Retail Space For Rent

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: Approximately 3,500 sq. ft. on 301 North Lake Drive; and approximately 5,000 sq. ft. on 1250 North Lake Drive. Call 886-4001, ask for Jim.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Stanville. Call 606-432-5415 or 606-432-2311 after 7:30 p.m.

30X40 BUILDING ACROSS FROM Moore's True Value Hardware at Garrett (next to four lane). Excellent for grocery store or any type of business. Call 358-2000.

3,600 SQ. FT. OFFICE BUILDING. Newly remodeled. 13 offices already wired for computer system. Secured parking. One mile past MAC on Rt. 114. \$1,500 month. Call 886-6263 or 886-1896.

FOR RENT: Two offices. Excellent location in downtown Prestonsburg. Each office consists of approximately 1,750 sq. ft. Located on second floor of Odd Fellows Building, 12 South Front Street. Call 874-2553, ask for Bill Howard.

FOR LEASE PREMIUM OFFICE SPACE

*Parking
*1 Block from Courthouse
*First Floor
*Handicap Equipped
*Private Entrance
*Bookcases & Storage
*Kitchenette
*10 office suite or two 5 office suites.
Located in Downtown Prestonsburg.
Call 285-0900, 874-9976 or 874-9052.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Beside Highland Communications on Auxier Road. \$300/month. Call 886-3680.

Employment Available

AVON: BUY OR SELL. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

WANTED: KENTUCKY CERTIFIED ELECTRICIAN

Are you looking for a secure job with a long term future at a company which is committed to providing a safe and productive working environment, excellent pay and benefits package? If so, you need to consider Pike County Coal Corporation.

"We offer the best medical, dental and vision plan available in the area."

"Our company funded retirement plan and our 401K plan provide well for our employee long term future."

"We provide competitive pay with monthly and semi annual bonus opportunities."

We have immediate openings for individuals possessing low, medium and high voltage electrical certification for surface and underground mines. Apply in person at the Pike County Coal Corporation office located on South Mayo Trail in Pikeville, KY. An Equal Opportunity Employer

\$1000's POSSIBLE READING BOOKS. Part time. At home. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. R-6778 for listings.

NOW AVAILABLE: Lexington Herald Leader has an early morning newspaper route in the Harold Weeksbury area. Profit potential \$800 with delivery time of 3.5 to 4 hours daily. Good transportation and refundable cash bond required. Call 1-800-999-8881.

ABBOTT ENGINEERING, INC. has an immediate opening for experienced crew chief/transit person with experience in surface and underground mine surveying. Send resume to Abbott Engineering, Inc., 3073 KY Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or call 606-886-1221.

NEEDED: Full time caregiver/housekeeper/cook for elderly man. Call 886-2459 or 886-8781.

POSTAL JOBS: Start \$12.68/hr., plus benefits. For application and exam info, call 1-800-299-2470, ext. KY 109, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days.

VETERANS

Free Job Search Training (CDL, Etc.), Housing Assistance
886-3582 (COLLECT)
VOLUNTEERS of AMERICA

Wanted

WANTED: Someone to tear down an older house for lumber. Arkansas Creek. Call 285-9991, if no answer please leave message.

Pets & Supplies

HIMALAYAN KITTENS. CFA registered. Seal point color. Males, \$200-\$250. Identical to "Sassy" in the movie "Homeward Bound." Call 606-946-2207.

FOR SALE: One pair of macaw parrots and one young Amazon parrot. Call 285-0650.

HELP WANTED:

Need highly qualified HVAC service technician. Must have tools, Frons License, Journeyman License, at least five years experience. Best company pay and benefits in this area.

Please send resume and salary requirements to:

Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 391
c/o Service Technician
Prestonsburg, Ky 41653

Christmas Special



TRIMBLE BRANCH

1-1/2 story, 4-bedroom, 3-bath with over 3000 sq. ft. of living space. Special features include a fireplace, nice landscaping, 2-car attached garage, 2 blacktop driveways (each side of house), lovely in-ground pool, master bedroom with deck, fencing, and much more! Located in a great neighborhood, within walking distance to school, shopping, etc. Call Hansel at Benchmark Realty for your appointment to see! 606-886-2048.

Sports Parlay

HANDICAPPERS
MAKE GAME BY game selections on pro and college games. Football, basketball and baseball.
 Avon Comm. (945-525-0800)
 24 hr. \$2.95/minute, 18+, T-tone.
 Write this number down: 900-288-4988, ext. 218

Miner Training

ATTENTION COAL MINERS
 For electrical retraining, underground and surface, call 358-9953 or 358-9768.

Home Inspection Service

TOP TO BOTTOM HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, INC. Do you know the true condition of the house you are buying or building? Call 606-358-5505 for a home inspection. Timothy Ray Shepherd inspecting new and older homes.

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING, topping, brush removal, land clearing, etc. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 874-9271.

ECONOMY TREE SERVICE: Tree cutting, topping, removal, dead limbing and cabling. Twenty-one years experience. Licensed, insured and bonded. Bill Rhodes, owner. Dump truck, chipper and winch. Call 1-800-742-4188 toll free for free estimates. Local 606-353-9276.

Vacuum Cleaner Sales

ELECTROLUX SALES AND SERVICE
 Wendell & Teddy Shaw. Call 606-478-5027.

Taxi Service

NEED A RIDE?
 Call Martin City Cab. We accept Medicaid. Long or short trips. 285-0320
 Owners: Bill and Judy Barnett

EAST KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION, INC.
 Taxi Service. Friendly and courteous service, reasonable rates. Medicaid accepted. Wheelwright: 452-2402 Wayland: 358-9955.

Mobile Home Movers

NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED?
 Call Crum's Moving Service at 886-6665 or 886-5375 (pager). Insured and bonded.

LITTLE'S MOBILE HOME MOVERS

22 years experience. We move singlewides and doublewides. Licensed and Insured. Efficient & Dependable. Call 285-0633 or 285-5116.

Home Repair

WILL DO INTERIOR/ EXTERIOR PAINTING AND MINOR HOUSE REPAIR. Fifteen years experience. References on request. Call Chris Shepherd at 886-9978 after 5 p.m.

Painting

R.A. TAYLOR CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICE and **PAINTING COMPANY.** Both services available anytime. Call 886-8453.

Driver Training

DRIVER EDUCATION
 Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Male and female instructors. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Carpentry Work

CARPENTRY WORK, ALL TYPES: New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions; all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

Roofing & Siding

EAST KY GUTTER, SIDING AND ROOFING 5" and 6" seamless gutters; siding; shingle roofs; replacement windows. We now accept MC and VISA. Free estimates. Call James Hall at 285-9512 or 1-800-277-7351.

Plumbing

PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY
 Allen, KY
 Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794.

ATTENTION LEFT BEAVER RESIDENTS: Need your pressure valve replaced or installed before the water company increases the pressure? Call Randy Hamilton at 606-377-6016 between 6p-9p Monday-Friday. The deadline to increase the pressure is February 1, 1997.

Firearms Classes

JOHN ENDICOTT is now offering firearms classes for concealed weapons permit. For information or to schedule a class, call John Endicott at 606-874-8119.

Miscellaneous

VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$4.95 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

Reward Offered

\$50 REWARD OFFERED for the return of TV stolen from houseboat docked at Jenny Wiley Lake between Dec. 5-10. If you have any info call 606-886-3084.

Want To Buy

RIVER CITY TIRE & AXLE ALLEN, KY
 606-874-9838
 Want to buy used mobile home tires and axles. Will pay cash. Call 606-874-9838.

Legals

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 latitude is 37° 35' 57" and the longitude is 82° 42' 02", and is located on the Lancer 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) now in affect 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.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a hearing must be received by the Director, Division of Field Services 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.

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 ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Terry Sizemore
 Asst. VP
 The Bank Josephine
 P.O. Box 471
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 27, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at The First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, 169 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 2/14/96:

1987 Nissan Pickup S/N 9282.
 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 ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

For further information, call Mike Haney at 606-886-2321.
 First Commonwealth Bank
 169 North Arnold Avenue
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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.

This is the final advertisement of this application.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 27, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at The First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, 169 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 10/31/94:

1991 Pontiac Grand Am S/N 7726.
 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 ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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First Commonwealth Bank
 169 North Arnold Avenue
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0267

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Redbone Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 2805, Pikeville, KY 41502 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 797.27 acres located 2.75 miles northeast of Stanville in Floyd and Pike Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.39 miles northeast from U.S. 23's junction with CR-1026 (Mare Creek Road) and is located along Shop Branch of Mare Creek. The latitude is 37° 35' 05"N. The longitude is 82° 36' 04"W.

The proposed operation is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour, auger, mountaintop removal, and area methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation; Clinton Coleman; Hatcher-Trimble Trust; Robert C. Spradlin; Jake & Bertha Stratton Heirs; Wayne W. Clark; Carter and Plumer Smith; Buffalo Development, Inc., and Bobby Hunt. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public roads CR-1119 (Buffalo Creek Road), CR-1032 (Ivy Creek), CR-1028 (Right Fork of Shop Branch Road) and CR-1027 (Shop Branch Road). The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public roads.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake

Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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, 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.

Larry D. Adams
 Zoning Enforcement Officer

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Attention: Persons/Agencies Interested in Providing Adult Day/Alzheimer's Respite.

Big Sandy Area Development District will receive completed proposals from agencies or persons interested in providing Adult Day/Alzheimer's Respite services in the Big Sandy Area Development District. Proposals must be submitted by January 22, 1997. Proposal packets may be picked up at: Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Questions regarding this Request For Proposal may be addressed to: Doug Lawson, Adult Day Program Manager at the above address or by telephone: 606-886-2374.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-9013 Major Revision No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Costain Coal, Inc., 170 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing refuse slurry impoundment coal processing facility located 0.5 mile south of Ivel in Floyd County. The major revision will add 14.0 acres of surface disturbance acres making a total area of 156.07 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision is approximately 0.6 mile south from U.S. 23's junction with Ivel Road and located zero (0) miles west of Stratton Branch. The latitude is 37° 34' 47" and the longitude is 82° 40' 26".

The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Industrial Fuels Mineral Company.

The major revision proposes to add contour mining and processing/management areas for stock-

gitude is 82° 40' 11" and is located on the McDowell 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) now in affect for the increment is \$32,000. Approximately 60% of this amount is to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1995. Results thus far achieved include: initial establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

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 February 7, 1997.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for February 10, 1997 at 1:00 p.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and 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 February 7, 1997.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Zoning Commission will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. on 1-9-96 in the council room at City Hall for the purpose of setting the zoning classifications for territories recently annexed into the City of Prestonsburg. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Larry D. Adams
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Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1995. Results thus far achieved include: initial establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5346, Operator Revision

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit no. 836-5346 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The new operator will be Chele Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 141, Dana, KY 41615.

The operation is located 0.8 mile northwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.4 mile southeast from KY 2030's junction with Gunstock Road and located on Gunstock Branch. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 30' 47" and longitude 82° 42' 40".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE

The Defendant, Allen Blankenship, will hereby take notice that on November 25, 1996, Hon. John T. Chaffin was appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court as Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action Number: 96-CI-00837; styled Frank Johnson, Plaintiff vs. Ruth Ramey and Allen Blankenship, Defendants. It is the duty of the Warning Order Attorney to notify the Defendant, Allen Blankenship, of the nature and pendency of said action and to the best knowledge and belief of the Warning Order Attorney said Defendant's address is unknown; and, pursuant hereto, said Defendant, Allen Blankenship, is hereby notified of said action.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

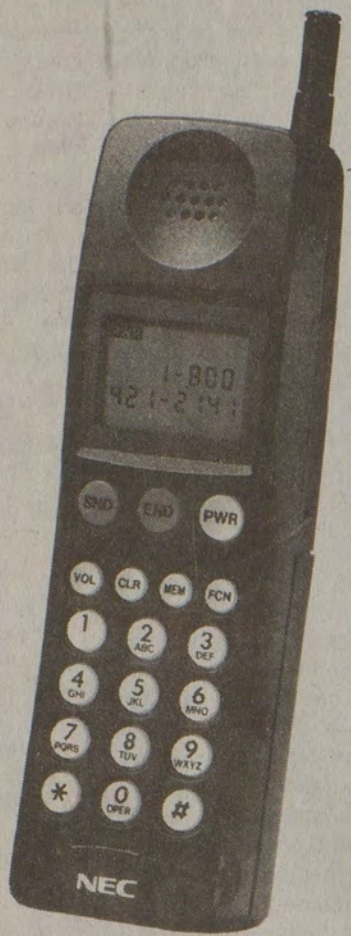
The following item will be offered at public sale on January 10, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at 362 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky:

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