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Flash Back

The Year In Review

1996

Part 1:

Another one bites the dust. The year 1996 is history...and plenty of it. There was good news and bad news, tragedy and triumph. It was a year like all others and a year like no other. All of it was recorded in the pages of The Floyd County Times.

In this issue we begin our last look back at 1996 with a recap of the year's first six months...January through June. In Friday's edition we'll bring you part two, the second half of the year.

Journey with us now for a trip into the recent past...The Year in Review:

JANUARY

• Den Hunter, a volunteer at the Appalachian Research Defense Fund, began a campaign to have a portion of road on Branham's Creek fixed because it was the site where his daughter, Connie Porter, and her husband, Richard Porter, died after an auto accident in December. The Porters died after the vehicle Connie was driving passed over a slick spot, ran off the edge of the roadway, overturned and came to rest on its top in the creekbed. Three children in the car with the Porters survived the accident.

• Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill sanctioned Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond for failing to promptly respond to a records request related to a civil lawsuit filed against Hammond's private law firm.

• Steve Newsome, who admitted to embezzling more than \$50,000 from a local bank, was sentenced in January in federal court to one year and a day in a federal prison. Newsome, 34, of Martin, was a branch manager and loan officer at the Trans Financial Bank in Martin.

• Floyd Countians had to dig out from the major winter storm that hit the area early in January. The death of Kermit Chester Newsome, who died after shoveling snow, was blamed on the severe winter storm.

• Michael Eugene (Chester) Goble, 49, was reported missing from his houseboat at Dewey Lake during the storm. His body was found in the boat dock area of the lake in February.

• Floyd County got a new superintendent of schools in January. The Board of Education voted on January 9 to hire Dr. John Balentine as the new school superintendent. He was offered a three-and-a-half year contract. Balentine's role as head of the school system lasted less than a year before he died following a heart attack in October.

One of Balentine's first steps as superintendent was to seek a freeze on hiring, spending and travel.

• A state redistricting plan that divided Floyd County into three House districts but united the county in the Senate for the first time in nearly 20 years received House and Senate approval in January.

• Wheelwright commissioners fired their chief of police, Tommy Engle, at their January meeting because numerous complaints had been filed against him by area citizens. He was reinstated, without back pay, to his post in February.

• A Tinker Fork resident died in a house fire from smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning. Travis Dwayne Hamilton died after an electric heater ignited a nearby couch or chair.

In a separate fire, an Allen firefighter, Billy Elkins, was treated for smoke inhalation after he battled a fire at the Alpik Motel near Allen.

Former Prestonsburg resident Wanda Lee Collins Messer, her husband James and son Jammie, died in January after a fire swept through their converted barn living quarters.

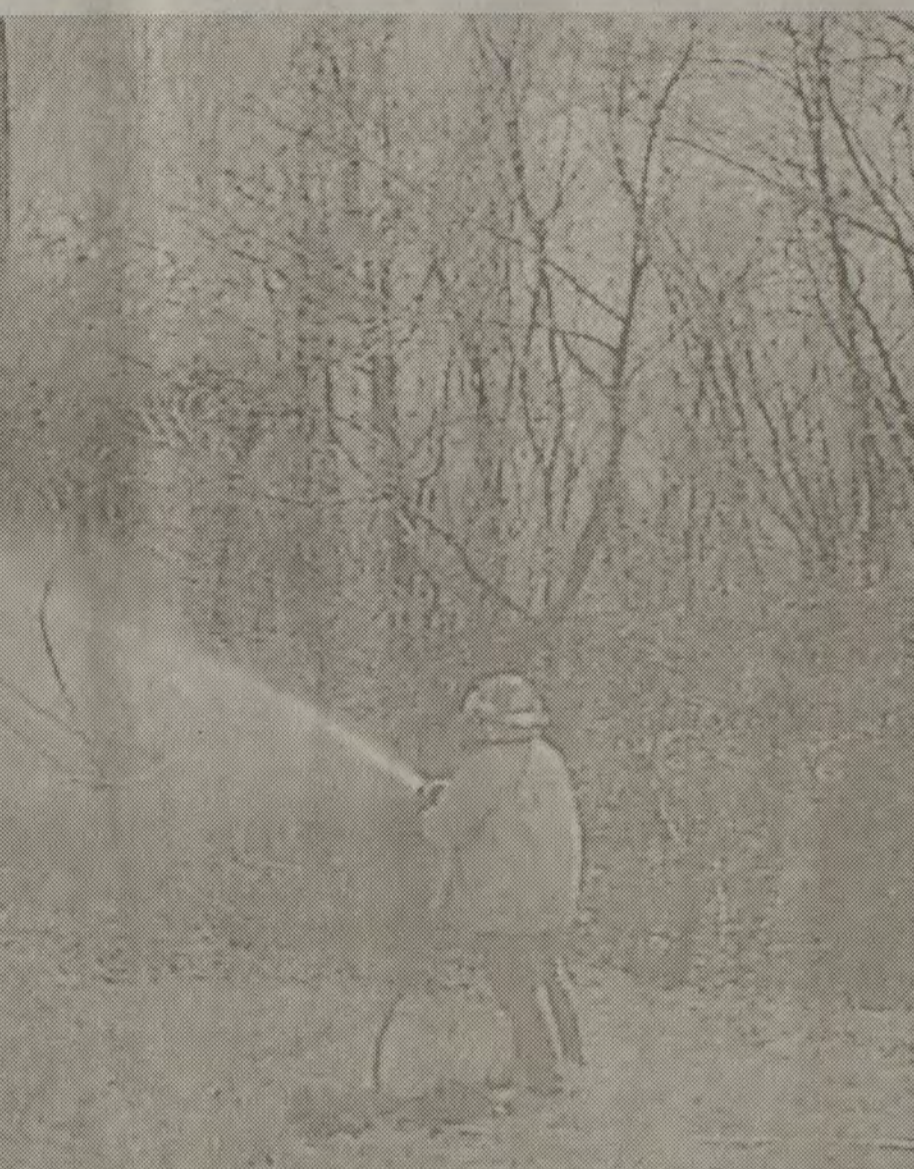
• A Floyd County deputy sheriff who was sued by a Tram man for alleged civil rights violations filed a counter suit, claiming he was slandered by being named in the lawsuit. Deputy Ricky Newsome sought \$1 million in punitive damages from Curtis Gardner. Gardner had filed suit in December against Newsome and deputies Ricky Thornsberry and Steve Toy, claiming they

had illegally searched his home and had harassed other blacks during a raid on Gardner's home. Gardner was arrested later in the month by the Kentucky State Police and charged with possession of marijuana.

In a preliminary hearing January 24 in Floyd District Court, Gardner was portrayed as a paid informant for the state police and FBI by retired attorney Gary E. Johnson. Johnson testified that he had investigated Gardner in the early 1980s. Johnson portrayed Gardner as a drug dealer who used his connections with law enforcement officials as a license to sell drugs.

• Denise Wallen, 26, of Martin died in an automobile accident near the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

• Allen City Commissioner Billy Salisbury and his family were at home when an explosion shook their home, as well as several homes in the community. The family was not injured. At the end of the month, John Cory Patton, 19, of Allen was charged with four counts of first degree wanton endangerment for allegedly trying to blow up the Salisbury home. County attorney pro tem John Mann said there had been a long-



The year in Floyd County was marked by some usual and not-so-usual happenings. There were fires and drownings, mishaps and near-misses. A bus wreck in the fall sent dozens of school children to hospitals, but there were no fatalities. Former County Attorney Jim Hammond pleaded guilty to federal fraud charges and was sent to prison.



Call for donors draws a big crowd

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Nearly 95 percent of the 245 people who participated in Donorama '96 were registered as possible bone marrow donors.

A five-month-old's need for a bone marrow transplant apparently contributed to the overwhelming success of the blood drive this year.

The bone marrow drive for Sara Lafferty, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in November, was originally scheduled for Christmas Eve and Saturday.

But, after the CKBC received more than 300 calls from people expressing an interest in being tested as a donor, the donor drive was changed and included in the center's blood donorama last week.

Georgia Sanders, an R.N. at the Central Kentucky Blood Center (CKBC), in Prestonsburg, said Monday that 232 people were registered and she has a list of about 30 more people who want to come into the blood center, donate blood and get registered.

Sanders said a lot of people couldn't be processed last week during Donorama '96, an annual blood drive.

The drive, sponsored by CKBC was held at the Holiday Inn from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

"We were there (at the blood drive) until 10:30 p.m.," Sanders said Monday. "People were lined up down the hall, and some of them had to wait for more than three hours before they could donate blood."

On the first day of the blood drive, Sanders said they doubled the amount of patients compared to last year's totals.

CKBC employees took blood from 58 patients on Thursday; 75 on Friday; and extracted blood from 112 donors on Saturday, the final day of the drive.

Sanders said Donorama '95 brought in about 140 donors to the blood drive, but this year's drive

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Mann quits as deputy prosecutor

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The resignation of an assistant Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney is effective today (Tuesday), December 31, and leaves the Commonwealth Attorney's office with one assistant.

Assistant Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney John W. Mann resigned his position to "better serve (his) clients."

According to a notice from Mann, he was frequently absent from his private practice while serving as interim Floyd County Attorney and then later as assistant Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney.

Mann was appointed interim Floyd County Attorney after former County Attorney Jim Hammond was indicted by a federal grand jury in September 1995.

"In order to better serve my clients in 1997, I have resigned my position as assistant Floyd Commonwealth Attorney," the notice says. "In this way, I will be able to devote my full time and attention

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Year in review

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standing dispute between Patton and the Salisburys.

- Floyd County Judge Executive Ben Hale drew the line on county work on private property at a fiscal court meeting. Hale said county road employees are prohibited from doing work on private property, including cemeteries or church parking lots.

- Prestonsburg City Council proposed annexing about 3,600 acres of property on a mountain top that extends from Adams Middle School to Route 3.

- State transportation employee Bill "Crush" Dingus was fired from his job. Dingus said he was fired for being on the wrong side of the political fence in the governor's race.

- Tempers flared at Martin after a policeman plugged a pet pig. A pet pig owned by Brad Martin of Wilson Creek was the center of attention at a Martin City Council meeting. Martin and John Wayne Potter brought the bullet-riddled body of Shade, a 75-pound, year-and-a-half-old pet, into the meeting and demanded to know why Martin policeman James Burke had killed it.

Martin said he had been told the pig was abducted from the Wilson Creek area and been dropped off at an intersection in Martin. From that point, the pig was chased by two dozen people, including Burke, before it was shot and killed.

Martin Mayor Alan Whicker said Burke acted within his discretion by shooting the pig.

- Two Floyd County men were arrested in an employee theft ring at Wal-Mart in Pikeville. Arrested were Shawn Boyd, 21, of Dana, and Travis Conn, 22, of Martin. The case was sent to the grand jury in February.

- Floyd County's last living World War I veteran died January 28. Willie Johnson was 101 years old when he died at the Methodist Hospital following a long illness.

- The Floyd County Board of Education approved a deficit reduction plan which board members indicated could shave \$3.1 million from the budget. The plan included the loss of 102.8 jobs.

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said his office was feeling the effects of the board's cut in half the fees his office received for tax collections. Thompson said he planned to reduce the number of his staff and to take a 25 percent pay cut himself.

FEBRUARY

- Senator Bill Bradley mentioned Prestonsburg and some of the people he met while here in 1992 in chapter 13 of his recently released book, "Time Present, Time Past: A memoir."

- A former Floyd County man who escaped from a Tennessee jail and was thought to have returned to Floyd County was arrested in Florida. Sam Shepherd, also known as Sam Godsey. Shepherd was also wanted in Ironton, Ohio, on fraud and larceny charges.

- Floyd County Health Department public relations spokesperson Jane Bond said that five AIDS cases existed in the county.

- An investigation was underway by the attorney general's office and the Kentucky State Police into funds missing from Floyd County Clerk Carla Boyd's office. Larry Fentress, a special prosecutor with the attorney general's office said February 6 that the investigation was ongoing into an alleged \$195,000 shortfall reported December 1995 by the state auditor's office.

- Former Floyd County Deputy Judge Executive Pauline Stumbo died February 3. She was the widow of former Floyd County Judge Executive John M. Stumbo.

- James H. Daniels of Auxier was charged with theft of services for not paying his garbage bill. He was tried in his absence in Floyd District Court and given a 30-day jail sentence. A hearing was set for February 15 to reconsider the theft conviction. Daniels' attorney said he was not notified of the trial date. Daniels' conviction was overturned February 15 because it could not be proven that he was notified to be in court. A March trial date was set.

- Daniels' case caused some confusion during February concerning the use of E-911 addresses as a mailing address. The issue of whether residents would receive their mail using an E-911 address came up in Daniels' court case when his attorney, John Mann, said that notification of the trial date had been sent to Daniels' E-911 address, not his mailing address.

- After nearly two months of closure, Wickes Lumber announced it would close the door to its Allen facility. The store closed shop December 13 due to a rock-fall haz-

ard threatening the property.

- Larry Gene Caste was charged with reckless homicide and first degree assault for allegedly operating a coal truck in a reckless manner which resulted in the death of Wilbur L. Hamilton and injured Shelby J. Hamilton. Castle was indicted by a Floyd County Grand Jury.

- The public got its first look at the new Floyd County Jail during an open house at the facility.

- Donald Bliss, 32, of Prestonsburg alleged in Floyd District Court, that his former landlord, Lowell Wheeler, of Salyersville, took advantage of his illiteracy and swindled him out of \$2,800 in lottery winnings in 1995.

- A group called United We Are Strong filed a petition February 13 seeking an election to change the make-up of Floyd County's government. Elmer Lee Johnson, spokesperson for the group said they wanted to put the question to change from a magistrate to a commissioner form of government on the May ballot.

- Despite a \$30,000 decrease in the amount the city would pay, an agreement between the City of Prestonsburg and Floyd County Fiscal Court, was sent back to committee once again.

Prestonsburg City Council approved an agreement with the North Floyd Fire District. As part of the agreement, the city received 100 percent of the taxes generated in the North Floyd Fire District and residents received fire protection at no extra cost.

- State waste management officials approved an autoclave transfer station for Medisin Inc., which allowed for waste from 11 states to be processed prior to disposal. Floyd County's solid waste plan stipulates that Medisin can accept up to 100 tons of waste for ten years. Auxier resident Dallas Sammons threatened to sue the solid waste commission if they did not challenge the state's ruling.

- Some Floyd County businesses were hoodwinked by a few fourth and fifth grade girls who claimed to be soliciting money as Girl Scouts. A representative of the Pikeville office of the Wilderness Road Council's Girl Scouts received reports that a few girls pretending to be members of junior and brownie scouts had approached businesses in the Harold area and asked for monetary donations.

- The sky lit up in the Mud Creek area February 19 and a 49-year-old man was charged with more than 50 counts of first degree wanton endangerment for allegedly trying to blow up several homes in the area. Aaron Tackett was arrested and accused of setting fire to several natural gas wells near the homes of Larry Newsome, Troy Bentley, James L. Hall, and others at Tackett Fork of Mud Creek.

- Wheelwright Commissioner Allen Taylor called for a probe by the Kentucky State Police into alleged misuse of rural municipal road aide funds by city officials at Wheelwright.

- An ambulance driver, Peggy J. Goble, was indicted by a Johnson County Grand Jury in the deaths of two Floyd Countians. The indictment claimed that Goble recklessly ran the ambulance she was driving into a vehicle driven by Milton Earl Mahan of Harold on May 28, 1995. Harold resident Janet M. Parson, a passenger in the vehicle, was also killed in the accident.

- Floyd County Attorney Jim

Mann

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to the handling of (my clients)."

A secretary at Mann's office said he would be out of town until Thursday and could not be contacted for additional details of his resignation.

The resignation leaves the Commonwealth Attorney's office with one assistant, B. J. Sturgill.

Former assistant Floyd Commonwealth Attorney Dan Rowland resigned his post on October 31 after he was charged by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet with failing to file and pay employee withholding taxes in his private practice from 1991-1995.

Earlier this month, Rowland pleaded guilty in Franklin County District Court to the charge.

A \$500 fine and a six-month jail term were imposed on Rowland, but the fine and jail term were conditionally dismissed if Rowland pays \$3,821 in taxes, penalties and interest within 45 days, Janis Stewart, spokesperson for the Revenue Cabinet said.

Floyd Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt did not return phone calls to the Times Monday to comment on Mann's resignation.

Hammond pleaded guilty in federal court in Frankfort to executing an \$8 million check kiting scheme and defrauding the state division of Child Support Enforcement. His wife, Janie, pleaded guilty not one charge of making a false statement to a federally insured bank. Hammond's license to practice law was suspended.

- Eric Hall was appointed to replace Hammond. Hall's tenure as Floyd County Attorney was probably the shortest on record. He was sworn in on March 1. One week later he resigned after he failed to win the county Democratic Party's nomination for the office. The nomination went to Keith Bartley.

- A murder for hire scheme began unraveling in February. Sam Hall, 53, of Bill Hall Branch at McDowell was taken into custody at his home by federal agents and charged with interstate transportation in aid of racketeering-murder-for-hire. He was accused of offering \$50,000 to an unnamed assassin to have his first cousin, Albert E. Hall, of Indiana, killed in order to collect insurance proceeds.

Hall was indicted by a federal grand jury convened in March.

- Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson pleaded not guilty February 14 in district court to a misdemeanor charge of willful neglect of duty. He was one of six people indicted in November 1995 by a special Floyd County grand jury investigating alleged public corruption. He was charged with failing to properly account for property tax proceeds.

- The attorney for one of three P & B Ambulance attendants accused of snatching a body from a crime scene and handcuffing it February 20 filed a motion February 22 to have the charge dismissed. Attorney Ned pillersdorf, who represented Robert Joseph, claimed that a complaint filed by Floyd Coroner Roger Nelson did not support a charge of interfering with a police investigation against his client. The charges were dismissed later in the month.

- Paul Joseph was given a 37-month prison sentence and ordered to repay \$140,954 to the state Medicaid division. Joseph, owner of Mountain Ambulance Service in Campton, was convicted of defrauding the state Medicaid of \$1.2 million by billing for unnecessary ambulance trips. Ralph Gross and Gayle Howes were convicted of conspiracy in the scheme.

- Bad weather, a new computer system, and a rate adjustment were blamed for a temporary layoff at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center. The layoff affected 130 of the 315 people employed there.

- The finance and revenue committee of the Prestonsburg City Council recommended that the city offer the county a \$50,000 contribution to help fund the first year of the 911 service. The first proposed agreement between the city and county set the amount at up to \$90,000. Controversy over the funding caused the city to offer to take on the entire service and the county to consider the Kentucky State Police as the E-911 provider.

Donors

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proved to be more efficient.

"This year we almost saw as many donors on Saturday as we did for the four-day drive last year," Sanders said. "Overall, we exceeded last year's amount by more than 100 donors."

Sanders said many of the center's regular blood donors were not eligible to donate blood again, but they still came to the drive to get registered as bone marrow donors.

Bone marrow testing was also done Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at the Prestonsburg center, and 11 people started the process of getting registered as bone marrow donors.

Sanders explained that once a possible donor is registered, the donor's name is placed on a "world-wide computer" to search for a match.

"If we do find a possible match, then the donor is called back in for additional testing," the nurse said last week. "If everything still matches, then the donor goes to UK Medical Center for the procedure."

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.

MARCH

- The month began on a positive note for the Floyd County School System. The school system accomplished in one year what it was given two to do. State test results showed the district had already met the improvement goal established for the 1994-96 school years, halfway through the testing cycles.

- After more than a week of freedom, an escapee from the Otter Creek Correctional Facility at Wheelwright was back in custody by March 1. He was arrested in Florida.

- Helen L. Roth of Prestonsburg was killed when she pulled her automobile into the path of a Pike County Deputy Sheriff's cruiser.

- Eric Eugene Adams died at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital after Judge James Allen gave guardianship of Adams to his daughter. Adams was taken to McDowell ARH after he took an overdose of an anti-depressant drug. He had been on life support. Adams' mother and brothers had

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From the law offices of
John W. Mann, ESQ.
 A year-end word of thanks to my clients and announcement for 1997

As 1996 comes to a close, I would like to thank my clients for their patronage this year and for the patience they exhibited during my frequent absences from the office while serving as interim Floyd County Attorney earlier in the year and later as Assistant Floyd Commonwealth Attorney.

In order to better serve my clients in 1997, I have resigned my position as Assistant Floyd Commonwealth Attorney effective December 31, 1996. In this way, I will be able to devote my full time and attention to the handling of your cases.

Looking forward to serving you in 1997.

John W. Mann
 Attorney-at-law

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WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM

THE FIRST PLACE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM will be starting a new session at Prestonsburg Community College on January 9 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call 874-2873.



Motel of the year

Dana Spurlock received Motel of the Year honors December 5 and he was personally presented the award from Impac development company president Robert S. Cole. Spurlock is pictured with the motel's award and Gloria Music, executive housekeeper at the Prestonsburg Super 8. Also pictured is Lil Arnett, desk clerk. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Prestonsburg Super 8 named Motel of the Year

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

modernizing its rooms with new carpet, bedspreads, and curtains. "We're up for the challenge," Spurlock said.

"This is my favorite motel. This is home," C. R. Tucker, a hydraulic equipment salesman from Henderson, told Dana Spurlock, manager of the Prestonsburg Super 8 Motel as he checked out of the motel recently.

Tucker's comment summed up the reason that Super 8 in Prestonsburg won Motel of the Year honors against some pretty stiff competition — guest satisfaction, commitment to quality, and associate satisfaction.

The motel ranked highly in those three divisions to earn top honors December 5 at an awards ceremony in the Chateau Elan Resort Hotel in Braselton, Georgia.

The awards were presented by the Impac Hotel Group, which owns Super 8 in Prestonsburg. Impac owns 27 other motels, including The Doubletree Club (the former Hurstborne) in Louisville, French Quarter Suites in Memphis, Tennessee, the Courtyard by Marriott in Florence, and Holiday Inn in Myrtle Beach — just to name a few of Super 8's competitors in the Motel of the Year contest.

Manager Dana Spurlock said he knew his motel was first in profitability in last year's contest, but he didn't plan on "Super 8 in Prestonsburg winning (this year)."

"It's hard to compete against those types of motels. We beat out some really tough competition," he said.

Prestonsburg Super 8 received a first place award in Highest Guest Satisfaction; second place in Highest Commitment to Associate Satisfaction; and second place in Highest Commitment to Total Quality.

Spurlock has been with the Prestonsburg Super 8 for the past three years. He attributes the high honors to efforts by his employees.

"We try to offer good clean rooms. My front desk staff tries to make people feel at home when they walk through our door. We have so many repeat guests, they feel like family," he said.

The motel also has a computerized system in its lobby for guests to register complaints or comments. When Spurlock sits down at his desk each morning, the first thing he looks at is a printout of guest's remarks and, then, he takes care of any complaints that same day.

He also offers incentives to his employees to do their best for the guests. Employees receive \$1 for every time a guest mentions their names in a positive way on the Guest Trac. They also get bonuses for meeting quotas. Spurlock also has a dinner for employees about once per quarter as a reward.

"We've got some great people working here," Spurlock said.

One of those is Gloria Music, executive housekeeper at the motel. Music's work is becoming well known throughout the Impac development company. She goes to new motels and helps them get their housekeeping underway. She was asked to go to Atlanta, Georgia during the Olympics to help keep things under control during the tremendous influx of guests into Impac's motels there, but she decided to stay in Prestonsburg.

Super 8 is doing well in this first quarter of next year's competition. The motel averages about 350 guests per week. It is third, so far, in guest satisfaction, and is

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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Get up, get out, get going

by Scott Perry

It's that time of the year again. Time to make those resolutions, those promises to yourself to be all that you can be for the next 365 days.

So, what'll it be this year, the healthy, wealthy and wise approach?

Quit smoking?

Drop a few pounds?

Save more of your paycheck?

Watch less TV?

Read more?

Nothing wrong with any of those. They're pretty traditional.

If you're looking for something new to resolve, though, here's a suggestion or two.

How about getting more involved in your community or your school.

Volunteer for a site-based council committee or, better yet, run for a seat.

Go to city council or fiscal

court meetings, even if you don't have a particular gripe.

Join a civic group or adopt a charitable organization.

Be a participant instead of an observer.

It can be fun, rewarding and educational.

You don't have to sacrifice a lot...maybe a little couch-time.

If you've got a particular talent, offer it.

Coach a Little League sport, even if you don't have a kid who plays.

Call up your volunteer fire department. Ask how you can join.

Write a letter to the editor.

Host an exchange student.

Put the jelly on before the peanut butter.

Do something adventurous. Hey, do something silly.

Our time here is too short to spend it all doing nothing.

Get up, get out, get going, get involved. You'll be glad you did.

Letters to the editor

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Custer had it comin' but Grandpa didn't need the hassle

Editor:

I suspect that few people sit around and marvel at the fact that they exist. But think of the odds against you, as a very definitive person, with a DNA or bloodline derived from parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, stretching clear back across the horizon of time. Think of the people either of your parents could have met and married, or your grandparents or your great grandparents. Which, if they had, their genetic code would have gone another way or direction and you would not exist.

A million things could have prevented our ancestors from meeting each other, or having met, to cut asunder the ties that lead to marriage and union. One thinks of wars, of plagues, epidemics, floods, and other sweeping engines that change the destiny of men. But it is not always mighty things that come to pass for us. Simple things can alter the path of time and it becomes our history.

My late grandfather, Henry Hawk Sizemore, told me of such an event that ultimately led to the genesis that led to me.

The year was probably 1890 or 1891, and my grandfather had reached his majority in age and size. Beyond doubt he must have cut a wide sway with the Victorian ladies of that innocent time. Six feet and two inches in his stocking feet, high cheek bones, coal black hair, and eyes that would have made an eagle proud. That is the way my grandmother remembered him to me more than half a century later. And he was a noted dancer, even among those who thought of fiddling and dancing as a second religion.

But alas, some maid had won his heart and they were engaged to be married. And on a Sunday, when spring and flowers and warm wafting breezes had come to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, he came courting. He and his betrothed went strolling, alone, but in a crowd of other couples as was the custom then. And to this idyllic scene, disaster came. Violent cramps seized his belly, and it rumbled and it rolled, and fear changed

his walk from a casual stroll to stiff-legged terror. As the pressure mounted, beads of sweat popped out on his forehead. But the winding road and upland meadows of flowers offered no more hope of relief than had the barren slopes of the Little Big Horn offered to General Custer. And this being the Victorian Age, he knew that he could ask for nor get more quarter than had been meted out to Custer. For what he had to do.

But seeing a tree stump ahead beside the road; his desperate mind seized upon a desperate plan. Like most men of that bye-gone era, he carried a pistol. And the pistol would save him, he thought, in a manner neither he nor the pistol's manufacturer ever dreamed of. At twenty paces from the stump, he halted his lady love; pulled out his pistol and pointed to a darkend spot of moss on this god-send. He announced to one and all that he would hit it on the first shot.

Now a pistol attracts attention, and all the couples around them stopped to look and see what would happen next. His plan was simple of course. He would fire the terrible pressure inside him at the same time he fired the pistol. And the pistol's noise and acrid smoke would mask everything else. After a minor but hurried production of getting ready he took aim and squeezed the trigger.

To make a long story short, he fired but the pistol did not. And disaster fell upon him as surely as it did upon General Custer at the Little Big Horn. Ribald cat-calls, whoops and screams rained upon his head from the young men of the strolling group, the fair damsels snickering and blushing, comely shading their glances. It was the end—he faired no better than Custer. His betrothed warped her parasol over his head and lit a shuck for home at a dead run. Acting as a sort of a Second, her brother returned his ring the next day. He was never to hear the sound of her voice again.

Time passed and my grandfather got on with his life; met my grandmother and the rest is history—my history. But I am often humbled by the knowledge that I exist simply because, over a century ago, a cheap pistol failed to fire on a mountain road in Floyd County.

Lloyd Blue Goble
Prestonsburg

Protect the county from city invasion

Editor:

The recent Floyd County Court decision takes away your right to vote if the City of Prestonsburg tries to annex your property. The city will be able to annex your back yard and your front yard without annexing you home. You won't be able to vote because you don't "reside" in your front yard or back yard. If you owned a 100-acre farm, the city could take it all, except your house, without you ever being able to vote. The city can take the property of every person in the county without you ever being allowed to say a single thing or make a single vote. Even in Russia the people are allowed to vote now.

The "city fathers" are taking the wealth of the county by force, threats and deceit. Jerry Fannin promised the people of the county when he ran for mayor that no one would be forced to come into the city. If people wanted to be annexed then they could be, but the city would never forcibly annex them. Sounds like it was just more of the "same old, same old."

What kind of religion do the "city fathers" have that allows them to take the property of the people in the county without giving them the right to vote. Ask your courts to reevaluate their policies, ask your magistrates and then your commissioners to do something to protect you from the city, ask your representatives and senators to pass legislation to prohibit this kind of behavior.

The Prestonsburg city government's active aggression towards the territories of the county is an invasion, pure and simple. Ask your fiscal court and your county judge-executive to defend you from the "invasion of the city fathers."

This fight is not over, the property has not been annexed. The real battle will be fought in our Court of Appeals, and later in our Supreme Court. If we have to, lets take the fight to the streets of Frankfort itself to defend our property from the greedy little hands of the "city fathers."

Floyd Skeans
Dwale

Editor's note: Private property owners do not lose ownership of their property through annexation.

Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

How's that song go?
...Another year older and deeper in debt...

Ain't that the truth.

Oh well, 1996 is history and we're rounding third, heading for home on the turn of a century.

That oughta be a New Year's party to remember.

In the meantime, we'll pass the years in the traditional fashion...starting them with a headache and ending them broke.

Just to make the start of your new year a bit cheerier remember this: every dime you earn between January 1 and about May 24 goes to pay your federal, state and local tax obligations.

Might want to postpone your celebration of the New Year to May 25.

"worsts" to ring out the old.

Best political event: Paul Patton's election as the first governor from Eastern Kentucky since Bert Combs.

Worst political event: The 1996 presidential election, which was overloaded with scare-tactic politics and ended with a president elected (for the second straight time) who got less than 51 percent of the popular vote.

Juiciest scandal of the year: Pick your own...Asiagate, Travelgate, Whitewatergate, Hookergate, Newtgate or, more locally, StripteaseGolfgate.

Who gives a hoot scandal of the year: See preceding category.

Most boring news event: O.J.O.J.O.J.O.J.O.J.Princess Di O.J.O.J.O.J.O.J.O.J....etc.

Least boring news event: The discovery that life existed before O.J. and possibly on the

planet Mars.

Most popular campaign issue that disappeared after the election: Federal tax reform.

Least popular campaign issue that didn't disappear after the election: Medicare reform.

Best economic issue: The Salyersville Gas War.

Worst economic issue: It didn't spread.

Best way to ring in the new: With friends and family.

Worst way to ring out the old: In jail, or worse, in the morgue. Don't drink and drive! Have a good'un.

Certainly one of the most pressing, and debatable issues for the new year will be welfare reform, which kicks into high gear in '97.

While we view reform as a

necessary evil it doesn't necessarily require the quick-fix approach current legislation proposes.

Poverty has been with us, particularly here in Eastern Kentucky, for as long as anyone can remember and it isn't just going to dry up and blow away anytime soon.

If anyone honestly believes that setting time limits and work requirements for recipients is going to end welfare as we know it, well, we've got a few acres of swampland we'd like to sell them.

Attacking poverty means digging up the roots, not pruning the leaves.

Those roots, at least in this neck of the woods, are wrapped securely around our indifference to quality education and our lack of employment opportunities.

Here we are, just three years away from the new millennium, and we're still struggling with issues that seem more suited to the 19th century than the 21st.

Take a gander at a few for yourselves:

- Kentucky still ranks number one in the nation as the state with the most adults aged 25 or older who do not have high school diplomas.

- A hundred and one of the state's 120 counties still do not require their residents to participate in mandatory garbage collection.

- In the Big Sandy region alone, hundreds of households go without an adequate supply of clean, fresh drinking water.

And we get worked up about the color of a kid's lipstick or whether or not we should be allowed to pack a pistol in our pockets.

What a sense of priority.

How 'bout some "bests" and

Year in review

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petitioned for guardianship and wanted to keep him on life support. Adams' daughter Asia wanted her father to die peacefully.

- Udell Watson of Pikeville was killed in a machinery accident at a mine at Drift on March 1.

- Insults against Deborah Floyd, president of Prestonsburg Community College, were spray painted on the sidewalk outside one of the classroom buildings on the PCC campus.

- Teachers and staff at the college met with Dr. Ben Carr, chancellor for community colleges at the University of Kentucky on March 8 in an effort to resolve the divisions and disagreements occurring at the college between faculty and Floyd.

- Floyd was given a vote of no confidence by the faculty of PCC March 25. The vote was 47-27 against the president. One member of the faculty abstained from voting.

- The PCC Advisory Board backed Floyd, but a group of students circulated a petition that they did not support the PCC president and planned to send it Dr. Ben Carr, University of Kentucky chancellor.

- Matthew Curry, an eighth grade student from Melvin Elementary, won the Floyd County Spelling Bee after completing 129 rounds of spelling.

- A petition seeking an election on a proposal to change Floyd County's government from magisterial to commission was filed with the Floyd County Court Clerk's office. The clerk's office certified 101 signatures on the petition.

- The City of Allen was faced with the dissolution of its corporate charter if 52 percent of the 376 people who signed a feasibility survey, indicating they wanted sewer service did not sign a sewer project user's document by April 1.

- Trial for Tim Maynard, accused murder of East Point resident Jeffrey Donald Nelson, began March 18 with jury selection.

- Jury trial for Christopher J. Park, 28, of Johnson County, began. Park was charged with two counts of sexual abuse of a ten-year-old Floyd County girl. The jury found Park not guilty of the charges.

- The new Floyd County Jail was awarded a certificate of occupancy on Thursday, March 7, and 45 prisoners were moved from the old jail to the new facility.

- A political feud between Martin Housing Authority member Thomasina Robinson and Martin mayor Alan Whicker turned violent March 20 when Robinson's stepsons attacked Whicker. The incident allegedly stemmed from a con-

- flict between Whicker and Robinson over an appointment to the Martin Housing Authority Board. Robinson said she voted to fire executive director Bruce Coleman but the mayor told her to change her vote or lose her seat on the board.

- The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce hired Carla Coburn to replace Ann Latta, who was appointed to Governor Paul Patton's cabinet as state tourism secretary, to head its operation.

- A Floyd County man who threatened to "blow up Prestonsburg," pleaded guilty in March to charges of terroristic threatening. Terry Myers, 33, formerly of Elkhart, Indiana, was arrested March 18 after he called the Prestonsburg dispatch office and threatened to blow up the city. He also threatened to kill everyone who got in his way. The man told Judge James R. Allen that he was "a little pickled and just wanted out of the apartment." Allen sentenced Myers to a ten-day jail term.

- A Knox County deputy sheriff shot himself with another deputy's gun March 21 at the Floyd County Detention Center. Auxiliary deputy Jeff Baker of Barbourville accidentally discharged deputy Tom Gray's .40 caliber firearm into his own knee. He was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment.

- The Floyd County Board of Education voted to delay the start of school for a half hour when daylight savings time began. The board passed the motion 3-2 with board members Ray Brackett and Phyllis Honshell voting against it.

- Three Leburn residents were jailed for disrupting mourners at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home March 25. John Jones was arrested after he brought a "posse" from Leburn to help him gain entrance into the funeral home where visitation was being held for his wife's stepfather. Jerry Griffith and Jimmy Jones were also arrested in the fracas. Griffith and Jimmy Jones pleaded guilty to charges of alcohol intoxication. John Jones pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

- Former deputy judge-executive Jimmy Stumbo's probation was revoked March 26 after he tested positive twice during the year for the use of a sleeping pill. Stumbo had pleaded guilty in 1995 in charges of drug trafficking and theft of public monies. He was on probation.

- Well-known politician and business owner Gorman G. Collins Sr. died March 23. He was president and general manager of WDOC-AM and WQHY-FM radio

stations.

- Prestonsburg Police officer Anthony Castle "fished out" stolen jewelry from a Johnson County pond on March 18, after an accomplice to the theft told the theft victim where to look.

- The residence of Nancy Campbell was burglarized in October 1995 and jewelry valued at more than \$1,000 was stolen. On March 14, Campbell notified Castle that an accomplice to the theft had come forward and provided information that led to the arrest of Phillip G. Booth and the discovery of the stolen merchandise.

- Prestonsburg City Council took the first steps March 27 to expand its city limits. The council held the first reading on an ordinance to annex property on the mountain top from near Adams Middle School to Route 3.

- A group of parents and students voiced opposition to renovations at Prestonsburg High School and told school officials they wanted a new school. Students said the construction work would be disruptive to their studies.

- A Lexington firm and the Mountain Arts Center agreed to a price for land owned and adjacent to the center. The firm's plans call for a motel and a "sit-down restaurant."

APRIL

- More than 200 parents called the school board office after the board approved to change the start of school from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. After receiving an additional 100 calls from parents, Superintendent Dr. John Balentine said that he had been directed by board chairman Eddie Patton to "not implement the starting time delay. Schools will begin on the regular time on Monday," he said. On April 9, the board voted to retain the original school start time.

- Larry Fentress, special prosecutor with the state attorney general's office, filed an appeal March 25 of the dismissal of charges against Mike Jarrell, Floyd County road foreman.

- Martin Elementary received a bomb threat Monday afternoon, but principal Carole Combs said it was probably kids giving the janitor a hard time. Two days later, parents took their concerns to the sidewalk, saying that they feared the Michigan man who threatened to kill his wife and children who recently moved to Floyd County would show up at the school.

- United We're Strong geared up to educate and convince the public that a commission form of govern-

ment would benefit Floyd County as a whole, rather than a select few under the magisterial system.

- The graduated licensing bill was passed by the Kentucky General Assembly late last month. The bill went into effect on October 1 and requires new drivers to keep a learner's permit for six months before obtaining a license and includes stricter penalties for young drivers who break traffic laws.

- Despite losing his law license and possibly his freedom, former Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond has not surrendered in his fight to disassemble the county's 911 project. A little more than 15 years after Hammond was disbarred the first time, he was disbarred from the Kentucky Bar Association again on Thursday, April 25.

- Sam Hall, who was indicted on charges that he offered \$50,000 to have his cousin killed to collect proceeds from an insurance policy, is set to go to trial June 10.

- The Floyd County School Board continued its steady march toward the elimination of about 100 employees from the system when it abolished seven more positions in the second week of April. A total of 69 teachers received their pink slips within the last two weeks.

- Congresswoman Hal Rogers attended a town meeting with about 75 concerned citizens to discuss the complications and necessity of welfare reform.

- Officials with the Mountain Area Drug Task Force confirmed April 16 that the multi-county police agency is under investigation by federal authorities. The following day, a federal grand jury returned no indictments against the task force, but the director made an appearance at the federal courthouse to provide financial records, as he was directed by subpoenas.

- A wild chase through Prestonsburg on April 17 led to the arrest of Clarence Traum, a Highlands Regional Medical Center administrator. Traum was charged with three counts of wanton endangerment; one count of terroristic threatening; and one count of harassment.

- An indictment against Danny Mead was returned on April 17 by a federal grand jury sitting in Ashland. Mead, a Hi Hat foreman, allegedly violated a safety standard for mine operation that led to the death of Udell Watson, who was killed when he was pulled into the power rollers of a belt drive unit in the mine while repairing a broken conveyor belt.

- Rumpke, the company awarded the franchise to pick up garbage in the county, said it is losing money and wants something done about it. "The county's losing money. Rumpke is losing money and citizens of Floyd County are losing money," Dave Cooley, a Rumpke employee, told the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission in April.

MAY


- Seventy-four prospective jurors were viewed privately and individually by Circuit Judge James A. Knight Monday in Inez in an effort to seat a jury for the highly-publicized Timmy Maynard capital murder trial set to begin this first week in May. Maynard allegedly killed Jeffrey Nelson, 21, of East Point. The chance of seating a murder jury is "slim," according to Judge Knight.


- On May 1, Judge Knight moved the trial of Maynard to Lawrence County. Only 26 of the needed 34

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Three arrested in death of Prestonsburg High student

by Susan Allen
 Staff Writer

Three people have been arrested and charged in connection with the Thanksgiving Day shooting death of a Prestonsburg High School student in Lexington.

- John Demarco Johnson, 18, of Charlotte Court in Lexington, was charged with murder Saturday in the death of Natasha J. Yates, 17.

- Also, Jonathan Leigh Phillips, 29, of 3716 Trent Circle, was charged with murder in Yates' death for allegedly firing the first shots during an exchange in which Yates was killed.

- Phillips is also charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, tampering with physical evidence and failure to make required disposition of property. He is being held under a \$150,000 bond. A prelimi-

nary hearing has been set for January 6.

- Terry Burchett, who was with Yates and Phillips, is charged with unlawful transaction with a minor and tampering with physical evidence. He was placed under an \$8,000 cash bond. A January 6 hearing date is set in his case.

- Lexington police sergeant Dan Gibbons said Yates was visiting with Phillips and Burchett, 21, on the night of the shooting and the three allegedly went out to buy crack cocaine.

- Burchett and Yates remained in the vehicle while Phillips was trying to buy drugs, Gibbons said.

- "Johnson was part of the crowd (Phillips) approached to buy crack," Gibbons said.

- Phillips got into an argument with a group of men on the street and Johnson threw an object at their

vehicle, according to police. Phillips pulled a pistol and fired at Johnson, who, in return, fired two shots, one of which hit Yates, police say.

- The two men took Yates to Columbia Hospital where she later died.

- Gibbons said Phillips and Burchett were arrested in Johnson County earlier this month on charges of unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly involving Yates in a drug deal. Lexington police officers and Kentucky State Police took the two into custody and the pair were later transferred to Fayette County, Gibbons said. Burchett is originally from Johnson County, but is living in Lexington, Gibbons said.

- Phillips and Burchett were charged with tampering with physical evidence for allegedly trying to remove and conceal the handgun and the coat worn by Phillips at the time of the shooting.

Jacobs' attorney seeks third trial in beating death of ALC student

Twice convicted murderer Clawvern Jacobs should receive a third trial in the beating death of an Alice Lloyd College student because special Judge John David Caudill failed to disclose his ties to the school, according to Jacobs' attorney.

- On Friday, public defender Kelly Gleason, who represented Jacobs in his second trial in Bowling Green earlier this month, said her client deserved another trial because Caudill did not reveal he had family members who had attended Alice Lloyd College.

- Jacobs was convicted last week of murder, kidnapping and first degree sexual assault in the death of Judy Ann Howard of Martin County. The Warren County jury recommended Jacobs be sentenced

to death. Gleason made her statements before Caudill Friday in Floyd Circuit Court and said she was not accusing the judge of ethical violations.

- Caudill said he knew hundreds of Alice Lloyd College students and it had no bearing on the case.

- Caudill postponed all further proceedings in the case until Gleason's claims can be reviewed by the state's Judicial Retirement and Removal Commission.

- Jacobs was first convicted and sentenced to death in 1987, but the state Supreme Court overturned that verdict in 1994, ruling the trial should have been moved out of Knott County.

- No sentencing date for Jacobs has been set.


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Obituaries

Charles Dalton

Charles Douglas Dalton, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville.

He was a native of Madison and a retired DX Oil Distributor in Lexington. He was a member of the Kings Tabernacle Church in Richmond and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two sons, Robey Dalton of Lexington and Rodney Dalton of Dallas, Texas; two brothers, Eddie Dalton of Berea and Raymond Dalton of Cincinnati, Ohio; three sisters, Frances D. Roberts of Richmond, Helen D. Crockett of Lexington, and Opal Webb of Sadieville; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 31, at the Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under direction of Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Gary Dalton, Billy Dalton, Steven Dalton, Doug Roberts, Brad Crockett and Lyndon Crockett.

Doris "Mickey"

Meadows

Doris "Mickey" Meadows, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born February 18, 1912 at Matewan, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Martha Frazier Tackett.

Survivors include two daughters, Melissa Lynn Meadows of Prestonsburg and Wanda Delaney of McAndrews; two brothers, James Tackett of Charlestown, Indiana, and Ray Tackett of Louisville; one sister, Geraldine Sipple of Matewan, West Virginia; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 31, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Treap officiating.

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

Martha Evans

Martha Evans, 87, of Grethel, died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born March 23, 1909 at Grethel, she was the daughter of the late Robert "Bob" and Francis Riley White. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Evans.

Survivors include four sons, Freeman Evans of Delaware, Ohio, Demas Evans of Dayton, Ohio, and Delmer and Denver Evans, both of Grethel; four daughters, Vernonia Moore and Verneice Hall, both of Grethel, Rothery Hall of Galveston, and Polly Tackett of Pikeville; 30 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 31, 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church at Grethel, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

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

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Justin Daniel Martin would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Justin Daniel Martin

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Belle Howell wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Belle Howell

Thomas Ratliff

Thomas Ratliff, 77, of Ivel, died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg.

Born November 8, 1919 at Ivel, he was the son of the late Hiram "Dick" and Grace Dillon Ratliff. He worked as a maintenance supervisor for Huber Management. He was a World War II Army veteran, past commander of VFW Post No. 9927 in Dayton, Ohio, and past third district commander for the VFW Post in Dayton, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife, Zella Marie Stratton Ratliff; and two sisters, Virginia Thacker of Pikeville, and Vada Mae Thacker of Kansas City, Missouri.

Funeral services were Monday, December 30, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with James Harmon officiating.

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

Ora Lee Wireman

Ora Lee Wireman, 94, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville.

Born September 13, 1902 at David, she was the daughter of the late Brice and Nannie Moore Shepherd. She was a member of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Day Wireman.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 31, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the clergyman Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial will be in the Dewey Shepherd Cemetery at David, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

In Loving Memory of Clyde Hogsed

If Dad Were Here

By Virginia Detmer

If Dad were here

Wouldn't he say he's sorry;
That he never meant to leave us
When he did?
And wouldn't he feel badly
That the twinkle of the holiday
Has been replaced in our eyes
By the tears?

Can't you just see the concern
That would shadow his face
When he'd see the void
He's left behind,
And feel his pain
When he'd speak of whether
We'd still celebrate the day
With those he loved most?

If Dad were here,
Wouldn't we all
Want to reassure him
And hold him close?
Wouldn't we all
Want to ease his mind
And let him know
He needn't worry,

That safe within our hearts,
He
And Christmas
Live on?

Wilburn Elliott

Wilburn Elliott, 86, of McDowell, died Sunday, December 29, 1996, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born May 29, 1910 at Dony, he was the son of the late Shird and Minnie Osborne Elliott. He was a retired coal miner and member of the U.M.W.A. Local 5967 at McDowell. He was a Kentucky colonel.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Rebecca Hobson Elliott; five sons, Teddy Elliott, Cloyd Elliott and Eugene Elliott, all of McDowell, and Bennie Elliott and George Elliott, both of Plymouth, Ohio; seven daughters, Wanda Sue Thornsberry and Rose Mary Fulton, both of Willard, Ohio, Doris Stover of Greenwich, Ohio, Riby Howell, Joy Hall and Janice Hopkins, all of McDowell, and Brenda Goble of Argylite; two brothers, Clines Elliott of McDowell and Shird Elliott of Michigan; three sisters, Tamara Hill of Price, Dorcie Christian of Roanoke, Virginia, and Ethel M. Elliott of Michigan; 58 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 1, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at McDowell, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be at the church.

Isom Hurd

Isom Hurd, 88, of Ivel, died Sunday, December 29, 1996, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville.

Born August 14, 1908 at Banner, he was the son of the late Windwright and Nancy Hall Hurd. He was a former miner, lumber mill operator, factory worker, and member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Tom's Creek, since 1934.

Survivors include seven sons, Shular Hurd of Ivel, Graden Hurd of Mentone, Indiana, Joe Ed Hurd of Roann, Indiana, Lorenza Hurd of Burkett, Indiana, Donald Hurd of South Cotteville, Oklahoma, Gordon Hurd of Barbee Lake, Indiana, and Gary Hurd of Warsaw, Indiana; two daughters, Eliza Katherine Sluss of West Van Lear and Mary Spencer of Morrell, Ohio; 36 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Charles Ferguson and James Harmon officiating.

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

William Kelly

"Leather Ear" Hughes

William Kelly "Leather Ear" Hughes, 88, of Martin, died Thursday, December 26, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a brief illness.

Born June 7, 1908 in Lawrence County, he was the son of the late Eugene and Lillie Rose Blair Hughes. He was a retired coal miner and member of U.M.W.A. Local No. 9845 at Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Dillion Hughes; two sons, Burl Edward Hughes of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Charles V. Hughes of Mt. Cory, Ohio; two stepsons, Harold Dillion of Vermilion, Ohio, and Ronnie Dillion of Dana; one daughter, Emma Grace "Midge" Goodman of Prestonsburg; two stepdaughters, Darlene Burke of Quincy, Michigan, and Joyce Adkins of Van Lear; one brother, Earl Hughes of Weeksbury; two sisters, Gertrude Hurst of Drift and Eunice May Hurst of Indiana; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Don Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Stumbo Cemetery at Minnie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Pallbearers listed for Clyde Beverly

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Clyde Beverly were Michael Flanery, Jim Rice, Danny Flanery, Jeremy Webb, Jason Webb, David Lumpkins and Austin Lumpkins.

Ballard Haywood

Ballard Haywood, 80, of Spurlock Creek, Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 29, 1996, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following an extended illness.

He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company. He was a member of the U.M.W.A. Local No. 7789 at David, and the Spurlock Bible Church in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Marie Ousley Haywood; two sons, Billy H. Haywood and John G. Haywood, both of Prestonsburg; three daughters, Priscilla Sue Garrison of Lewisport, Theresia Ann Johnson of Prestonsburg, and Rosetta Head of Philpot; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergymen Dan Heintzelman and Jim Stephens officiating.

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

Cledis Gayheart

Cledis Gayheart, 66, of Pippa Passes, died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born August 23, 1930 at Pippa Passes, he was the son of Versie Sparkman Gayheart and the late Ballard Gayheart. He was a retired Kentucky/West Virginia Gas Company employee. He was a member of the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church at Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Slone Gayheart; two sons, Cledis Gayheart Jr. of Pinetop and Ernie Darrell Gayheart of Garner; two daughters, Karen Childers of Ivel and Darlen Cornett of Leburn; one brother, Shelby Gayheart of Pinetop; six sisters, Jan Gunnels of Garrett, Joan Thacker of Hindman, Lillie Casebolt of Litt Carr, Shirley Handshoe of Soft Shell, Ada Combs of Leburn, and June Smith of Mousie; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 31, at 11 a.m., at the Hindman United Baptist Church, with Sterlin Bolen, Bethel Bolen and Willie Collins officiating.

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

Daffie Slone

Daffie Slone, 77, of Topmost, died Sunday, December 29, 1996, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born May 18, 1919 at Holly Bush, he was the son of the late Silas and Nanie Gibson Slone. He was a retired coal miner and member of U.M.W.A. Local 5899 at Wheelwright. He was a lifetime member of D.A.V. Chapter 128 at Garrett and the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Bryant Slone.

Survivors include two daughters, Imojean Caudill of Topmost and Glenda Faye Quillum of Louisville; five brothers, Jeff Slone of Topmost, Irton Slone of Alaska, Cash Slone of Ohio, Breman Slone of Ohio, and Graton Slone of Richmond; seven sisters, Lola Caudill of Winchester, Rosie Dingus and Ocie Caudill of Martin, Dalie Robinson of Lackey, and Yvonne Burton and Berneice Thornsberry, both of Wheelwright; 22 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and many great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 1, at 10 a.m., at the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Topmost, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Caudill Cemetery at Holly Bush, Topmost, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be at the church.

Merdith Slone

Merdith Slone, 88, of Pippa Passes, died Sunday, December 29, 1996, at her residence.

Born August 25, 1908 at Pippa Passes, she was the daughter of the late Morrell and Nany Jane Slone.

She was a member of the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Vansel Slone.

She is survived by five sons, four daughters, one brother, one sister, 54 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 1, at 10 a.m., at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church at Pippa Passes, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church, Clyde Jacobs, Kelly Slone and Tad Huff officiating.

Burial will be in the Mt. Olive Cemetery at Pippa Passes, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be at the church.

Lora Ethel Conley

Lora Ethel Conley, 101, of Jamestown, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died December 25, 1996, at the Heather Green Nursing Home in Jamestown, Ohio, following an extended illness.

Born September 30, 1895 in Elliott County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson and Mahalia Hall Conley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Amos Conley.

Survivors include one daughter, Carrie Harvel of Jamestown, Ohio; and four granddaughters.

Funeral services were December 28, at 11 a.m., at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, with Evangelist Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial was in the Tram Cemetery, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

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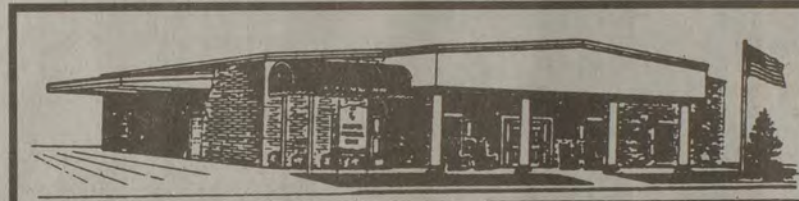
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Year in review

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jurors could be qualified from a jury pool of 83 people. Nearly a week later, testimony began in Lawrence Circuit Court in the trail Maynard after a jury was seated on May 6.

Kentucky State Police trooper James Michael Goble testified that Maynard told him and another detective "he hit me and it was over with before I knew it."

On May 14, Maynard was found guilty for the murder of Nelson.

Despite obvious reservations, the Floyd County Board of Education awarded \$5,297,330 in bids on the Prestonsburg High School renovation project last Thursday, April 25.

Keith Bartley was sworn in as Floyd County Attorney on April 29 to replace Jim Hammond, who pleaded guilty in February to executing an \$8 million check kiting scheme and for defrauding the state division of Child Support Enforcement. Bartley said he sees "drastic changes" coming for the county attorney's office.

In Loving Memory



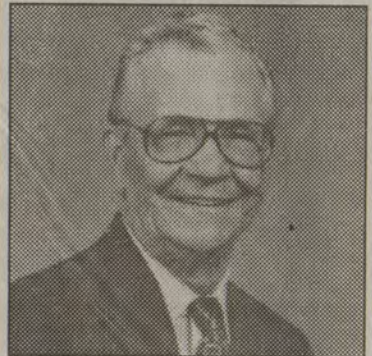
Kelly Ann Vance Hamilton
April 3, 1972-January 2, 1995

There's not a day that goes by, an hour or minute, Not a thought crosses our minds, without you in it. They say that time will ease the pain. But our pain won't end until we see you again. No one knows how our lives have been shattered. For someone who was supposed to have loved you, it hasn't even mattered. There will never be an angel atop our Christmas tree. Because our angel is gone for eternity. May God hold you close until we meet once more. Upon that bright and shining shore, Where there will be no more pain or dying. No more trouble or sorrow and no more crying. You were more than a daughter, a sister and aunt. You were a friend. So always remember—LOVE NEVER ENDS!

Sadly missed by,
Mom, Dad, Beth, Toby
Whitney, Homer and Jill

W. P. "Bill" Wilbanks

Attorney, former Judge in Gwinnett County, Snellville, Georgia



The Honorable Judge W. P. "Bill" Wilbanks Jr., 73, of Snellville, Georgia, died of cancer at Dekalb Medical Hospital, December 10, 1996.

He was the son of the late William Paris Wilbanks Sr. and Frances Jenkins Wilbanks. He is survived by his wife, Mildred "Honey" May Wilbanks, of Snellville, formerly of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. One step-daughter, Jennifer Harrison, of Atlanta, two brothers, Dorsey Wilbanks of Gainsville, Georgia, and Lindsey Wilbanks of Clarksville, Georgia, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Wilbanks, a native of Lakemont, Georgia, was a retired attorney and former Gwinnett County Judge; a U.S. Army decorated veteran of World War II; and a member of the Georgia Bar Association. He was a member of the Yaarab Shrine Temple; a Scottish Rite Mason; a member of the Pythagoras Blue Lodge No. 41, F.&A.M. in Duluth; Snellville O.E.S. Chapter No. 513; the Pilots Association of Georgia; and the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Snellville.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, December 13, at Tim Stewart Funeral Home Chapel in Snellville, with Dr. Bob Strachan officiating. Entombment followed in Eternal Hills Memory Gardens in Snellville with his Sunday School class of Westminster Presbyterian Church serving as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church "Open Doors" fund, 2208 East Main Street, Snellville, GA 30278 or to the Gideon International "Memorial Bible" fund, P.O. Box 2242, Lilburn, GA 30247.

Pallbearers were Robert Clark, Attorney Wally Odum, Attorney J. C. Henry, Attorney Ralph Allen, Lane Harrison, and Ken Campbell.

Danny Mead, who was indicted last month on charges that he violated a mine safety standard that resulted in the death of Udel Watson, was arraigned in U.S. Federal Court in Pikeville Monday. Dave Sledd, assistant U.S. Attorney, said the indictment against Mead represented "the first time someone has been indicted on this particular charge."

What started as a bomb scare about a month ago for parents at Martin Elementary ended May 1 with the arrest of Wallace J. Eaton, a Michigan fugitive.

Federal officials are not expected to oppose a plea for leniency for the wife of former Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond when she is formally sentenced later this month on conviction for fraud. Claudina Hammond asked the court to consider "mitigating circumstances" that led to her involvement in the check kiting scheme.

Tempers flared May 17 as Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb and County Judge-Executive Ben Hale battled over budgets, and supplies and cars. At one point, Hale asked Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson to remove Webb from the courtroom, but Thompson said Webb wasn't causing a disturbance, and was asking legitimate questions.

Floyd Fiscal Court gave final approval May 17 to a plan to move the 911 system to Pike County.

An appeal of the dismissal of a lawsuit against Floyd County by former County Attorney Jim Hammond was dismissed May 21 by the Court of Appeals.

On Wednesday, May 29, U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood sentenced Hammond to two years in prison, but no date has been set for him to report to prison, possible at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery Alabama.

Governor Paul Patton formally named Route 23, Kentucky's "Country Music Highway." "I don't think any highway in America can lay claim to such a stellar lineup," Patton said during the dedication ceremony in Ashland.

A report from two consultants sent on a fact-finding mission to Prestonsburg Community College has received mixed reviews from members of the campus community.

JUNE

Allen Central High School conducted commencement exercises for its graduating class of 122 seniors on June 17. Betsy Layne will graduate 129 students on June 21. Prestonsburg High School held ceremonies for 135 graduates on June 14. And, South Floyd High School issued diplomas to 110 graduates during commencement ceremonies on June 14.

Three employees of the now defunct P & B Ambulance have been cleared of charges that they interfered with a police investigation in a February death.

Tragedy struck for the third time at Prestonsburg High School when the body of senior Ronald Lee Hatfield II, 18, was recovered June 11 from Dewey Lake after an apparent drowning.

Another senior, 18-year-old Billy Lee Adkins, died after he walked into the path of an oncoming car in May. Also in May, sophomore Jeremy James Collins, 16,

died after he and a friend were apparently experimenting with drugs.

In order to secure nearly \$3 million in grants and loans, the Allen City Commission agreed to waive the \$500 tap fee for residents who have signed the user's agreements and for those who sign it within 90 days.

At least 25 of 69 teachers who were handed pink slips in April will have jobs to go back to when school starts for the fall term. Floyd County superintendent announced that principals would receive the recall list this week and could begin notifying those teachers immediately.

The city of Prestonsburg and the Corps of Engineers are making a trade. The two are trading two pieces of land in order to make a proposed recreation center a reality.

Prestonsburg's plan to annex 3,600 acres of mountain top property has met with some opposition. Some property owners say they are opposed to the city taking some of the land.

About 30 people filled Prestonsburg City Hall June 24 to oppose the annexation.

The residents of Martin bleed purple and gold and they want everyone to know it. They also want the school board to keep the school's name, its mascot, and the colors.

But board members said the issue wasn't on the agenda and that it was to be handled by the site-based councils at each of the school.

Students from Martin and Maytown areas will be consolidated into two schools, with students in grades Kindergarten through fifth attending classes at the new facility being build on Stephens Branch. Students in grades six through eight will participate in a middle school program at the current Martin facility.

Charges against Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson were dismissed June 18 in Floyd District Court. Judge James R. Allen ruled that evidence regarding Thompson's willful neglect of official duties in relation to tax receipts from 1990 to 1995 was inadmissible.

Former Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond appealed a portion of his two-year prison sentence. He appealed the portion that specified that Hammond has to wait seven years before reapplying for his law license and the portion that required him to pay \$210,000 in restitution to the state and Trans Financial Bank.

Hammond reported to Maxwell Airforce Base in Montgomery, Alabama on June 17 to serve his two-year sentence.

Tim Maynard, convicted of the murder of East Point resident Jeff Nelson, was sentenced to life in prison on June 21 by Lawrence Circuit Judge James A. Knight.

A jury took just 35 minutes June 24 to acquit Harold "Junior" Joseph of charges of paying furniture store owner Jerry Case \$700 to support him in the May 1993 primary where Joseph and 12 other candidates were vying for the position of county jailer.

Zebulon Masonic Lodge sets officer installation, past masters' banquet

The members of Prestonsburg's Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273 conducted their election of officers at the meeting held on Friday, December 27.

Elected and/or appointed to serve the lodge for the ensuing year were James R. Gullett, master; Rodney L. Gardner, senior warden; Brett D. Davis, junior warden; Johnie C. Adams, treasurer; James E. Goble, secretary; Darrell Calhoun, chaplain; Clyde E. DeRossett, senior deacon; Richard G. Price, junior deacon; Steve Price, senior steward; James C. Warrix, junior steward, and Bill J. Dotson, tiler.

Donald A. Willis, P.M., was appointed to a three-year term on the board of trustees.

The open installation of officers will be conducted on Saturday, January 4, at 4 p.m. at the James D. Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg.

This will be followed by the 68th annual past masters' banquet which will be held at the same location at 6 p.m.

Wayne E. Rogers, of Alexandria, grand master of masons in Kentucky, will conduct the installation of officers and will be the principal speaker at the dinner.

Donald A. Willis is the retiring master of Zebulon Lodge.



Gary Parsons, director of finances for the Floyd County Board of Education, accepted a \$500 check from the Floyd County Education Association (FCEA) Monday, for the Dr. John Balentine Library Fund. Presenting the check to Parsons, right, was Vicki Pack, a FCEA member. Parsons said the donation from FCEA was the biggest one received so far. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

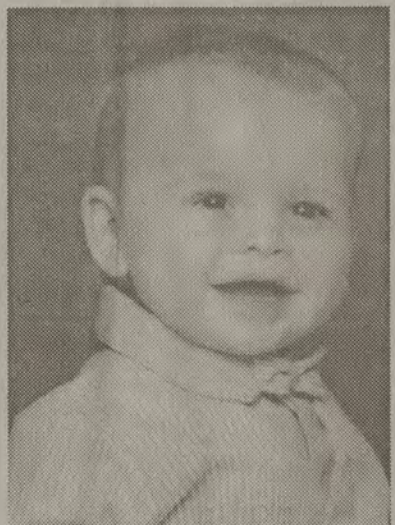
Editor's Note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's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

Gospel music

John and Shirley Rowsey will present gospel music at the Paramount Arts Center, Tuesday, December 31, at 8 p.m., featuring The Isaacs, The Primitives, Ivan Parker, New Journey and Daryl Williams Trio.

John W. Hall Masonic Lodge to install new officers

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, will hold an open installa-



First birthday

Matthew Tyler Webb celebrated his first birthday on November 14. He is the son of Danny and Jennifer Howell Webb of Little Paint. He is the grandson of Tom and Wanda Webb of Little Paint and Gary and Kathy Howell of Abbott Creek. He is the great-grandson of Louella Boggs of Little Paint and Rhoda Mullett of Wittensville.

tion of officers on Friday, January 3, at 7 p.m., at the lodge hall. Members are asked to bring a dessert for the dinner.

McDowell FRYSC activities to continue

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center will hold their advisory council meeting January 6, at 6 p.m., at the resource center.

Exercise classes will resume on January 6, at 6 p.m., aerobics will resume January 7, at 6 p.m., GED classes resume January 9, and the nurse from the health department will be back beginning January 6.

Past masters banquet

The past masters banquet will be held January 4, at 6 p.m. All member of the Adah Chapter No. 24 are asked to bring a dessert to Adams Middle School.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Verna Martin wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank the clergymen Rondal Hayes, Jeff Prater and Greg Nichols for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Verna Martin

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ned Gillespie would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help upon the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Ned Gillespie

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Virginia Lula Adams Conley wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors upon the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Old Regular Baptist ministers, Brothers and Sisters of the church, for their comforting words, also thanks to Hospice of the Big Sandy, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Virginia Lula Adams Conley

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It was your eldest son's birthday, it was a real hard time that year.

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I miss you so much since you have been gone.

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—written by Doris

AAA says protect yourself against impaired drivers

This holiday season AAA urges everyone to protect themselves against impaired drivers. Holidays are an emotional time for most people and cause feelings of anxiety and stress.

The expectations of a perfect family visit often do not become a reality. People are out of their normal routine of work and rest, and into a busy schedule of activities. All these factors combined with many chances to overeat, and drink alcohol, increase the odds that many drivers will be too sleepy, too drunk, or too stressed to drive safely.

In 1995, 19 Kentuckians died in traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Years weekends.

Even those who never drink and drive should be concerned about drunk drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, about two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives whether they drink or not.

Last year, over 1,300 people had not been drinking at all, who were killed in alcohol-related crashes.

"Many people ask us what they can do to protect themselves from drunk or impaired drivers," Mason said. "First off, wearing your seatbelt is the best defense. Of all the occupants killed in alcohol-related crashes, 80 percent were unrestrained by seatbelts."

"Second," continued Mason, "you can expect to see more impaired drivers at night and on the weekends so you need to be even more careful." Alcohol is involved in 62 percent of the fatal crashes that occur at night and 54 percent of crashes that occur on weekends according to NHTSA statistics.

"The third defense against an impaired driver is learning how to identify an impaired driver so you can stay away from him and the danger he represents," said Mason. Here are some signs that a driver is impaired:

- Driving too fast or too slow for conditions
- Crossing the centerline repeatedly
- Driving hunched over the steering wheel
- Accelerating and braking erratically
- Driving with headlights off

HEAP begins January 6

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program's Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program will begin January 6, and will run through March 31, or until funds have been exhausted.

Applications will be taken from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc., Allen Park Convention Center, Allen.

For more information, contact Loretta Newsome, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc., Allen, at 874-2965.

OSM gets grant for enforcement of regulations

Kentucky's efforts to regulate surface mining got a boost last week.

The U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) awarded the state a \$12,474,450 grant.

U.S. Senator Wendell Ford announced the awarding of the grant on December 20. Ford said the funds will be used to help the state regulate the surface effects of coal mining. According to OSM, the grant will assist in paying Kentucky's inspection and enforcement costs, including expenses for equipment, supplies and transportation.

Name corrected

A marriage listing in last week's For the Record incorrectly identified a bride-to-be. Jaime Elizabeth Clay, not Jaime Elizabeth McCoy, and Brian Albert Horn recently applied for a marriage license.

•Making wider turns than necessary

•Responding slowly to traffic signals (sudden stops, delayed starts)

•Driving with an open window in cold weather

"If you suspect the driver in front of you is impaired, stay behind him until you can turn off the roadway. If the person's driving is erratic, stay out of the way by dropping far behind him on the roadway," Mason advised.

"If you suspect the driver behind you of being impaired, use the rearview mirror to keep track

of him and turn off at the next intersection.

"If possible, reduce your speed gradually and let the driver get in front of you where it's easier to see him."

Free buttons that say "Sober Drivers Have Happier Holidays" are available from the Safety Foundation.

In Lexington call 233-1111, outside Lexington call 1-800-568-5222 to order your supply.

The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation is a non-profit organization that serves to increase public awareness of traffic safety.



MSU winter

commencement

More than 500 undergraduate and graduate students were candidates for degrees conferred during Morehead State University's recent 1996 Winter Commencement. Honorary doctorates also were granted to Susie Halbleib of Morehead and Helen Price Stacy of West Liberty for their achievements as "daughters of Kentucky." Receiving his diploma and congratulations from MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin is Harmon Leedy of David, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree. More than 3,500 friends, family and other well-wishers attended the ceremony held December 14 in MSU's Academic-Athletic Center. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

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A Look At Sports

Johnson a competitor so don't give up on the Lady Cats

With the 1996-97 high school basketball season almost a month old, it hasn't been a banner season so far for Betsy Layne Lady Cats' sharp-shooter Jessica Johnson.



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Johnson nearly set a new national record for most three-point baskets in a single game in Betsy Layne's first game of the season when she scored 50 points. But since then, the Lady Cat's average has plummeted as the opposition is paying special attention to her, tracking her wherever she goes with the basketball. The long-range scorer has been double and triple teamed for most of the early games this year.

With her demise in scoring, the Lady Cats are off to their worst start in several years at 1-6. However, I wouldn't be too quick to give up on them because this team has the talent to be a strong tournament team when district tournament rolls around in February.

As for Johnson, she is a competitor and knows how to play the game. Her touch will return and when it does, someone will have to pay. I like her attitude and drive.

This is her senior year. What she did last year and the previous two seasons will go a long way when the college coaches start handing out scholarships.

But Johnson knows that her senior year is an all important one and that is why I believe she will finish strong. Her shot selection hasn't been that good but mainly because her team has had to play catch-up basketball.

The Lady Cats only need some consistent inside play so as to loosen up the outside game for Johnson and keep the opposition's defense honest.

Coach Bill Newsome will have this team ready when the second season begins in two months. Don't give up on the Lady Cats.

OTHER STUFF...

Remember all the past talk about the Dream Games. Tonight the Kentucky Wildcats will travel to Louisville, their second home, to face the undefeated Louisville Cardinals. In the past years, there hasn't been all that much hype about the games and it seems the "dream" part has been dropped and it has just become a "game."

But tonight it will certainly be a dream game and should be a good one. The Cards are off to their best start in a long time at 10-0 and that will make the matchup at Freedom Hall certainly a Dream Game.

I like games like this where no one is but a three or four point favorite. The blow-outs the Wildcats have gone through make the game just "ho-hum." Outside of getting beaten by Clemson to open the season, no one has come closer than within 20 points of the Pitino 'Cats.

But this will be a different look. The Cards are primed to pull off an upset of the number three Wildcats and DeJuan Wheat is having a banner season.

Looking down the road after Louisville, Kentucky will have some cupcake games until they face Arkansas (on the road) on January 26 and then play at Alabama February 19.

Tubby Smith has his Georgia Bulldogs playing well, riding a six-game winning streak.

Marge Schott is back in the sport news and this time not for using racist remarks. Seems Marge has doctored up some sales documents at her car lot in fear of losing her Chevrolet-GEO dealership. GM has caught up with her and things don't look too good for her.

(See A Look at Sports, page two)

Rice wins Eclipse Award

Kenny Rice wins thoroughbred racing's most prestigious award

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

WTVQ-TV Sports Director, Kenny Rice has won the Eclipse Award, the most prestigious honor a journalist can receive from the thoroughbred racing industry.

Rice was honored by a national panel of the Thoroughbred Racing Association for his special, "Four Days In July," a one hour special Rice was producer, writer and host of on the summer yearling sales at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton.

Rice is only the third Kentuckian to be selected for an Eclipse Award in the television reporting category. Longtime UK announcer Cawood Ledford and NBC sports announcer Tom Hammond are former winners of

this award.

As for winning the Eclipse, Rice said, "The two people I thank the most for this honor are not horse racing fans. My dad and mom both retired from successful careers this year. They were respected for their work because they always had pride and made an effort to learn all they could about their job. My sister, Carol, is the creative one in the family and has that same drive in her career as an interior designer."

Reginald Rice retired on January 3 as a federal mine inspector and Kenny's mother Edith retired after 31 years as postmaster.

"We are very proud of what Kenny has accomplished down through the years," said his mother. "I always thought he would go far in his chosen profession because he was always an aggressive person."

A background in horse racing was not part of the sport scene when Rice, a graduate of Allen Central High School, was broadcasting basketball games over a local cable station in Floyd County.

"I didn't have a background in covering horse racing when I started at WTVQ, but growing up and seeing my parents' dedication, instilled in me, I hope, a similar work ethic. I've spent a few hundred hours around race tracks and barns. Time and effort have made me knowledgeable about the sport. And smart enough to know there are few experts when it comes to picking winners."

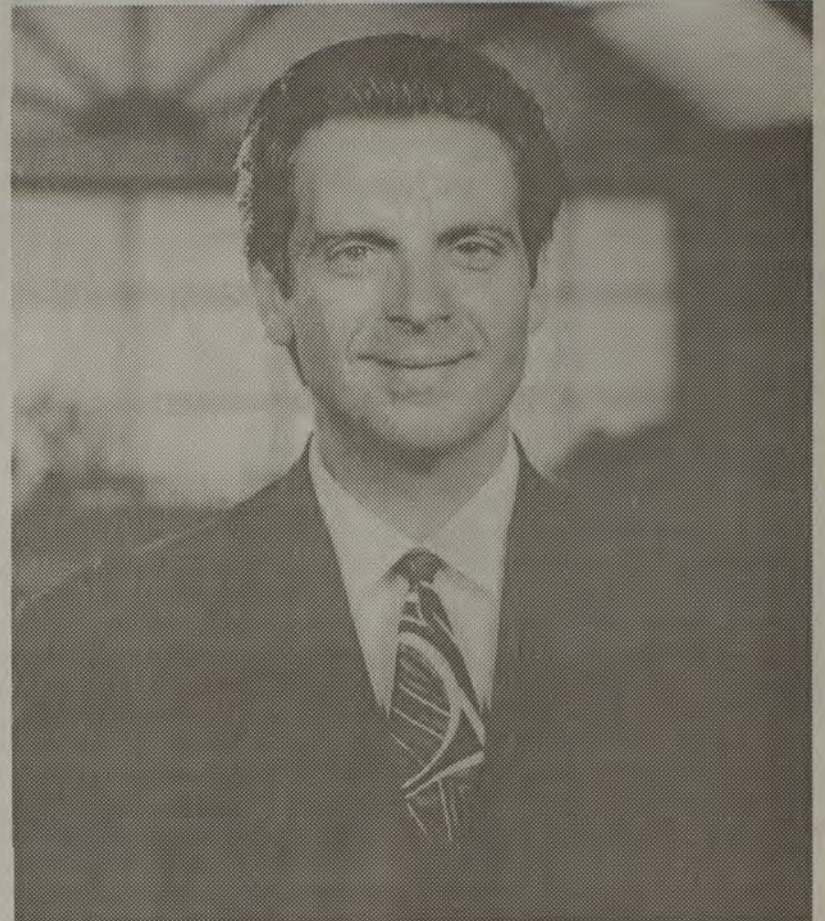
Rice said he was surprised by winning the award although he felt the program submitted was worthy to be considered.

"Suprise. Yeah, surprise was how I felt when I learned of winning the Eclipse award," he said. "We felt we had something that was good. We felt it was a good show to be considered."

Rice said it had been more than 10 years since a local station had won the award.

"I believe the last local show to win was Cawood's," he said. "We had about 44 hours of tape we had

(See Rice, page two)



Kenny Rice

Betsy Layne plays with little heart in loss to Hart County

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Lady Cats are still searching for that right combination that could turn a rather disappointing season so far, around.

The Lady Cats faced Hart County in the second phase of the Johnson Central Holiday Classic Friday afternoon and failed to stop Jill Perry's inside game in Hart County's 60-54 win over Betsy Layne.

The loss was the fifth for Betsy Layne and third in a row as they fell to 1-5 on the season.

Betsy Layne's defense was more of the reaching variety rather than sliding the feet and cutting off the baseline. Perry scored 22 points to lead the Lady Raiders. But her offensive work on the boards spelled defeat for Betsy Layne.

Failing to block out on the boards, Perry had seven put backs while Betsy Layne looked on. Jessica Johnson scored 12 points in the Hart County victory. Laura Shelton, off the bench, had seven points as did Rekita Thompson.

Jessica Johnson led Betsy Layne's scoring with 14 points while senior Ashley Tackett scored 13. Jessica Clark added 10 and Amanda Hall tossed in eight. Heather Kidd, who fouled out, finished with four points.

It was the play of Kidd, who was in foul trouble early, that was missing for the Lady Cats. With Kidd resigned to the pines early, and Leslie Hopkins out, Betsy Layne had little help inside in stopping Perry.

Turnovers were a problem for both teams as they were guilty of sloppy ball handling. Betsy Layne committed 21 turnovers while Hart County had 17. In the second quarter, Betsy Layne committed five consecutive turnovers and had eight in 10 possessions.

Tackett's play in the first period gave Betsy Layne a 15-13 lead at the first stop. She scored eight of her 13 points in the opening stanza and did not score in the second

quarter. The game was tied at 7, 9, and 13 before Tackett's lay-up with 23 seconds to play in the first period, gave Betsy Layne the two-point lead.

The two teams played head to head, matching turnover for turnover with the score tied four times in the second quarter. For four minutes plus, neither team resembled a basketball team. No one scored in the time span as Hart County couldn't connect and Betsy Layne could not take care of the basketball.

Betsy Layne took their biggest lead at 27-21 on a layup by Johnson with 1:28 to play in the half. A basket by Faith Hawkins and Johnston's three-pointer cut the lead to one, 27-26. With 14 seconds left to play in the half, Amanda Hall had a rebound basket that gave Betsy Layne a 29-26 lead at the half.

Hart County grabbed the lead from the Lady Cats with 2:49 to play in the third period. Shelton scored off a turnover to give the Lady Raiders a 35-34 lead. Jessica Clark's put back basket off a missed free throw gave Betsy

(See Bobcats, page two)

HART CO. (60)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Sullivan	2	0	0-0	4
Hawkins	3	0	0-0	6
Perry	7	0	13-8	22
Johnston	4	1	7-1	12
Thompson	3	0	8-1	7
Shelton	2	0	6-3	7
totals	21	1	34-13	60

BETSY LAYNE (54)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Tackett	5	0	7-3	13
Yates	2	0	2-1	5
Clark	5	0	0-0	10
Johnson	4	2	0-0	14
Kidd	2	0	0-0	4
Hall	4	0	1-0	8
totals	22	2	10-4	54

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Baseline drive

Betsy Layne's Ashley Tackett scored on this drive to the basket against Hart County Friday afternoon in tournament play at Johnson Central. Tackett scored 13 points but her team dropped a 60-54 decision to the Lady Raiders. (photo by Ed Taylor)

'96 brought two coaching changes; Prestonsburg district title

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

While the 1996 sports season had no dramatic happenings, it was highlighted by the surprise departure of the head football coach at Prestonsburg that created two openings for the same position.

Prestonsburg, under first-year coach Jackie Pack, won the 58th District Tournament and the Lady Blackcats of Prestonsburg upended Allen Central to capture their first since the early '80s.

The weather played havoc on the schedule during the basketball season as coaches worked to find days and ways to reschedule important

games.

JANUARY - Coach Pack's Blackcats, after high expectations, got off to one of their worse starts ever by dropping ten of their first 11 games in the 1995-96 season. As the New Year arrived, Coach Pack's pack was 1-7 and lost the next three games before turning things around.

Coach Junior Newsome returned to the helm of the Betsy Layne Bobcats, and the team immediately became a force to reckon with. But the Bobcats dropped a thriller to highly regarded Cordia in the Shelby Valley Invitational, 80-79, in overtime. Jeremy Brewer hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to sink the Bobcats.

Allen Central standout Jeremy Hall signed with the Wisconsin Badgers after the '95 season ended and got his first start as a Badger in January.

Hall, a freshman, scored 15 points with five three-pointers against Indiana.

The county sports scene came to a standstill in January as a foot of snow made traveling almost impossible. The Floyd County grade school tournament, as always, was put off several times.

The winter storm had coaches jockeying for ways to reschedule conference games and make up some of the key regional matchups that would be revenue makers for

them.

Once Prestonsburg had righted themselves, the Blackcats were a threat. Andy Jarvis had ten block shots in a 57-48 win over highly regarded Magoffin County. Coach Pack's team was on a roll.

In women's basketball, Jessica Johnson scored 30 points in a 66-61 win over Knott County Central. In the game, Crystal Gearheart pulled down 12 rebounds.

Coach Bonita Compton's Allen Central Lady Rebels were young but talented and were seeking to win their fourth consecutive Class A regional tournament. Elkhorn City would deny the Lady Rebels that chance with a shocking 44-43

upset win over Allen Central in a game played at new Raider Arena on the campus of South Floyd.

Jeremy Hall dished off eight assists and scored nine points in Wisconsin win over powerful Iowa in the Big Ten.

Another Floyd County standout, Thomas Jenkins of Allen Central, was one of the top five scorers in the state of Kentucky and was averaging just under 30 points per game. He scored 29 in a 72-62 win over South Floyd.

Basketball is supposed to be a game of non-contact but, when Sheldon Clark arrived at Betsy

(See 1996, page three)



Enjoying her senior season

Paintsville Lady Tiger Heather Collins seems to have beaten the system and is playing her senior season for the Lady Tigers. Collins and the Lady Tigers are 8-4 on the season. She is a former Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat and had to play her junior year under court appeals. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Strong third quarter gives Jenkins win over Prestonsburg

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The holiday tournaments are still being held and will be for the next two weeks. But for coach Harold Tackett and his Lady Blackcats at Prestonsburg, the First Security Bank and Trust New Year's Eve Classic is not the place to be.

Prestonsburg dropped their second straight game in the Classic last Saturday evening in an 81-60 loss to highly regarded Jenkins. But the Lady Blackcats seemed to come unglued in the third quarter after playing the Lady Cavaliers close in the first half. Jenkins outscored Prestonsburg 27-12 in the third to break open a game that was tied at 34 at the half. Jenkins led 61-46 after three quarters.

Crystal Layne led the Lady Blackcats with 18 points. She was the only player to score in double figures for Prestonsburg. Shelly Greathouse and Ladonna Slone each finished with eight points. Brandi Slone tossed in nine with Jessi Burke scoring six and Amber Leslie five. Kimi Nunnery added four with

Johnson scores 40

Betsy Layne falls 85-78 to Lawrence County

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Jessica Johnson appeared to have shaken a scoring slump she has been in since the opening game of the season but her team, the Betsy Layne Lady Cats, continued to struggle on the court in dropping to 1-7 on the year after an 85-78 setback to Lawrence County in the Johnson Central Holiday Classic Saturday morning.

Johnson, who's season high was 50 points, scored a game high 40 against the Lady Bulldogs and teammate Ashley Tackett added 21 but the duo could not overcome the three double figure scorers for Lawrence County.

It was as good a first half as the Lady Cats had played all season as they matched Lawrence County bucket for bucket throughout the first half. The two teams were tied at 15 after the first quarter and went to the locker room knotted at 39.

The second half saw the Lady Bulldogs an eight point better team as they outscored Betsy Layne by 16 points, 30-14, in the third period to take a 69-53 lead after three quarters. Betsy Layne outscored Lawrence County 25-16 in the final stanza but was short on the scoreboard when the final horn sounded.

Sabrina Yates added eight points for Betsy Layne. Jessica Clark netted six and Sheena Akers scored two. Amanda Hall had one point.

West topped Lawrence County with 20 points. Webb added 18 and Layne 16 for the winners.

Rice

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shot over a 10 week period. We had put a lot of time into it and we felt that people would like it."

Rice said he and the station had received good calls after the show aired.

Upon arriving in Lexington to assume his duties at WTVQ, Tom Hammond was at that time making his move of doing SEC basketball games and working for a network.

"That left the Lexington area without anyone to cover the horse racing scene," said Rice.

Rice then saw an open door and spent hours at the local stables and establishing a friendship with farm owners.

"When I realized that no one was covering horse racing in the area I saw an open market there," said Rice. "I then began to establish myself and began to talk with a lot of people. They were very receptive of me because they were glad that someone was interested in their sport."

Once involved, the open door led to other things like doing a weekly spot on the old ESPN show, "Down the Stretch."

"We went out once a week for six years working for ESPN," said the former Floyd Countian. "We used a lot of the stuff at our place. The more I was around it the more interested I became in horse racing."

But Rice said his interest was not just what happened on the track but those little things behind the scenes.

"I saw more than just doing a story on the horse itself," he said. "There were other people involved with the horse. People like the owners, jockey and even the groomsmen. I saw a special human interest side of horse racing."

With that vision, the "Four Days in July" was developed and the story of behind the scenes was told.

"Most reporters are not interested in that side of it," he said. "I would ask questions about different things and they were happy to answer. Most reporters want to know how the horse did in the last race."

"When the owners saw I was interested in learning the horse racing business, they opened their farms to me."

One of those farms was the Ashford Stud Farm in Versailles, home of Cigar.

"When Cigar retired I was the only local media, including the Herald-Leader, that was allowed there," said Rice. "I had established a friendship with Cigar's owner Alan Paulsen. He appreciated the coverage we gave them and it opened the door for us."

Rice said the first live horse race he ever attended was in 1979 when he was a freshman at UK.

"I went to Keeneland with Mike Goble, Greg Dixon and a couple others from Prestonsburg," said Rice.

In addition to his duties as sports director at WTVQ-TV, Rice is also senior reporter on the Breeders' Cup Newsfeed and has worked for ESPN, Sports Network in Canada, Prime, Sportschannel and Sportsouth.

He has been honored for his work by both Associated Press and United Press. Rice is a former winner of the Hervey Award, the top honor in the harness racing industry.

The Eclipse Awards are considered to the horse racing industry what the "Oscar" is to the movie industry. Rice will receive his trophy in Miami on February 4 at the Eclipse banquet.

"My mom and dad, as well as Carol, are planning to be in Miami when I receive my award," said an excited Rice. "About all the interest Carol has in horse racing is that she has decorated a lot of the offices at the horse stables."

Rice is a native of Floyd County. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Rice reside in Eastern.

Betsy Layne

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Layne the lead back but Perry, on a rebound basket, sent her team in front 37-36. Betsy Layne's final lead of the game, 38-37, came on a lay up by Tackett with 1:33 to play in the third. Hart County scored baskets on two consecutive turnovers by Betsy Layne to lead 41-38 after three quarters.

Hart County extended the lead to 10 points, 52-42, on a free throw by Shelton. Johnson buried a three-pointer, her second of the game, as Betsy Layne rallied to narrow the margin to four points, 57-53 on a rebound basket by Sabrina Yates with 1:10 to play. Betsy Layne was not able to get any closer than four points to the Lady Raiders.

Betsy Layne hit only four of 10 free throw attempts. Hart County attempted 34 tosses hitting 13.

Betsy Layne (1-5) will travel to Fleming-Neon this Saturday.

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Ancient Age Bourbon Whiskey
80 PROOF OR
Canadian Mist
Canadian Whisky
1.75 LITER

13⁹⁹

Miller, Miller Lite or Miller Genuine Draft Beer
12 PACK-12 OZ. CANS

6⁴⁹

Busch or Busch Light Beer
12 PACK-12 OZ. CANS

5²⁹

Michelob or Michelob Light Beer
6 PACK-12 OZ. NON-RETURNABLE BOTTLES

3⁶⁹

Kessler American Blended Whiskey
1.75 LITER

13⁴⁹

Clan MacGregor Scotch Whisky
1.75 LITER

12⁹⁹

Kentucky Tavern Bourbon Whiskey
80 PROOF
1.75 LITER

11⁹⁹

Old Pickett American Vodka
1.75 LITER

7⁹⁹

Smirnoff Vodka
80 PROOF OR
Citrus Twist
1.75 LITER

14⁹⁹

Bacardi Puerto Rican Rum
SILVER OR AMBER
1.75 LITER

14⁹⁹

Gordon's Distilled London Dry Gin
1.75 LITER

13⁹⁹

Korbel Champagne
750 ML

9⁹⁹

Tott's Champagne
750 ML

5⁴⁹

Cook's Champagne
750 ML

3⁹⁹

André or J. Rogét Champagne
750 ML

2⁹⁹

Martini & Rossi Asti Spumante
750 ML

9⁴⁹

Ballatore Gran Spumante
750 ML

4⁹⁹

Almaden Wine CABERNET, CHARDONNAY OR WHITE ZINFANDEL
5 LITER

11⁹⁹

Franzia Bag-in-Box Wines
CHABLIS, BLUSH, RHINE, WHITE GRENACHE OR CHILLABLE RED
5 LITER

8⁹⁹

Sutter Home Wine
WHITE ZINFANDEL OR SAUVIGNON BLANC
1.5 LITER

7⁴⁹

Glen-Ellen Wine
WHITE ZINFANDEL
750 ML

4²⁹

A Look At Sports — (Continued from page one)

• The Cincinnati Reds are trying to bolster their pitching staff for next season with the addition of Ken Merker.

• How about Mike Reitz's (Martin) Harrison County Thorobreads. Harrison County took care of UHA to go 7-0 on the season. Mike told me last year his teams have never been blessed with great talent, but they play hard. That is certainly evident this year. We wish Mike and the Thorobreads the best in the Kentucky Holiday Classic.

• NFL coaches continue to fall. There is not security in coaching these days.

• The Dallas Mavericks made a surprise trade when they let highly touted Jason Kidd go. Wonder how Jamal (Mashburn) feels about that trade? Now, maybe he will quit whining about not getting any playing time. How many millions does he make?

• UK's Derek Anderson and sophomore Ron Mercer are the top two leading scorers in the Southeastern Conference. Both are averaging just over 20 points per game.

It will be a shame to watch Ron Mercer go to the NBA only after his sophomore season. But the big bucks talk and I look for him to

make the move. I just hope he doesn't end up like Antoine Walker for the Boston Celtics.

• With a poor recruiting season for Rick Pitino, and the eventual departure of Mercer (early draft), Anderson, Anthony Epps and Jared Prickett (seniors), things could become sort of rough for the '97-'98 Wildcats.

• It is good to see Cameron Mills getting some playing time. I mean in the first half. I mean, without a blow-out under way. I mean not just in the dwindling seconds of a game. We're talking about in the first half. But the way the Cats have been playing, the blowouts start early in the first half.

• Indiana coach Bobby Knight says his Hoosiers' must be better thinkers on the basketball court if they are to shake the "high school" image they have developed the first part of the season.

The Hoosiers, losers of only one game and that to Kentucky, has four top notch freshmen and I like the way Jason Collier handles himself. Coach Knight and the Hoosiers have some bright seasons ahead of them.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

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Layne in January, non-contact was the word for a physical battle between the Cardinals' Eric Marcum and the Bobcats' Chris Hamilton. Both encountered each other on the court and were suspended one game for the altercation.

Coach Pack's Prestonsburg team won its third straight with a drubbing of Johnson Central, 89-50, and Coach Harold Tackett's Lady Blackcats surprised regional powerhouse and top-ranked Belfry Lady Pirates on their home court. Crystal Layne scored 24 points, and April Newsome netted 16 for the winners.

The conference race was close with Allen Central boys topping the men's division and the Lady Cats of Betsy Layne in first place in the women's division.

While Coach Pack's team was coming into their own, the freshman team made their own noise with an 11-game winning streak under then-coach Kevin Webb. John Ortega and Joe Campbell each scored 22 points in a 58-51 win over Perry Central.

The rivalry that existed between the Paintsville Tigers and Allen Central Rebels heated up in the first round of the All "A" Classic at Pikeville in late January. While the two teams had locked up in some close ones, Paintsville walked away with a 93-66 win over the Rebels.

Horse shows got popular around the county with the emergence of Megan Barber and her quest for Rookie of the Year honors in the American Quarter Horse Association. Barber captured the AQHA championship in Florida and would trek all over the USA in quest of the honor.

Prestonsburg, in its run-and-gun offense, ran into a stubborn Betsy Layne team in conference play and fell to the patient Bobcats, 61-50, on its own court.

Betsy Layne played no favorites as it hosted Allen Central at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse and nipped the Rebels 91-88 in a high-scoring affair that saw Thomas Jenkins score 48 points.

FEBRUARY - With the weather settling down, the Floyd County Grade School basketball tournament finally got underway at Betsy Layne. The tournament is the largest attraction in the county.

Coach Henry Webb, in his first year at the helm of the South Floyd girls' program, upset a very good Millard team as his team showed a great improvement. Tiffany Compton scored 21 points in the 53-44 win.

In a rematch on Allen Central's home floor, Prestonsburg pulled out a 76-75 win over the Rebels behind Andy Jarvis, who scored 23 points. Thomas Jenkins had 38 in the game.

Also, February would be the month when former Martin Purple Flash player Mike Reitz became Harrison County's all-time winning coach in basketball. Reitz brought his team to Prestonsburg in its annual game.

While Allen Central had the state's fifth best scorer in Jenkins, Todd Howard, a sophomore, was the state's leading free throw shooter, hitting 91 percent from the charity stripe.

The drama to seed or not to seed entered the picture in February as district tournament time drew near. The continued controversy was righted when new superintendent of school, the late John Balentine, ruled the tournament would be seeded.

While teams were working their way toward the district tournament, Wes Samons buried three treys to lead Prestonsburg to a 62-47 win over South Floyd.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats continued to dominate Allen Central as Rocky Newsome hit a basket with :02 on the clock in scoring 21 points in the thrilling victory.

The grade school sectionals were well underway, and John M. Stumbo pulled off the biggest upset over top-ranked Betsy Layne in the Section III tournament.

Buzzer Beaters II was pulled off when Shelly Greathouse buried a three-point basket in the closing seconds for a win over South Floyd.

While the Lady Raiders were losing, the South Floyd Raiders pulled off a major surprise over conference leader Betsy Layne to throw the race into a close contest with Prestonsburg entering the picture.

The first-ever call-in talk show was broadcast on the Intermountain Cable. The show was hosted by P. D. Gearheart with assistance from Pete Grigsby Jr., and Times Sports Editor Ed Taylor.

After being upset in the Section III tournament, Betsy Layne went through the county tournament

unbeaten and earned the county championship before a large and enthusiastic crowd. The Duff Lady Bulldogs surprised many by winning the girls' division.

MARCH - The month of March saw the Prestonsburg Blackcats and Lady Blackcats pull off dual championships in sweeping the 58th District Tournament. Prestonsburg won over Betsy Layne (63-61) while the Lady Blackcats beat a strong Alien Central team (71-62) in the finals. Buzzer Beater III again belonged to Shelly Greathouse, who tied the game with a long trey to send it into overtime.

South Floyd wide receiver Aaron Hall signed a letter-of-intent to play football with Union College.

The all-tournament team, after a two-year absence, returned thanks to Dr. Balentine. The all-tournament team was named by the media.

Todd Howard finished the year as the state's leading free throw shooter and was awarded a plaque from the KHSAA for shooting more than 90 percent from the charity stripe.

In regional tournament play, the Allen Central girls fell in the opening round to Pike County Central 76-58. Prestonsburg, with the easiest draw of the regional tournament, was upset by Pikeville 62-56.

The Betsy Layne boys, district runners-up, won over a good Elkhorn City team 58-50 but fell to Magoffin County in the semifinals. Prestonsburg won over Belfry in an opening round game, but was eliminated by Paintsville.

Magoffin County almost pulled off the upset but fell to Paintsville in the regional finals. It was a repeat for the Tigers. Paintsville would then go on and rule the state by winning the boys' Sweet Sixteen, bringing the first state championship to Eastern Kentucky since Inez did it.

J.R. Vanhoose was the tournament's MVP while Craig Ratliff and Todd Tackett were named to the All-Tournament team.

Prestonsburg's Ryan Hardee was named to the All-State team in cross-country. Hardee was a two-time regional champion.

With the basketball season history, talks began on organizing a Big Sandy Conference by direction from Dr. Balentine. The conference never did get off to a good start as two schools, Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne questioned the move.

The long-time dream of a track and field complex at Allen Central became reality when the track facilities were completed.

Honors continued to be heaped up on Allen Central's Thomas Jenkins when he was named to the Kentucky Seniors All-Star team. Prestonsburg's Andy Jarvis was named to the Kentucky Junior All-Star squad.

APRIL - April saw the start of the high school baseball season, but basketball was still in the news.

Coach Pack took his team to Memphis, Tennessee for tournament play that would find the Blackcats playing 12 games.

Former Prestonsburg baseball standout John Thomas Clark finished a brilliant career at Jacksonville State by batting .340 for the season.

NASCAR got a boost when Prestonsburg's own Harry Ranier decided to return to NASCAR competition with new driver Tony Stewart.

Levi Wells, Allen Central, placed first in the discus in a Pikeville track and field meet.

Shannon Thornsby got his first-ever win at Thunder Ridge in the late models division.

Thomas Jenkins was named to the Courier-Journal All-State third team.

Former Austin Peay coach Lake Kelly was the guest speaker at the Prestonsburg basketball banquet. Betsy Layne's Jonathan Newman signed a basketball scholarship with Tennessee-Wesleyan.

In baseball, Terrence Mullins fanned 13 batters in a 7-1 South

Floyd win over Phelps.

WMDI/Food City held its annual Kids Day In The Park and almost 1,000 kids invaded Archer Park.

The 58th District baseball tournament became but a two-day affair. The new conference concept was introduced at the meeting.

Prestonsburg's April Newsome was named to the All-Mountain team by Big Dipper Sports. Nikki Queen, Allen Central, signed a softball scholarship with Sue Bennett.

After the University of Kentucky Wildcats won the NCAA championship, Tony Delk, Mark Pope, and Walter McCarty played in an exhibition game at Allen Central.

The shocker of the year came in April when Prestonsburg head football coach Bill Letton resigned to take a similar job at Paris, Kentucky. Also in football, Royce Mayo was named the head football coach at Pikeville High School.

Coach Junior Newsome's Betsy Layne Bobcats continued to dominate the baseball scene by repeating as district champions in an 11-0 win over South Floyd.

Allen Central won the women's softball title with a 19-4 victory over Betsy Layne.

Coach Dewey Jamerson's Allen Central men's track and field team placed second overall in the regional meet with Chris Bailey repeating as regional champion in discus.

The first-ever Floyd County Conference track and field meet was held at Bob Amos Park with the South Floyd girls and Allen Central boys emerging as champions. Prestonsburg's Ryan Hardee won the men's track meet and represented the region in the state meet.

Meagan Barber headed the list for Rookie of the Year in the AQHA.

JUNE - Bowling got a lift when Wheelwright's John Hall bowled a perfect game to become the first in Floyd County to accomplish such a feat.

Joe Campbell and John Ortega, Prestonsburg, was named to the Freshmen All-Stars in June.

The Cincinnati Reds claimed Prestonsburg's John Clark in the June draft, assigning him to Princeton, W.Va.

Citing homesickness as his reason, Allen Central's Jeremy Hall transferred from Wisconsin and later signed on at Eastern Kentucky University.

A controversy brewed when it was suggested the nickname Purple Flash be dropped at Martin Middle School. The controversy was settled when the board of education yielded to the demands of several former Martin graduates who wanted the name retained.

While the sports scene was light in June, the search for a new football coach continued at Prestonsburg. School principal Thomas Tackett was listening and looking before taking it before the school's site-base council. The list of possible candidates included Randall Hager, an assistant for four years under Coach Letton, Jack Goodman, another assistant, Magoffin County's Mitch Caba, Allen Central's Glenn Reeves and Betsy Layne head coach John Derossett.

Derossett was later named as the school's new head football coach, returning to the school he performed for as a student/athlete.

The KHSAA approved the format allowing football practice to open a week earlier.

Soccer had grown in popularity in the county and the Floyd County Youth Soccer League completed its second season.

Former Floyd Countian, Davy Turner, Johnson Central, was named to the Kentucky All-Star team.

JULY - Megan Barber progressed in her quest for Rookie of the Year award by capturing the Circuit Championship in AQHA.

The little league, Babe Ruth and senior leagues were winding their seasons with the All-Star games in July. The Floyd County All-Stars won the District 9 championship.

Former Wayland Lady Wasp, and former June Buchanan standout Nikki Ratliff graduated from the Naval Academy.

Randall Hager was named the new head football coach at Betsy Layne replacing John Derossett.

Larry Greer medaled in table tennis and Chris Bailey in discus as part of the Bluegrass State Games. Both won gold medals.

AUGUST - August was just waiting for the football season to get underway, but the Jenny Wiley Theatre had a visitor as Kyle Macy (former UK star) showed up.

Reynolds Branch Coal's softball team won its third straight regional crown.

Paul Harris and Brandon Kinzer were big winners at Thunder Ridge in August.

The striping of the Allen Central track and field facility was the finishing note on the track.

Football finally arrived in the county and new coach John Derossett got a taste of victory when his team posted a 33-6 win over Leslie County.

Allen Central running back Beau Tackett suffered a broken hand in a preseason game, and it was diagnosed that he would be out the first half of the season. However, the fullback made an even quicker recovery to play in his team's fourth game of the season. The result: he broke it again and was out for the year.

SEPTEMBER - Allen Central would open the season with wins over Elkhorn City and Morgan County but that would be all the victories for the Rebels in closing out 2-8.

South Floyd won over Shelby Valley in its season opener in a quest to make the playoffs in November.

Betsy Layne fell to Magoffin County in Coach Hager's debut as coach. The Bobcats fell 26-8.

Later in August, South Floyd would win over Betsy Layne 36-18. Betsy Layne would get their first win of the season with a 36-20 victory over Morgan County. Craig Hamilton would rush for 251 yards.

Allen Central traveled to powerful Rockcastle County and was embarrassed. The Rebels never really recovered from the shock and never won another game the rest of the way.

Powell County ended the state's longest losing streak when they defeated Betsy Layne.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats improved to 5-0 on the season in one of their best starts since the '94 season.

OCTOBER - With the Allen Central Rebels still sliding, Coach Reeves decided it was time to resign as head coach. The South Floyd Raiders finished their season with a nice 5-5 mark but missed the playoffs after playing in them last season.

Betsy Layne finished 4-6 on the year under Coach Hager.

NOVEMBER - The Prestonsburg Blackcats advanced to the state playoffs in the midst of controversy. Several players walked away from the team just before the playoffs started.

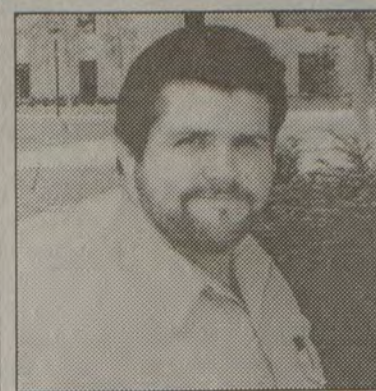
A meeting was held between the players and their parents with Coach Derossett attending.

Prestonsburg opened with a win at home but fell hard to Newport in the second round finishing the year 8-3.

DECEMBER - The high school basketball season opened with Prestonsburg posting an opening win in its first two games before upsetting the defending state champions Paintsville on the Blackcats' home court.

Holiday tournaments highlighted the month of December with almost every team in tournament play. Allen Central's girls traveled to Daytona, Florida over the Christmas Holidays.

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Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Proud Pitino lauds progress of No. 3 Kentucky, says MVP is Edwards

More and more Rick Pitino's current Kentucky team is reminiscent of the Wildcats three decades ago. Rupp's Runts made pass, pass, pass and swish into an everyday topic around town and hamlet across the Commonwealth.

"The way we're playing I'm really happy with this team right now," Da Coach said last week. "I love our unselfishness and terrific ball movement. I'm just really proud of this group. Last season we had to develop it, but this team has been cohesive right from game one."

Kentucky fans I've heard from echo a common (familiar) sentiment. This is an entertaining team and don't turn your head or you'll miss something. They pass the ball well, look for each other, and work so hard on defense."

With proud Pitino prodding every fast break. And why not. Even the absence of four starters from last season has, so far, caused little more than a hiccup for America's No. 3 ranked team. Not since UCLA teams in the 1970s has a defending national champion managed to reclaim such a lofty poll pedestal one season after winning an NCAA title.

MVP so far? Derek Anderson, Ron Mercer, right? Wrong, says Pitino.

"Allan Edwards is playing fantastic. He's just been great," the UK coach said after the junior 17 points, six assists and one steal performance against UNC-Asheville.

"Edwards is probably the smartest player I've ever coached."

two starters on suspension. And the Cards lost to Athletes In Action.

Still, as much as early season victories are momentum makers, they are confidence builders too.

Is Louisville a legitimate Top 25 team? By the time you read this the UK-UofL game may have answered that one.

RECRUITING SCUTTLEBUTT

Elton Brand, who will attend St. John's, turned down a UK scholarship offer he told friends, because he did not feel comfortable at UK and was not impressed with Lexington. ... William Avery (Duke) and Tracy McGrady reportedly scratched Kentucky from their college shopping lists when Rick Pitino would not guarantee them a place in the starting lineup next year.

View from here: Except for one factor — after seeing how Pitino's system developed Andre Riddick, Rodney Dent and now Nazr Mohammed and Jamaal Magloire in the middle, as well as Jamal Mashburn, Walter McCarty and Antoine Walker at forward, it is difficult to conceive why a high school big man prospect would turn down Kentucky.

"Actually, the reason is pretty simple," an NBA scout told Sports In Kentucky recently. "Pitino runs the hell out of 'em and they've gotta be willing to play defense 94 feet."

The other factor? "Being the star doesn't work at Kentucky," he said. "Some of these kids with NBA on their minds simply can't handle that idea."

But, when one thinks about it, except maybe for Cotton Nash and Dan Issel, it never has.

HAPPY NEW YEAR HOPES

A few things I would like to see in 1997.

- UK ticket holders take Rick Pitino's advice: "If you've got a couple of tickets and you're not going to use them one night, find someone who's never been to a UK game in Rupp Arena and give your tickets to them."

- Media stop trying to nickname Derek Anderson and Ron Mercer.

- More Dick Vitale blather about UK's Allan Edwards and UofL's Alvin Sims.

- Kyle Macy get a college coaching job offer he cannot refuse.

- Ron Mercer's mother has her way.

- UK basketball fans just enjoy Mercer's on-court magic and stop fretting about where the Wildcat sophomore will be in next spring's NBA Draft.

- Jared Prickett finishes an offensive rebound.

- Legislation to allow the NBA to raid high school basketball but leave the college game alone.

- Hal Mumme signs a dozen players 6-5, 240 or better and half of them have feet like Reggie White.

- A Commissioner for Major League Baseball before the game is consumed by player agents, free agents and people named Steinbrenner and Reinsdorf and national media types who don't have a clue on how to deal with kids like Albert Belle and Barry Bonds, but have a better idea for everything else.

- The national media find someone new to beat up on besides creaky Marge Schott.

- Perfect candidate for media kick-around — Dennis Rodman of whom Newsweek Magazine characterizes as an "overexposed foul-mouthed flash-in-pan. Even Madonna would reject him now."

- B.J. Flynn stop flopping. The gritty UofL guard has made himself into too good a player to 'beg' officials for calls.

- Dick Vitale stop flapping. The odds are not good.

- The Kentucky High School Coaches Association offers a ringing endorsement for KHSAA Commish Louis Stout ... for trying to do the right thing.

- Former E'town High all-state football and baseball star Ernie Lewis is inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

- √ About a column item on high school student-athletes using poor English during interviews at the Kentucky football playoffs...

Debbie Roberts of Cadiz: You can thank KERA for that and the sad part is you haven't seen anything yet. If parents don't demand that our legislators get rid of KERA and do it soon, we are going to have a whole generation of idiots. As a parent and teacher I have been fighting against KERA almost from the beginning. It did not take me long to figure out that KERA is not what it was supposed to be. An educational system that does not care about grammar, punctuation, spelling or correct answers in math is not what we need in our state.

"People in the educational system have no valid input for legislators think KERA is not working because teachers are too lazy. As a 21-year veteran of teaching I can tell you it's not true. Teachers are working harder than ever to no avail."

COMMENT: Thank you for writing!

- √ About a column item on KHSAA mandated awards for sportsmanship and other ideas that should be adopted to instill better athlete-to-athlete behavior...

Toby Chamberlain of the Meade

County Messenger wrote: "Couldn't agree with you more on your comments about the KHSAA sportsmanship award. But I would like to see the KHSAA add a category for high school coaches. Two things started me thinking along this line. (1) The recent problems with the girls basketball program at Whitesburg. (2) The Fort Knox girls basketball team destroying Beth Haven Christian (enrollment 51) 107-12. Ft. Knox actually scored more points in the final quarter than in the opening period."

- √ About the No. 3 ranked Kentucky Wildcats...

Jamie Carnes of Brownsville writes: "Do you think the (Kentucky Wild)Cats have had a real test yet? If they play a team like Kansas in the NCAAs, do you feel they would have the depth and talent to match(up)?"

COMMENT: Clemson was an excellent wake-up call; Syracuse showed UK zone defense; Purdue showed no-surrender; and Indiana showed 'em what big and physical looks like. Depth? One of Pitino's foremost coaching attributes is player rotation — who and when and for what situation.

DIS 'N DATA

- √ Cheers. Rick Pitino to Wayne Turner when the sophomore guard would not look his coach in the face while being lectured on the bench. "You don't look at me (or) you'll be back in Boston (Turner's hometown) so quick you won't know what hit you."

- √ Just Wondering Dept. While John Calipari is contracted to receive a check for \$250,000 a month for the next five years from New Jersey, is it worth it? The Nets are 6-17.

- √ My spin on the movie Jerry Maguire starring Tom Cruise as a sports agent. The idea of rich owners rolling in the mud grubbing for

money with shark-agents is a good scene. But the sideshow — corruption of athletes who are forever pawns — is not appealing. (i.e. Jamal Mashburn)

PARTING SHOT

ESPN's Clark Kellogg: "Playing Kentucky is like shoveling your driveway while it's snowing. You think you're making progress, but..."

And so it goes. Happy New Year!

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Ashley Tackett of Betsy Layne came away with a loose ball against Hart County last Friday afternoon. The Lady Cats are 1-7 on the season and will travel to Fleming-Neon this Saturday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Howdy Y'all

by John Frazier
Times Outdoor Writer

I had a moving experience this past weekend. I moved from Langley, Kentucky to Paintsville. This was my third move this year, and hopefully my last for at least two years.

You would think that after two previous moves I would have it down to a science, but I don't. I have, however, managed to develop a few guidelines that may be of use to anyone who will be relocating in the future.

Rule number one. If you pack it, you put it on the truck. A certain young lady I know (I won't mention her name, so we will refer to her as my wife) has an incredible talent for finding the heaviest items in a house, putting them all in one box, and then calling for me to carry it to the truck.

Rule number two. If you don't want it, don't pack it. I spent the better part of this past weekend rearranging items in a truck so as to avoid another trip, only to discover when it was unpacked, four boxes and six large trash bags were thrown in the garbage.

Rule number three. Measure the rooms and the furniture before you wrestle it up a flight of stairs. I believe that one is self explanatory.

Rule number four. This rule applies only when moving into a two-story dwelling. When labeling boxes, don't worry about marking them dishes, books, curtains or other such nonsense. Be sure to mark each box upstairs or downstairs. Two or three trips up and down the stairs with the same box will prove to anyone the importance of proper labeling.

Rule number five. Once everything is unpacked, and the time has come to hang curtains and pictures, and scatter useless what-nots from one end of the house to the other, go fishing. I have learned that these particular tasks are best left to the lady of the house. If you do decide to stay in the house, your only duties will be to drive nails and move the sofa six times. Oh sure, she will ask your opinion, but she's just being polite. No matter how much you gripe

she will not put the refrigerator next to your recliner.

Moving is never easy, but these few guidelines should ease the suffering. If you need a little help feel free to call me anytime. My answering machine will be happy to talk to you.

On a more serious note, I need your help. I am planning to begin another project which could wind up as another series of articles for "Time Out." I plan to design and build the ultimate, totally customized, fully equipped, self-contained, one of a kind, hunting and fishing vehicle.

I am hoping to include beds, coolers, a generator, storage for rods and reels, guns, ammo, tackle, clothing, and much more. This vehicle will be a campsite on wheels, but smaller and more maneuverable than a RV. Large campers are nice, and will do everything I've mentioned, but there are some things they can't do. They can't go where I want to go. They are hard to maneuver. They are not practical for daily use, and they are expensive.

I have deliberated for quite some time trying to determine what type of vehicle to modify for my purposes. Vans are nice and have plenty of room, but they don't work well off-road. Pick-up trucks with camper tops have plenty of room and will go off-road, but the cab is separated from the storage area. You would have to exit the vehicle to access your gear and sleeping compartment. That might be acceptable in the summer, but I'm building an all-season vehicle. With all this in mind, I have settled on the one vehicle I feel will suit my needs.

That is where I need your help. If anyone has knowledge of where I can obtain an out of service postal jeep, preferably four wheel drive, please contact me at the Floyd County Times. These particular jeeps have already been stripped to carry mail and offer an open compartment with no obstacles to begin customizing. They have proven to be capable of traveling on poor road conditions, and should handle moderate off-road situations with ease. They are highly maneuverable and should serve well for frequent use. Once I have obtained a vehicle I will begin the construction. Many of the methods used to create my hunting hot rod may be adapted to your truck or van. I will keep you posted with progress reports and step by step coverage of the project.

Fishing is a Year Round Sport

Bright sunshine and warm temperatures had Kentucky's lakes buzzing with fishermen this weekend. Hundreds of local anglers took advantage of the warm weather. Paintsville Lake was host to one of its biggest crowds ever in late December.

The fishing was good as the sunshine brought fish to the surface and increased activity. Increased activity in winter time is still no comparison to the fast paced action of spring and summer, but it was better than most December outings. However, several anglers were becoming frustrated. Many of these disappointed fishermen were making one big mistake. They were using springtime tactics in the middle of winter. Although the weather may have felt like spring, it was still winter under the water. The air temperature was 60 degrees and the sun was shining, but the water temperature remained relatively unchanged.

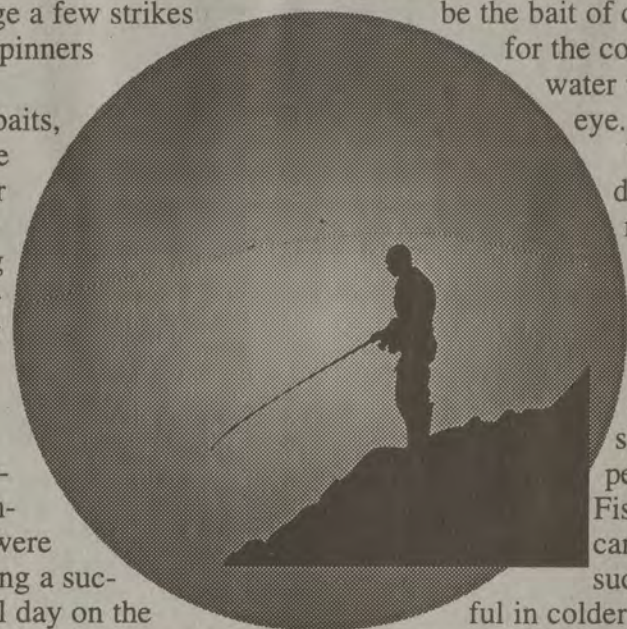
When water temperatures

begin to fall late in the year fish will school up and become less active. Once you have located the fish, it is a good idea to stay in one place for a while. Since the fish are less active, and subsequently less aggressive, lures should be worked slowly. Try working a jig along drop-offs and over submerged weed beds. You may manage a few strikes with spinners and crankbaits, but the slower working jig is definitely the best bet.

Several anglers were enjoying a successful day on the water with live bait. Live bait works well when fish are less active because it can be left

in one place. Crappie were being taken on live minnows in flooded woods, and bass and bluegill were taken on nightcrawlers. The live bait users admitted fishing was slow, but that was expected in late December. Walleye appeared to be the most abundant fish in the live wells this weekend. Again, jigs and live bait seemed to be the bait of choice for the cold water walleye.

Winter does not mark the end of fishing, only a slow period. Fishing can be successful in colder temperatures. Fish will school up, so once you have located the fish, stay put for a while.



Wal-Mart FLW Tour Bass Series Kicks Off On Okeechobee

The \$3.1 million Wal-Mart FLW Tour, professional bass fishing's most lucrative tournament series, is set to begin its second season January 8-11, 1997, on Lake Okeechobee.

The pro/am tournament, the first of the seven event Wal-Mart FLW Tour, features the nation's top bass anglers in a four day elimination competition vying for \$368,400 in cash prizes including \$100,000 for first place.

The nation's top 150 professional anglers and 150 amateur anglers compete the first two days for one of 10 slots (10 pros and 10 amateurs) available in the second round of fishing action.

On day three, the 10 pros and 10 amateurs start over, fishing one day for the heaviest limit. Each angler is supplied an identically-rigged Ranger boat to fish from. The top five pros, based on total

weight, advance to the final round of competition; amateur winners receive their prizes at the conclusion of day three.

The "Final Five" pros begin again in the third round, with the winner determined by the total weight of that day's catch. Each pro is followed by an ESPN 2 camera crew which is filming the event as part of a 13-week television series covering the Wal-Mart FLW Tour which will air in prime time on ESPN 2.

Indoor weigh-ins will be held daily beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at Roland Martin's Marina in Clewiston, Florida.

The sixth stop on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour is the prestigious Forrest Wood Open which will feature competitive angling's first \$1 million purse and sport fishing's largest cash prize, \$200,000, to

the winner of the professional division. The Open will be held June 25-28, 1997, on Lake Minnetonka in suburban Minneapolis.

Winning pros and amateurs from the first five FLW Tour events, the top five pros and amateurs from the Forrest Wood Open and the top 40 pros and amateurs, based on points and pounds, in the six qualifying events will qualify for the Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championship November 5-8, 1997, on Lake Ferguson in Greenville, Mississippi.

Sponsors of the 1997 FLW Tour include: Wal-Mart, Evinrude and Johnson Outboards, Evinrude and Johnson Electrics, Chevy Trucks, CITGO Super Premium Gasoline and Ranger Boats.

Cures for Cabin Fever

A review of new games and other indoor activities

Although you couldn't tell it this past weekend, it is winter. As the weather turns cold many of us will head indoors to stay for quite a while. Those of us that confine ourselves to indoor activities this time of year will undoubtedly be looking for something to occupy our time. Many of us will be searching our local department stores for board games or other attractions.

Immediately after Christmas is a good time to be shopping for games and other indoor time killers. Several new games are released each year just in time for the Christmas season. With the shopping season over, the majority of these items will take a dramatic drop in cost.

One such game recently introduced is "Lights Out." It is an electronic puzzle designed for one player. The game consists of a grid of 25 lighted buttons. The object is to turn out all the lights. The catch is when you press a button it will turn that light on or off accordingly, but it will also

change the status of the surrounding lights.

Lights Out can be played in three different modes. The first mode consists of 50 pre-programmed puzzles, each more difficult than the previous. Mode two will select from over 1,000 randomly generated puzzles, or mode three will allow you to program and store your own puzzles. It is simple to operate and includes a switch to turn off the annoying beep that accompanies every push of a button. It is compact and battery operated, so it can be played just about anywhere.

It may sound simple, but believe me it's not. This game requires some thinking and a lot of patience. If you really enjoy a challenge, you will enjoy Lights Out. Its only drawback is that it is a one player game only.

Before the after Christmas mark-down war began this game retailed for about \$18. It also requires two AA batteries (not included).

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Designed and administered by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), the Trophy Fish/Master Angler Award Program debuted in January 1987. The program was implemented solely for the benefit of anglers who fish Kentucky waters, but it also helps gather research data for the KDFWR regarding the

trophy fish potential in Kentucky by species and by body of water.

More information and applications for the Trophy Fish/Master Angler Program are available from the KDFWR by writing: Trophy Fish/Master Angler Program, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by calling (502) 564-3596.

Don't Throw Out Old Licenses Yet

If you've already purchased your sport fishing and hunting licenses for the new year, be sure to hang on to your old ones just a little longer.

The 1996-1997 fishing and hunting licenses are valid through February 28, 1997, and the 1997-1998 licenses are not effective until March 1, 1997.

Some people mistakenly think the new licenses immediately replace the old ones, or that the new ones become valid the moment they are purchased. That's not the case with licenses bought before March.

Don't forget that with the recently installed automated license system, you can now buy all the necessary licenses and permits, such as deer and turkey tags, at the same time.

Allen Central, South Floyd, Betsy Layne tip-off in Pikeville Invitational Tourney

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Pikeville Invitational basketball tournaments is one of the longest running in the state of Kentucky and three Floyd County teams will be part of the eight team field that will participate this week at the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium in Pikeville.

The tournament tips-off tomorrow night (Wednesday) and will conclude Saturday evening. Usually around this time of the year, the tournament has to be put on hold or cancelled because of weather conditions. Hopefully, that will not happen this season.

Three Floyd County teams will be part of the field with Betsy Layne and Allen Central playing in the same bracket. Phelps and South Floyd will get the tournament underway in a 6:30 p.m. game on New Year's Day.

The opening game will pair two teams that mirror each other in being young and looking to come together.

Coach Jim Rose's ballclub is currently 1-5 on the year and losers of their last five games. Jason Shannon, Chris Moore, Justin Paige, Tim Butler and Justin Holbrook head up the Raiders cast.

Host Pikeville will meet the Millard Mustangs in the second game Wednesday night in a game set to tip-off at 8:30 p.m. Scotty Justice and Doug Powers will lead coach Dave Thomas' ballclub onto the hardwood. Millard has a new coach this season.

Coach Junior Newsome will

continue to search for a workable starting five when his Betsy Layne Bobcats face Whitesburg in a first round game on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Betsy Layne is 2-5 on the season and will showcase Rocky Newsome, Jason Tackett and Craig Hamilton along with two foreign exchange students from Germany.

The final game of the first round will be a good one pitting defending state champions Paintsville against

Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels. When these two teams walk on the court, anything could happen.

The Rebels will display a talented player in Thomas Jenkins. Jenkins has gotten some help of late from junior two-guard Todd Howard who is playing his best basketball as a high schooler.

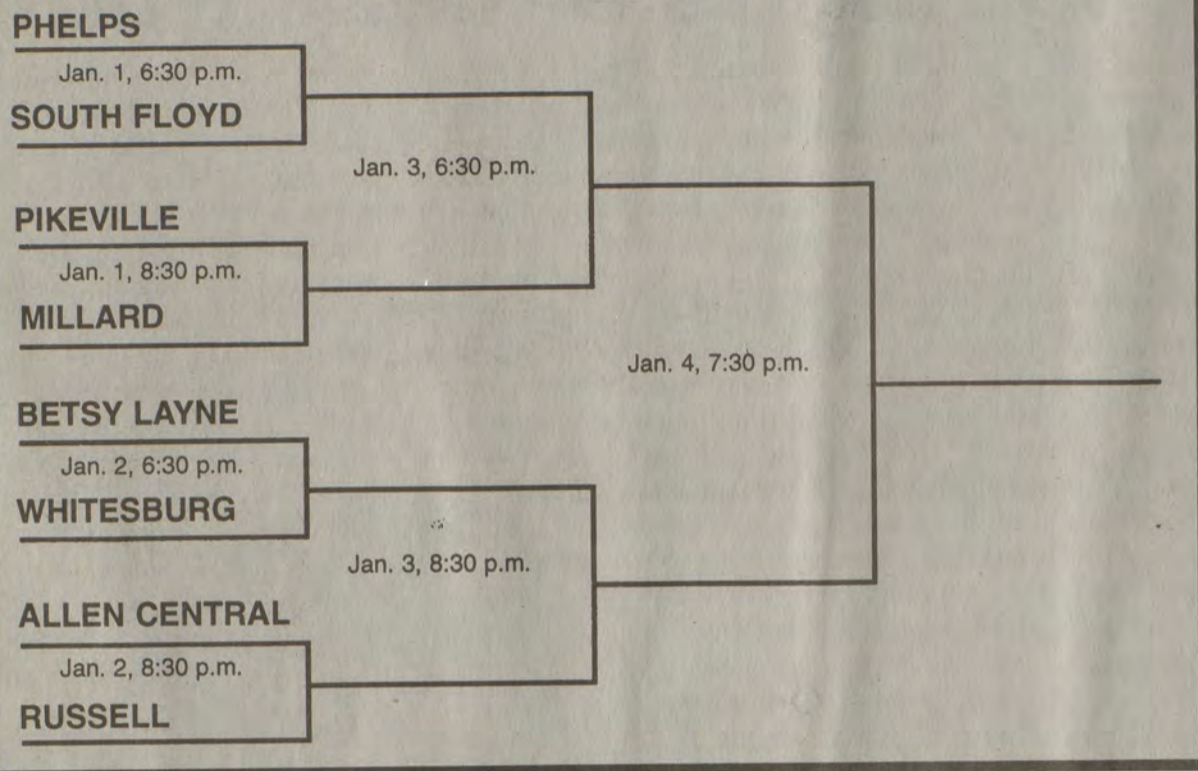
The Rebels will start Gary Hunter, Edmond Slone and Jesse

Hall. The Tigers will look to the highly regarded duo of Todd Tackett and J.R. Vanhose. But there is more to the Paintsville attack than Tackett and Vanhose. Heralded senior Josh McKenzie has been on a scoring spree of his own and will be the key for the Tigers at Pikeville.

The semifinals will be held Friday, January 3 and the finals Saturday, January 4.

1997 Pikeville Invitational Tournament

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NASCAR Connection

by Ben Trout

NASCAR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

I resolve to lose a few pounds....I resolve to be a little nicer to the Mrs....I resolve to visit my grandmother a little more often.

Yes, it's that time again when we find ourselves making those infamous New Year's resolutions. You know those things we say we're going to do, we stick to them for a few days, then bam! Most of the time, it's back to woofing down an entire large stuff crust pepperoni lovers pizza, saying to the wife not now honey, it's time for the kickoff or just saying we'll visit Grandma next week.

Well, I just happened to stumble upon some New Year's resolutions that belong to a few of your NASCAR favorites. Let's see what's in store for their 1997 — and in fun of course.

Dale Earnhardt...."I resolve to hold Larry McReynolds by the hair of his head (what little he has) and tickle his toes until he spills out all those secrets he knows from his days on Robert Yates Texaco team. Larry might just be my ticket to winning my first Daytona 500 and my eighth championship. Get ready Larry, it's going to be one heck-uv-a year!"

O. Burton Smith...."I resolve to not buy up or build any more tracks. Heck, I own most of 'em from coast to coast anyhow."

Jimmy Spencer...."I resolve to be just a tad-bit nicer on the

track...again. I know I make that same resolution every year. I darn near made it happen in 1996 until I lost my head up there in Dover and tried to whip everybody and their mother. But this year, by golly, I'm going to do it. And I won't hit anyone on purpose."

Mark Martin...."I resolve to win a race this year. I know that I let many of you down in 1996, but the new season will be different. Heck, I'll even make a strong run at the championship. I'd better, 'cause Jack might just get rid of me if I don't."

Jeff Gordon...."I resolve to let some of these other drivers win a few races next year. I mean, hey, ten victories in '96? I felt kind of bad for those other guys. The way I figure it, if Terry Labonte can win a championship with only two victories, then darn it, so can I." Rusty Wallace...."I resolve to finally accept things the way they are. I've cried for years and years, and yet, it has gotten me nowhere. So what if the Chevy's are better, so what if I have trouble finishing races at Daytona and Talladega, so what if I hit the wall? I'm going to stand up and take it like a man! Throw away the box of Kleenex, honey, I don't need them anymore."

Ernie Irvan...."I resolve to win no less than four races in 1997 and prove to everyone I am capable of handling a Winston Cup race car. I thought I did a good enough job last year with my two wins and a finish in the final top ten in points. But

there are plenty of people out there who think they know more about me than I do. My eyes are fine and everyone had better look out in 1997!"

Dale Jarrett...."I resolve to become the first back-to-back winner of the Brickyard 400. I almost pulled that Winston Million thing off last year, but this year another trophy from Indianapolis will be just peachy! Or I may just go ahead and resolve to win my first Winston Cup championship this season. Wouldn't that make daddy proud?"

Terry Labonte...."I resolve to be a great champion and representative for the sport of NASCAR Winston Cup racing throughout 1997. I'm also going to thoroughly enjoy this championship. Having to go 12 years between my first championship and this one is too long! I'm also going to do all that is in my power to make it two-in-a-row."

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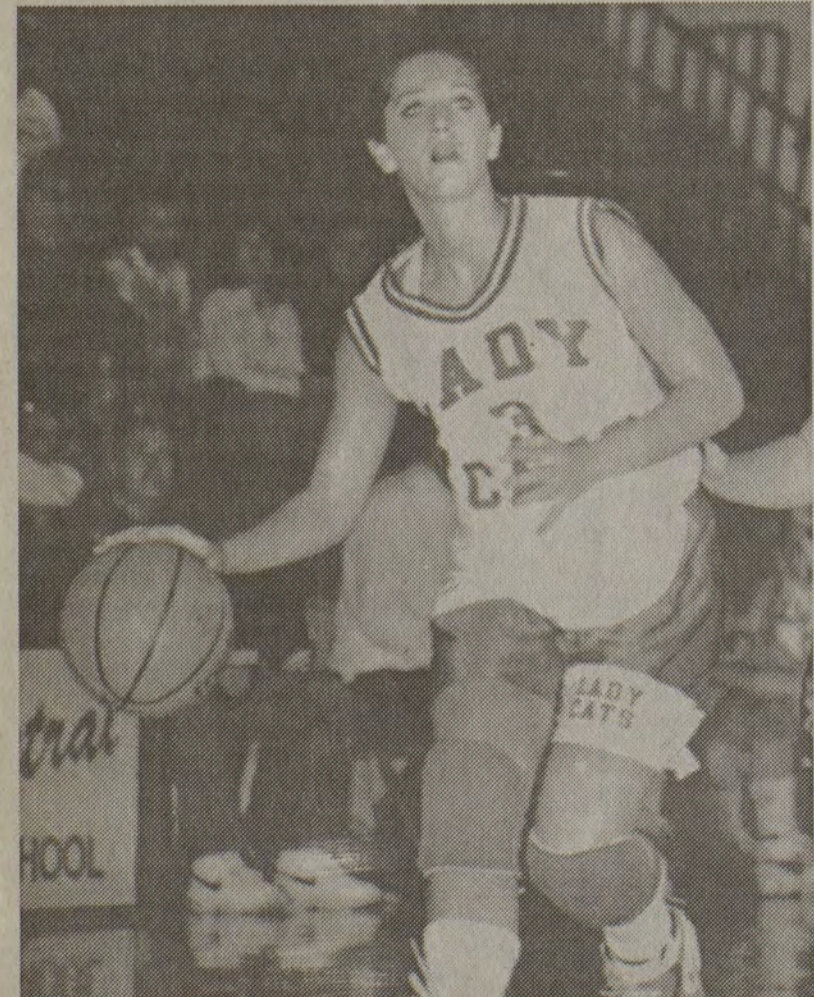
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Rising star

Jessica Clark is one of the many promising high school basketball players coming up. Clark, Betsy Layne, has stepped up her game as a starting guard for the Lady Cats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Joan of Arc

Joan of Arc is a very famous French heroine. Her birthday is celebrated on January 6. She was born into a peasant family in the Middle Ages, during a time when France was fighting a war with England. While Joan was about 13 years old, she began to hear voices that no other person could hear. Today, some people think that the voices that Joan heard were the voices of angels or saints. Other people believe that Joan's voices came from her imagination.

Joan believed that her voices were from Heaven. When the voices told her to lead France in resisting English oppression, she immediately went to see the prince of France (called the dauphin) to ask him for help. The dauphin gave Joan command of some troops, and she managed to liberate the city of Orleans and clear the way for the dauphin to be crowned king.

The English were very afraid of Joan. Her influence with the French was powerful, and they wanted to keep control over their French territories. The English church also thought that Joan's voices might not really be from Heaven. When Joan was captured, a church court spent many months talking to her. Although Joan never doubted that her voices were really from saints, eventually the church court decided that Joan was a witch. Since witches were executed in those days, Joan was burned at the stake.

Today, Joan of Arc has been named as a saint herself, or canonized. She is the subject of much art and literature, both from the Middle Ages and the present day. Many towns and cities in France have monuments celebrating her bravery.

COLD-WEATHER SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these cold-weather words!

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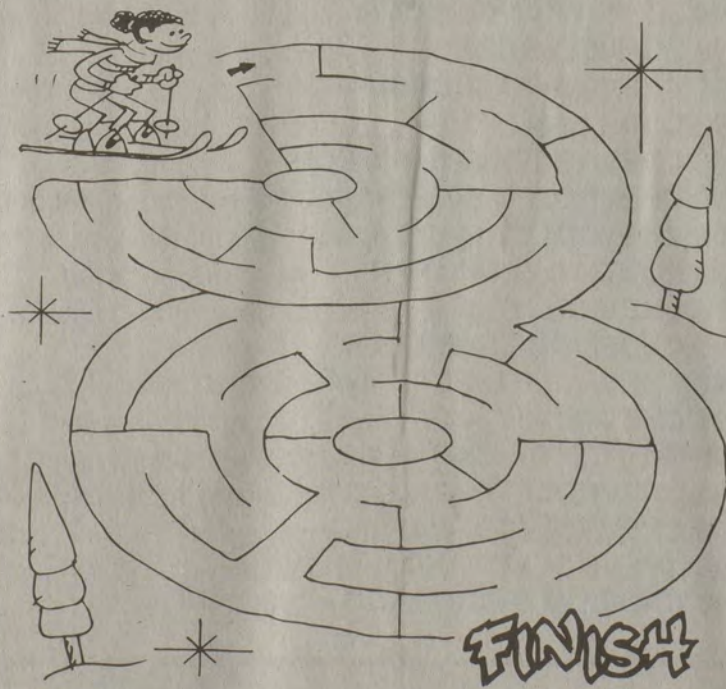
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Find your way down the hill—but don't ski into the walls!



ELVIS PRESLEY: A Rock and Roll Legend

Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1935. He was one of the first rock-and-roll stars, and he had a powerful voice. Although he did not invent rock and roll, many people think he did more to popularize it than any other star.

Elvis' music grew out of blues and country music. Some of his songs, "Heartbreak Hotel," "Don't Be Cruel," "All Shook Up" and "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You," are still popular today.



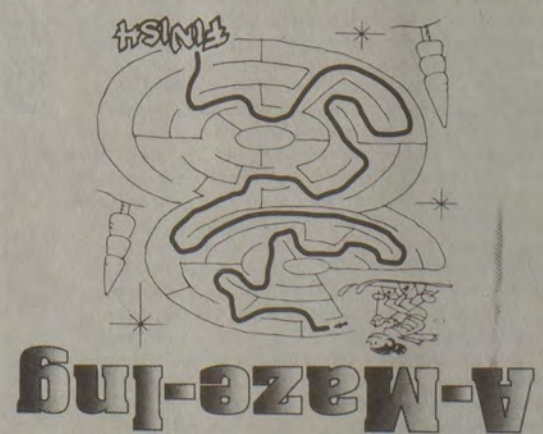
Elvis lived in Memphis, Tennessee, on an estate called Graceland. He had a wife, Priscilla, and a daughter, Lisa Marie. Elvis died in 1977. He is buried in Graceland. Many people still visit his grave today.

Which Thing Doesn't Belong?

Row 1: The tire doesn't fit. Everything else (potatoes, needle, person) has eyes.
 Row 2: The cup doesn't fit. Everything else (pinball machine, diver, dolphin) has flippers.
 Row 3: The fish doesn't fit. Everything else (crab, Santa Claus, tiger) has claws (or Claus!).



Video Invasion!



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GOLD-WEATHER SCRAMBLE

Answers:

Fireplace, Hot Chocolate, Sledding, Snowflakes, Gloves.

The Racing Reporter

by Gerald Hodges

50 years later and NASCAR's is worldwide (continued from last week)

From a small hotel meeting in 1947 has grown an organization that now draws an international racing audience. They have gotten bigger and better, but their basic philosophy remains the same.

"It has been NASCAR's policy to allow drivers and fans to mingle as much as possible," says NASCAR President, Bill France. "This is what's different about our sport, and I hope we can keep this, but it's getting more difficult."

When the inaugural race was held in 1948, no one could have dreamed NASCAR racing would ever captivate as much of America and the world as it has today. But its growth continues at a phenomenal rate. NASCAR knows the appeal the drivers have for racing fans, and have already geared up for their 50th Anniversary in 1998.

As television emerged, so did new racing heroes. And they soon became better known than the older ones.

Lee Petty's son, Richard, who would soon become known as "The King" of stock car racing, Buddy Baker, Cale Yarborough, Ned Jarrett, David Pearson and Bobby Allison led NASCAR through an era that featured a schedule of more than 60 races a year on tracks from Florida, to California, to Maine.

Television brought the race track into everyone's living room, and along with the actual races, came corporate America. The early 1970s was a pivotal time for NASCAR because Bill France, passed the torch of leadership to his son, Bill Jr., in 1971.

Corporate sponsorship of the series by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco company through its Winston brand began in 1971 and NASCAR's premier division was now known as the NASCAR Winston Cup Series.

In 1976, NASCAR's Winston Cup Series took the lead in worldwide motorsports attendance for the first time with more than 1.4 million spectators making their way to events. Television exposure grew as well. The 1979 Daytona 500 became the first 500-mile race in history to be televised in its entirety.

By the mid-1980s, just 10 years after the first 500-mile race had been televised, every race on the NASCAR Winston Cup schedule was televised.

With the decade of the '90s, came new names.

Darrell Waltrip and Bill Elliot, and Dale Earnhardt, who has won

the Winston Cup Driving title seven times, equaling the record set by Richard Petty, are now the veterans, along with Rusty Wallace, Mark Martin, Terry Labonte, Ken Schrader and others.

But young stars like Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Jeff Burton, Jonny Benson, and Bobby Labonte are emerging.

In May, 1994, NASCAR introduced a new series, the NASCAR SuperTruck Series, by Craftsman, involving full sized, full bodied pickup trucks on NASCAR Winston Cup frames. After two years, they have been well accepted by racing fans.

In 1995, with cover stories in Forbes and Sports Illustrated and Winston Cup attendance breaking the 5 million mark for the first time, the NASCAR organization found new ways into people's homes.

TV ratings broke all-time highs with the entire NASCAR Winston Cup, Busch Series, and the renamed Craftsman Truck Series being viewed by more than 120 million homes.

At the end of 1995, the NASCAR licensing group had announced non-traditional projects such as the NASCAR cafe, a chain of NASCAR Thunder retail stores, NASCAR SpeedParks (in which fans will be able to race each other in gokarts), and started NASCAR OnLine, NASCAR's own site on the World Wide Web.

The NASCAR Racing League allows players from all over the country to compete against each other in a virtual NASCAR racing experience through the Internet. Participants can put themselves in their favorite driver's seat, an experience, close to reality racing.

In November, 1995, Bill France announced that NASCAR would run a series of three exhibition style races in Suzuka, Japan in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

NASCAR's choice of Japan for its international debut is because of the country's long involvement in automobile racing. American stock cars, though foreign to Japan, are still a racing machine. And because of their love for speed, and competitive spirit, the Japanese are expected to like NASCAR-style racing.

NASCAR hopes the races will lead to additional business opportunities for the U.S. auto industry.

"The project will share American culture with the people of Japan while providing corporate America with an excellent vehicle

to promote," says NASCAR's Marketing V.P., Brian France.

Plans for NASCAR's 50th Anniversary will incorporate the entire 1998 race season and focus on celebrating the past, present and future.

Once viewed as a regional sport with a predefined audience, NASCAR racing is now the nation's fastest-growing sport. The numbers of fans and viewers is staggering. It is challenging NBA basketball, NHL hockey, and figure skating as the hottest sport in the '90s. From families to business, the NASCAR Winston Cup Series is the hottest sport around.

NEW CREW CHIEF NAMED FOR ERNIE IRVAN TEAM

Marc Reno will head up Robert Yates' no. 28 team driven by Ernie Irvan in 1997.

Reno replaced Larry McReynolds, who has taken over as crew chief for Richard Childress' no. 3 driven by Dale Earnhardt.

Reno, a native of California has worked for several teams on many circuits for over 10 years. His latest job was with the Busch Grand National team of Jeff Purvis, who finished seventh in the final Busch series points standings.

"I've had several offers to go to Winston Cup," Reno said. "But, I wanted to wait until the right one came along. I was waiting for a team like this so I could make a move."

"I think he will be able to help us," said Robert Yates. "He's just what we were looking for."

Irvan finished the season 10th in the Winston Cup driver points standing.

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Feb. 24	Goodwrench Service 200	Rockingham, NC	TNN
Mar. 2	Hardee's Challenge 250	Richmond, VA	ESPN2
Mar. 9	Busch Light 300	Atlanta, GA	ESPN
Mar. 17	Opryland USA 320	Nashville, Tn	TNN
Mar. 23	Dura Lube 200	Darlington, SC	ESPN
Mar. 30	Goody's Headache 250	Bristol, TN	ESPN
Apr. 6	Sundrop 400	Hickory, NC	TNN
May 19	Meridian Advantage 200	Nazareth, PA	TNN
May 25	Red Dog 300	Charlotte, NC	WTBS
June 1	GM Goodwrench/Delco 200	Dover, DE	TNN
June 8	South Boston 300	South Boston	TNN
June 22	Carolina Pride/Adv. 250	Myrtle Beach	TNN
June 30	Lysol 200	Watkins Glen	CBS
July 7	Sears Auto Center 250	Milwaukee, WI	TNN
July 12	Stanley 200	Loudon, NH	TNN
July 27	Hummingbird 500K	Talladega, AL	CBS

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Small business is hard because of the big store competition. I just ask you this year to adopt a store and shop with the good people of Eastern Kentucky and do a little less shopping with the chain stores. The chain stores (shopping centers) have completely closed some small town businesses. Don't let it happen to your town. Preserve our town (small business) for our children to enjoy. God bless you and your family in the coming year!

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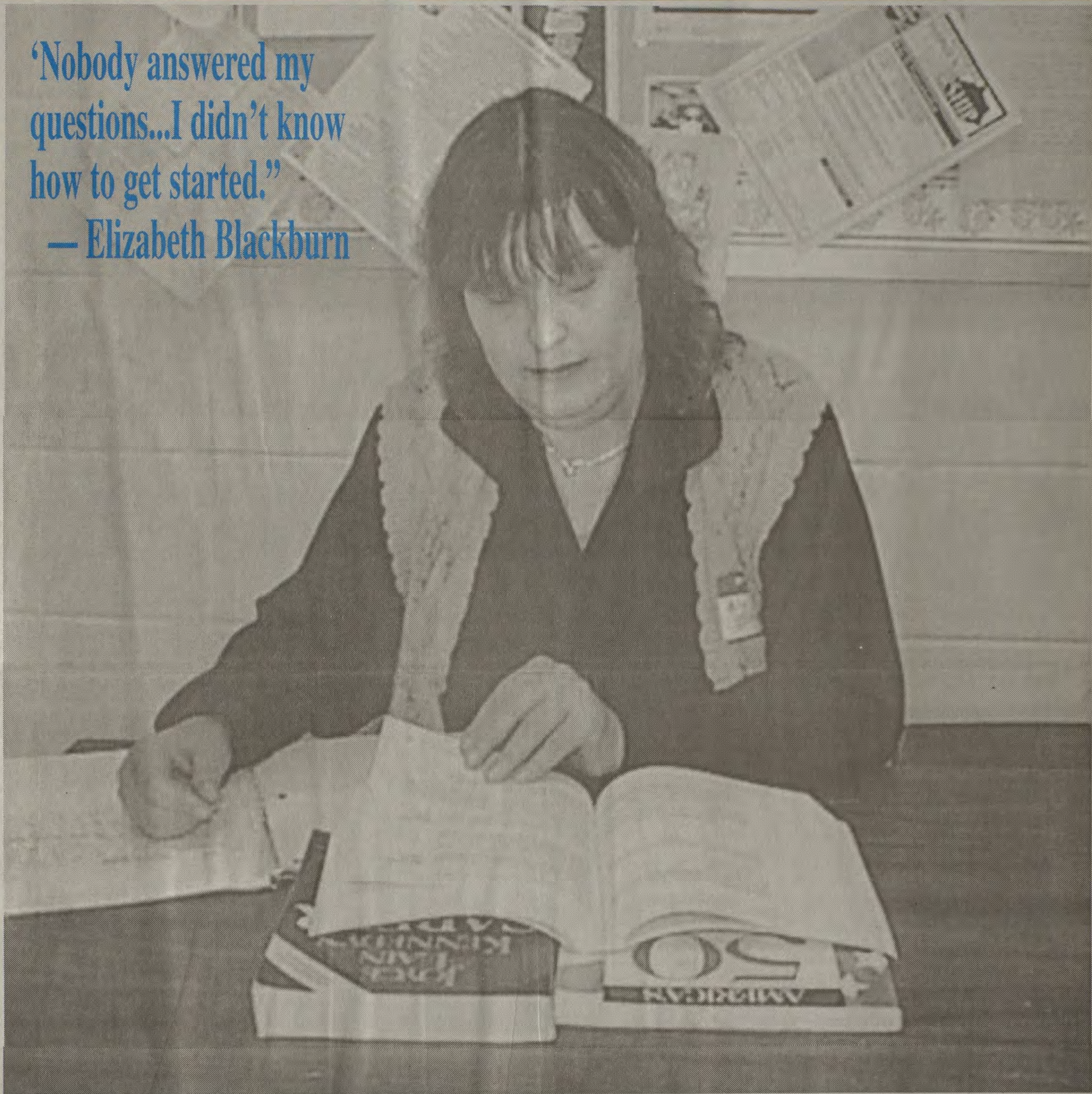
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News to use for the over-50 set

Tuesday, December 31, 1996

'Nobody answered my questions...I didn't know how to get started.'

— Elizabeth Blackburn



by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

At 42, Elizabeth Blackburn of Johnson County is a mother and grandmother. She's also the first of 21 children to get a college diploma. She'll graduate from Prestonsburg Community College in May and will receive an associate's degree in accounting this month.

When Blackburn was 18, she quit Johnson Central High School. She got married and had a baby.

"Every time I wanted to go back to school, I got pregnant," she said at a Christmas party in December hosted by the Single Parent Homemaker Program at Prestonsburg Community College.

Blackburn has three daughters, Ruby, Belinda, and Mary and a grandson, Patrick.

If she hadn't dropped out of school, she would have graduated in 1973.

Instead, she got her GED in 1979. Blackburn said she has worked at minimum wage jobs most of her life.

"I've been working since the age of 14," she said.

Her father died when she was very young and her mom died a few years later. She lived with her aunt and uncle and helped raise her younger brother.

She's worked in restaurants, grocery stores, bowling alleys, and at Magic Mart. She also once sold items at a flea market for her brother.

Blackburn was a single mom supporting her children. She and her husband divorced.

"It was a big mistake," she recalled. "He was involved in alcohol."

Blackburn raised her children, but she didn't forget her

Prestonsburg Community College.

"Nobody answered my questions. I was scared to death until somebody answered (my questions). I didn't know how to get started. I didn't know I had to take an entrance exam," she said.

She became involved with JOBS, a program that encourages individuals to continue their education and also trains them for jobs.

JOBS sent Blackburn to a workshop for single-parent homemakers and for non-traditional students.

When Jean Rosenberg spoke at the workshop, she asked for questions from the audience. Blackburn raised her hand and said: "Yes, I have one. How do I get started?"

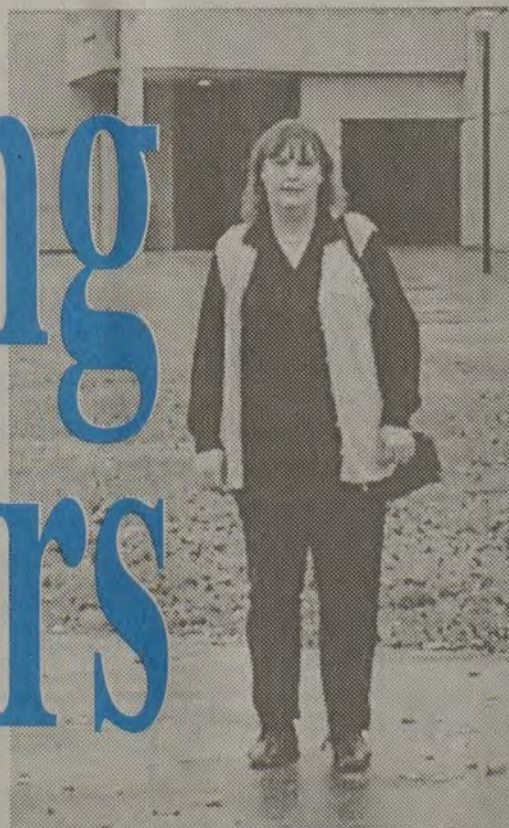
"She literally took me by the hand and took me to the administration office," Blackburn said.

Rosenberg guided her through each step of the process and continues to guide her as she seeks a bachelor's degree, according to Blackburn.

The college student, who has a 3.41 GPA, plans to go to

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Finding answers



desire to continue her education. Even though, her oldest daughter graduated from Lee's College with a degree in nursing, Blackburn didn't know how to enroll at

Finding answers...

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Morehead State University's main campus. First, though, she will take some classes at Morehead's Big Sandy Campus in Prestonsburg.

She's been offered a full-time job with a Certified Public Accountant in Johnson County if she can begin now, but Blackburn says she's too close to the finish line to stop now.

"Once I start something, I want to finish it," she said.

She's concerned though about welfare reform and cutbacks in federal aid.

"I'm just wondering if it will help us. We're not going to get ahead," she said.

Changes in some aid programs require recipients to work at least 20 hours per week.

"If you don't work 20 hours, you only get three months (of funds)," she said.

"How will we feed our kids, try to carry a full load of studies, work 20 hours and take care of our families?"

"I don't see how we can get the grades they expect — we can't. It's going to be rough."

Blackburn, who has a daughter at home, said she probably will work at tutoring students or get into the work study program at PCC.

She has done volunteer tutoring and she also has worked for Jean Rosenberg in the work study program.

Blackburn encourages non-traditional, older students to take that first step and enroll in college.

"Once I came up to orientation and saw so many other students (like myself), I felt better. We've got a guy who's 95 in the program. You're never too old," she said.



"Once I start something, I want to finish it."



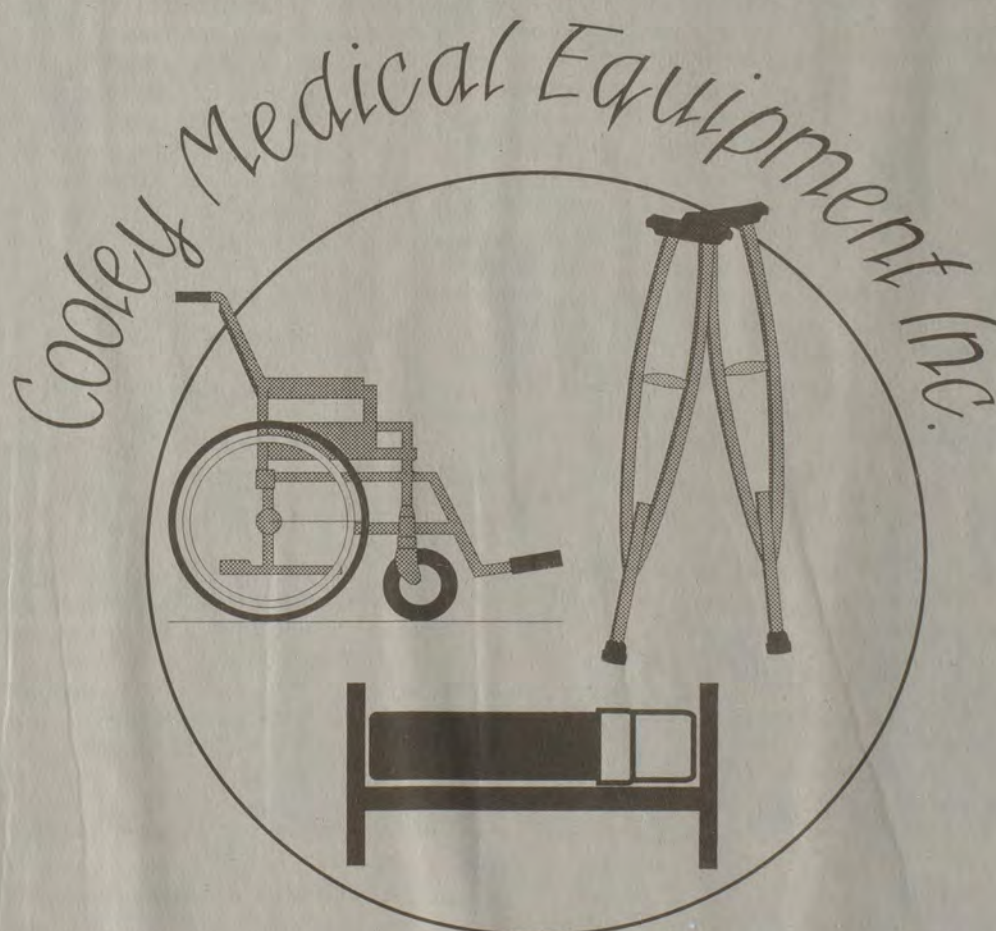
Class portrait

Elizabeth Blackburn posed with the students participating in the Single-Parent Homemaker Program at Prestonsburg Community College during a Christmas party for the non-traditional students.

Elizabeth Blackburn showed her grandbaby Patrick the Christmas Wish Tree (top) at Prestonsburg Community College during a Christmas party for the Single Parent Homemaker Program. She did the macarena with students and faculty, including Jean Rosenberg (right).



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Prime Times & Events

Each month, Prime Times & Events will highlight news at senior citizen centers around the county. To report news, call Janice at 886-8506, or mail to Prime Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

The Martin Area Senior Citizens Board of Directors met in November

The Martin Area Senior Citizens Board of Directors met November 21 at 4 p.m.

The roll call was taken. Present were Edna Franklin, Dorothy Tackett, Doug Lawson, Dot Tiner, Ruth Daniels and Rick Caudill. Twenty-two seniors were present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Seniors discussed a spaghetti dinner held at the center. The dinner netted \$176. A fund-raiser held during Red-White-and-Blue in October raised \$186.

Money for fund raisers were used for Thanksgiving dinner and for the upcoming Christmas dinner and gifts. More fund-raisers are planned.

Bids for a new car to deliver meals to homebound patients was discussed. Browns Auto Sales had the lowest bid.

The treasurer's report indicated the seniors account has \$800.

A report was also given by Doug Lawson. He discussed units of service.

The center director reported that 18 new chairs were donated by Sherry Ratliff and other people. The old chairs have been discarded. The center needs a new filing cabinet.

The director also said the seniors are planning a trip on December 12th to Marlow's Christmas Party.

Bruce Coleman reported that the gas company will provide gas heat for the center within one week. Each person will be given a 911 address.

Rugs will be placed at each of the stairways to prevent it from being slippery in the winter. Inspection of apartments will be December 2.

Bridging the Medigap knowledge gap

In 1992, federal law replaced the hundreds of Medigap policies on the market with ten standardized plans. Although the standardization helped to simplify the process of selecting a Medigap plan, many retirees still have difficulty matching a policy with their needs. The Kentucky Society of CPAs offers the following information to help Medigap shoppers make their selection.

The Medigap alphabet

Medigap insurance is private health insurance designed specifically to supplement Medicare coverage by picking up some of the expenses that Medicare doesn't cover. Today, insurers can offer ten standard Medigap plans, labeled "A" through "J." All "A" plans provide the exact same coverage, as do all "B's," "C's," and so on. In fact, Medigap insurers must use the same wording and the same format in delineating the benefits each of the ten standard plans offers. Plan A, the core plan, provides basic supplemental coverage. Each subsequent letter adds additional coverage—and increases premium cost—up to Plan J, the most comprehensive. Unfortunately, none of the plans covers long-term health care, the most significant health-care expense for older Americans.

When to buy

The best time to Medigap insurance is within the first six months after you turn age 65 and become eligible for Medicare Part B. During that time period, you cannot be denied the coverage you choose, and the policy must be offered to you at the regular price, regardless of your health. However, if you have a pre-existing condition, the insurer can make you wait up to six months before coverage for that condition becomes effective. After your initial six-month open enrollment period expires, companies can deny coverage based on your medical history. If the company agrees to cover you, it has the right to charge you more. It's up to you to decide what level of coverage you need. Carefully study the ten standard plans to determine which policy best meets your individual medical needs and financial circumstances. If you have a serious health problem that requires extensive treatment, a maximum coverage plan may be worth the additional monthly cost. On the other hand, if you use little in the way of medication, it may not be worthwhile to select a plan that provides

maximum coverage for prescription drugs and add hundreds of dollars to your premium cost.

Costs vary not only from company to company, but within the same company from state to state; so, it's important to give your state of residence when requesting price quotes. You'll also want to check the insurer's policy on price increases. Policies based on community rates charge all policyholders the same rates; policies with "attained age" premiums may cost more as you get older.

For planning purposes, you should know that all Medigap policies sold today are guaranteed renewable. That means the insurance company must renew your policy as long as you continue to pay your premiums.

Before finalizing your decision, it's a good idea to check on the insurer's reputation. Talk to other policyholders, contact your state's insurance office, or check

with a senior citizen advocacy group.

Keep in mind, too, that insurance companies are required to give you at least 30 days to review your Medigap policy. If you are not satisfied, you may return the policy and receive a full refund of your premiums.

Alternatives to Medigap Insurance

A growing segment of the Medicare population is opting for Medicare-sponsored managed-care plans and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). These plans can cut out-of-pocket expenses significantly when compared with Medigap policies. The downside of an HMO is that you may be restricted in your selection of physicians and medical specialists. If you decide to try out a managed-care plan, you might consider keeping your Medigap policy for a few months to be sure you're satisfied with the plan. Otherwise, if your HMO plan doesn't work out, you may find yourself searching for a company that will accept you, or worse yet, being denied coverage or subjected to a waiting period for a medical condition that has arisen in the interim.

Selecting a Medigap policy is an important rite of retirement. According to the Kentucky Society of CPAs, your best strategy is to familiarize yourself with what Medicare covers and carefully plan the Medigap policy that best meets your needs and resources.

Prime Living

Prime Living will appear monthly in Prime Times and will provide information on topics ranging from home decorations to lawn care to living independently.

Fitness classes for senior citizens

During the 1997 Spring Semester, Prestonsburg Community College will offer five credit courses in fitness designed especially for senior citizens.

One of the courses is KHP 145: Concepts in Health and Fitness, a three-hour class in which seniors will be instructed in the fundamentals of a healthy lifestyle and healthy activities, including aerobics, weight training and other age-appropriate forms of exercise. Students in this course will have access, at no additional charge, to all of the facilities of the PCC Wellness Center, where they can exercise under close supervision by the Wellness Center staff.

The other courses are KHP 124: Beginning Conditioning, and KHP 105: Weight Training and Conditioning, one-hour classes which will be taught at the Prestonsburg, McDowell, Wayland, Martin and Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Centers. Students in these courses will be instructed in chair aerobics and other activities they can enjoy while sitting, or without exerting a high level of energy.

Christopher G. Fleming, Project Health Coordinator

and Instructor at PCC, said 16 seniors have already registered for the three-hour course, while 61 have registered for the one-hour courses. He said registration for these courses will remain open through January 14.

Senior citizens may enroll in these courses tuition-free, on a space-available basis, under the University of Kentucky's Donovan Scholars Program. This program is funded by an endowment that pays the tuition of anyone 65 or older who wishes to take classes at PCC.

Fleming said seniors who have registered for the fitness courses have taken advantage of the Donovan program to enroll in other fitness-related classes, including walking and weight training and conditioning, as well as courses in other fields, such as computer science, public speaking and sociology.

Classes begin on Wednesday, January 8.

Interested seniors may register for any of these courses, or obtain additional information about the courses, by visiting Chris Fleming at the PCC Wellness Center in Room 151 of the Johnson Administration Building, or by calling the Wellness Center at (606) 886-3863, ext. 356.

new benefit plan offers consumers more choice without more confusion."

The new benefit design, which was reviewed by a committee of the Health Insurance Advisory Council, was adapted from Kentucky's existing budget high plan. It is an additional standard plan approved for sale in Kentucky and does not take the place of any existing plan.

The new design sets annual maximum out-of-pocket expenses at \$3,000 for one person and \$5,500 for a family. It meets the cost-sharing specifications of a high deductible plan as outlined in the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill. Consumers who want to apply for the federal tax advantages of a medical savings account must have a high deductible health care policy to cover catastrophic care.

A medical savings account is a tax-sheltered account, in which an individual sets aside pre-tax dollars to pay for medical expenses. The federal law allows a limited number of individuals to participate in the pilot program on medical savings accounts. The number of participants permitted is 750,000 nationally through the year 2000, when the tax incentives under the current law cease.

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Kentuckians can apply for medical savings accounts

The Department of Insurance has opened the way for Kentuckians to participate in the federal government's pilot program for tax-exempt medical savings accounts.

Insurance Commissioner George Nichols III has approved a new standard benefit plan that can be sold in Kentucky and which will comply with the medical savings account provisions of the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill signed into law by President Clinton earlier this year.

"We wanted to act quickly so that any Kentuckian who wants to take advantage of this new opportunity under the federal law can," Nichols said.

The tax incentive provisions of the federal law take effect January 1. Nichols has issued a memorandum to all insurance companies that sell standard plans in Kentucky informing them of the introduction of the new standard benefit design. Companies may choose to offer it.

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Lifestyles

New book reveals strength of women from the coalfields

"We were looking for strong women with strong stories."

So said Randy Norris, co-author of the new book, *Women of Coal*, published by the University Press of Kentucky.

Along with photographer Jean-Philippe Cyrés, Norris traveled the back roads of West Virginia, Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky, and discovered that the oppressed women they expected to find were leading happy, productive lives, thrilled to be a part of the towns in which they lived.

"It was a real learning experience," said Norris, "and a tremendous amount of fun."

Their project began in 1992 as part of a Kentucky Humanities Council Program.

The initial result was a 16-page booklet and a panel display that was shown in community colleges throughout the commonwealth. This success prompted them to present the material to a wider audience, in book form.

The two men had worked together on a similar project in Mississippi, and have developed an intuitive rapport as well as an intimate friendship.

Generally, they travel to an area in which

they know at least one person who has made appointments for them to meet with ordinary women who are willing to talk about themselves.

First comes a 45-minute to an hour interview with Norris, founder of the Appalachian Writers Center.

Then Cyrés, an internationally acclaimed photographer whose work has appeared in publications ranging from "Vogue" to "Rolling Stone," talks to them some more before taking pictures that reflect who the women are. At one point they conducted 17 interviews in two days.

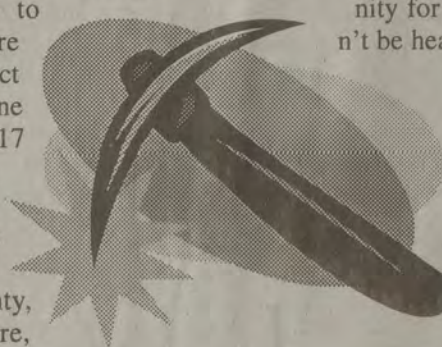
Norris and Cyrés began with a single contact in Harlan County, Kentucky. From there,

word of mouth — and a kind introduction — led them to Grundy, Virginia; Logan, West Virginia; and Jellico, Tennessee. Along the way they met and interviewed women from the small towns and counties surrounding these towns.

Norris describes the collection of photographs presented in the book as both eclectic and representative.

"We see ourselves as providing an opportunity for people who ordinarily wouldn't be heard."

A grant from the Kentucky Oral History Society helped make the book possible. Eventually, all of the tapes will be transcribed and placed on file at the Margaret I. King Library on the campus of the University of Kentucky.



Jean-Philippe Cyrés



Randall Norris

Colorful expressions; colorful cures

Doug Wallen, of Boons Camp, dropped by the office a couple of weeks ago and left an article that his daughter Mary, had clipped from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. It was written by Krista Reese and regarded colorful southern expressions.

I found the piece interesting because it made me realize that some of the things we've heard all our lives, phrases that are as common to us as soup beans and cornbread may actually sound strange to some people and may even require an interpreter.

While some of the expressions Reese mentioned were familiar to me, some weren't.

For example, "Ugly as homemade sin." "Mean as a stripped snake." and "Too poor to pay attention" are expressions I've heard all my life. However, I don't think I've ever heard, "She looked like a buzzard off a gut wagon in South Georgia." "Clumsy as a cow on a board pile," and "Hotter than Satan's house cat."

"He could steal the shortening out of a ginger cake without breaking the crust," and "So quiet you could hear a Ford rust," are a couple more of the less familiar phrases she mentioned.

Under "superlatives" she listed these goodies: "Drunk as a bicycle," "Older than God's dog" and "That food is so good if you put it on top of your head, your tongue would slap your brains out trying to get to it."

"You could almost say," Reese writes, "Our collection

of colorful expressions is richer than a mature pile."

I don't know about people in the deep down south, but we here in the hills are also extremely creative, and yes, even colorful, in some of our old-time cures.

So, with this being the cold and flu season, I thought it might be appropriate to share some of the homemade remedies for these afflictions that folks have sent to us over the years.

For instance, thanks to a Catlettsburg man, we now know how to cure a sore throat overnight: wrap a dirty sock around your neck before you go to sleep. A woman from Columbus, Ohio, sent us another way to help this affliction: put Vick's salve on the soles of your feet and sleep with a hot rock against them.

To cure a cold, according to a Lowmansville man, drink the brine from jars of kraut. A man from Van Lear says the best thing for a cold is to breathe into a cooker of steaming onions. A Hager Hill woman suggest your cold will go away if you kiss a mouse on the nose. Say what?

A lady from Urbana, Ohio, told us you can also cure a cold by drinking a glass of hot lemon juice mixed with a spoonful of honey, while a lady from Martha suggests sipping a mixture made from yellow root, honey and whiskey.

Maybe these cures really work, maybe they don't. You'll have to admit, though, they're colorful.

Poison Oak

Clyde Pack



Mary Jack Hargis

'If Grandmother Hargis knew I was working in the mines, she'd probably turn over in her grave.'

My grandfather was a juvenile judge and my grandmother ran the Maple Grove Hotel in Lebanon. My father was an electrician and my mother was a housewife. My sister is a chef. I graduated from Lebanon High School, attended Radford College and graduated from East Tennessee State University. I was a schoolteacher for 24 years before I went into the mines. I'm the only coal minter in my family.

In 1957, when I got my degree, I decided to move north; I applied for a job in Newcastle County Public Schools in Wilmington, Delaware. I lived in Wilmington for nineteen years. I taught elementary and junior high school physical education and health. For a long time I liked teaching, but I took my work home with me, and I didn't like that. When I decided to move back home, I

knew teaching and coal mining were the only two jobs I could get that would pay well. I took a year's leave of absence, moved back home, and on October 30, 1977, I started work at Island Creek's VP No. 2 mine.

My first day underground I swept out A shaft with a broom. Pretty soon I was rock dusting, shooting bottom, taking rock, and pulling cable. The power comes down to one big power box, where a 7,200 volt AC cable runs to another power box and reduces it to 320 DC for the "trolley line" — it's always hot, and it runs the pinner, miner, and shuttle car.

The scoop is battery-operated. Since I started, I've run a buggy and a scoop, miner helped, and pinner helped, but the job I like best is belt examiner.

I've been a belt examiner at Island Creek's VP No. 6 for the past twelve years. I watch the belt for bad rollers and hot rollers. I can shut down the belt, but I don't like to, because there's a lot of

responsibility involved in shutting it down.

I've only done it twice: Once I found a nest of hot coals and we had to get them out immediately, and once there were eight bad splices that were spilling too much coal. I've always worked the "hoot owl" shift, from twelve to eight, because it works out better at home.

I'll be sixty-two at the end of August, and I'll be retiring. I'm going to help my niece and her husband raise registered quarter horses. I've got a mare in North Carolina getting bred now, and I told my friends at work when she comes home, I'm going to hold her hoof until her colt is born.

I've not saved any money, but I've got seventeen years in the mines and a partial pension from teaching school in Delaware, so I'll do all right. I worry about the kids; unless they bring in a lot of industry that pays above minimum wage, or unless they get a good technical education in computers and health care, this area will become a ghost town.

Ten Years Ago (January 7, 1987)

In a case that could affect many former coal miners disabled by black lung disease, attorneys for a Pike County miner have pursued his claim as far as the U.S. Supreme Court...The question is whether the state's minuscule tax on unmined coal is constitutional will be argued today (Wednesday) in the Kentucky Court of Appeals... Construction is scheduled to begin this spring on a 24-unit apartment complex at Wheelwright to rehabilitate and upgrade housing stock...Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation was ordered to pay \$1,000 in punitive damages to Debra Gambol, of Spurlock Creek, after she filed a complaint as a result of her service being disconnected in July after a billing dispute...No injuries were reported Monday after a tanker truck carrying liquefied petroleum gas overturned on Route 23, south of Hager Hill, but all Johnson County schools were canceled after the tanker hit a power pole...In her annual report to the Floyd County Fiscal Court, State Auditor Mary Ann Tobin made recommendations to the court to improve the county's financial standing...There died: Thomas Edward Neeley, 88, of Prestonsburg, Sunday evening...Joe Miller, 74, was found dead Sunday at his home on Calf Creek...Johnny Rann Dye, 24, of McDowell, December 29, in Warsaw, Indiana...Myrtle M. Cooley, 85, of Eastern, Christmas Eve...Julia Yerrace Francis, 84, of Garrett, December 26...J.O. (Bill) Harris, 65, of

Wheelwright, Saturday...William Kenneth Allen, 67, of Prestonsburg, December 29...John Paul Hunt, 43, of Tram, December 23...Luther Keens, 73, of Melvin, December 22...Ora Mae Collins Martin, 73, of Endicott, December 23...Frank Newsome, 70, of Weeksbury, December 27...Robert H. Bentley, 77, of Wayland, Saturday...Clark Nelson, 36, of David, December 23...Johnnie Walton Crider, 79, of Endicott, December 24...Roy Shepherd, 75, of Hueysville, December 21...Fred Allen Nunemaker, 79, of Martin, December 23...William F. Jones, 63, of Banner, Friday...Vernon Bays, 38, of Prestonsburg, December 31...and Rebecca Lewis, 71, of Banner, January 1.

Twenty Years Ago (January 5, 1977)

Snow upon snow Monday morning not only slowed traffic, kept schools closed, and sharply curtailed most normal activities—it hit the opening of circuit court so hard that it barely opened...The husband of a native Floyd County woman was held last week in the Carter county jail at Grayson for arraignment on a homicide charge after his wife had died of a bullet wound...Cold weather, a series of light snows and ice covered roads

conspired to reduce traffic and slow holiday activities in general to the point that Floyd County was generally, a quiet holiday season...Envirotech Corporation, of Menlo Park, California, announced Monday that it has acquired the Elkhorn Industrial Products Corporation, the Floyd County manufacturer of mining machinery which has become nationally known...The strike of approximately 300 members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union against the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company entered its 80th day Tuesday, and the end is not yet in sight...There died: Mrs. Melvina Martin Moore, 66, of Garrett, Tuesday, December 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Lissie Henson Hall, 56, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Eugene Hall, 47, of Kite, Sunday, December 26, at UK Medical Center, Lexington; Mrs. Coatsy Kilburn, 89, of Arkansas Creek near Martin, December 31, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Leon Mosbey Sr., of Wheelwright, Wednesday, December 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; James P.

Slone, 74, Tuesday morning at his home at Garrett; Mrs. Minta Chaffens, 69, of Wayland, Wednesday, December 22, at McDowell Hospital; Mrs. Elva Samons, 57, of Martin, Jan. 1, at Our Lady of the Way; Charlie Bays, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday morning at his home.

Thirty Years Ago (January 5, 1967)

With the deaths of two mine employees in separate accidents this week, Floyd County recorded its first coal mining fatalities of the new year. Anthony Howell Jr., 49, of Craynor, was instantly killed Tuesday when he was caught beneath a slatefall in the mine of the Hall Branch Coal Company at Beaver. The following day Henry Johnson, 40-year-old Risner miner, was fatally injured while working in Mine No. 9 of the Island Creek Coal Company at Salisbury...Governor Edward T. Breathitt announced that \$703,500 of the \$18.8 million he asked the state Property and Building Commission to approve Wednesday for state parks construction projects will be spent at Jenny Wiley State Park here...Retirement of Joe A. Spradlin as assistant postmaster here, effective December 30, was announced this week by Postmaster Jack Stumbo...For construction of a physical science building at the college here, the expenditure of \$900,000 has been proposed by Governor Edward T. Breathitt...Striking employees of the United Fuel Gas Company returned to their jobs in

Our Yesterdays

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

Society News

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New arrival

Tommy and Connie Dillon of Prestonsburg announce the birth of their first child, a son. He has been named John Chandler and was born December 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed nine pounds three ounces and was 21 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Lillie Mae Stacy of West Liberty and the late Castle Stacy.

The paternal grandparents are John Earl and Alma Sue Dillon of Prestonsburg.

Presents colors

Lt. John E. Thompson, a junior at Millersburg Military Institute in Millersburg, was a member of the Color Guard that presented the flag at the National Cross Country meet

at Rupp Arena in Lexington recently. He is the son of Shirley Thompson of Prestonsburg and Paul Hunt Thompson of Wheelwright.

Visit in Lexington

Don and Maxine Goble and son, Donnie, of Prestonsburg were the guests of their Don, Dr. Ronnie Goble, and daughter-in-law, Laura, at their home in Lexington last weekend. They were joined by their daughter, Pam, and celebrated Don's birthday with a dinner at the New Orleans House.

Hosts friends

Alice Howard entertained friends on Saturday evening, December 14, at her home on Graham Street. Enjoying her hospi-

ality were Tim and Pam Skeen, Michael and Sabra Jacobs, Robert Perry and Bilyana. Bilyana, a native of Serbia, is a faculty member at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is an old college friend of Tim and Pam Skeen.

Stephens-Combs wedding

Stephanie Clark Stephens and John William Combs were united in marriage, Saturday evening, December 21, at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Lexington.

Rev. Harold W. Dorsey officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Stephanie is the daughter of Dennis Stephens of Lexington and the late Arnita Clark Stephens.

John is the son of Joan Tackett and John R. Combs of Prestonsburg.

Sizemore-McDonald wedding

Stephanie Ann-Elizabeth Sizemore and Ted Nelson McDonald were united in marriage, Saturday afternoon, December 21, at the town Branch Community Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

Stephanie is the daughter of Calvin and Anne Sizemore of Martin. Ted is the son of Carl Jeff and Mary McDonald of Prestonsburg.

Military pallbearers

John Thompson, Jerry Mayo, Tim Sullivan and Zack Patton, students at Millersburg Military Institute were special pallbearers at the funeral of First Sergeant Coryeat Vaughn, a retired ROTC instructor, at the African Methodist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee. Lt. Thompson is from Prestonsburg.

Childers-Meade wedding

Heather Nicole Childers and Jeffrey Alan Meade were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, December 28, at the First Baptist Church at Allen.

Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Childers of Allen. Jeffrey is the son of Ann Meade of Pikeville.

Christmas party

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society held their annual Christmas party on December 16, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Christmas hosts

Ronnie and Laura Goble were hosts to members of their family and friends on Christmas Day at their home in Lexington.

Enjoying the occasion were Mary Jo LePointe and June Rollins

of Lexington, Linda Sue Stephens of Charlotte, North Carolina, David Hereford II of New York City, and David and Peggy Hereford of Prestonsburg.

Visits mother

Belle Adkins of Langley had as her guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Morton Adkins Jr., their daughters, Chrissy and Melissa, and Chrissy's friend, Shawn. They are from Hephzibah, Georgia.

50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Ousley of Risner were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, December 12, with a dinner and open house in the lunchroom at their church, the Cold Springs Baptist Church at Risner.

The couple renewed their wedding vows. A large group of friends and family called throughout the open house to bring best wishes and congratulations to Taylor and Renis.

Family gathering

Laura Vaughn had family members as her guests on Christmas eve at her home on the Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Enjoying the fellowship was Crystal and Frank Bradley and Nicki, Cheryl and Woody Jarrell, Don and Maxine Goble, Pam Goble and Donnie Goble.

Visit family

Rev. Tommy and Jennifer Valentine and son, David, spent the Christmas holiday with their families, George and Delores Valentine, at Shepherdsville, and A. G. and Dee Buckingham at Mt. Washington.

Dinner hostess

Dorothy Wells was hostess to members of her family on Christmas day at her home on North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg.

Enjoying the occasion were Jack Carter Wells of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Royce and Susan Mayo and children, Whitney and John Michael of Pikeville.

Have Christmas guests

Kathleen Parker and Betsy Burchett had as their guests Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, members of their family: Cliff and Paula Latta and Holly and Adam from Nicholasville, John and Joyce Stephens from Lexington, Missy Ward, Ashley Wright, Elizabeth Meade and Robert Skaggs from Pikeville, Sidney and Polly Parker, Stevie and Michelle Parker, and David and Peggy Hereford, all from Prestonsburg.

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New Year's Resolutions — managing time

As I contemplate making a New Year's Resolutions for 1997 it brings to mind that most people make similar resolutions. The most common resolutions usually relate to improving one's health, losing weight or getting more exercise. However, by resolving to implement a plan for better time management, we can find the time to reach our goals.

Turning management skills into habits will take time—but what a better way to spend it. With the guidance of the following information, you can learn some valuable techniques for managing your time and your life.

What is Good Time Management? According to California Family Life Extension Specialist Dorothy Cudaback "Good time management simply means deciding what you want to get out of life and efficiently pursuing these goals. Time management does not mean being busy all the time. It means using your time the way you want to use it—which can include large doses of daydreaming and doing nothing. Good time management brings with it increased relaxation, reduced stress, greater personal satisfaction, and successful goal accomplishment."

We cannot really manage time, we can only manage ourselves. A key to managing yourself is to know where you are going. Goal setting is crucial to effective time-life management.

A good way to begin taking charge of your life is to ask yourself why you want to manage your time. Take a minute to list the reasons for wanting to manage your time. Limit your list to no more than five reasons.

Although most of the planet's resources and wealth are distributed unequally of daily time, we each have 24 hours. Yet, many of us blame others for wasting our time. "It's not my fault I'm late—that child of mine absolutely refused to hurry up!" As long as the waiting game is played, time cannot be well-managed. Stop playing the "blame game." Once you take responsibility for how your time is spent, you regain power to direct your life.

Learn how to say "No." Learning how to say no, is actually the most difficult aspect of time management. Yet, this is a skill that you must develop, without it, all other time management behaviors are of little value. Saying no permits you to exercise greater control over your own life, which, in turn means you

are happier. You are happy because you are clear about what you want and do, not only what you want to do. Therefore without vacillation, you can tactfully accept or reject any responsibilities requested of you. By not being overly committed to a variety of tasks, you can spend your time productively on those activities that have meaning to you.

What do you want to do differently about managing your time? Set three or four reachable personal and career goals. List no more than five objectives that you will commit. Too often individuals try to change too much all at once and then give up when they see little progress.

Know and use your prime time. Your prime time is that time during the day when you are most likely to be alert, enthusiastic and creative. Make a graph and chart of your energy level for a typical day by each hour. Place a dot above each hour and connect the dots. This will show you your peaks and valleys of energy. Plan to use your prime times for important jobs requiring the most attention and effort, saving more routine tasks for low-energy times whenever possible.

There is also external prime times—those times when external resources, usually people, are most likely to be available to you. Plan your daily schedule to take advantage of time when others can help you with information, consultation and problem-solving.

Increase your efficiency by 50 percent or more by using a daily "to do" list. Write down the five most important things you have to do tomorrow. Check those to complete during a high-energy period of the day, or during a low-energy period. Next, rank items in order of their importance to you (and/or your workplace.) Tomorrow morning delegate as many tasks as possible. Then begin working on your number one activity with all your energy and concentration. Do not even think about the others. Work on the number one until you complete it, or until you choose to stop. Then continue with subsequent tasks.

By applying these concepts, reaching your resolutions should be attainable. More information on Time Management is available in the University of Kentucky Extension Publication "The Successful Person's Guide to Time Management." This publication is available free of charge at the Floyd County Extension Office, 670 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, or phone 826-2668.



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Marriages

Sabrina D. Teel, 18, of Hueysville, and Gregory J. Stevens, 18, of Harold.

Teresa Lynn Jenkins, 23, of Prestonsburg, and Jimmie Joe Crace, 26, of Allen.

Heather Lea Day, 22, of Pikeville, and Christopher Guy Ellis, 25, of Prestonsburg.

Faye Stone, 23, of Prestonsburg, and Christopher Bryan Fraley, 28, of Prestonsburg.

Dolores Ann Blanton, 30, of Oil Springs, and Mark Allen Burchett, 32, of Lowmansville.

Melissa Dawn Justice, 21, of Prestonsburg, and William Kristopher Click, 22, of David.

Property Transfers

Virginia B. Adkins and Clarence E. Adkins to Clarence E. Hale, property on Caney Fork of Middle Creek.

Earl B. Newman and Billie Jean Newman to Veda Hamilton, quit-claim deed, property location not listed.

Interstate Natural Gas Company to Scott Johnson and Paulette Johnson, property located on Jack's Creek.

Anita L. Lee to Marvin T. Lee, property location not listed.

Mark Harvey and Hazel Harvey to Rodney Hall, property location not listed.

Brett Thomas Gayheart and Kimberly Gayheart to Anthony Ray Mullins and Winona Gail Mullins, property location not listed.

Alma Keathley to Johnny Walter Keathley, property on Branham's Creek.

Trans Financial Bank to Century 21 American Way Realty Inc., property in Garfield Addition, Prestonsburg.

Dana Terry Spurlock to John A. Goble and Patsy L. Goble, property location not listed.

Don Holbrook and Ellen Holbrook to Dream Homes & Land Development Inc., proper in Windy Brooks Subdivision, at Banner.

Darrell R. Jones and Betty J. Jones, to Donald R. Cox and Janice Cox, property near Allen.

William Henry Jarvis and Opal O. Jarvis to Larry D. Jarvis, property near Highland Freewill Baptist Church.

Gregory D. Stumbo, Marsha Kay Stumbo, Debbie Stumbo Woods and Steve Schuppert and Patricia Stumbo Schuppert to Henry M. Vanderpool and Diana Vanderpool, property on Left Beaver Creek at Minnie.

Cecelia Hamilton to Richard Ousley, property in Prestonsburg.

Gregory Ratliff to Richard Ousley, quit claim deed to property

in Prestonsburg.

Frankie A. Blair and Cuba Stephanie Blair to William L. Sloan and Tamara J. Sloan, property in Wheelwright.

Ruby Adkins Hill to Winston Anderson and Loraine Anderson, property on Toler Creek.

Dispatch logs

DECEMBER 20

5:00 a.m. — Caller reported a drive-off at SuperAmerica. Caller advised that subject said he would pay later, but was en route to Lexington.

11:15 a.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at Century 21. Caller advised that a subject hit the corner of the building.

2:11 p.m. — Subject advised that a male was refusing to leave her apartment on North Lake Drive.

4:26 p.m. — Caller advised that a salesman at Tiger Mart had his lap top computer stolen. Caller said the perpetrator may have been filmed on tape by security cameras.

4:34 p.m. — Fight-in-progress at First Commonwealth Bank, fourth floor.

6:09 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries in front of the Dollar Store.

8:31 p.m. — Report of an accident with injuries on Route 1428. Caller advised that the vehicle struck a tree in front of her residence.

8:50 p.m. — Caller advised that the wall behind her wood burning stove was extremely hot at her residence in Auxier.

DECEMBER 21

12:35 a.m. — Caller advised that three males were urinating beside the road on Route 23.

1:05 a.m. — Caller advised that her juvenile daughter was at a friend's house and would not come home. Officer took juvenile home to her mother.

2:33 a.m. — Caller said smoke was coming from her water heater on Riverside Drive.

2:39 a.m. — Male subject advised that a female was calling his residence and threatening him in reference to earlier complaint.

10:59 a.m. — Hold-up alarm activated at Hopson's Jewelry. Officer advised that someone must have leaned up against the alarm switch.

12:39 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Superstar Video.

1:48 p.m. — Caller advised that someone was at her door trying to get in her apartment at New World Video.

6:18 p.m. — Caller advised that a patient was intoxicated and trying to fight other patients at the Layne House.

8:23 p.m. — EMS run to Highland Terrace. Female subject

having abdominal pains and vomiting.

10:23 p.m. — Female advised that if she found her husband at the Holiday Inn with another woman, there would be trouble. Female subject located husband at the hotel and spoke with her husband. She advised she would leave and not come back. Husband had two female subjects with him.

11:01 p.m. — Alarm activated at Union 76 gas station.

DECEMBER 22

7:44 a.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at the mouth of Abbott.

9:11 a.m. — Caller advised that his vehicle had been stolen from his residence on Bob White Road sometime during the night.

9:30 a.m. — Alarm activated at Cato's.

2:56 p.m. — Carbon monoxide detector activated on South Lake Drive.

9:01 p.m. — Report of a vehicle fire at Floyd Funeral Home.

9:40 p.m. — Caller advised that a subject who stayed in a room at Super 8 Motel vandalized the room by putting holes in the walls and door; cutting up the couch, bed, and sheets; and broke a table.

11:54 p.m. — Domestic dispute at Highland Heights.

DECEMBER 23

1:47 a.m. — EMS run to Highland Heights. Caller advised that a three-month-old child was choking. The patient was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center.

11:45 p.m. — Domestic dispute in progress at Archer Park. Caller advised that two subjects were arguing in a vehicle by the road.

12:03 p.m. — Report of a shoplifter at Wal-Mart.

3:25 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Town Center.

10:50 p.m. — Disturbance report at Cliffside.

11:24 p.m. — EMS run to Dixie Heights. Caller advised subject has a back injury from three days ago.

DECEMBER 24

1:11 a.m. — Caller advised that a neighbor at Dixie Heights was drinking and smoking pot.

2:36 a.m. — Report of a shoplifter at Wal-Mart.

DECEMBER 25

9:27 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Cato's.

1:38 p.m. — Report of an intoxicated subject shoplifting from a South Lake Drive business.

DECEMBER 26

7:21 a.m. — Intrusion alarm activated at First Commonwealth Bank.

11:56 a.m. — Officer advised that he was in pursuit of a red Ford Mustang and three subjects in the

car. Later advised subjects ran into a residence near the mouth of Spurlock. The pursuit started in West Prestonsburg.

5:54 p.m. — EMS run to

Highland Heights. Caller advised that a subject was having respiratory problems. Patient refused to be transported to the hospital for treatment.

6:00 p.m. — Report of an acci-

dent without injuries at the four-way stop in Lancer.

6:35 p.m. — Vehicle fire. Caller advised the car was located at the Minnie Camp on Route 3.

Births/Birthdays

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

December 9: A son, Justin Tyler Fields, to Tammy Sue Allen of Salyersville; a daughter, Morgan Lashae to Lawanna Heinlein of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Pamela Lee and Ronnie Dean Samons of Allen.

December 10: A daughter, Makayla Marie Perkins, to Angela Marie Perkins of Salyersville; a

son, Darren Scott, to Shonda Rena and Michael Scott Sparkman of Topmost; a son, Kolan Donald, to Diana and Donald W. Oaks of Inez; a son, Seth Nathaniel, to Kimberly Ann and Christopher Michael Whitley of Salyersville; a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, to Letha Renee and Paul Bryan Conley of Thelma; a son, Dustin Mitchell, to Raelyn and Kenneth Ray Belcher of

Elkhorn City; a son, Trenton Hall, to Tina Christy and Juffrey Hall Collins of Salyersville.

December 11: A daughter, Tanika Lynn, to Claudette and Johnny Miller of Gunlock.

December 12: A son, Lonnie Ray Hall III, to Jackie Lou and Lonnie Ray Hall Jr. of Drift; a daughter, Laker Cheyenne Helton, to Sherry and Jeffrey Wayne Helton of Salyersville.

December 13: A daughter, Madeline Ann, to Sally Kay and Danny Ray Cole of Salyersville.

December 15: A daughter, Tousha Lashay to Ina Lora and James Allen Holland of Falcon.

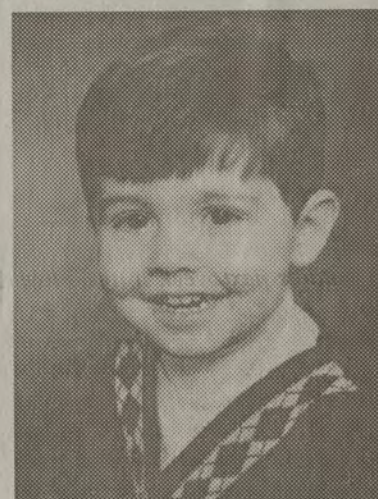
December 16: A daughter, Katlynn Breanna, to Melissa and Samuel Joseph Minix of Salyersville, a son, Benjamin Lee, to Ruth Alice & Teddy Kidd of Endicott.

December 19: A son, Cassidy Regan, to Rhonda and Glenn Keith Davis of Melvin.



Seventh birthday

Joshua Rodebaugh, son of Michael and Kay Rodebaugh of Prestonsburg, celebrated his seventh birthday November 12 at Archer Park Skating Rink. His family and friends presented him with a UK birthday cake and many gifts. He is the grandson of Freddie and Brenda Burchett and Wanda Rodebaugh of Prestonsburg.



January birthday

Cody Tyler Farmer, son of Tonya and Oss Farmer Jr. of Wheelwright, will celebrate his third birthday on January 3 at his home. The party begins at 3 p.m. He is the grandson of Ruby and Ronnie Hitchcock of Wheelwright and Goldie Farmer of Wheelwright and the late Oss Farmer.



Second birthday

Kaleb Rodebaugh, son of Michael and Kay Rodebaugh of Prestonsburg, celebrated his second birthday October 12 at home with family and friends. He had a Barney birthday party and received many gifts. He is the grandson of Freddie and Brenda Burchett and Wanda Rodebaugh of Prestonsburg.



Woodsie Ellen Akers

80th birthday

At her home on Fort Harrods Drive in Lexington, Woodsie Ellen Akers was surprised with an 80th birthday celebration on December 15.

The event was attended by 30 friends and family members and was hosted by five of her children: Fermin Akers, Raybon Akers, Katherine Moore, Charlotte Kirby and Beulahvne Brown.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nance, and Joe Stone of Lexington, and Deborah Harvil of Nashville, Tennessee.

Ms. Woodsie Akers, a native of Floyd County, formerly resided at Lancer. She was born December 15 and is the daughter of the late Melvin and Beulah Roberts Wells.

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Mary Ingles, Early American Heroine, part six

The Lower Towns of the Shawnees stretched along both sides of the Ohio River and was the strangest thing Mary Ingles had ever seen. The village residents let out blood curdling screams upon the return of their Indian warriors and their captives. It gave Mary goose bumps and put her in fear for her life and that of her children.

She was held in good favor, however, because of her deeds on the trip following her capture. The chief told her that she and her children were safe.

Some of the other captives, including Mary's sister-in-law Eliza Draper, were not so lucky. The warriors had been gone for nearly two months and with their return the residents of the village wanted sport.

The Indians shrieked and gyrated about as they formed and stood in two long rows, rows that contained a cross-section of the village—braves, children, old men and women. They each held sticks, clubs and other weapons used to scrape and gouge.

Mary had heard of the Indian gauntlet and she could tell by the way two braves held Eliza that her life was in danger.

"Eliza is not well and cannot do this," she implored the chief. "I've nursed her for a month to make her well. Don't make her do this."

"You and your children are safe," he answered. "Don't ask more. You must hush your tongue."

Mary's attention turned to the long building at the end of the gauntlet. It was up to a hundred feet long she thought and it was covered with tree bark. Mary immediately realized that this was the council center of the village. Then her attention was drawn back to the restless Indians as the two braves held Eliza between the two rows at the point farthest from the council house. They were awaiting the chief's signal to start the game. All Mary could do was watch and hope.

Although in fear for her life and limbs, Eliza knew she had no choice but to face the gauntlet. She knew she had to pass through the passageway of a hundred feet or so and decided she would attempt the passage as quickly as possible. Her plan was sound because she wouldn't have to contend with the Indians and their weapons once they were passed. Although Eliza's heart was racing quickly she stood at ease waiting for the signal.

When it finally came she immediately darted down the line's center and thereby avoided several striking efforts toward her. Other blows hit less than flush and Eliza was encouraged as she rushed somewhat low to the ground. She was perhaps a third of the way through the gauntlet when a heavy blow struck her flush on the bridge of the nose, Eliza falling on her back with a sharp pain. Warm blood spewed from her nose reminding her to keep moving without delay as additional blows struck her exposed knee and the back of her head.

A snarling mongrel rushed out and grabbed her

ankle prompting Eliza to role over in a continuous motion which resulted in her regaining her feet and she again moved swiftly through the maze of shrieking Indians. She felt a sharp poke to her breast and another stinging slap at her shin as an attempt was made to bring her down.

As she continued she felt a sharp slap against the side of her face and other scrapes and pokes against her body, yet she continued moving. Her thoughts at his juncture were of amazement. Eliza was amazed that she had passed though perhaps two-thirds of the gauntlet and she could see the end ahead.

A heavy blow then struck her already-injured right arm sending a sharp pain from shoulder to fingertip. Eliza tried to move it instinctively and couldn't. Her attention temporarily distracted from the task at hand, another heavy blow hit her across the cranium sending her to the ground with her face pushed against the soft moist earth.

The excitement in the village was at its peak as the six Indians at that point beat the poked-at Eliza with their weapons. She thought of giving up before the prodding of a sharp weapon at her neck caused her to resist. Grabbing at the sharpened lance which she noticed was held by an Indian squaw, Eliza jerked it so hard it pulled the middle-aged Indian across the passageway and sent her tumbling into and bowling over several other Indians who were delighting in whacking at Eliza's bloody frame.

The effort gave Eliza momentum which she couldn't have mustered otherwise as she put her head down and charged toward the finish. She took several more blows to the head but the end was at hand and Eliza would not be denied. She charged across the finish line, falling face down into the cool earth. Her body was covered with cuts, pokes and scrapes and she was bleeding from several places but mostly from her head which was red with blood.

Mary Ingles went to her and rubbed her injuries gently with a wet cloth. Eliza's right arm lay limp, broken. Mary was saddened about how she had fretted about her own plight. Now her thoughts were of Eliza and all she had faced. Eliza's baby had been taken from her and killed.

She was shot in the arm and her frightful wound had festered on the long trip. Yet she continued walking and even carried Thomas on her back for many days and miles. Now her body was beaten and broken. Mary sobbed as she tended to Eliza but made every effort to muffle her noises.

"I'll take care of you Lizzie," she said softly, feeling the heat of her body as she held her close. "Don't you worry sis. I'll take care of you."

Mary determined then that she would not attempt to escape until she helped nurse Eliza back to health.

Editor's note: Mary's children are taken from her in Jadon's From the Mountains next week in the Floyd County Times.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS by Jadon Gibson



Commerce Corner

The Floyd County business community has several reasons to celebrate this week. The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce has received its draft of the "Quality of Life" membership publication.



by Carla Coburn

Executive Director Carla S. Coburn. The project, which is expected to be completed in January 1997, will be used as a promotional tool for Chamber Membership.

Chamber Member Mike Hall, Department of the Blind, was recently named "Counselor of the Year," an honor he has received on six other occasions. Chamber Member Department of Employment Services, received the "Community Relations Five Star Award" for excellence in community service and promotion of their services. Chamber Member Pikeville National Bank was ranked No. 3 in the November 28th issue of "The Kentucky Journal of Commerce and Industry," which listed the top six lending institutions for

loans approved by the Small Business Administration. The Chamber of Commerce congratulates these members on their accomplishments, and we appreciate your dedication to the business community of Floyd County.

In other news, the business forecast for our area looks positive. As you may have read in Wednesday, December 11th edition of the Floyd County Times, Kentucky's business climate recently ranked fifth-best in the nation, according to Site Selection Management magazine.

That is exciting news, and it gets even better! The Chamber of Commerce recently came across an article in Financial World magazine which ranked Kentucky one of the top ten states in which to locate a business.

The business future of our area is promising and the Chamber of Commerce is proud to be an advocate of the business community of Floyd County.

If you have questions or comments, you may contact the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at (606) 886-0364.

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Yesterdays

(Continued from page four)

Kentucky and West Virginia last Friday morning after they had by union membership vote approved the contract signed earlier between company and union officials...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Derossett, Jr., a daughter, Stephanie Nichole, Dec. 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Harmon, of El Paso, Texas, a daughter, Leigh Ann, Friday, December 9...There died: Mrs. Ellen Harmon, 88, Monday, at her home here; Mrs. Pheban Akers, 86 of Banner, Monday at Banner; Mrs. Mattie Akers, 62, of Dana, Wednesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; B. M. Compton, 71, of Emma, Dec. 24, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Orville (Jargo) Slone, 41, last Thursday, at his home at Blue River; Mrs. Alice Kidd, 70, Monday, at her home at Drift; Mrs. Sarah Parker, 80, Monday at the home of a son at Wayland; Lacy Barbe, 73, Dec. 28, at his home at Betsy Laye; Henry Collins, 69, Friday, at his home at Melvin; Noah Cole, 63, Dec. 22, at Lexington; Charlie Fraley, 8, Dec. 26, at his home at Drift.

Forty Years Ago (January, 1957)

An estimated 1,305,000 tons of coal reserves are still unrecoverable in Floyd County U.S. Bureau of Mines figures show...W. J. May, of Prestonsburg, has been re-appointed county agricultural chairman for Floyd County...Death of Miss Betty Lasley, 30-year-old registered nurse, whose body was found on the afternoon of Dec. 24, in her room of the nurses' home of the McDowell Memorial Hospital, resulted from barbiturate poisoning, Coroner James J. Carr said Monday...Robert J. Wallace, river-librarian of Floyd County's Bookmobile, has been named chairman of the Legislative committee of the Kentucky Library Association for the coming year...The Christmas home exterior decoration contest initiated by Mrs. Winnie F. Johns, Prestonsburg, to encourage the beautification of homes along U.S. 23 in this county has been

won by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porter, of Emma, it was announced New Year's Day...Married: Miss Gilma Catherine Jarrell, and Mr. David W. May, of Covington, Ky. Dec. 29, at Prestonsburg...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wright, of Allen, a son, Dec. 20, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Sample, a daughter, Naomi Jo, Dec. 8, in Rochester, New York...There died: Mrs. Emma T. Slone, 17, of Melvin, last Thursday at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Abraham H. Green, 74, Saturday at his home on Auxier Road; Mrs. Stachie Coburn, 70, Saturday at her home at Hippo; Mrs. Rosa Hall, 95, of Hi Hat, Tuesday; Mrs. Lucy Robinson, 70, of Dwale, last Thursday at her home.

Fifty Years Ago (January 2, 1947)

Arthur Damron, 33, of Printer, was shot and killed by a shotgun blast Dec. 24, at Printer...Edward A. Derossett, 25, Sloan native, died Dec. 20 at a Battle Creek, Mich. hospital, a short time after he had fallen into a tank of boiling water while at work at a Battle Creek plant...Three Floyd County coal miners were killed in mine-connected accidents during the Christmas season. Edgar Arthur Boyd, 44, was electrocuted Dec. 23, while tightening a guy line at a mine of the Inland Steel Company at Wheelwright; James Lee Burchett, 30, of Auxier, died Dec. 21, in the Paintsville Hospital a few hours after being run over by mine cars in a mine of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David; Willard Johnson, 37-year-old Melvin miner, was instantly killed Dec. 26, in a slatefall in an Inland Steel Company mine...At a recent meeting in Louisville, Floyd County Sheriff Troy B. Sturgill was elected for the second consecutive year to serve as president of the Kentucky Sheriff's Association...Henry Gibson, 30 years old, of Goodloe, was killed Wednesday evening when the coal truck he was driving left the Middle Creek highway at Blue River, dropped over an embankment and toppled onto him as he was

thrown from the cab...Married: Miss Bonnie Stephens, of Lancer, and Mr. Howard B. Turnipseed, of Elgin, Texas, here, Dec. 14; Miss Margaret Bowling and Mr. Manis Gray, both of West Prestonsburg, Dec. 20, at Paintsville; Miss Maxine Conley, of Bonanza, and Mr. Joe Osborne, of Buckingham, Dec. 21...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kendrick, of Prestonsburg, a son—William Spears Kendrick—Saturday at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Burns Workman, of Martin; a daughter, Carrie Lynn, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...There died: Dr. Thomas Everett Leslie, 57, formerly of Emma, Dec. 25, at home at Olive Hill; Mrs. Ben Webb, 68, of Allen, Dec. 24, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Garnett Watkins Robinson, 23, of Wayland, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Dec. 23; Mrs. Corbett Bentley, 40, at home at Wayland, Dec. 20; George England, 72, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Monday; B. F. Martin, 65, at home at Drift, last Thursday; Eliza Hunt, 38, of Lancer, Dec. 24, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago (January 1, 1937)

Taylor Thompson, 24, of Mare Creek, was killed by a shotgun blast Wednesday night on Mare Creek; in another shooting this week, Frank Daniels, 27 years old, of Johnson County, died after being shot twice with a .45 caliber pistol at Copley's boarding house at Wayland, Christmas morning...The January term of circuit court will open here Monday with a heavy docket of 400 misdemeanor cases and eight murder trials...It says here that even after recent severe winter weather, roads on Middle Creek are still passable...Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James, of Prestonsburg, has been appointed county supervisor of the statewide WPA recreational program...Married: Miss Gladys Burke, of Pikeville, and Mr. Robert Holcomb, of Prestonsburg, here, Dec. 23...There died: John Preston Martin Davidson, 85, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital.

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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 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.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by February 3, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. February 4, 1997 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 3, 1997.

NOTICE OF PHASE I BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0254

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, 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.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must

be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 3, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. February 4, 1997 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 3, 1997.

NOTICE OF 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, Kentucky 41653. 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.

The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330) intends to apply for Phase I Bond Releases for Increment No. 14 on Permit No. 836-0205 which was last issued on October 13, 1996. The increment covers approximately 19.82 acres surface area, and underlies approximately 11.89 acres.

The operation is located at Grethel in Floyd County, and is 0.15 mile northwest from KY 979's junction with KY 1426. The latitude is 37° 29' 17" and the longitude is 82° 40' 11" and is located on the McDowell 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) now in effect 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 com-

pleted 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.

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 stockpiling of coal. The revised area will have a postmining landuse of wildlife habitat and a contemporaneous reclamation variance is being requested.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Larry Moore of P.O. Box 185, McDowell, KY 41647. The name of the proposed business entertainment is G&L Bar & Carryout. The nature of the business will be beer by drink, pinball, jukebox, video machines and pool tables in the G&L Bar & Carryout.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the past two (2) years prior to the date of the filing of the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than January 16, 1997, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the appli-

cation shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for January 16, 1997, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Courthouse Annex in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

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:

1984 Cadillac Eldorado, Serial #1G6AL5782EE676290. 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 seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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a championship golf course. The site for this development will be approximately 700 acres of reclaimed mine lands created by a mountain top removal project currently in process.

The deadline for the submittal of Qualification Statements is Monday, January 20, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., EST. Requests for program documents shall be made to: Attention Edward Nairn PE, Chairman, Prestonsburg Properties Advisory Committee, c/o City of Prestonsburg, 90 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Telephone or Fax 606-886-6946.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposals are now being accepted for one (1) 15-passenger van and for one (1) full size or smaller pickup truck. Specifications are available by contacting the Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; or call 606-285-3681 (TDD 1-800-247-2510).

NOTICE

On December 4, 1996, Ed Walters Broadcasting, Inc., filed an FCC assignment of license application for WPRT 960-AM and WXXZ 105.5 FM to Adam Gearheart d/b/a WXLRFM. The shareholders of Ed Walters are Jeff and Arnold Meek. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at 81 Right Fork of Shop Branch, Stanville, KY 41659.



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Drop pretzels into chocolate one at a time. Using fork, lift each pretzel from chocolate, allowing excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper-lined surface. Let stand until firm, 30 minutes or more (time varies depending on room temperature). May be refrigerated to harden, if desired.

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Graham crackers
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Vanilla milk chips
Sprinkle graham cracker square with one teaspoon seedless raisins and one tablespoon vanilla milk chips. Top with second cracker square. Microwave at high (100 percent), using following times, or until chips are softened. Gently press crackers together. Enjoy warm or cool completely.

One s'more: 35 to 40 seconds
Two s'mores: 45 to 50 seconds
Four s'mores: one minute

COUNTRY-STYLE VEGETABLE SOUP

4 large shin bones, cracked
1 head of cabbage, shredded
2 green peppers, chopped
2 cups lima beans, canned
2 cups tomatoes, canned
1 bunch celery, diced
2 lg. onions, sliced
2 cups carrots, chopped
2 cups corn, canned
2 qts. cold water
2 Tbs. salt
2 tsp. flour
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 bay leaf

Put shin bones into large kettle, cover with water. Bring to a boil and skim off fat. Add seasonings and bay leaf and cook shin bones over low heat 2-3 hours. Add more water if necessary. Add vegetables and cook slowly for 20 to 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

QUICK SPAGHETTI SAUCE

1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup butter
1 garlic clove, minced
2 cups mushrooms, thin sliced
1/4 tsp. oregano
Salt, pepper

First, start cooking enough spaghetti for four — an eight-ounce package.

Next, warm the oil in a saucepan. Add the butter and simmer till it's melted.

Now, add the garlic, mushrooms, and salt, and cook till the mushrooms are tender — about 12 minutes — stirring it most of the time. Finally, add the oregano and pepper, mix everything thoroughly, and serve it over the cooked spaghetti.

SOUR CREAM SUGAR NUTS

1/2 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cup sugar

Burley market opens; highest prices ever

Kentucky burley producers are finding higher prices this year for their crop, with most burley selling today at about \$1.92 per pound without much regard for grade—eight cents higher than last year's opening day.

"Tight national and world supplies are keeping buyers interested in Kentucky burley. Prices should remain high throughout the market season," said Will Snell, extension agricultural economist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Although most grades sold in the \$1.92 range on opening day, some lower stalk leaves sold at \$1.94 per pound due to a shortage caused by blue mold fungus early in the growing season, he said.

According to Snell, U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that the eight-state burley belt will produce about 584 million pounds, although many trade insiders believe actual sales will be considerably less than that. Under USDA regulations, the eight-state burley belt could sell about 725 million pounds this year, if that much were produced.

"It appears that this year demand will be significant enough that grading into several grades will not pay producers for their time. However, long-term quota stability depends on maintaining our quality superiority in the world market," Snell said.

1 tsp. vanilla
13 oz. walnuts

Mix sour cream and sugar; cook over slow heat, stir all the time until it reaches 238°. Add nuts and vanilla, pour out onto waxed paper to cool.

CHICKEN COUNTRY CAPTAIN PIE

Filling:
3 slices bacon, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium bell pepper, cut in thin slices
1 clove garlic, minced
1 Tbs. curry powder
1 (14.5-oz.) cans diced tomatoes
3 cups diced, cooked chicken
1/3 cup golden raisins
1/2 tsp. salt
Crust:
1 cup Martha White Self-Rising Flour
1 Tbs. sugar
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
6 Tbs. cold water
1/3 cup toasted slivered almonds

Heat oven to 400°F. Grease a shallow 2-quart baking dish. In large skillet, cook bacon. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon and set aside. Cook onion, pepper, garlic and curry in bacon drippings until vegetables are just tender. Stir in tomatoes, chicken, raisins, cooked bacon and salt; bring to a boil. Spoon into greased baking dish. In medium bowl, combine flour and sugar. Using pastry

blender or two knives, cut butter into flour until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add almonds; stir gently. Stirring with fork, add enough water to make a soft dough and mixture leaves sides of bowl. On lightly floured surface, knead dough gently just until smooth, about five times. Pat into shape to fit in baking dish. Gently place dough over chicken mixture. Bake at 400°F for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown.

SAUSAGE CORNBAKE

1 egg
1 1/2 cups milk
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 cups Martha White Self-Rising Corn Meal Mix
1 tsp. sugar
8 oz. pork sausage, browned and drained

Heat oven to 450° F. Grease a 10-inch cast iron skillet and place in oven to heat. In medium bowl, beat egg. Add milk, oil, corn meal mix and sugar; stir until smooth. Stir in sausage. Pour batter into greased skillet. Bake at 450°F for 20 to 25 minutes.

PIZZA PROVENÇAL

1 long loaf French bread, split lengthwise
1 jar (14 ounces) Ragù Pizza Quick sauce
1 cup thinly sliced yellow pepper
1 cup thinly sliced red pepper
1 cup thinly sliced zucchini
1/2 cup sliced black olives
3 cups shredded mozzarella

cheese
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place French bread halves on baking sheet. Evenly top each with Ragù Pizza Quick sauce. Layer yellow and red peppers, zucchini and black olives. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and parsley. Bake 20-25 minutes or until cheese is bubbly. Serves 6.

MEXICALI PIZZA MUFFINS

6 English muffins, split and toasted
1 jar (14 oz.) Ragù Pizza Quick sauce
1 can (8 3/4 oz) red kidney beans, drained
1 cup chopped onion
1-2 tablespoons finely chopped jalapeno pepper
12 tortilla chips
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1 tablespoon chili powder
Preheat oven to 425°F. Spoon 1 1/2 tablespoons Ragù Pizza Quick sauce on each toasted muffin half. Evenly top with beans, onion, jalapeno pepper, tortilla chips and cheese. Sprinkle with chili powder. Bake 12-15 minutes or until heated through. Serves 12.

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