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## News Briefs

### Appalachian Holiday at PCC

Prestonsburg Community College invites the community to share the college's Appalachian Holiday Celebration tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Johnson Administration Building. Featured will be holiday food celebrating the Appalachian heritage and live entertainment. The event will also include sales of a holiday card featuring a reproduction of artist Tom Whitaker's painting of the PCC Riverwalk gazebo. The card is the first in a series of holiday cards featuring limited-edition Whitaker prints for PCC.

### 'Tis the season

Christ United Methodist Church at Allen will have its Live Drive-Through Nativity next Sunday and Monday, from 6 to 9:30 each evening. The church has also scheduled its Christmas Cantata, "Sing We Now of Christmas," for Sunday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m., and its Christmas Eve Candlelight Service for Dec. 24, at 11 p.m.

### Pianist at PCC

Pianist Mabel Lim will be in concert Friday at 7 p.m. in the Pike Auditorium at Prestonsburg Community College. From Malaysia, Lim is a junior piano performance major at the University of Kentucky and was recently a finalist in the Malaysian National Piano Competition. She will play works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Liszt and other composers. Free and open to the public, the concert will be followed by a reception for the artist. The presentation is sponsored by PCC's Multicultural Task Force Committee.

### Floyd man sentenced

Millard Conn of Auxier was sentenced recently to five years in prison by Knott County Judge John Robert Morgan, according to a report in the Troublesome Creek Times. The jail term followed Conn's guilty pleas to one count of third degree burglary and two counts of first degree wanton endangerment. He was charged with burglary of the Hindman Pic Pac store in April 1997.

### The color of life

The Central Kentucky Blood Center's "Home for the Holidays" coloring contest begins today at the Prestonsburg Donor Center. Children ages 5-10 may pick up coloring pages at the center on the second floor of City Hall, 200 N. Lake Dr. Winners will be chosen in two categories, ages 5-7 and ages 8-10, with prizes in each. Drop off completed coloring pages by Dec. 21. For information, call 606/886-1557.

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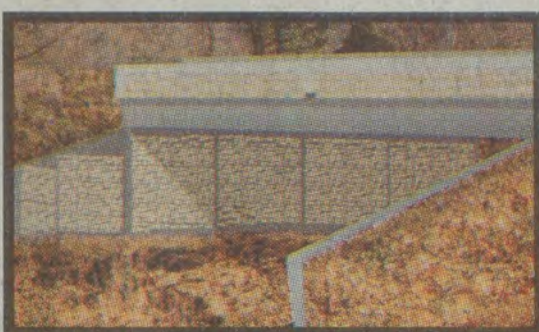
# 4-lane will enhance battlefield

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

Progress will take a curve at Middle Creek to preserve a chunk of Floyd County's Civil War history.

Speaking Tuesday in Frankfort, Johnnie Ross, an environmental coordinator with the state Transportation Cabinet, announced that the site of a Civil War battle at Middle Creek will be protected when the state Transportation Department builds a four-lane highway from Prestonsburg to Clark Elementary.

Ross, Secretary James C. Codell, and three other environmental coordinators, made announcements about four sites throughout the state that will be preserved by the Transportation Cabinet. In addition to Middle Creek, preservation projects include a recreational area at the Land Between the Lakes in Trigg and Marshall counties; realignment of Cemetery Road in



A concrete wall made to look like rock and an earthen berm behind the wall will buffer the battlefield from the new four-lane at Middle Creek. (Artist rendition)

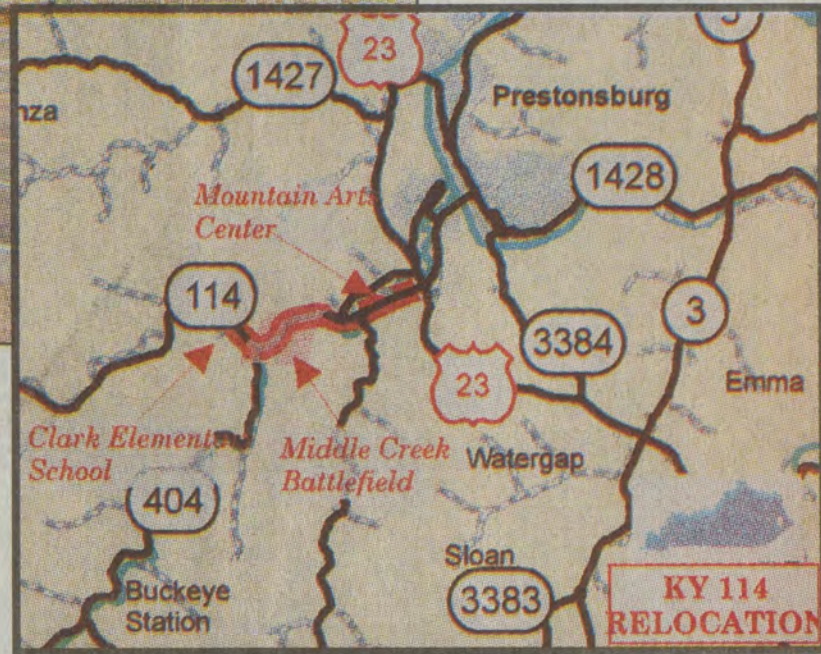
Bowling Green; and an archeological site at Monterey in Paris.

At Middle Creek, a concrete guardwall, painted to resemble rock

and made from native sandstone, will flow from the battlefield site to a bridge near the entrance to West Prestonsburg.

"We decided the guardwall would make the most significant impact visually," Ross said in an interview Thursday. "We (transportation officials) met with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) about the Battle of Middle Creek ... Then we met with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort Environmental Analysis representatives, two design engineers and the landowner. The engi-

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## Partiers desecrate cemetery

by Pam Shingler  
Editor

A visitor needs only to look around and to sniff the air to know what goes on at the Ferguson Cemetery at Harold.

The site is apparently an all-hours, no cover charge nightclub for some people and a no-license, no-limit hunting preserve for others.

The ground is strewn with beer bottles and beer



Florence Lewis and Castle Collins stand in front of a trash pile that's accumulated on Ferguson Cemetery at Harold where many of their family members are buried. Unseen behind them are the carcasses of two slaughtered deer. (photo by Pam Shingler)

cans, with fast food bags and wrappers, and with evidence that revel-

ers are — on the positive side — practicing safe sex.

A set of truck tires and several vehicle oil bottles have been deposited along the cemetery road.

As if the trash were not enough, last week the carcasses of three deer were left to rot, emitting the stench of death throughout.

Florence Lewis, who owns the hillside and a family plot, says a fourth deer had been killed but its body was apparently thrown over the hill.

Lewis, who lives across the road in Fox Bottom, believes the deer were part of a herd that grazed on the cemetery and regularly went across US 23 to the river.

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## Grand Jury indicts 18, presents report

Times Staff Report

The 1998 Floyd County Grand Jury ended its term of service Monday with a final presentation of indictments to 18 persons.

In his report, Gary D. Johnson, jury foreman, said that since April the group returned 103 indictments against 103 individuals with a total of 256 counts. Jurors also considered around 80 cases that did not result in indictments, the report said.

The jury filed an indictment for second-degree manslaughter against Timothy Mullins, 23, of 3513 Half Mountain Rd., Salyersville. Mullins was reportedly the driver of a coal truck which collided with a car driven by Sybil Coleman Thacker of Abbott Creek

on Oct. 26. Thacker died as a result of injuries she suffered in the crash, which occurred on US 23 at the intersection of KY 1428.

Terri Lynn Jarrell, 23, of Harold, was indicted on seven counts of theft by unlawful taking, occurring between Jan. 7 and April 19 and involving \$8,771.50 entrusted to her as attorney's fees due Eric Conn.

The indictment says that on Jan. 7, Jarrell received \$1,278 payable to Conn from Sally Jones; on March 18, \$570 from Ellis Little; on March 25, \$1,009 and \$1,008 from Betty Music; on March 25, \$1,377 from Earl Mullins; and on April 15, \$1,819, and April 19, \$1,711, both from Joe Johnson.

Two persons were indicted on sexual abuse charges. William

Patton Wells, 74, of 1184 KY 466, Weeksbury, was charged with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse, involving a child less than 12 years old. The offenses allegedly occurred between January and May of this year.

Charges on a count of first-degree sexual abuse and a count of first-degree sodomy led to the indictment of Roger D. Henderson, 49, of Bryant Branch at Hi Hat. Both charges dated January through December of 1996 and involved a child under the age of 12.

Brian Mulkey, 26, of Wayland was indicted on one count of first-degree assault. He is accused of

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## Corps agrees to reconsider closing of Dewey roadway

by Pam Shingler  
Editor

Some people came to the meeting skeptical and a little testy, but most left somewhat hopeful that KY 302 on the north side of Dewey Lake will not have to close.

The US Army Corps of Engineers invited the public to a forum Monday night to discuss its plan to build an auxiliary spillway for Dewey Dam to empty into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy at Auxier.

About 40 residents of Floyd and Johnson counties attended the meeting at the convention center at

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park which entwines the dam.

The Dewey Lake Dam Safety Assurance Project, in the works by the Corps for more than a decade, proposes to bring the 50-year-old dam up to modern standards and protect the area from what is termed a "probable maximum flood."

Hydraulic engineer Coy Miller, with the Corps' Huntington district office, emphasized that the "dam is safe with regard to the original design."

However, he said, modifications

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## Un-incorporation is topic at Allen commission meeting

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

Amid discussions about rescinding an earlier motion to close a road and how to deal with a dog problem, the Allen City Commission listened to a request Monday evening from a citizen to exclude part of the city from the corporation limits.

At an earlier meeting, the commission had made a motion to close Colliver Road because it had become in disrepair and was being used as a dumping ground. On

reconsideration, commission members realized that this road is the only outlet in times of flooding.

A discussion followed about whether to table the matter or rescind the motion. City Clerk Bill Parsons said that tabling the motion would make it impossible to bring the subject up in the future. "We would cripple future generations dealing with this problem," said Parsons.

City attorney Stacy Marshall said the matter could be handled by

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## Tax penalties are higher

by Pam Shingler  
Editor

Putting off paying your property tax bill will cost you more this year than before.

Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, whose job it is to collect taxes, advises that a new law passed in the last General Assembly aims to speed up tax collections within counties.

Property owners who delay paying tax bills could end up paying almost 30 percent in compounded late charges if they wait until next spring to pay.

Under the previous law, taxpayers faced a two percent penalty if the bill was a month late in being paid, a straight, noncumulative 10 percent penalty after two months and another 10 percent if the bill was turned over to the county attor-

ney. The new law, HB 568, starts out with a five percent penalty, adds 10 percent of the bill plus the penalty and then another 10 percent on the total bill and penalty.

Thompson uses the example of a tax bill of \$100. If you paid the bill in November shortly after you received it, you would get a two percent discount and would pay \$98. If you pay the bill this month, December, you pay face value of the bill, \$100.

If you set the bill aside until January, you pay the face value plus a five percent penalty, or \$105. If by February you have not paid, you pay a penalty of 10 percent of the bill plus previous penalty, or \$115.50.

If you still have not paid in

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The colors of Christmas

Hundreds of poinsettias fill one of the greenhouses at Blackburn's Garden Center at Stanville. The tropical plant, which can be kept all year by green-thumbers, is a traditional Christmas favorite, filling homes and businesses nationwide. (photo by Pam Shingler)

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**Cemetery**

The slain deer, she said, had been gutted, the good meat taken, and the offal left to decay along with the hide and skeleton.

Last Friday, Lewis and her nephew Thurman Lewis were gathering bottles and papers in piles to bag up and were clearing brush from the hillside where more garbage is hidden. Over the hill, they even found women's underwear to add to the trash piles.

"I had a washtub out here to collect the garbage in," she said, "and somebody dumped it out and put the washtub over the hill." She had spent much of the morning picking up broken pieces of glass beer bottles from where the tub had been emptied onto the cemetery road.

Earlier in the year, Lewis said,

she found bloody clothes, still wet, at the cemetery. Frightened, she went home to find someone to come back with her. When she and her friend returned a few hours later, the garments were gone.

Castle Collins, who lives at Betsy Layne and has a family plot in the Ferguson Cemetery, said he picks up three to four bags of garbage a month there.

Last week after seeing the deer and the other debris, Collins said he was "so aggravated and torn up, I'm telling you, I didn't sleep any." The 81-year-old, who raised his family in Michigan before retiring and moving back home in 1975, has recovered from a heart attack and a broken back and still keeps several cemetery plots clean.

In July, Collins said he filled a large garbage bag with beer cans and food containers from under a single tree.

"It's disgusting," said Lewis, who worked in Louisville for 20 years before moving back to take care of her parents.

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"It's more than disgusting," Collins replied, "to see what people will do."

Collins pointed out that many veterans are buried in the cemetery, including some who fought in the Civil War. He said he has called numerous county offices to see what can be done about the misuse of the cemetery road, but has received little encouragement.

"How do the state and county expect us to keep things clean if they won't help us keep our cemeteries clean?" he asked.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale said he's heard the problem of trashing cemeteries is "all

over the county." Hale said the only advice he can give is for cemetery owners to put up a gate to limit access. "Basically, it's a law enforcement problem," he said.

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said, "All we can do is try to patrol (the cemetery)." He advised people who live around a cemetery to call the sheriff's office or the Kentucky State Police if they know "a party is going on" on the cemetery or if they hear gun shots in the case of animal poachers.

Thompson added that ordinary citizens can file a criminal summons against people caught vandalizing or littering or violating other laws.

**Dewey**

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must be made to the dam project to protect a population of more than 28,000 from John's Creek to the Ohio River in case of a maximum flood which could happen but probably won't.

Most of those who attended the meeting did not oppose modifications to the dam. Rather, they opposed the closing of the two-mile stretch of road where the Corps wants to dump the rocks and dirt it displaces in building the new spillway.

"The surplus of material is the only reason to close the road?" asked Randy Burchett, a Prestonsburg architect. "This is the most scenic view of the lake."

Project manager Mark Kessinger replied that the "spoil material" — up to 700,000 cubic yards — will be placed along the road so that persons could still walk around the area.

Prestonsburg Councilman Trent Nairn insisted that the road is important to tourism in the area. "People want to drive this road to overlook the lake. You're taking part of the view," Nairn said.

"This will cost us in tourism dollars," said Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who pleaded with the Corps staff to consider alternatives to the road closing.

Two alternatives were broached by the audience. One was to build a bridge over the spillway, which is to be located on the short stretch of KY 3051 leading from KY 321 to the lake road. The spoil material could be dumped somewhere else and KY 302 could be left open.

Corps engineer Miller said a bridge would double the cost of the project, which is estimated at just under \$8 million.

Another alternative was to construct a road through the spillway since it will have no water in it, except possibly during the maximum flood when everything would be flooded anyway.

"What we would like," said Prestonsburg Councilman Hansel Cooley, "is for safety and tourism to work hand in hand."

Project Manager Kessinger said he did not believe that the Corps could use the allocated money for anything other than the original project design.

"Call the congressman," suggested Mayor Fannin, referring to Cong. Hal Rogers, who has been successful in directing federal funds for tourism and development into the area.

"We can consider the project (of keeping the road) as tourism enhancement," added Fred James, the city's director of tourism.

Kessinger responded, "Writing to your congressman is good, and writing to the Corps is a good option. We hear you loud and clear and are willing to work with you."

"We will make our boss know there is significant concern here, and we will ask engineers to look at options," he said.

Some audience members questioned why no previous public forums had dealt with the closing of the road and the construction of the spillway.

None of the Corps representatives was aware of hearings on the project, but Miller said that typically project materials are placed in libraries or other public places and public comment is invited.

"Does anything we say now affect the project, or is it too late?" asked Nairn.

"We don't want to steamroll you," said Lt. Col. Dave Bartlett, deputy commander of the Huntington Corps operation. "We will do our best to find a win-win situation."

"What we need to know and what you need to tell the congressman is how much would be lost by closing the road," Bartlett said. "Congress is interested in the 10,000 people impacted by the spillway project, and Congress is also interested in tourism development."

Steven Wright of the Corps' Huntington office said yesterday that those involved in the Dewey Dam project had met early Tuesday morning and made the decision "to look at different options," as a result of Monday's public meeting.

"We are going to look at a variety of possibilities and see what we can come up with," he said. "Funding is still a pretty critical question."

**Tax**

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March when the sheriff turns delinquencies over to the county attorney for legal action, your bill goes up by another 10 percent of the original bill and the added on penalties to become \$127.05.

To save money, Thompson urges taxpayers to pay early and avoid penalties.

Despite problems with wrong addresses in sending out the original tax bills, Thompson said his office has already collected more than \$5 million, making this November the largest first month collection ever. The figure represents between 65 and 70 percent of total billing.

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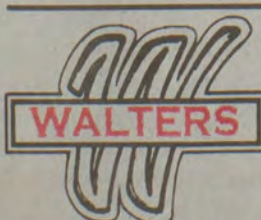
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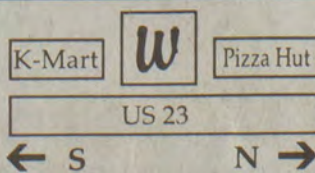
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# Jury

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shooting Michael Slone with a pistol on Sept. 6.

Five counts related to a burglary were charged against Robert Wendell Bishop, 40, of Teaberry. Bishop is charged with unlawfully entering the home of Darrin Howell on Sept. 15, armed with a weapon. The counts include first-degree burglary and four counts of theft by unlawful taking of a shotgun, a rifle, a black powder rifle and four diamond rings, with a total estimated value of \$1,150.

Clyde Isaac, 52, of Bypro was indicted on four counts of wanton endangerment in the first-degree. He

is charged with shooting a firearm at the residences of Patty Ann Perry, William Chad Perry, Candy Ann Compton, and Shawn Dale Compton, all occurring on March 8 of this year.

Randall L. Mullins, 24, of 284 S. Central Ave., Prestonsburg, is charged with one count of intimidating a witness by allegedly threatening Ronnie E. Slone with physical harm. The charge, dating to Oct. 12, 1996, says Mullins believed Slone would be called as a witness in an official proceeding involving an investigation by Prestonsburg Police.

Indicted on five counts of theft by deception was Ruben Hall, 45, of Hi Hat. The charges relate to the issuing of five checks that the defendant allegedly knew would not be honored to Bill's Fish Farm between April 13 and July 29 of 1995. The checks were in the amounts of \$410, \$390, \$390, \$390, and \$290.

Shirley Fogle, 43, of McDowell was indicted on three counts, all relating to prescriptions from Wheelwright Clinic on July 10. The defendant is charged with one count of second-degree forgery by altering a prescription; one count of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument by possessing an altered prescription; and one count of fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance by altering a prescription.

obtaining a controlled substance by altering a prescription to obtain Lortab on Oct. 17.

Ronald Frasure Jr., 38, of 892 Abbott Mountain Rd., East Point, was indicted on two counts relating to marijuana. On charges dated June 3, he is accused of trafficking in a controlled substance by manufacturing and/or possessing marijuana with the intent to sell or transfer it and of marijuana cultivation for knowingly and unlawfully planting, cultivating or harvesting five or more marijuana plants for the purpose of sale or transfer.

Billy R. Craft, 28, of Auxier was indicted on one count of marijuana cultivation for knowingly and unlawfully planting and cultivating five or more marijuana plants for the purpose of sale or transfer, in a case dated June 25.

Darrell Craig Baker, 36, of Pine Top received an indictment on one count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked or suspended for driving under the influence. The incident, dated July 30, was allegedly his third offense.

Charged with flagrant nonsupport was Bryan Joe Hall, 40, of 172 Green Hall Branch at Banner.

A 19th indictment was made and then later remanded to District Court after it was determined that the charges were misdemeanors.

An indictment signifies that the grand jury believes sufficient evidence exists to bring a case to trial; it does not establish guilt.

# Battlefield

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neers told us how it would impact this resource.

"We began discussions on how to preserve the resource. The SHPO suggested (we think about it from the aspect of a) casual Sunday drive. If they (the drivers) didn't know what happened here, then we wanted them to know it was somehow different. That started a discussion on how we could do this."

That talk included ideas such as laying a different color of pavement in front of the site, but that could prove hazardous to drivers at night, Ross said. So, the group "narrowed their scope" to look at how it could be made to look historically significant.

Sidewalls of bridges in the project will also match the guardwall. Re-enforced grass, consisting of construction fabric, gravel, top soil, and grass, will line the roadway. The grass will prevent less damage to the site from car tires that accidentally run off the road.

An earthen berm will also be constructed on the present site of KY 114 along the battlefield. The berm will screen the road from the battlefield to give visitors a sense of seclusion, Ross said. The berm will also buffer road noise.

A park entrance has been designed for the battlefield site because future plans for development include a visitors center; a parking area, a walking trail from Archer Park to the battlefield; a floating pedestrian bridge across Middle Creek; and the restoration of approximately 500 feet of the original Pound Gap Road, Ross said.

To further preserve the ambiance of a historical site, the Transportation Cabinet is working with utility companies to relocate or bury utility lines at the site.

Ross said that one of most important aspects of the project is that the Transportation Cabinet will "actually own less right-of-way property" after the four-lane is built.

"Instead of purchasing property, we'll get easements and give the property back to the landowners," he said.

When Ross was first asked to look at the property, he thought it was an unimportant part of Floyd County history.

"I had grown up here, and I didn't think it was a very significant part of the Civil War," he explained. "In my meeting with the SHPO I received Xerox copies of Garfield and Marshall's journals. The journals were extremely interesting. They gave me just enough information to want more. I talked with Bob Perry (a local historian) and read parts of John David Preston's book about the Battle of Middle Creek.

"I also recently bought a historic home that was built in 1884. I discovered a Civil War pistol. I offered it to the son of the previous owner. He didn't want it. I had it cleaned up."

The person who cleaned the gun, a Colt revolver, gave Ross more information about the gun's Civil War history.

"I began to wonder if that pistol was used in that battle (at Middle Creek)," Ross said. "It was the gun coupled with the journals and my new job that made me look at a place I had known all my life and never paid any attention to it. It caused me to change my mind."

"To me, the Civil War was something that happened somewhere else. Now, I saw it happened in our own yard — and not even our backyard, our front yard," he said.

# Floyd County roads ready for snow plows

Roadwork being completed on Floyd County roads and throughout Kentucky includes upgrading the state's Life-Lites, the snowplowable raised reflective pavement markers credited with helping state-drivers navigate in all weather conditions, 365 days a year.

Life-Lite studies conducted by various government agencies throughout the country report accident reductions up to 78 percent. These markers are especially helpful to senior drivers, whose numbers are expected to increase 48.7 percent statewide in upcoming years.

Kentucky's 1998 Life-Lite renovation plan included installation of more than 60,000 markers and more than 100,000 reflectors on selected 2-lane, 3-lane, 4-lane, 6-lane, and 8-lane roads. In Floyd, this included new lenses in markers on US 23.

Life-Lites provide a unique visual guidance system which allows drivers to see up to 1000 feet down the road. They are recognized as a boost to driver comfort, especially in night and/or rainy conditions, where the reflected light and the slight bump from the markers help the roads better communicate with drivers.

A study sponsored by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet recommended that a "20 percent reduction in wet-night accidents and a 10 percent reduction in dry-night

accidents be used as an estimate of the effect of raised markers for system wide installation."

Life-Lites also provide greater roadway delineation to older drivers and those whose visual capabilities may be reduced. Statistics from the US Census Bureau indicate that Kentucky's population 65 and older will increase 48.7% between 1995 and 2020 and that nationwide senior drivers will increase by 53.2 million in the same period.

Wayne Gunn, spokesman for Stimsonite Corporation (inventors of Life-Lites) states, "Kentucky's investment in Life-Lites makes sense for old and young drivers alike. Life-Lites are a cost effective way to increase road safety and reduce accidents. In 1994 the average cost of an automobile fatality in the United States was over \$824,000 per incident. With these costs sure to rise, can we afford not to install safety devices such as Life-Lites?"

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### ORDINANCE #98-011 AMENDMENT #9

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Floyd County Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999, to include unanticipated receipts from Rural and Municipal Aid in the amount of \$88,244.00, and increasing expenditures in the area of the LGEA Fund is scheduled to be held on December 18, 1998, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse, second floor. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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# Viewpoint

Quote of the week...  
Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away.  
—Sir Arthur Helps

Wednesday, December 9, 1998 A4

## Editorial

Because some humans are irresponsible and uncaring, there will always be too many puppies and kittens and there will always be too many adult dogs and cats that made the mistake of growing up to be big or ugly or fertile.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter does the best it can with not enough resources and way too many critters to take care of. The folks there try — with uneven results — to rectify the cruelty and hard-heartedness of others.

As the spirit of giving overtakes us during the Christmas season, let's not forget the furry babies, the ancestors of which quite likely stood around the babe in the manger halfway across the globe a couple thousand years ago.

The animal shelter workers will do the feeding and the cleaning up if we will be thoughtful enough to buy the food or donate money to buy it with. For less than the cost of many a trinket, a stocking stuffer even, we can sustain a four-legged baby until a big-hearted person chooses to adopt it.

We can all do a lot worse with our money than give it to the animal shelter.

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While you've got your wallet out, consider another most worthy project.

Research long ago and recent — as well as common sense — shows that a child who is read to and who reads will do far better in school than the child who does not.

Unfortunately, many, many children in our area are not read to, except perhaps in school, and live in homes where there is a dearth of books and other reading material.

We may not be able to

## Bless the furry babes

give children we don't know better homes, better parents or better guidance, but we can give them books.

The Storybook Christmas project is sponsored by the Lexington Herald-Leader, International Book Project and WYMT-TV in Hazard to put books in the hands of children in central and eastern Kentucky, including Floyd County. Bookstores in the area cooperate to make the project possible.

Sure, bookstores and newspapers — and even TV stations — have a vested interest in a populace that reads. But so should everyone else. Children who read become better educated adults, and better educated adults become better citizens and better citizens make up progressive, safe, prosperous societies.

You can buy a book for the Storybook Project or make a donation at Read-More Books in Prestonsburg or Pikeville and at Words 'n Stuff in Van Lear or Words II in Paintsville.

The reading lamp is on.  
— Pam Shingler



## Letters to the Editor

### 911, ANOTHER ILL-CONCEIVED IDEA

When the Floyd County Fiscal Court announced a few weeks ago that the 911 system was "on line," I stated that such a claim would gag a maggot off a gut wagon. After attending the 911 advisory board meeting on December 2, I realize that I made a terrible understatement. The claim would gag every maggot off of every gut wagon east of the Mississippi River. To face the cold stark reality of the situation, we are worse off than we were before the 911 system was ever started.

After about 110 months and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent, the only visible and acknowledged improvement is that we are able to dial an easy-to-remember three-digit number instead of the previous seven-digit number to reach the Pikeville Police Post. Again, this is no more than "call forwarding" which was already available to county telephones, as was pre-set automatic emergency number dialing from a single button on the telephone. Thus the "easy-to-remember" 911 number appears to be like a poorly written book; it is simply not worth the candle.

Nothing else works in the system. Or is even remotely close to working at an acceptable level of efficiency. Or of being at an acceptable standard to go "on-line." The county has not been mapped for the 911 system. The owner of the company performing this task died, and his heirs are apparently closing the company down (i.e. going out of business.) So there is no date certain, not even reasonably certain, when the county 911 maps will be completed, or who will complete them. From memory we have started over six (6) times on the county mapping for the 911. Perhaps the seventh time will be lucky for us. So for another year we are back on square one. When you call the 911 dispatcher, you must tell them who you are, where you live, and give them some prominent landmark so the police or fire department can find you. So look up and down your road or street for well-known landmarks

such as funeral homes; churches or Dairy Queens.

Floyd County has 399 square miles of land, thousands of miles of roads and hundreds of un-named creeks, hollers, lanes, and simply roads going up a hillside. Less than one-tenth of one percent of these roads, etc., have 911 road signs. Some houses have been numbered, but the emergency people or police must be able to find your road before they can find your house. The fire department can probably see your fire from the main road. But if your assailant is a robber or rapist, pray that he is a friendly understanding one that will let you send a family member out to the main road to direct the police to your house.

However, the roads signs probably represent an icon of the true condition of the Floyd County 911 system. A local gas company gave the county used gas pipe for the street and road signs.

About two out of five pagers will respond to a call from the dispatcher. At other times, every pager responds to signals not sent by the dispatcher. Weather and high winds affect their operation. The pagers are considered junk by most of the firemen.

It goes on and on; but most of our people know what is going on. After about 110 months and hundreds of thousands of dollars, virtually nothing has been accomplished.

But perhaps the 911 system may have a deeper symbolic meaning...Perhaps Floyd County is not capable of self-government. At least the present election process does not produce men and women capable of managing the county efficiently and honestly.

The 911 system simply joins a long line of ill-conceived, poorly planned and poorly executed projects such as Thunder Ridge; RND, and the Solid Waste fiasco. We need to find a better way.

Lloyd Goble  
Prestonsburg

### GIFT DOESN'T HAVE TO COST MONEY

Editor:

A young person wrote me: "Christmas is coming up. My mother and father are divorced. She and I live together. I have no brothers or sisters. I would like to get her something really nice. She has a lot of nice things so it would be hard for me to decide on what to get her. I have one other problem. I'm broke. I can't afford to get her anything. I do love her a lot and she loves me. What could I get her that she would really like? It has to be something really low priced. Don't use my name."

I answered: "We live in a very materialistic society where things are important. We wrongly believe

we must buy expensive gifts to make someone happy. Not so. When I was thirteen years old I had no money and my mother's birthday was the next day. I didn't know what to do. In desperation I wrote an eight line poem to her. It was about how I love her and need her. I wrote it neatly and gave it to her in an envelope. She kept and cherished that short poem until the day she died, some fifty years later.

"Your gift does not have to be something you buy. Try a poem, from your heart."

Tony Weissgarber  
San Antonio, TX.

### WRITER BRINGS MOTHER ON 'BITTERSWEET JOURNEY'

Editor:

Recently, I brought my mother, Georgia Salisbury Davis, home to the hills for the last time. It was a bittersweet journey, one I had long known I would have to make.

Mother was born and raised in Floyd County (as was I), but she had been in Louisville over nine years so that I could keep watch. I was worried that she would be forgotten and that few would find their way to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for the

wake and the funeral. Still, it was unthinkable not to bring her home to the land of our people—to Martin.

Her home, high on a hill, looks over the trees across Highway 23 and the railroad tracks at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and onto the valley where family members have lived so long. This is the land she most dearly loved surrounded by her most beloved people.

(See Journey, page six)

## Letters to the Editor

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## Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer



I will be the first to admit that technology is terrific. I like the idea of turning on the computer and having my choice of reading the *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *New York Times*, or practically any columnist that is nationally known.

I can even read the Drudge Report. It has gotten a bad name, but it certainly has some good links.

Ryan gets upset with me. He says, "All this material to choose from on the World Wide Web and Daddy reads *Time*, *Newsweek*, and the newspapers."

I also like the idea that the computer tells me that I have misspelled words or written a sentence that no one could possi-

## Computations

ble understand, but I really don't need a computer for that — Pam Shingler tells me that all the time.

In fact, the spell checker can cause as much trouble as it prevents. Occasionally, Pam will say, "Willie, the Floyd County School System is overstaffed, not over-stuffed" or "The mayor of Martin is Alan Whicker, not Alan Whiskers."

Another time she said, "Willie, PCC is accepting gifts, not fits."

Sometimes I will write a sentence with a misplaced modifier (and I used to be an English teacher) such as "A pen was lost by a man filled with green ink."

There's an upside to this: Pam always gets a laugh out of these Lulu's.

The various computer programs have wizards that do everything for the user. That's the part that scares me. Will it come to the point where we don't have to think for ourselves, and will all reports and publication layouts look almost identical?

The Teachers' Retirement System has already told me that I have to use direct deposit. I know this saves money and lessens the chance of checks being misplaced, but I did enjoy visiting with the people at Guaranty, then Trans Financial, then Star, and soon to be The FirStar.

(Heck, I looked forward to doing banking for no other reason than to find out what the name was for that month).

Linda told me she liked to see her check and feel it in her hands. I believed her all these years. Turns out she had the check come directly to her, so we would have to go to the bank and, of course, we would have to eat out. One more time she didn't have to cook. She's against direct deposit.

When I do call a bank or other business, I get a recording that goes something like this: "If you are asking about IRAs, push number 1; if you are asking about checking account, push number 2, and so forth. Why doesn't it ever get around to "If you are calling from Royal Hollow and have no idea what is going on..."

What gets me upset is when I want to purchase something and I have to wait until I have missed the chance to make a fortune on Final Jeopardy before a company finishes my order. Some impersonal voice keeps saying, "Your call is important. Please continue to hold and forget Jeopardy for tonight."

Translated, that means, "We want your money; so hold on until we get our hands on that lovely Master Card number, and then you can watch Jerry Springer for all we care."

I don't let it bother me. I didn't want them to love me or to consider me important in the first place. All I wanted was to

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**Jerry's Food Mart loses WIC rights**

Times Staff Report

A Grethel store has been disqualified from participating in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) for the second time in four years.

Jerry's Food Mart was recently cited by the Department for Public Health for charging for food not received, charging more than the current retail market price for WIC

food items and charging for food not authorized for WIC.

The store, which is owned by Jerry Kidd, was previously cited for charging for food not received in 1995, according to Ruthanne Boyles, vendor management section supervisor with Public Health.

Boyles said that for the first offense the store was disqualified from participating in the program and had to wait one year to reapply.

A news release from the depart-

ment, dated last Friday, said the current disqualification was effective Nov. 13. Since this is the second offense, the store cannot participate in WIC until the year 2000.

Boyles said the department uses undercover investigators to make "compliance buys" to see if store owners are complying with WIC rules.

WIC is a federally-funded program that provides nutrition counseling and specific foods high in

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Dr. Rose is a native of West Liberty, Kentucky and earned her medical degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. She completed her Pediatric Residency at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore and Fellowship training in Neonatology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics and Neonatology Medicine. Dr. Rose has numerous research publications to her credit.

Dr. Rose will join Dr. Shepherd in caring for the infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Pikeville Methodist Hospital in December. Dr. Rose resides in Pikeville with her husband and three children. We welcome her and her family back to Eastern Kentucky.

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## Allen

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withdrawing the motion and stopping any action on the matter. This way, future commissioners would be able to deal with the road problem.

Commissioner Cindy Parsons suggested that since the road was not going to be closed, the city should begin work on cleaning up the garbage and improve the road. The commission agreed to call county officials for help in the matter. At present the commission is not sure who is responsible for upkeep of the road.

Jerome Kinzer asked to speak on the road matter. He said he had property in the area served by the road and suggested the road be left open, repaired, and upgraded.

Kinzer continued the discussion and said the portion of town where he lives, Henton Hollow, "does not receive any services that other residents do." He said he cut the weeds along the road in his area.

Kinzer said some years earlier he obtained the signatures of 90 percent of the citizens of Allen to have the city unincorporated. Since the city was in debt at the time, nothing could be done about the matter.

Bill Parsons reminded Kinzer that city patrolman Virgil Conn

patrols that part of town on a regular basis.

Kinzer asked what could be done about removing the corporation status now that the city had no debt obligations.

Both Bill Parsons and Mayor Sharon Woods said the city had made great progress. "It is no accident that the city is debt-free. We have worked hard to get the city debt-free," said Parsons.

Kinzer said he had not paid his taxes the last few years because he learned that 95 percent of the residents do not pay taxes.

Parsons said he is the city clerk and not a tax collector. He said he would accept any money paid and deposit it for the city but would not go out and become a tax collector. Parsons and Woods said they paid their taxes.

Marshall said the city did not have the kind of authority to collect taxes that the county has.

Woods told Kinzer to bring any

concerns about the matter before the commission for consideration. Bill Parsons reminded the group that obtaining signatures was the first step in getting the matter on the ballot for voting. Changing the status of the city cannot be accomplished by obtaining signatures, but by ballot.

Unattended dogs have become a problem for the city. Marshall offered a possible solution for this problem. He said a new rule would go into effect at the start of the new year that would require owners to license their dogs. The money would allow the county to hire an animal control officer to deal with such problems.

In the meantime the commission plans to contact county officials to see what can be done about the problem until the first of the year.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 15.

## Journey

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As a courtesy to our friends in Louisville, we had a short wake there before heading to Floyd County. I could hardly wait to get on the road; I was homesick for the hills, for the soft, slow mountain voices of my people, and for the sometimes mournful and beautiful church music of my childhood. I wanted to lie under the trees in the warm, dusty mountain earth to heal my pain.

I wanted to see Floyd County's green hills of late August. I wanted to eat cornbread and soup beans.

I wanted to sit on my mother's porch and talk to her and my grandmother long gone from this world. I wanted to bury my grief and my homesickness in the faces of my hometown.

I was not disappointed. Over 120 people from Martin and Floyd County came to pay their respects to my little mother during the two days that we spent at home. Your presence and the many lovely silk and fragrant, live floral arrangements reinforced my value for my heritage and homeland. My thanks go to all of you who came, sent flowers, and sent written cards. I believe Mother knew you dear and precious people were there for her and for all of us who lost her.

We were especially appreciative of the Sheriff's Department for their escort to the cemetery. Your somber presence saw to it that Mother's last ride was regal. Our thanks extend to the minister and the choir of the Martin Church of Christ as well as to Sandra and others at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

We thank the pallbearers: Steve Allen, Bobby Hicks, Franklin D. "Sambo" Salisbury, Bruce David Salisbury, Jim Bush, and Jamie Bush, her only grandson. You carried your precious cargo straight up the steep ridge at Davidson Memorial Gardens. What a lovely gift each of you gave by carrying my mother. As you lifted her, you lifted me, also.

Thank you, Jim Bush, for your lovely, haunting, and humorous eulogy. Thank you, Jamie Bush, for your eloquent reading of the poem our dear Rodney Salisbury brought from Michigan. Thank you, Clara Salisbury Marks, for your tearful and touching reading of the 121st Psalm; I did, indeed, "...lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help..." Thank you, Bobby and Sherry Hicks, for playing and singing Mother's favorite songs as well as mine. Thank you, Joe Villanova, for the sweet remarks you made for my mother.

Again, deep thanks to my mother's beloved family—the children, grandchildren, and other members of the clans of her brothers and sisters as well as other relatives—who came. You are a grand legacy for all of us. And finally, thank you sweet Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for the warm and kind people of Martin and Floyd County, my mother's life, your infinite love and grace, and your promise of everlasting life that sustains us.

Charlene Davis Bush  
Anchorage

## Voices

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place an order.

Yes, technology is wonderful, but every so often I like to talk to a real person or buy something and get back real change in the form of bill and coins. Besides, how can you haggle with a computer or other machines about prices?

Do you read children's books? Well, try some — you'll like them. Linda gave me one the other night entitled *You Are Special*. A nice little story about wooden people, but the message behind the story is the important thing. Get the book, read it to your children and talk about the message.

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### Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

### South Floyd Center provides recreation

The South Floyd Youth Service Center is providing recreational activities before school and during lunch periods. The center is sponsoring several guest presentations. The center has a One Stop

Career Station satellite. This is available to the community, as well as to the students. It is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adult education classes are also taught at the center.

The center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information about activities there, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall at (606) 452-9600, ext. 145 or 158.

### Regular SBDM meeting date

The regular SBDM Council meetings for Duff Elementary has been changed. The meetings will be held on the third Thursdays of each month, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., in the school's library.

### Social Security rep at Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of December.

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income

(SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security, and get questions answered.

### Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous is a voluntary, Worldwide Fellowship of men and women from all walks of life who meet together to attain and maintain sobriety. There are no dues or fees for membership. For information, call 1-800-467-8019.

Alcoholics Anonymous meet on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Greenhouse; Wednesdays at 8 at the Mud Creek Lawson Building; Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 at the Alano Club; and at 11 a.m., Saturday, at the Alano Club, Prestonsburg.

### Prestonsburg's SBDM council meeting

There will be a special-called meeting for Prestonsburg High School's SBDM council on December 10, at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria.

### AMS will perform Christmas play

Christmas at Punkin Holler, by Elizabeth F. Guptill will be performed by Adams Middle School 7th/8th Grade Drama Club at the Adams Middle School Library on December 17, at 5:45 p.m. It is being sponsored by S. Denise Isaac. All parents and public welcome.

### Prestonsburg High P.T.O. meeting

The Prestonsburg High School P.T.O. meeting for Thursday, December 10, at 5:30 has been changed to Wednesday, December 9, at 5:30.

### John Graham Chapter, DAR to meet

John Graham Chapter D.A.R., will meet Monday, December 14, at May Lodge at 12:30 p.m.

### Allen Central Middle School to hold council meet

The Allen Central Middle School

Youth Service Center is having an Advisory Council meeting Wednesday, December 16, at 5 p.m. in the center. The meeting is open to the public.

### Special-called site based council meeting

The special-called Site-Based Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 10, has been cancelled and new date for special-called SBDM meeting is Monday, December 14, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### East Point Masonic Lodge to hold election of officers

The annual election of officers for East Point Masonic Lodge will be held December 12, at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend. A light refreshment will be served after the meeting. Bring a covered dish.

## POET'S CORNER

### Summer's end

by Delia Mays

The summer has passed and autumn is here,

Listen, my friends, and you will hear,

The crunch of the leaves,  
As they fall from the trees—  
We see them float down, red,  
yellow and brown

And crunch under our feet as they rest on the ground

The frosty bright morning so crisp, cool and clear

The beautiful fall colors, it's the best time of year,

The squirrels rush around, stock-ing their nest—

With nuts to last through the long winter's rest.

Soon Jack Frost will be on his way,

He will arrive here most any day.

He will nip our nose and sting our toes,

Then off over the hill he goes.  
Old man Winter will follow close behind,

He'll paint the meadow with lacy designs.

He will cover the hills with a blanket of snow,

But spring will soon , and new flowers will grow.

The long summer days so sunny and bright,

The starlit sky, so beautiful at night.

These are the things our heart holds dear—

We look around and know—that God is near.

All this beauty comes from God above,

He holds our lives in his hand,  
and our souls in his love.

## Thank You!

Imajean Robinson and Wilma Leslie were the directors of the Starburst Christmas Pageant that was held Sunday, December 6, at the Allen Convention Center at Allen, Ky., to raise money for needy children during the holiday season.

A portion of the proceeds from this pageant will be given in gifts and food for children who are less fortunate.

We, the pageant directors, wish to express our sincere appreciation to all contestants, parents and everyone who helped make the pageant a success.

### Merry Christmas

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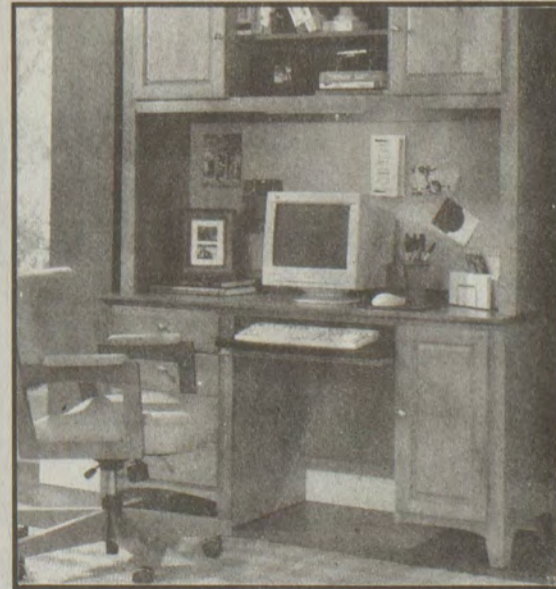
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**Hall Funeral Home****606-285-9261****Vivian M. Stumbo**

Private graveside funeral services for Vivian M. Stumbo, 78, were held November 9 at the Fairmount Cemetery in Lamar, Colorado.

She was born December 5, 1919, at Mare Creek, the daughter of the late Ben and Nora Clark Maynard. She died November 6, 1998, at Rose Medical Center in Denver, Colorado of complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl E. Stumbo on February 25, 1995.

She is survived by her daughters, Bella Stumbo of Los Angeles, California, and Linda Goudge of Golden, Colorado.

**Pallbearers listed for Mildred Ryan**

Active pallbearers for the funeral of Mildred Ryan were John Gregory, David Heintzleman, Bill May, Robert Stephens, Carl E. Tackett, Joe P. Tackett III and Robert L. Tackett.

Honorary pallbearers were Roy Duncan, Glenn Patrick, Russell Rice, Charles Tackett, Ed Tackett, Joe P. Tackett Jr., Kenneth Tackett and Thomas Tackett.

**More obituaries on page nine****Hazel Music Baldrige**

Hazel Music Baldrige, 86, of East Point, died Friday, December 4, 1998, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born December 6, 1911 at Little Paint Creek (Floyd County), she was the daughter of the late William Lewis Music and Hattie Stone Music. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson Baldrige, on December 21, 1995.

She was a member of the Little Paint First Church of God.

Survivors include four daughters, Hattie Lou Howard, Patty Spradlin, Bonnie Hughes and Barbara Meek, all of Prestonsburg; three sons, H. Gene Baldrige of Ashland, and Delmer Baldrige and Harold "Bud" Baldrige, both of Prestonsburg; four sisters, Alta Howard and Gertrude Auxier, both of East Point, Mary Badgett of Finley, Ohio, and Nell Robinson of Florida; two brothers, Dewey Earl Music and Bob Music, both of East Point; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 7, at 11 a.m., at the Little Paint First Church of God with Rev. Wayne Burch officiating.

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

Grandsons served as active pallbearers.

**Jay Conley Jr.**

Jay Conley Jr., 70, of Mousie, died December 6, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

He was born in Knott County, on December 16, 1927 the son of Jay Conley and Dovie Gayheart Conley.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Conley; two sons, Johnny Conley of Culver, Indiana and Jerry Conley of North Judson, Indiana; one stepson, David Duncan of Mousie; two brothers, Raymond Conley of Mousie; and Bordie Conley of Lackey; one sister, Gladys, and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

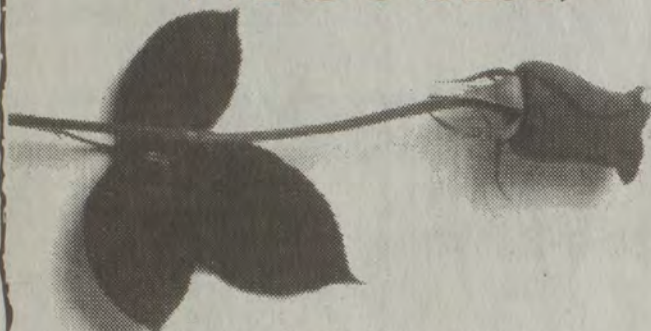
Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 9, at 11 a.m., at the Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church with Coy Combs, Kelly Stone and Roger Hicks officiating. Burial will be in the Jay Conley Cemetery at Mousie, under direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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**Paul M. Vanderpool**

Paul M. Vanderpool, 70, of Garrett, died Thursday, December 3, 1998, at his residence.

He was born August 7, 1928, at McDowell, the son of the late Wm. Vanderpool and Cordelia Sexton Vanderpool. He was a retired heavy equipment operator, owner of Owens Oil Company, a member of the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church and was a board member of the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to his wife, Vivian Scott Vanderpool, he is survived by two sons, Dale Vanderpool of Sunbury, Ohio, Kenny Vanderpool of Garrett; three brothers, Robert Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Elliott Vanderpool of Kendallville, Indiana, James Vanderpool of Ohio; two sisters, Ovie Reed of Hueysville, Rosie Hayes of Cincinnati, Ohio, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 6, at 11 a.m. at the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, Garrett, with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial was in the Ewing Scott Cemetery on Stone Coal Road at Garrett, with the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were Harold Scott, Brady Scott, Byron Scott, Rodney Robinson, Terry Triplett, Kenneth Howard, Robert Fitzpatrick, Danny Francis, Thomas Scott and Gary Francis. Honorary pallbearer was Bruce Scott.

**Otis Ratliff**

Otis Ratliff, 83, of Lackey, died Saturday, December 5, 1998, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born November 17, 1915, in Emma, the son of the late Samuel Ratliff and Rhoda Ellen Smith Ratliff. He was a retired coal miner working for National Mines, a member of the Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, a U.S. Navy, World War II veteran, a member of the American Legion, life time member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 128, Garrett.

In addition to his wife, Bertha Sexton Ratliff, he is survived by five daughters, Rita Williams of Franklin, Indiana, Debbie Ratliff and Sandra Collins, both of Lackey, Rhonda Johnson of Danville, Rebecca Collins of Wayland and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 7, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen Johnny Collins and Buddy Jones officiating. Burial was in the Lackey Cemetery, with the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were Matthew Collins, Patrick Collins, Cody Collins, Billy Sexton, Dean Hall and Colson Couch.

**Michael D. George**

Michael D. George, 46, of Jackson, died Sunday, December 6, 1998, at his residence.

A native of Prestonsburg, he was a long-time resident of Winchester and the son of Peggy Spradlin George of Winchester and the late M. Douglas George. He was a retired engineer with BellSouth and a member of the First Church of God, in Winchester.

Survivors include his wife, Linda McIntosh George, three sons, Brian Douglas George of Houston, Texas; Joshua Kelly George and Benjamin Michael George of Jackson; a sister, Carolyn George Allen of Winchester; a brother, David Brian George of Winchester.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, at 1 p.m. at the First Church of God by Rev. Bill Kanstantopoulos and Rev. Frank Curtis. Burial was in the Winchester Cemetery, under direction of Scobee Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Roy McIntosh, Carl McIntosh, Melvin Holbrook, Greg Fugate, John Paul Leslie, Billy Paul Fairchild, Mark Miller and Michael Parker.

**Everett E. Hall**

Everett E. Hall, 84, of Wheelwright, died Friday, December 4, 1998, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington following an extended illness.

Born on May 16, 1914, in Wheelwright, he was the son of the late Lee Hall Jr. and Cora Hall. He was a retired state employee and merchant. A member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge No. 889, where he was a past master, a charter member of the Eastern Star No. 447 and a member of the DAV 128 at Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Franklin Hall; two sons, Raymond E. Hall of Cocoa, Florida; Robert E. Hall of Monticello; one daughter, Barbara H. Gullett of Bypro; one sister, Dorthula Childers of Flemingsburg; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 7, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Louie Ferrari officiating.

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

Masonic services were held Sunday at 6 p.m. Military services were conducted by DAV Chapter 128.

Serving as pallbearers were Left Beaver Rescue Squad members.

**Rev. James H. Grayson**

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INEZ, KY - Rev. James H. Grayson, 70, passed away at the Leestown Veteran Center, Lexington, Ky. on Friday, December 4, 1998 following an extended illness.

Rev. Grayson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a Master Mason and a licensed barber. He was Headstart Director for 20 years. He was an ordained Southern Baptist minister for the past 45 years. Rev. Grayson pastored several churches throughout eastern Kentucky and southeastern West Virginia. The Kermit Baptist Church was his first pastorate. He also pastored the Louisa First Baptist Church, the Warfield Missionary Baptist Church, Warfield, Ky. and he spent 16 years of his ministry as pastor of the Inez First Baptist Church of Inez, Ky.

As a Southern Baptist pastor, he was instrumental in starting the Mount Beulah Mission Church, Emily, Ky. and the Tomahawk Mission Baptist Church, Tomahawk, Ky. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southeastern Theological Seminary.

Rev. Grayson was born in West Jefferson, NC to the late Thomas Brackett and Josie Campbell Grayson on January 28, 1928. Rev. Grayson was preceded in death by his parents and his wife/partner in the ministry of 45 years, Evelyn Price Grayson. Survivors include two sisters, Ora Dockery and Ina Ruth Grayson, both of High Point, NC; one son, Mark H. Grayson (wife Glenda); one daughter, Jamalyn Grayson Trivett (husband Greg); four grandchildren, Kraig H. Grayson, Kara Beth Grayson Marcum (husband Todd), Kate Elaine Trivett, and Brackett Trivett, all of Inez, Ky.; and one great grandson, Grant Thomas Marcum, Lovely, Ky.

Visitation was on Saturday, December 5, 1998 from 4:00 p.m. at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home. Funeral Services were at the Inez First Baptist Church Sunday, December 6, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Officiating ministers, Inez First Baptist pastor, Rev. Paul Schmidt, with Rev. Bob Jones, Rev. Jim Smith, and Rev. Carl Mullins. Special music by John Ward Williamson, Al Dempsey and the Inez First Baptist Choir under the direction of Mary Lou Haney. Burial followed in the Fannin Cemetery, Tomahawk, Ky. Arrangements under the direction of the Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez, Ky.



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# OBITUARIES

## Artie Bowling Marks McKinney

Artie Bowling Marks McKinney, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, December 3, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following a long illness.

She was born November 18, 1907, in Pike County, the daughter of the late Andrew Jackson Mullins and Roxie Yates Mullins Kidd. She was a nurse's aide and a member of the Spurlock Church of Christ at Printer.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bernie Marks, and her second husband, Wilson McKinney.

Survivors include five sons, Charles Bowling of Kingmon, Arizona, Harold Bowling of New London, Ohio, James McKinney and Kenneth McKinney both of Auxier; one daughter, Anna Mae Perkins of Wevville; one brother, Carmel Kidd of Prestonsburg; one sister, Edith Huff of Drift; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 6, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with the clergymen Bruce Coleman, and Ersel Huff officiating.

Burial was in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, at Printer, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were John Perkins, Andrew Rich, Kenneth McKinney, Timothy McKinney, Dee Bowling, David Bowling, Dale McKinney and David Bowling Jr.

## Orga Newsome

Orga Newsome, 75, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born December 25, 1922, in Pike County, the daughter of the late James Thomas Gillespie and Nancy Emiline McCown Gillespie.

She was a member of the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church for 23 years.

Her husband, Cecil Newsome, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, Andy Lee Newsome of Louisville, Walker "Red" Newsome of Grethel, Charles Newsome of Teaberry, Joe Wheeler Newsome of Craynor; nine daughters, Oma Mae Frasure, Nancy Newsome, and Brenda Kay Newsome, all of Grethel, Martha Jane Martin of Vinton, Ohio, Mary Ann Hall and Barbara Faye Shepherd, both of McDowell, Kathleen Keer of Cocoa Beach, Florida, Marie Burnette Coburn, of Somerset, Karen Lynn Mitchell of Beaver; 28 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 5, at 11 a.m. at the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, with the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

## Eva Hall Combs

Eva Hall Combs, 98, of Garner, died December 4, 1998, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Knott County, on July 15, 1900, the daughter of Will Slone and Nancy Ann Owens Slone.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Perry Hall, and her second husband, Denny Combs.

She is survived by four sons, Clester Hall of Wayland, Delmas Roy Hall of Plymouth, Ohio, Cleon Hall and Dillard Ray Hall both of Willard, Ohio; two daughters, Vivian Corvin of Cleveland, Ohio and Denise Michelle Hall of Garner; one sister, Ida Hall of Willard, Ohio; 34 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Milburn Slone and Elwood Cornett officiating. Burial was in the Rene Hall Cemetery at Topmost, under direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## Sie Bennett Hamilton

Sie Bennett Hamilton, 29, of Grass Lakes, Michigan, died Sunday, December 6, 1998, following an auto accident.

Born on March 27, 1969, in Lorain, Ohio, he was the son of Sie B. Hamilton and Inette Newsome Hamilton of Harold.

He was a laborer for Bryants Drywalling.

Survivors include his wife, Karol Malone Hamilton; two sons, Sie Bradley Hamilton of Hillsboro, Bennett Blake Hamilton of Grass Lake, Michigan; one step-daughter, Karrie Logsdon of Grass Lakes, Michigan; one brother, Kevin Ray Hamilton of Harold; two sisters, Versie Rachelle Wilson of Pikeville, and Goldie Renae Hamilton of Harold.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Newsome-Branch Cemetery at Virgie.

## Verle Parrish

Verle Hamilton Parrish, 88, of Houston, Texas, formerly of Stamping Ground and Gerogetown, died Sunday, November 22, 1998.

She was born March 21, 1910 at Alliance, Floyd County, and was the daughter of the late John N. and Viola Stephens Hamilton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Haney T. Parrish.

She is survived by her only son, Howard Benton Spalding of League City, Texas, one sister, Vivian Hale of Prestonsburg, three brothers, Alex Hamilton, of Frankfort, Roy Hamilton of Stamping Ground, and Don Hamilton of Kirland, West Virginia; and two grandchildren.

She attended Western State College and received her masters degree from the University of Kentucky, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa.

She taught in the Floyd County schools in the early years and in the Scott County schools the last thirty years of her career. In addition to her teaching, she was a noted genealogist and wrote several books on the Hamilton, Stambaugh and Stephens families. She also did research for the Stamping Ground publication "Echo's of the Past." She was a lifelong member of the Baptist church and at the time of her death she was a member of Heritage Park Baptist Church. Her affiliations included the Kentucky Retired Teachers Assn., the National Education Assn., the Scott County Teachers Assn., the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, the Eastern Star, the New England Women, and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, at Johnson's Funeral Home, Georgetown, by Rev. Lowell Coats. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery, Stamping Ground.

Pallbearers were Tommy Griffith, Johnny Griffith, Lloyd Wayne Hamilton, Coleman Johnson, Cecil Guilland, Thomas Estill. Honorary pallbearers were James Wilson, Rollie Graves, Gerhart Kubala and Austin Curtis.

# State Rep.-elect attends seminar

Less than a month after winning his first term as a state representative, Ira Branham joined 25 other newly elected members of the Kentucky General Assembly for a three-day orientation last week.

"Like starting at a new school, there are a lot of new faces to learn," said Rep.-elect Branham, whose 94th Legislative District covers Pike and Floyd counties. "But everyone has been extremely helpful, making the transition much easier."

The orientation—held at the state Capitol and the adjoining Capitol Annex, where legislative meeting rooms and offices are located—is designed to give new legislators an overview of the General Assembly's inner workings. Leaders in both the House and Senate offer their insights, while other officials explain exactly how the legislative branch of government operates.

New members will have only a few weeks to absorb the training before they, and the rest of the General Assembly, convene on Jan.

5, for an organizational session, when leadership is chosen and members are assigned to their committees for the next two years.

Branham already has somewhat of a head start, having previously served as a legislative intern, and having worked for House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo and Gov. Paul Patton while he was Pike County judge-executive.

"I'm really interested in issues relating to tourism, economic development and increased funding for our basic infrastructure," said Branham. "Beyond that, I hope to serve on committees that focus on funding in these areas."

"Ira will be a great addition to the General Assembly," House Speaker Jody Richards said. "He will bring a lot of expertise on consumer and coal-related issues and will be a force for bringing even more progress to the mountains."

"We have a little more than a year before the 2000 Regular Session," Rep.-elect Branham said. "Based on what the past-several days have been like, I'm really

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*Star Trek: Insurrection*  
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Fri. 4:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:15, 4:30

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**CINEMA 10 "G"**  
*Babe: A Pig In The City*  
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The staff is very well trained, very professional, and most importantly, very caring. Mom loved each and everyone of them, and they loved her. Thank God for such a haven. We wish that we could somehow repay those special friends, but never could we say thank you enough to express the love that we feel for all of them.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Melissa Ann "Missy" Newman would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who stood by us during the tragic loss of our precious wife, mother, daughter and sister.

How grateful we were and how blessed we felt in knowing how many lives she had touched in many a small way, also, in knowing so many people cared about Missy and her family.

Many thanks to Reverend Webb at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, who spoke such comforting words. He was truly a caring person. Special thanks to our Pastor, Arnold Belmont Johnson, for delivering such a wonderful service and to Rev. Lowell King. To the members of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, for all they did to aid and comfort us during this time. Thanks to the Witness's for the beautiful music. Thanks, also, to Tommy Hall, Hall Funeral Home and staff for the ease in the arrangements. Thanks to Davidson Memorial Gardens for their kindness and consideration.

Also, many, many thanks to everyone that expressed their caring by a touch, a call, a prayer, those who sent flowers, food. Many who prayed with us and cried with us. To those who offered to help in any way. Thanks to each of you. Your kindness and sympathy is greatly appreciated.

She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

FROM THE FAMILY

Randy, Zachary and Chase Newman  
Gene and Phyllis Tackett  
Keith and Tammy Tackett

## Card of Thanks

The family of Crecie Prater Joseph wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy during our time of loss. The beautiful flowers, great food, phone calls, and the kind words are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Brother Clifford Austin and Brother Lowell Robinson for the wonderful service; Larry Burke and the Floyd Funeral Home staff for their help; and to everyone who visited the funeral home to mourn with us. We will always remember everyone who showed sympathy during this time. God bless all.

THE FAMILY OF CRECIE PRATER JOSEPH

## Card of Thanks

The family of Lucy Collier of Kite, Ky., would like to say thank-you to the many people who helped us in any way during our recent loss. To the many who sent food and flowers, and the many people who attended the visitation and service. We thank the ministers, Monroe Jones, Curtie Hall and Cluett Hall, and the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church for opening their doors and especially their hearts to us. We want to remember our friends, Tommy and Johnny Jr. at Hall Funeral Home for the kindness and good job as always. May God bless all who helped in any way.

THE FAMILY OF LUCY COLLIER

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## Card of Thanks

We send our heartfelt thanks to so many family and friends for all the kindness extended to us and our loved one during her time of sickness and passing. We especially thank all those who sent flowers, food, cards, those who came to be with us, and those who called. We would like to thank each and everyone personally, but there are so many that it would be impossible. We certainly appreciate Dr. Alan Hyden for his excellent medical care, but more importantly for his compassion and concern for mother and us. We thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and their staff for the beautiful and dignified memorial service. We thank Floyd County Deputy, Rick Newsome, and Allen Policeman, Virgil Conn, for their assistance in traffic control. Our love and thanks go to our precious Pastor Dan Heintzelman, his wife, Sylvia, and special friend, Rev. Jim Stephens and his wife, Sharon. We could not have endured this sad time were it not for the prayers of our church family, and we truly appreciate and love them. We want to extend a special thanks for the pallbearers, both active and honorary. There are so many special friends and family that have done so much, and we really do love and appreciate all of you.

THE FAMILY OF MILDRED RYAN  
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It's true that I get did the girl, but then my grandfather always said, "Even a blind chicken finds a few grains of corn now and then."

—Lyle Lovett

## Obituary



Mildred Ryan, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 23, 1998, at the River View Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg. Following an extended illness.

Born March 20, 1922, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Joe P. Tackett, Sr. and Hazel Minerva Wallen Tackett.

She was retired secretary for Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Kentucky State Highway Department, and HUD. She was member of Spurlock Bible Church, where she played the piano.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Ryan; Two daughters, Catherine Gregory and her husband Bill Gregory, of Lexington; Ann Stumbo and her husband Danny, of Martin; Three Grandchildren, Paul Richard Gregory and his wife Deata, of Nicholasville; Angela Baldwin and her husband, Guy, of Martin; Two Great-grandchildren, Shelby Ryan Gregory and Logan Nicole Gregory of Nicholasville; Four brothers, Joe P. Tackett, Jr. and his wife, Anna Jean, of Lexington; Retired judge Charles Tackett and his wife, Garriet Allen, of Lexington; Sister-in-Law, Virginia "Ditty" Tackett of Prestonsburg, Widow of Herschel Tackett; A host of Nieces and Nephews and Friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, at 1:00 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Heintzelman and Jim Stephens officiating. Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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## Card of Thanks

To the many dear and kind friends, we, the family of George S. Wright, would like to send our appreciation for the many, many kind deeds that were displayed during the recent loss of our precious husband, father, brother, and grandfather. So many people demonstrated their love, by attending the funeral service, sending flowers, food and just being there lending a warm heart of love at a time when it was needed and appreciated. To the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church for the heartwarming messages. The Floyd County Sheriff for sending escorts to lead us safely to the cemetery. A thanks to Johnny and Tommy and Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and support. With love, we thank all for any part you took in making things a little easier.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE S. WRIGHT

## Card of Thanks

We, the family of Teddy Lee Collins would like to send a very warm and heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way during the recent loss of our dear loved one. For those who sent the lovely floral arrangements and those who sent food to our home, to those who stopped by the Funeral Home to visit and help share our burden. For the many prayers that went up on Teddy's behalf during his illness, and for remembering us after he went home. We want to remember Bro. Ted Shannon and the singers from the Drift Pentecostal Church for their love and support. Thank you, Floyd County Sheriff's Department for your assistance at the funeral. And, Tommy, Johnny and staff at Hall Funeral Home for their warm and kind service. To all who helped in any way, we say thank you and God Bless.

From Tina, Courtney, and Matraca

## Thank You

We, the family of Cosby Bolen, of Hueysville, take time to thank each and every one for the kindness and love displayed during the passing of one of the most precious persons in our life. We thank the friends and neighbors for helping in so many different ways. To those who came by during visitation and services at the funeral home, for the abundance of beautiful flowers, to those who brought food and helped prepare dinner after the services. For the many prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We thank Ondie Wireman, Bill Tussey and Earl Miller for the heartwarming messages. Mom loved you all so much. To the special singers for a beautiful job. To the Floyd County deputy sheriff for escorting us to the cemetery. To Jack Salyers and Hall Funeral Home for being so attentive and understanding and making us feel like family. We hold dear in our hearts, all who remembered us and helped in any way during this sad time.

THE FAMILY

Linda Wireman, Rosanne Conley, Harlen, Orville, Dixie, Ronnie, Larry, and Roger Bolen

# GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ME

*The wall between life and death is thin indeed*

I nearly died before I was born. My mother had difficulty delivering me, my parents say.

By the time I'd struggled down the birth canal and finally poked my head into the bright light of this world, my skull was mashed grotesquely.

The first time my dad saw me he wept, thinking I was permanently disfigured.

This took place in Pulaski County in 1956, a place and a time in which no medical specialists were available to negotiate such emergencies.

The small-town doctor who presided over my delivery simply said to my mother, as they regarded my misshapen head, "John Henry had a hard time."

Fortunately I was resilient, as are many newborns. My skull soon righted itself into a more-or-less normal shape.

My brother wasn't as lucky. By 1960, we had moved to another little Kentucky town. Again my mom went into labor, and again the birth proved treacherous.

My mom was unable to deliver this baby at all. The young general practitioner attending her waited too long to perform a Caesarian section.

My brother - his name was Timothy Edward - smothered in our mom's womb. Otherwise, he was a flawless infant, a fat, pretty baby.

In the funeral home, I touched his tiny fingers, and asked my dad why the baby's hand was so cold.

It wouldn't occur to me for decades to ask myself, or God, or the wind, why I'd survived and

Timothy hadn't.

In my 42 years, I've come close to dying or suffering disabling injuries more than 20 other times that I know of - in car wrecks, in a horseback-riding accident, by violence, in a near-fall from a high bridge, twice by almost drowning, twice by narrowly escaping electrocution.



Paul Prather

Through some fluke I'm still here and still standing, and I don't know why, really.

Recently I helped officiate at the funeral of a 37-year-old man, the father of a teenage girl about my son's age. He collapsed one evening at an auto auction. By the next morning he was dead of an aneurysm.

Within days of that tragedy, University of Kentucky football player Jason Watts, 21, was driving two friends down a Pulaski County highway when his pickup veered off the road and flipped, injuring him badly and killing both his buddies.

Watts has been charged with drunken driving and two counts of second-degree manslaughter.

Like many preachers' kids, I embarked on a lengthy rebellion during my high school and college days.

Once, in high school, three friends and I skipped classes and headed for the next county to buy beer.

Then we drove around all afternoon drinking ourselves into oblivion, mostly confining our itinerary to crooked one-lane country roads so we could avoid cops.

The driver, drunk as a lord, started speeding. We popped over a hill and found a cement truck parked horizontally across the road, blocking our path.

We were traveling 60 miles an hour when we hit it.

Our car ricocheted off the truck, careened up an embankment, hurtled across a yard, flew downward over a second embankment and passed through a stand of trees.

We came to rest on the same road we'd been knocked off of - around the next curve.

Our car was totaled. All four of us guys walked away unscratched.

I've wondered, Why did we escape?

Front-line soldiers who return home alive from wars often go crazy from asking themselves that same question. It's called "survivors' guilt," I think.

There isn't any clear explanation, for me or anyone else. Some people die early and others live on. That's just how the cosmos works.

Maybe it's predestination. Maybe I've been spared because of the prayers of my long-suffering parents. Maybe it's all plain, dumb luck.

Ask me on five successive days and I'll give you five different answers.

But this much I've learned for sure: There are few guarantees.

The wall that separates any of us from the hereafter is thinner than a communion wafer. We each should be prepared to break through it at any moment.

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## Greenup edges Prestonsburg in JC Invitational

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It was a game of comebacks for both the Prestonsburg Blackcats and Greenup County Musketeers last week in the Johnson Central Tip-Off Classic in Paintsville.

It was the Musketeers who made the final comeback that resulted in a 54-53 win over the Blackcats, who suffered their first loss of the season.

Prestonsburg entered the final quarter nursing a precarious 43-40 advantage until Greenup County outscored the Blackcats 14-10 in the fourth period to pull out the one point victory.

Prestonsburg had rallied in the third quarter from a 10-point half

time deficit, 34-24, to outscore Greenup County 19-6 in the third period.

Greenup led 15-12 after the first period and went on a 19-12 second quarter spurt that netted them the 10-point halftime lead.

Greenup County had built a 40-30 lead midway of the third period only to see the Blackcats claw their way back into the game. The Musketeers went almost seven minutes in the third period without a score as Prestonsburg ran off 16 unanswered points to take a 46-40 lead on two Kalen Harris free throws.

Junior Nathan Sutton took matters into his own hands and went on a personal 7-2 run as he brought his team back to within one point, 48-

47. His jumper with just under four minutes to play, made it 49-48, again a one-point difference.

The lead kept changing hands in the final four minutes as both clubs battled for the final lead. The Musketeers took a 51-50 lead with just over a minute to play but Prestonsburg's Nathan Leslie missed two free throws that could have given Prestonsburg the lead.

Greenup County went down and scored to lead 53-50 but John Ortega made it a one-point game again by connecting on two charity tosses from the foul line for a 53-52 game with under 40 seconds to play.

Greenup County's Chris Youngman hit the front end of a two-shot foul to extend the lead to

54-52.

Prestonsburg's Leslie was fouled when he pulled down a rebound. He went to the line and hit the front end of the two-shot foul but missed the second with Greenup County coming up with the rebound and a 54-53 lead. Sutton was fouled with 16 seconds to play. Sutton misfired on the bonus attempts with Prestonsburg coming up with the ball and called a time out with just under 10 seconds remaining. Prestonsburg put the ball in the hands of Ortega after coming out of a timeout but Ortega's long

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### A LOOK AT SPORTS

#### Sports, sports, sports

What a great place to play basketball!

The Pike County Central gymnasium is a beautiful facility and will be an ideal setting for the boys' 15th Region basketball tournament in March.

I took in the Pike Central Lady Hawk Tip Off Classic over the weekend and what a great tournament it was. Coach Tammy Tussey and her staff did a great job of putting the tournament together and they made you feel at home.

Pike Central won their own tournament, beating a good Belfry team in the championship game. What a great two teams it was that played in the finals.

Floyd Countian, Ashley Melvin, who plays the point for Pike Central, had a very strong game with 21 points. She played against another transplanted Floyd County player, Ramanda Music. Both were teammates on the AAU team that went to the national tournament this past summer.

Coach Johnny Ray Turner has his Johnson Central Eagles flying high and they are off to a 3-0 start after capturing their own Invitational tournament. The Eagles scored 120 points in game one and put 102 on the scoreboard in game two. They won over a good Greenup County team, who beat Harrison County (semi-finals), in the championship game.

The Eagles may have something to say about who wins the 57th District this year. That is going to be one tough district again. All four teams are strong — Magoffin, Paintsville, and Sheldon Clark.

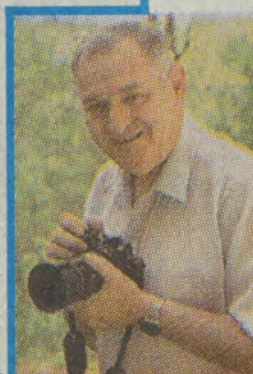
Coach Anthony Moore's Allen Central Lady Rebels are playing much better, in spite of losing to a very, very good Perry Central team in the semifinals of the Lady Commodore Classic Friday night. Too much talent here for this team not to play well. Remember last season and the slow start they had that picked up steam and rolled all the way to the regional finals.

Word out of Phelps is that Chris Hurley, big center for the Hornets, has quit the team. If that is true, then mark it down as a big loss for the Hornets team. Hurley will play football at the next level.

After Feds Creek knocked off South Floyd in the Johnson Central Invitational, it caused some coaches to stop and re-evaluate the Vikings. They will be no pushover.

Coach Bill Mike Runyon and the Paintsville Tigers haven't lost a step since the season ended last year. The Tigers are still one of the top, if not the top team, in the region. Fans need to start giving credit to Runyon and admit that he is an excellent coach and doesn't always need the blue chip players to win with.

Until Friday, good sports and be good sports.



Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor



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### JCHS Invitational...

#### Betsy Layne falls hard to Harrison

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Mike Reitz and his Harrison County Thoroughbreds did not show any Christmas cheer to Tim Rice and the Betsy Layne Bobcats last Thursday in the opening round of the Johnson Central Invitational. Harrison County posted a 79-50 win over Betsy Layne to advance to the semifinals of the tournament.

Scott Collins scored 18 points to lead Betsy Layne while Adam Tackett added 11 points. Nathan Courtney led all scorers with 26 points for Harrison County. Joe Daniels netted 17. A 12-2 run to close out the first quarter for Harrison County gave them a 22-11 first quarter lead. The score was tied at 2 before Harrison rolled out to a 6-2 lead. With 4:21 to play in the first, Tackett completed an old-fashioned three-point play to pull the Bobcats to within one, 8-7. But long jumpers by Courtney put the Thoroughbreds up 12-7. Two consecutive treys by Jacob Fowler, who finished with eight points, vaulted Harrison County out to a 18-9 advantage.

A 7-1 run by Harrison County to start the second period resulted in a 29-12 lead that Betsy Layne could not overcome. The Bobcats trailed 45-32 when the two teams went to the locker room at the half. The Bobcats did cut the margin to 13 points, 36-23, on a layup by Michael Gross.



Adam Tackett

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## Great Game...



Shelly Greathouse (23) of Prestonsburg scored underneath the basket over Leslie County's Jodi Sizemore (23). Greathouse completed a four-point play to send the game into overtime that Prestonsburg won 60-55. Greathouse had 20 points in the game (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Tip-Off Classic...

## Greathouse trey nails Leslie Co.

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Senior Shelly Greathouse has hit some big baskets for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats in her four-year career at Prestonsburg and some probably have been more dramatic than the one she hit against Leslie County last Friday night in the opening round of the Lady Hawks Tip-Off Classic at Pike Central High School.

Greathouse nailed a three-point basket against South Floyd as a freshman to avoid a loss to the Lady Raiders. As a sophomore, she hit two three-point baskets to defeat Allen Central in the finals of the 58th District Tournament.

But Friday night, Greathouse did something that even she had never done before in completing a four-point play that sent the game into overtime and an eventual Prestonsburg 60-55 win over Leslie County.

Greathouse, who is coming back from knee surgery that shortened her junior year, scored 20 points in the game and drained three three-point baskets. But it was the third trey that brought the Lady Blackcats back from what appeared to be a sure defeat.

"It was the biggest shot I have seen anyone hit since I have been coaching these girls," said Prestonsburg basketball coach, Jackie Day Crisp. "And she went to the foul line with a lot of pressure on her. With Shelly, she can't do things right now that she wants to, but I hope, toward the end of the season, she will be a standout for us."

The scene unfolded in the final seconds of regulation play when

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## Parsons pumps in 20 in 82-53 loss to Belfry

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

For one full quarter, the Betsy Layne Lady Cats played tough Belfry very close. For one full eight minute quarter, the Lady Cats were in it. But as it turned out, the youth corps of coach Cassandra Akers could not stay with the more experienced Lady Pirates in dropping an 82-53 decision. The two teams met in the opening round of the Lady Hawks' Tip-Off Classic at Pike Central on Friday night.

Sophomore Jenny Parson scored 20 points, a career high, and Sheena Akers added 11 for the Lady Cats.

Hackney led the Lady Pirates with 20 points, hitting three three-point baskets. McCoy netted 17 points.

Belfry led 16-10 after the first quarter with the score tied at 6 before they took a 7-6 lead and never trailed. Betsy Layne committed five turnovers in the first quarter and had 19 for the game.

Down by six, the Lady Cats came unglued in the second quarter as they failed to take care of the basketball. They had 10 second period turnovers that allowed

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### From the key

Betsy Layne's Jenny Parsons (23) hit a long jumper for the Lady Cats against Belfry last Friday night in the Lady Hawks Tip-Off Classic at Pike Central. Betsy Layne fell to the Lady Pirates in first round play. (photo by Ed Taylor)



# Johnson Central takes title against Greenup

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Tommy McKenzie scored 22 points and Jason Shepherd added 21 to lead coach Johnny Ray Turner's Johnson Central Golden Eagles to a 74-54 win over a tough Greenup County Musketeer team in the finals of the Clarence D. Rice Tip-Off Tournament at Johnson Central Saturday evening.

The Eagles hit 30 of 38 free throws en route to the title. Shepherd attempted 14, hitting 13 with McKenzie hitting eight of 11.

The Eagles remained unbeaten in the young season at 4-0.

"We played well," said Coach Turner of his ballclub's performance. "We beat a good team in

Greenup County."

Greenup County placed three players in double figures led by Adam Tackett's 15 points.

Shepherd and McKenzie provided all the fire power in the first quarter, but it was Greenup County holding a 16-13 lead at the first stop.

An 18-10 run in the second period gave the Eagles a 31-26 lead at the half. But it was Shepherd's free throw shooting in the quarter that kept the Eagles in front as he hit nine of nine free throws in scoring 11 points.

In the third, it was all Johnson Central as they began to put some distance between them and Greenup County. Jimmy Burchett drained a three-pointer and Brett Butcher hit a

score eight points in the period being outscored 21-8 with Central in front 52-34 after three quarters.

McKenzie scored eight points in the fourth quarter with Johnson Central pulling out the 20-point win and the tournament championship.

## JOHNSON CENTRAL VERSUS FEDS CREEK

Johnson Central advanced to the championship game by scoring 102 points, their second 100-plus game of the tournament, in a 102-77 win over a good Feds Creek team. Mitchell Coleman tossed in 21 points to lead five players in double figures. McKenzie added 15 in the game with Shepherd, Rick O'Bryan, and Dock Johnson scor-

ing 11 points apiece.

Carl Sizemore scored 23 to lead Feds Creek with Josh Varney netting 13 points. Gene Justice finished with 18 points.

## GREENUP COUNTY VERSUS HARRISON COUNTY

Greenup County reached the title game with a 51-44 edging of Harrison County in a semifinal game.

Adam Tackett scored 22 points to lead the Musketeers scoring. Nathan Sutton tossed in 14.

Jacob Fowler led the Thoroughbreds with 18 points, including four three-point baskets, and Nathan Courtney was held to just 11. Billy Custard netted 12 points with a three-point basket.



**Covered**

Betsy Layne's Leslie Hopkins (42) was covered by a Belfry defender when the two teams met Friday night at Pike Central. Betsy Layne fell 82-54 to the Lady Pirates (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Greathouse

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Erica Roberts hit the back-end of a two-shot foul that gave Leslie County a four-point, 52-48 lead with 11 seconds to play. Prestonsburg found Greathouse open on the right side of the key and fed her the ball where she lofted a three-point attempt that found the bottom of the net, but she was fouled on the play. Coming out of a timeout, Greathouse sank the free throw, completing the three-point play that tied the game at 52 with five seconds to play, and sent the contest into overtime.

Leslie County had the first possession in the extra period as they controlled the ball on the jump ball situation. Wilson scored first to give Leslie County the lead at 54-52, but Stephanie Adams found an open lane and drove the middle to tie the game at 54. After a Roberts' free throw gave Leslie the lead at 55-54, Prestonsburg went in front on a layup by senior Kimi Nunnery, who opened up her offense in the overtime. Consecutive turnovers and four of five free throws shot by Greathouse and Nunnery gave Prestonsburg a 60-55 lead.

Prestonsburg had to overcome some sloppy ball handling in the game to pull out the win. The Lady Blackcats turned the ball over 31 times in the game to Leslie County's 20 miscues.

The Lady Blackcats missed some uncontested close in shots, but that didn't seem to bother the Prestonsburg coach.

"We did. We missed a lot of shots we should have made. But I thought our defense really set the pace for the game," said Coach Crisp.

The game plan was to stop Leslie County's Miss Basketball candidate, Jodi Sizemore, and she was held to just 16 points before she fouled out with 2:12 to play in the fourth quarter. Coach Crisp credited his assistant coach, Bobby Hamilton for coming up with the defense on Sizemore.

wanted to do," said Coach Crisp. "Coach Hamilton came to me the other day in practice and said, 'Coach, let's look at this defense. It was a triangle and it looked good in practice and we thought we would try it. It did a great job. I have to give a lot of credit to him for that.'"

The Prestonsburg bench played a big part in the victory, especially the younger players.

"Stephanie Adams came in and did a good job for us. Ashley Ousley came off the bench and gave a good minute or two," said Crisp. "Brooke Coleman (sophomore) did an excellent job of blocking out and rebounding. She is our reverse player we get the ball back to and she kind of kept the tempo to the way we wanted it because we didn't really want to run with this team early because we were afraid that Sizemore would get out and burn us."

The Prestonsburg coach said the team's three-point shooting needed to pick up.

"Shelly is shooting the ball well from there, but we need others to pick up their shots also," he said. "With the exception of the turnovers, I was well pleased with the way we played."

Prestonsburg lost their center, Amelia Conley, Coleman and Brandi Wells to fouls, but still Prestonsburg played hard.

"We shut Sizemore down and that is what we really

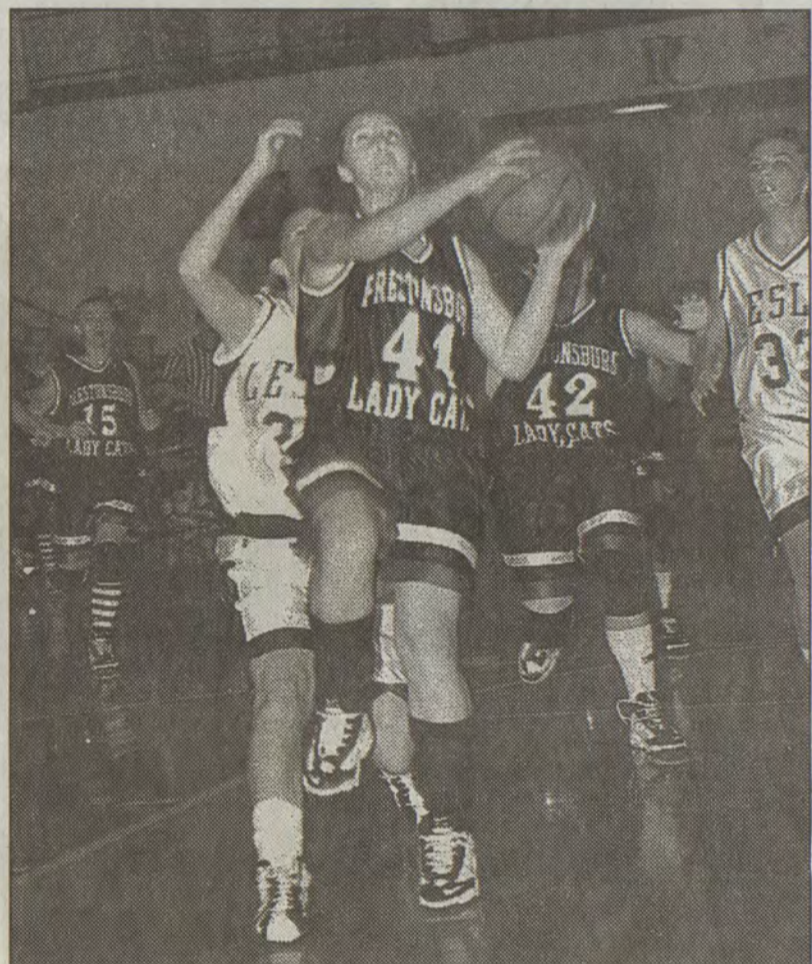
"We didn't want anyone to quit after those three fouled out," said the Prestonsburg

mentor. "I told them we would fight to the last buzzer and I thought we did that. They kept hustling and fighting till the game was over."

Greathouse led the Lady Blackcats with her 20 points. She was perfect from the free throw line, hitting all four. Megan Hyden, a freshman point guard, scored eight points.

"Megan played a real good game for us," said Coach Crisp. "She made a few turnovers, but that is to be expected for a freshman."

Coleman had eight points before fouling out. Crystal Slone netted six points with Nunnery scoring seven. Wells added five points and Conley tossed in four. Adams finished with two.



**To the basket**

Amelia Conley (44) of Prestonsburg found an open lane to the basket against Leslie County last Friday night. Conley fouled out of the game but the Lady Blackcats pulled out a 60-55 win in overtime. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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## Bryant, Hall, Williams named All-District

The Class A, Region 4, District 2 Coaches Association named their All-District team and their honorable mentions this week, as well as the district's Most Valuable Player.

Pikeville quarterback Ben Howard received the MVP award for the district. South Floyd High School placed three on the All-District team, as well as three honorable mentions. Named to the squad were B.J. Bryant, Clayton

Williams and Billy Hall. Honorable mention included Jody Hall, Kyle Tackett, and Charlie Williams. Matt Tackett was named All-District Co-Specialist.

Seven Pikeville players were named to the elite team headed up by Howard. Also named were Jeremiah Akers, Chase Gibson, Zaid Mullins, Chris Shumate, Matt Branham, Jordan Charles and Chris Lee. Honorable mention were:



### Headless

Prestonsburg's Amelia Conley (44) was caught under the backboard when she scored underneath for the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg won over Leslie County 60-55 in overtime. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Dustin Holland, Barrett Rogers and Isaac Ratliff. Kyle Bow was named the district's All-District Kicker.

The Phelps Hornets had a good season and named five to the prestigious team. Quarterback Shawn Clusky headed the list that included running back Billy Peck, Chris Hurley and Brandon Layne were named to the team. Honorable mention included Richard Lindenman, Luke McCoy, and Aaron McCoy.

Danny French headed up the Hazard Bulldogs list, fol-

lowed by Josh Reffett, Todd Roberts, Greg Boggs and Sharmar Beatty. Ben Cornett, Curtiss Herd and Chris Rose were the honorable mention players.

Elkhorn City placed three players on the All-District team. Those included Shawn Swiney and John Belcher. Honorable mentions were Jeremy Dorton, John Johnson, and Justin Ratliff. Jonathan Belcher was named All-District Co-Specialist.

Random Duty and Morgan Reynolds were named from the Fleming-Neon team. Jonathan McElroy, James Yonts and Justin Richardson were honorable mention.

Ronnie Church was named to the team from the Jenkins Cavaliers. Sheldon Wright, Jermaine Goodgame and Devin Newsome were honorable mention.

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## Betsy Layne

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Harrison's 9-5 run made it a 22-point game after the first two quarters. Collins scored six of 18 points in the third period, but got little help elsewhere offensively. Betsy Layne fell to 0-2 on the season. Gross finished with eight points while Anthony Tackett pumped in six. Brad Daugherty netted four points. Point guard Justin Bartley was held to just one field goal for two points. Adam Collins scored one point.

Gross	1	2	0-0	8
A. Tackett	3	0	0-0	6
Daugh'ty	1	0	2-2	4
A Collins	0	0	2-1	1
Johnson	0	0	2-0	0
totals	17	2	22-10	50

### HARRISON CO (79)

player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Custard	1	0	5-2	4
Fowler	1	2	0-0	8
Courtney	8	2	4-4	26
Schmidt	2	0	4-3	7
Foger	2	0	0-0	4
Farnish	1	0	2-1	3
Martin	1	0	2-1	3
Daniel	8	0	1-1	17
Markin	1	1	2-2	4
totals	25	5	20-14	79

Betsy Layne	11	21	08	10	50
Harrison Co.	22	23	11	23	79

### BETSY LAYNE (50)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	1	0	0-0	2
Collins	8	0	7-2	18
Tackett	3	0	7-5	11
Brooks	0	0	2-0	0

## Cats

(Continued from page one)

three-point attempt at the horn fell short and the Cats fell to the Musketeers 54-53.

Ortega led Prestonsburg with 14 points while Campbell tossed in 11 points and Jason Keathley finished with 10. Leslie netted seven. Russ Music totaled six points and Harris finished with five.

In a stat that doesn't seem to match with the game, Greenup

County only attempted five free throws in the contest, hitting on two. Prestonsburg on the other hand, connected on 11 of 21 tries.

Prestonsburg hit four three point baskets with Ortega connecting twice from the 19' 9" circle. Harris and Music had one apiece.

Prestonsburg falls to 1-1 on the season and visits at Magoffin County Saturday night.

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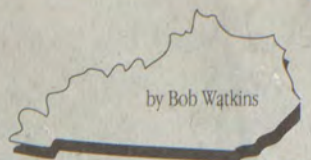
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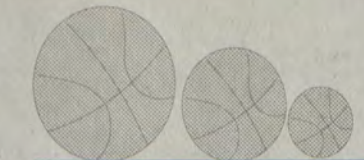
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Nittany Lions will be favored naturally. But what delicious possibilities.

The news is all good for Kentucky. A bowl game squarely in the middle of New Year's Day's traffic television jam to keep football in the headlines. Extra practice reps deep into winter for younger Wildcats. And action in the pipeline. Recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett has the best kind of ammunition to lob into living room conversations with prospects about upwardly mobile Kentucky football. BT. Honest to heavens New Year's Day bowl talk.

(Couch) another year of experience before pro ball, not to mention completing (his) education. All it takes is one wrong hit or move and the whole football career could be finished forever. So it would be good to have the education to fall back on.

"But when you look at how Peyton was treated at some point in the season by some sports writers, and the Heisman situation, you have to wonder if staying is a bad idea. I think Tim should play another year. But with the way the world of sports is (today) it may not be beneficial to him in the national spotlight."

'90s, an era when big money speaks loudest.

### 'CATS UP CLOSE' IS CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

If you or a friend is a UK basketball fan then Cats Up Close (McClanahan Publishing), Jamie Vaught's latest work, is worth your consideration. A nice collection of interviews with former UK players, including Dan Issel, Jack Givens, Mark Pope, Travis Ford and Tony Delk. Vaught also offers chapters on Deron & father Allen Feldhaus, Cameron & father Terry Mills, and Derek Anderson & uncle George Williams. Too, there are chapters on coach Tubby Smith and Florida's Billy Donovan, and broadcaster Tom Hammond.

If UK basketball is your thing, Vaught's book is a good read. More information, check your local bookstore or telephone McClanahan Publishing 1-800-544-6959.

### BITS 'N PEOPLE

✓ Tribute to coaching: With the heavyweight usual suspects at the top of Kentucky's coaching lists (Highlands, Danville, Mayfield and Louisville Male), AP's Kentucky coach of the year is Caldwell County's Pat Gates.

✓ KHSAA Hall of Fame basketball coach Delmas Gish died last week at 90. Gish coached Central City to 407 victories and six trips to the Sweet 16 from 1942-58 including a runner-up finish to Ralph Beard-led Male High in the State Tournament in 1945. "Mr. Gish was a great motivator," Richard Deavers, sports editor of the Times-Argus says, recalling a time in 1945 when Harlan's Wah Jones told reporters, the only way Central City could defeat the Green Dragons was if they played "...in that little crackerbox gym of theirs." Gish kept the news clip and showed it to his players before Central City played Harlan in the State Tournament semi-finals. The Golden Tide defeated Harlan 34-30.

Footnote: Central City had two players on the all-state tournament team: W.C. Moberly and Bobby Watkins.

### PARTING SHOT

Former UK star Rex Chapman said a mouthful last week when commenting on the NBA lockout. "This league could go on without me. It'd go on without Michael Jordan. And this life will go on without NBA basketball."

And so it goes. If you have a point of view you would like to share, write to Sports In Ky, P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740, or e-mail Sptsinky@aol.com

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Certainly UK has two no-nonsense coaches who are making Kentucky worthy of a new report to balance Sports Illustrated's 1992 Kentucky Shame cover.

Feisty and worthy of imitation, pencil in Hal Mumme and Tubby Smith. Applying discipline (this time to Jonas Liening), Mumme shunned alibis and demonstrated clarity and even-handedness at the football house. That is, be fair and reasonable to a point, but step over the line and you're out. No ifs, ands or buts.

Also, Mumme's pragmatic views on Tim Couch's staying or going pro was clear. "If you look at it as a 15-year deal, he will make a lot of money no matter how you cut it," the coach said at a press conference. "It isn't so much about money as what will be his legacy and what will be the best way to leave a legacy."

Couch might one day run for high office (see Scotty Baesler, Jim Bunning, Jack Kemp, J.C. Watts).

Meanwhile, Tubby Smith was just as tough-love practical: last week with pouty Myron Anthony and chip-on-his-shoulder Jamaal Magloire. By week's end Anthony was gone and Smith wasted no time getting in Magloire's face when the moody center reacted childishly after being removed from the Kansas game. Smith pointed out that NBA scouts are watching Magloire's attitude as much as his play.

### POINTS OF VIEW DEPT

Tim Couch, leaving for the NFL or staying at UK for his senior year? We have heard from NFL ratings experts and media analysts and Wildcats coach Hal Mumme. Here are two random views from Tennessee fans who got to enjoy Peyton Manning for an extra season?

Arnold Tarpley, Cleveland, Tenn. (RockyVol58@aol.com): "Peyton's staying was a great thing. Forsaking the instant gratification of money for another go round was something that should speak volumes to young athletes. It showed that the fun factor should not be ignored, (an emphasis on) how to enjoy the moment. Plus he earned the everlasting gratitude of all Tennessee faithful for coming back and giving us a tremendous season to enjoy. And a springboard to where we are now."

"As far as Couch going or staying it's a matter of — is he happy (weighed against) concern about injury. (Obviously) Kentucky would benefit from his staying, and he would benefit from the (added) experience (of) another year in college."

Craig Rubright, Smyrna Tenn. (Rubright69@aol.com): "Personally I would stay in school for the extra year. It would give

### HEISMAN BALLOT

Sentiment aside, the man from Texas has earned the Heisman Trophy. As he demonstrated against Nebraska and Texas A&M, Williams has been college football's best in 1998, and a laudable role model as well. Let's hope money and NFL braggadocio don't ruin the young man.

My ballot was in the mail last week. 1. Ricky Williams, Texas; 2. Tim Couch, Kentucky; Michael Bishop, Kansas State.

Couch is the best football player the Commonwealth has ever produced. All things considered, the package. But 1999 should be Tim Couch's coming out year. Meanwhile, Bishop was the clear leader marching his team to an unbeaten regular season and No. 1 ranking barely five years after K-State was branded as the worst college football team in America.

### COUCH & REX CHAPMAN

Gauging Tim Couch's impact on football in Kentucky, indeed the magnetism of his personality on our state, one's thoughts go back to Rex Chapman.

From the time Owensboro native and Apollo graduate signed with Kentucky, he became a teen idol. Chapman lived up to the hype too. Fans in the state became so smitten with his basketball skills, instincts, on-court presence, hearts were broken when Chapman turned his back on Kentucky after two years.

"I tried to talk Rex out of jumping to the pros," Dan Issel told Jamie Vaught in Cats Up Close. "I told him even after playing 15 years of professional basketball, my four favorite of basketball are the four years that I spent at UK. I tried to talk him into staying, but the money is too big now."

Now Tim Couch arrives at the same crossroads.

To those of us on the outside, certainly with no financial stake, it is infinitely easier to be sentimental and speak of loyalty and "he needs another year." But these are the



### Bump

Brook Coleman (14) was fouled on this play against Leslie County in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic at Pike Central last Friday evening. Prestonsburg pulled out a 60-55 win in overtime. Coleman had nine rebounds in the game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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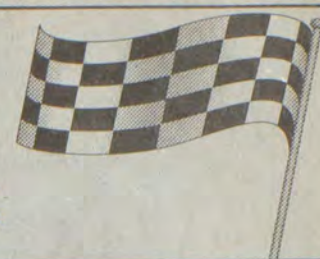
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# THE RACING REPORTER

by Gerald Hodges



## "The Kid" collects millions at banquet

Jeff Gordon was the man Friday night, November 4, as he took center stage to receive the honors and big money for winning the 1998 NASCAR Winston Cup Championship, his third in four years.

Gordon is the driver of one of the most successful racing teams in the history of automobile racing. At the age of 27 he is the youngest three-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion.

But that's not all. During 1998, Gordon tied Richard Petty's record of four consecutive race wins and 13 victories in a season. His total earnings during 1998 amounted to \$9,306,584. Race winnings were \$6,175,867 plus \$2,632,272 in Winston Cup awards.

When asked how he did it, Gordon replied, "You've got to take every race one step at a time. Try to go for that first win but make sure you focus on consistency. If you are consistent, you'll win races."

Gordon's 13 victories during the '98 season brings his career total to 42.

"It's been an exciting week," continued Gordon. "We always look forward to this night in New York. Racing has always been my life. It's all I've ever wanted to do. We all set goals and then we think we can never win at that level. This season has been like that."

"I'm not the one who changes the tires or builds the motors. I'm just one part of the puzzle. Ray Evernham is the only crew chief I've ever known. We came as a package to Hendricks Motorsports. He's our leader and I respect him so much. The team of the Rainbow Warriors are what makes the team what it is."

Ray Evernham, crew chief on the number 24 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Gordon said, "We do nothing in life by ourselves. I'm grateful for all the people who have helped us. Never ask what's in it for me, ask what do we have to do to WIN."

The other top-nine NASCAR Winston Cup finishers, money awarded and their comments:

• 2 — Mark Martin (946,136): "Sometimes in life everyone in life experiences a strong desire. My desire is to win Winston Cup races. When the desire comes over you, just give it your best effort and you'll come out ahead."

Martin has finished in the top-10 for the last seven years but he has never won a Winston Cup Championship.

• 3 — Dale Jarrett (\$624,522): "Man, it's just great to be here. I want to thank Dr. Garrity for making it possible for me to stand on this stage."

Jarrett had gall-bladder surgery after the season ended.

• 4 — Rusty Wallace (\$472,909): "1998 was a great year. I'm proud of what we accomplished."

• 5 — Jeff Burton (\$396,295): "I

was thinking about my family. Without my father and family I wouldn't have gotten here. I recall my mother questioning the ability of racing to pay me enough to make a living. I sure am glad she was wrong about that."

• 6 — Bobby Labonte (\$329,682): "Wow, it gets bigger every year (his award money). It's been a great year. Giving this speech is probably the hardest part of the season."

• 7 — Jeremy Mayfield (\$328,068): "This is my dream. Dreams do come true. Look at me."

• 8 — Dale Earnhardt (\$246,454):

"I don't think anyone is satisfied here unless they're sitting at the head table where Jeff is. The big win at Daytona is what kept me going all year."

• 9 — Terry Labonte (\$210,648): "This is more money than I received in 1984 when I won the championship."

• 10 — Bobby Hamilton (\$184,841): "Man, this has been a long season, but this makes it worth it. We had our ups and downs but patience is what did it."

For the 13th consecutive time, Bill Elliott of Dawsonville, GA, was awarded the title, Most Popular Driver.

The Teamwork of Excellence Award went to the number 31 team, driven by Mike Skinner and owned by Richard Childress.

**NASCAR CRAFTSMAN CONTINUES TO GROW**

The following is an interview conducted November 21, with Owen

Kearn, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Media Coordinator while in Japan for the Coca-Cola 500.

REPORTER: We would like you to tell us about the Craftsman Truck Series.

KEARN: "NASCAR started in 1995 with a limited number of

trucks, teams and drivers. We probably only had about 10 or 12 full time teams in 1995 and that grew to about 30 full time teams in 1998. As you well know, we had the closest championship battle, matching the closest major championship finish in NASCAR history, just three points separating Ron Hornaday and Jack Sprague.

"Now people say, what can you do to top that?"

I'm not sure that you really ever could top what was an incredible championship played, that was never over 77 points apart. And the lead changed hands 11 times during the course of the season. I think if we can duplicate that kind of excitement, it's immaterial to whether the points are 3, 30, or 50, but I think there was such an incredible parity with all of the 12 consecutive different winners during the second half of the season when we went to the live pit stops. I think that is probably the story as much as the close championship battle, and we certainly feel like we are probably going to have more of the same, when we open up the 1999 season down in Homestead, Florida on March 20th."

REPORTER: Can you attribute anything in particular to the popularity of these trucks?

KEARN: "I think that probably the fact is that NASCAR is so extremely popular from the very top

to the bottom. NASCAR Winston Cup racing creates so much excitement, leaving the fan wanting more racing and that translates into more interest. So you couple that with the fact that so many people own trucks, I think that Americans have always tended to have a love affair with trucks."

"And you put drivers in there that are really excited, like Hornaday, Joe Ruttman, and Stacy Compton. You know trucks are known to be tough and when these truck drivers get out there and race, they don't hesitate to bang a fender, or rub a little paint, and a lot of side by side racing so I think you take all of that together and you got quite a package."

REPORTER: Is there anything a little new or different we should expect in 1999?

KEARN: "Well, of course, we have had our silly season which is continuing. The guy that sits there at the table and rakes in the pot of dough at the end they are real happy and everybody else is sitting around tossing their cards on the table, and yelling let's deal again. Ron Barfield is moving to a different team next year, he will replace Tony Roper. Also, Mike Bliss is stepping out of the Jim and Marlene Smith Ultra Wheels Team and we understand that Mike Wallace is going to be moving in to that for that team and bringing along his crew chief, Timmy Cahoot, who has been with Ken Schrader racing for about as long as I can remember, so that is probably big news there."

"We have also got another team, the Impact Motor Sports team of Stacy Compton, Royal Crown Cola team who won two races in 1998. They're changing their truck to a Dodge in 1999, and are going to have a partner, Randy Tolsma, who I think is one of the bright young faces in NASCAR racing. He unfortunately, lost his ride when the team decided to change directions toward the tale end of the season, but he is going to be full time in a Second Impact Motor Sports Dodge Ram."



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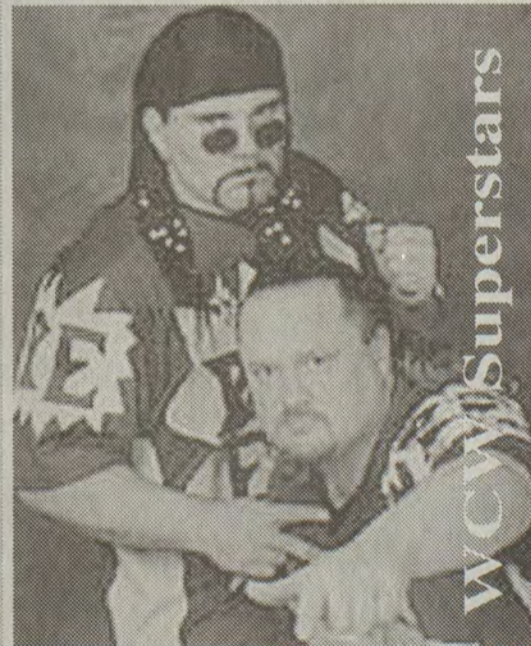
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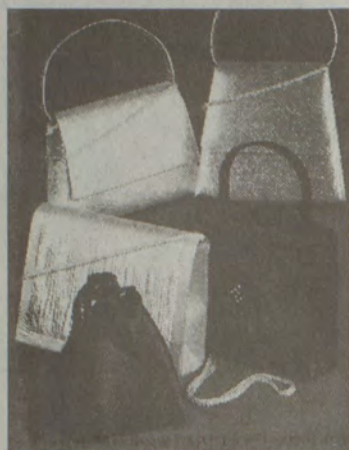
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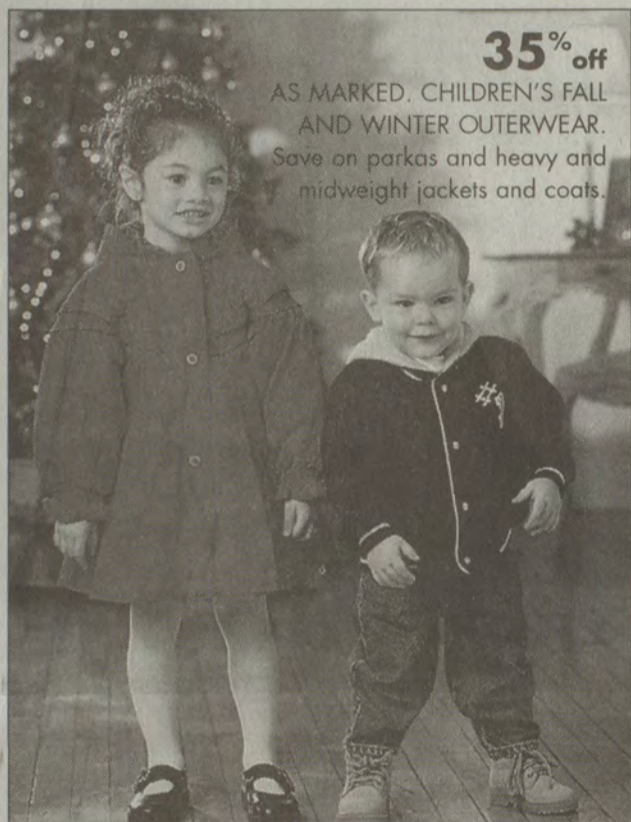


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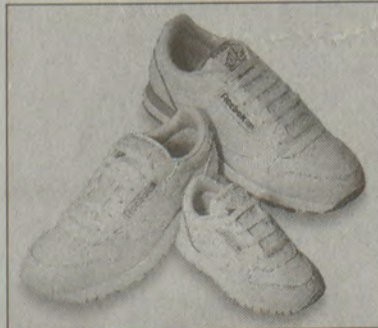


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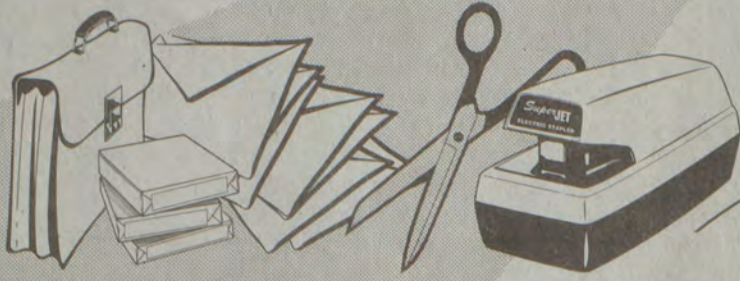
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# NASCAR CONNECTION

by Steve Mickey



## Carter adds second team

It may be that the best bet to make your race team competitive in Winston Cup racing is by adding a second team to your operation. This past week another single car owner bought into that line of thought and announced that he would be fielding a second team for the 1999 season.

Travis Carter, who is the owner of the Team Winston Ford driven by Jimmy Spencer, announced he will be joining forces with former Winston Cup owner Carl Haas to form a second team to compete on the circuit next season. Carter had been rumored all season to be looking to add a second team for next season, but had problems in securing sponsorship for a second team.

By teaming with Haas, Carter will enjoy a lucrative sponsorship package from Kmart. Haas is co-owner of the Newman-Hass Indy car team in the Cart Fed-Ex Championship Series. He has been associated with Kmart for more than a decade in that series.

Haas formerly was partners with Michael Kranefuss as owners of the team that fielded Ford's for driver Jeremy Mayfield. Their Fords were sponsored by Kmart, but when Haas sold his interest prior to the

start of the season to Roger Penske, Kmart's role with the team fell from primary sponsor to that of an associate sponsor.

Three-time NASCAR Winston Cup Series champion, Darrell Waltrip, will drive the car which will carry the number 66 and the name of the hood will actually read "Big Kmart." The number will be as foreign to Waltrip as will the make of car itself. Waltrip's remarkable career can always be traced back to Chevrolet and the bulk of that time the number on the side of the car was 17.

The three-year deal puts Waltrip in the seat of the Haas-Carter Motorsports Ford through the year 2,000, when it is anticipated he will stage a "farewell tour." The team will be housed adjacent to Travis Carter Enterprises' Team Winston Operation in Statesville, N.C.

The deal on paper looks to be one that could very easily benefit all the parties involved. For Carter it's the opportunity to add the second team that he feels deeply may be the last piece of the puzzle that he needs to put together to make his driver, Jimmy Spencer a threat at any track.

Carter wants to win as much as

any owner on the circuit and it is sometimes overlooked that he has plenty of experience in a Winston Cup victory lane. After beginning his Winston Cup career as a "gopher" for L.G. DeWitt in 1971 by doing everything from mopping floors to fabrication, he moved up the ladder to crew chief.

In 1973 DeWitt named him crew chief for his young driver, Benny Parsons. All this two did was to go on and claim the '73 Winston Cup championship by 67 points over Cale Yarborough. Five years later, Carter joined with Yarborough and owner Junior Johnson and keyed that team's NASCAR Winston Cup title run.

He also worked with Bobby Allison, Harry Gant, and Rick Mast before becoming an owner on the series for the first time in 1990. During that time he posted 31 career Winston Cup victories as crew chief and 41 poles.

His first stint as an owner only lasted a little over two years and was constantly being haunted by a lack of sponsorship dollars. He returned to the sport in 1994 after forming the Smokin' Joe's Racing team and celebrated his first victory, at the Winston Open in 1996.

Carter has quietly put together a team that is close to breaking through to one of those teams that has to be considered a threat anytime the green flag drops to start a race. Despite missing two races due to injuries, Spencer finished a respectable 14th in the standings in 1998. The Winston team has had one of the top restrictor-plate programs in the series in recent years, and posted an 8.25 average finish at Daytona and Talladega this season.

The Kmart team will not be built completely new from the ground up. The new team will use equipment and a race shop bought from David Blair, who hasn't fielded a team in the series since 1996. Blair did work with Robert Yates to field a car for Kenny Irwin in 1997. The two provided Irwin with a ride in order to gain some seat time as he prepared for his run at the rookie of the year honors this past season.

Winston Cup is a sport that offers very few guarantees to its participants, but the feeling is that while Waltrip may not visit victory lane again before he retires, this new team is one of the very few first-year teams that could help decide the outcome of a race or two.

## Basketball Schedule

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

With the high school basketball season just over a week old, the Floyd County Conference schedule tips off this coming week. There's also some big regional games on tap this weekend.

There will be a return to yesterday this season as both boys and girls will play on the same night in conference basketball. That gets underway this Friday night when Allen Central travels to South Floyd to visit the Raiders.

The Allen Central Lady Rebels will face the Lady Raiders in a 6 p.m. tipoff, followed by the boys' game.

In a big girls' regional game, Allen Central will visit the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals Thursday night. In a boys' top regional encounter, Prestonsburg meets

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Magoffin County at the Hornets nest.

Games on tap:

### GIRLS

Thursday, December 10  
Allen Central at Sheldon Clark  
Feds Creek at Betsy Layne

Friday, December 11  
Allen Central at South Floyd  
Prestonsburg at Belfry Inv.

Saturday, December 12  
Betsy Layne at Phelps

Monday, December 14  
Phelps at Allen Central  
Betsy Layne at South Floyd

### BOYS

Friday, December 11  
Allen Central at South Floyd  
Betsy Layne at Johnson Central

Saturday, December 12  
Prestonsburg at Magoffin County  
Pike Central at South Floyd

Tuesday, December 15  
Allen Central at Fleming-Neon  
Betsy Layne at South Floyd

## Basketball Standings

### WOMEN

Team	Overall	Conference
Prestonsburg	1-2	0-0
Allen Central	1-2	0-0
South Floyd	0-2	0-0
Betsy Layne	0-2	0-0
Piarist School	0-3	NC

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### MEN

Team	Overall	Conference
Allen Central	2-0	1-0
Prestonsburg	1-1	0-0
South Floyd	1-1	0-0
Betsy Layne	0-2	0-0
Piarist School	0-3	0-1

As of December 9

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Belfry to race out to a 44-18 lead at the half.

Betsy Layne turned the ball over on their first five possessions of the second period as Belfry began to pull away, building a 29-10 lead with 13 unanswered points.

Betsy Layne put together a spurt of their own with just over three minutes to play in the period. A rebound basket four of six free throw shooting pulled the Lady Cats to within 13 of the Lady Pirates but that was as close as they could get.

Betsy Layne took better care of the basketball in the second half but the shots would not fall as Belfry widened their lead and slowly put distance between them and the

Lady Cats. Belfry led 61-33 after three quarters.

Amanda Hall finished with eight points for Betsy Layne. Heather Hamilton and Leslie Hopkins tossed in four points each. Susan Maynard, Devon Reynolds and Amber Roberts scored two points each.

### BETSY LAYNE (53)

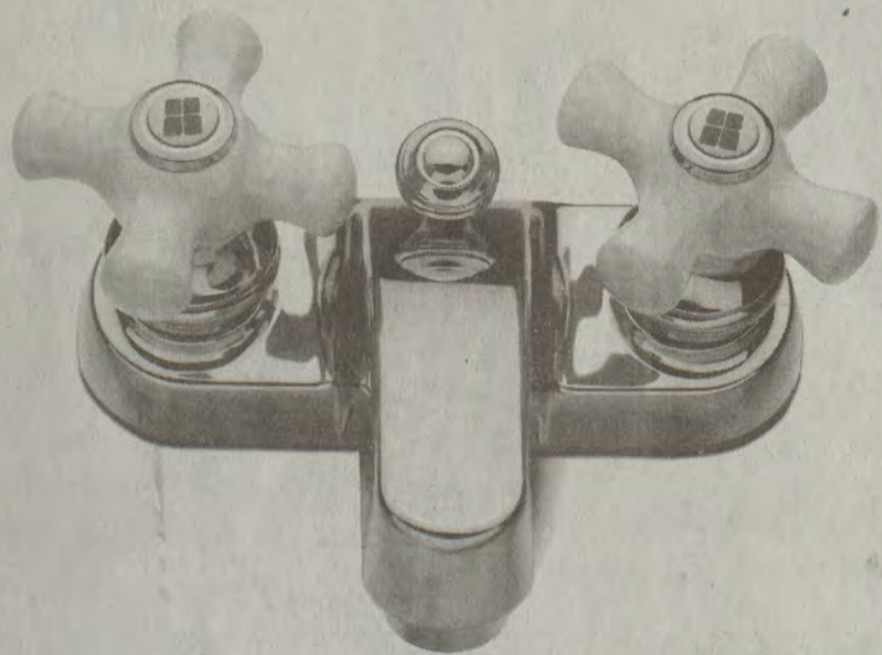
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Hamilton	2	0	0-0	4
Hall	2	0	5-4	8
Parsons	6	0	12-8	20
Akers	4	0	5-3	11
Hopkins	1	0	2-2	4
Maynard	1	0	0-0	2
Reynolds	1	0	0-0	2

Roberts	0	0	2-2	2
totals	18	0	26-19	53

### BELFRY (82)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Francis	2	0	1-1	5
Rosen	4	0	7-3	11
Music	1	0	0-0	2
Hackney	6	3	7-6	20
McCoy	5	2	2-1	17
Lovell	2	0	8-4	8
Whitt	2	0	2-1	3
Blackburn	1	0	0-0	2
Dotson	1	0	1-0	2
Hager	1	0	2-1	3
totals	25	5	30-17	82

Betsy Layne.....	10	8	15	20	- 53
Belfry.....	16	28	17	21	- 82



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High school basketball...

# Magoffin County edges Betsy Layne as season opens

## Tackett scores 21 in 74-70 setback

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Last year, one thing you would not see was the Betsy Layne Bobcats' basketball team pressing the opposing team. But that all changed this year when coach Tim Rice found out that his bench just got longer and he could substitute more often.

"I have confidence in the players we have back this season,"

said the Betsy Layne coach. "I'm not afraid to put them in the game."

Magoffin County, a team that likes to press but doesn't like to be pressed, found the Bobcats' pressure defense annoying at times, but it would be Hornets, on their home court, pulling away with a 74-70 win over the visiting Bobcats Tuesday night as the two teams officially opened their high school season.

"We had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds but missed, having the ball stripped away under the basket," Rice said.

The play found the Bobcats down 71-70 and with the ball as the clock was clicking down. Tackett was spotted under the basket all alone. When the pass entered the pair area, a Magoffin County defender circled in front of Tackett for the steal.

"We had to foul them and they

beat us four points," said Rice. "We played a good game. We should have won but overall we played well."

Tackett scored 21 points to lead the Bobcats in their season opener. He also pulled down 12 rebounds. Scott Collins added 15 points and had eight caroms. Anthony Tackett scored five points but pulled in six rebounds. Michael Gross netted 13 points.

Magoffin County, known for

their tedious defense, was led by Eric Robbins with 28 points. Wes Bailey finished with 12 points.

Gross and Anthony Tackett hit three-point baskets in the first quarter as the Bobcats trailed 15-10 at the first stop. Robbins had the hot hand as he pumped in 13 points in the opening period for the Hornets.

The Bobcats dug themselves a deeper hole as they were outscored 24-19 in the second

period and trailed 39-29 at the half. More players got involved in the offense for Betsy Layne with Tackett scoring five points while Collins and Gross had four each.

It appeared that Tackett was camping out on the free throw line as he connected on 11 of 13 for the game and hit six straight in the fourth period.

"Our bench played real well for us," said Rice. "We just couldn't score at the end."

# Hall scores 19 in 53-41 loss to Rosehill

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Piarist School Knights may be winless early in the basketball season but they have one of the top guards in the region in George Hall, who had to miss two games because of an injury.

But Hall has returned and scored 19 points in his last two games, the latest being Saturday

evening against Rosehill. In the previous games, Hall had 19 points against Allen

Central. His 19 against Rosehill was not enough as the Knights dropped a 53-41 decision to fall to 0-7 on the year.

Matt Goeing and Robert Hall each scored seven

Titus Franz led Rosehill with 16 points with Phillip Harris netting 13 and Josh Griffith 10.

The Knights had to play without Brett Hall, who is injured.

John Keeton scored all four of his points in the first quarter to keep the Knights close at 12-8 after the first quarter. Franz scored six points for Rosehill to start the game.

In the second period, Goeing drilled a three-point basket, including a three-pointer but the Knights trailed Rosehill 25-17 at the half.

George Hall hit a three-point basket and scored seven points in the third period for all seven of the Piarist School's points in the stanza. It was 33-24 after three periods.

Rosehill attempted 18 free throws in the fourth quarter and connected on 10 as they widened the margin to the final 12 points.

### ROSEHILL (53)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hayes	0	0	2-1	1
Harris	5	0	4-3	13
Maynard	2	0	0-0	4
Grigsby	0	0	2-1	1
Stewart	1	0	0-0	2
Griffith	4	0	4-2	10
Franz	5	0	6-6	16
Mankin	0	0	2-0	0
Yates	3	0	0-0	6
totals	20	0	22-13	53

### PIARIST (41)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Goeing	2	1	1-0	7
Holbrook	1	0	0-0	2
G. Hall	6	1	8-4	19
Keeton	2	0	2-0	4
R Hall	2	0	3-3	7
Bentley	1	0	0-0	2
totals	14	2	14-7	41

Rosehill.....	12	13	08	20	- 53
Piarist.....	08	09	07	17	- 41



At the point

Heather Hamilton plays at the point guard for Betsy Layne this season. The Lady Bobcats opened their season with a loss to Betsy Layne last Friday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# Basketball Report

## JOHNSON CENTRAL PREVIEW

by Jason Blanton  
Contributing Writer

This basketball season could be fun at Johnson Central.

Johnny Ray Turner enters his sixth year at the Johnson County High School and the veteran coach is looking forward to the season.

"I'm excited about this year. This is the best group athletically that I've had since I been here," he said. "This bunch loves to play the game. They get along well together, and I think they'll be very fun to watch."

The Golden Eagles return a pair of starters from last year's 15-12 squad. Leading the way is guard Tommy McKenzie, a 5-foot-11 junior, who played both guard spots last season. This season he will play the 2-guard.

"He makes everyone better," Turner said of McKenzie. "He can shoot, pass, rebound, and play defense. He does it all."

"I think he's one of the better guards in the region and will continue to get better."

McKenzie averaged 12 points per game last season. The other starter coming back is senior Jason Shepherd, who will open the season at point.

Turner says Shepherd is an excellent one-on-one player and is becoming a good team player.

At one forward will be Mitchell Coleman. According to the coach, the 6-1 junior "surprises coaches almost every day in practice" with his play.

Jimmy Burchett (6-3, junior) the "most-improved player" will start at the other forward. Seniors Donnie Chandler (6-1) and Rick O'Bryan (6-3) are battling for the center spot.

Chandler may have the early edge as O'Bryan didn't get on the practice floor until after football season ended.

Juniors Clint Hackney, Brett Butcher, Marvin Fannin, Dustin Ellis and Joey Blanton will all battle for playing time coming off the bench.

Turner sees his team's unselfishness as one of their strengths. "We have some very good players, but no superstars," he said. "This bunch is a very tight group and they like playing with each other."

Ballhandling, shooting and their quickness may also be keys for the Golden Eagles.

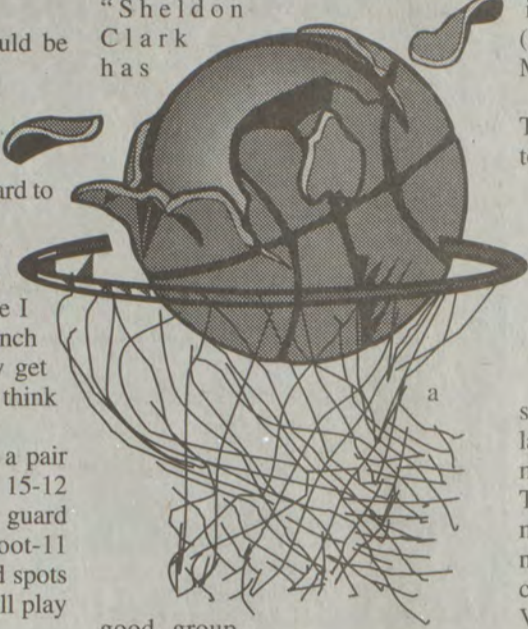
"We plan to get it up-and-down the floor," Turner said. "We also hope to put a lot of pressure on the other team."

Heading into the season, Turner knows a couple of areas that his club needs to improve on. "We need to

get better rebounding and in our half-court defense," he said. "I think one goes with the other, and we are going to work extremely hard to get better."

For the first time in recent memory, the 57th District race should be wide open. "If we continue to work hard, we should be right in the middle of things," Turner said.

"Sheldon Clark has



good group coming back. Losing (J.R.) VanHoose and (Todd) Tackett will have to have an effect on Paintsville's level of play while Magoffin County lost a lot, but they'll always be ready for tournament time."

In the region, Turner likes Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Belfry at the top along with Sheldon Clark and his team. "There's a lot of good teams in the region. For once, it's not a given which team will win. It may be which team improves and gets hot during the tournaments."

Along with the key regular season matchups with Paintsville, Pikeville, Sheldon Clark and Belfry, the Golden Eagles will also play in

three tournaments. Its own Clarence Rice Tip-Off Classic (Dec. 2-5) will start the season.

Turner thinks this will be the best field for the Classic since it started. Besides the host team, a first-round game between Greenup County and Prestonsburg will highlight the event.

Johnson Central will be involved in the Greenup County Tournament (Dec. 21-22) and the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic (Jan. 13-16).

"It's not an easy schedule," Turner said. "We are going to have to be ready to play each night out."

## PAINTSVILLE PREVIEW

The rumor that some area high school basketball coaches attended last year's Paintsville graduation to make sure that J.R. VanHoose and Todd Tackett went through the line may be a little far-fetched. But nobody would have blamed the coaches had they done that, the way VanHoose, Tackett and company tormented them the past four years.

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## Johnson, Hall lead Osborne past McDowell

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Ryan Johnson scored 12 points and Burnett Little pulled in 18 rebounds to lead the Osborne Eagles to a 54-22 win over McDowell in sixth grade basketball play last Thursday at Wheelwright. Steven Stanley scored 11 points and Little had seven for the Eagles. Wesley Hall netted nine points with Dana McCowan scoring eight for the game. Jordan Johnson totaled five and Anthony Osborne had two.

Scott Allen and John Mullins scored seven points apiece for the Daredevils. Wes Tackett added four with Famer Halbert and Joshua Hall scoring two points each.

Osborne held a 10-9 first quarter lead with Allen scoring seven of the nine in the first quarter. Tackett had the other two. Hall, Johnson, Stanley, Little and McCowan had two points each for Osborne in the opening period.

Osborne outscored McDowell 15-2 in the second period to open up a 25-11 lead at the half. Hall buried a trey and had five points in the period. Ryan Johnson scored five points as well.

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senior, Danny Scott, a reserve guard from last year, decided not to play.

That leaves Runyon with an all-junior lineup, but a group that went 18-0 as freshmen.

At forwards are 6-foot-4 Ben Trimble and Jeremy Hall (6-2), while Kyle Meade will be at center. Trimble is the leading scorer (2.8

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# Preview

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ppg.) and rebounder (2.2 rpg.) returning. Mitchell Grim (6-1) and Dustin Ratliff, who did not play last year, could combine for a talented backcourt. "With this bunch, there is no go-to-guy," Runyon said. "It will probably be a different player each game. They really play well together. This is an unselfish team. They are very coachable, willing to learn and understand that a lot is expected out of them and this program."

Juniors Tyler Cvitkovic and Brent Morris along with sophomores Ben Hale, Brian Hale, Brad Austin, Matt Brown, Matt Ward and Nick Baldrige are waiting in the wings and should give the Tigers some much-needed depth.

"If there is a weakness, it is varsity experience," Runyon said. "Even though a lot of the players have played in the state tournament, they don't have that (varsity) playing time." Despite the youth and inexperience, Runyon kept the schedule very challenging, to say the least.

Paintsville will take part in national tournaments such as the Wilt Chamberlain Classic in Boca Raton, Fla., and the Tournament of Champions in Springfield, Mo.

"I'm going to play in two big tournaments a year and play the best in the state and the area," Runyon said. "A team won't get better unless you challenge the players. I could schedule a 20-win season, but it wouldn't help the players or the program."

Besides the tournaments, Paintsville will host Louisville Manual (Dec. 22) and Pikeville (Jan. 12) and will travel to Ashland (Jan. 14), Russell (Feb. 5) and finish the season at Hazard (Feb. 19).

Beginning his 17th year, the veteran coach likes his team's chances for a fifth consecutive regional crown. Runyon also thinks Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Belfry, Allen Central, Sheldon Clark and Johnson Central all have a shot.

"This is the most balanced that I've ever seen this region," Runyon said. "Right now, any of those six or seven schools could win it, but four

or five more teams by the end of the season could surprise some people."

Paintsville opens up the season tonight hosting 14th Region contender Perry County Central.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY PREVIEW

Danny Adams may feel like a painter this year. With a young, inexperienced team, he must feel like he has a blank canvas to work with.

The veteran coach hopes if he makes the right moves with that canvas (his team), then maybe he could end up with a masterpiece.

Adams would certainly love to have an exhibit in Lexington at Rupp Arena come March.

"It's an unknown team," Adams said. "The kids know if they are listening and the work ethic is there then the playing time will be here for them."

Adams and his staff hope to recapture the style - defensive pressure and more pressure - of basketball that helped Magoffin County build a respected program.

The Hornets' plan is to establish an 10 to 11-man rotation. "I honestly feel we can get a rotation of 10 to 11 players. After that, it becomes a challenge to the staff to know what player to sub in certain cases."

"It (the sub) will also depend on what the other team is doing, what we are doing, and who is playing the best and working hard at that time," said Adams.

Seniors Eric Robbins (6-1) and Wes Bailey (6-0) are the only two starters returning for Magoffin County. Both Robbins, a forward, and Bailey, a guard, started most of last year with the duo scoring around 9 points-per-game.

Swingmen Nick Arnett (6-0, junior) and Justin Williams (6-1, junior) along with center Jason Helton (6-1, senior) should round out the Hornets' lineup. Brandon

Russell (6-0, sophomore) and seniors John Russell and Derrick Howard all are vying for playing time.

Entering his 25th year of coaching overall, and 17th at Magoffin County, Adams knows that it will be a tough season. "As a staff, this season will be a challenge. We're not very physically a big team and we don't have a lot of back experience-wise. We're basically 6-1 or 6-2 and we'll have to go back to the fundamental style of basketball, which is a lot more enjoyable for me and this staff to teach."

Adams is a coach who asks a lot from his players, but rebuilding this year he has learned to look for the good. "The kids have been working really hard," Adams said. "That is something as a staff ... we really demand a lot effort-wise. If they do that, give you that effort everyday, then the team will improve," he said.

The Hornets' schedule will include the Elkhorn City Holiday Classic and the Pikeville Invitational, plus regular season games with Perry Central, Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Pikeville and Sheldon Clark. "We know it may start slow. We have some top teams in the region scheduled in the first month."

## SHELDON CLARK PREVIEW

Entering his fourth year, Sheldon Clark basketball coach Ronnie Evans feels a little more comfortable being back home in Martin County. "At this point, the kids know what to expect of me and my staff," Evans said. "Our system is in place and this season expectations are high."

"We have some experienced players returning and experience is the best teacher." Two years ago, Evans led his alma mater into the 15th Regional tournament. Last year, however, was a disappoint-

ment with an 11-16 record and an opening-round district loss to Magoffin County. Due to the success of the football team, making it to the state AAA semifinals before losing to Highlands, Evans and his staff didn't get much practice time with a full roster of players. "I'm very proud of the football team," Evans said. "The kids did something that Sheldon Clark football had never been able to do before."

We may start a little slow, but we should be okay." Sheldon Clark returns three players who started at least some games last year.

Leading the list is senior Ronnie Sweeney. The 6-foot-5 guard averaged 15 points and five rebounds per game as a junior and played every position on the floor. "Ronnie's strong point is he is so versatile," Evans said. "He's got some Division I schools sending him letters and looking at him."

Sweeney's importance might have been felt in the loss in the district. "He hurt his ankle on Feb. 12 at Paintsville and didn't get to practice until the Tuesday before the district. "All he was able to do was shoot, because of the injury. Ronnie still had 18 against Magoffin County." Right before the ankle injury, Sweeney went through a stretch of five games where he averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Also expected to return is Harley Hammond. The senior guard led the football team from his quarterback position and is one of the region's better 3-point shooters. "Harley had a very good summer. He won the 3-point contest at the B.C. Camp he attended."

Evans says he thinks that Sweeney and Hammond, along with Prestonsburg's John Ortega, are the top three athletes in the region. Three other seniors - Justin Dials (6-0, guard), Tommy Maynard (6-3, forward) and Ron Parsley (6-2, center) - should round out the Cardinals' starters. Stuart Blankenship, a 5-11 junior, is expected to open the year as the sixth man, but could move into the lineup.

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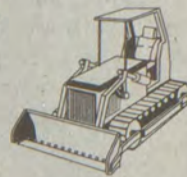
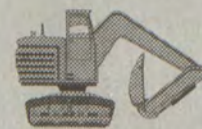
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The "Economic Impact Statement" gives a concise picture of the Arts Council and its partnership role with the NEA for the

public investment in the arts. It gives hard numbers to how much Kentuckians value the arts, employment and earnings for those involved in the arts. It also outlines the importance of arts education in building a better workforce, and the role the performing arts centers play in delivering the arts and producing arts dollars for the benefit to the economy of the state. The statement clarifies the impact of arts and cultural events to the tourism and

retail industries as well. Copies of this publication are free and available to the public. To request a copy, contact: Kentucky Arts Council, 31 Fountain Place, Frankfort, KY 40601; toll-free 1 (888) 833-ARTS; or e-mail kyarts@arts.smag.state.ky.us. The complete text to "Arts and the Kentucky Economy," is available on the Arts Council's Web site at www.kyarts.org.

## MSU graduation is Saturday

Kimberly Leah Collins of Morehead will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement, Saturday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

About 450 graduate and undergraduate students are candidates for degrees to be conferred by MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. Also during the ceremonies, the honorary Doctor of Letters degree will be

presented to Dr. James E. Davis, former chair of the Department of English at Ohio University. The honorary Doctor of Humanities degree will be awarded to both Minnie Adkins of Isonville and her late husband, Garland.

Collins, a 1994 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School, is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in elementary education. A dean's list student, she is currently completing her stu-

dent teaching at Owingsville Elementary School.

Dr. David T. Magrane, professor of biology and recipient of the 1998 Distinguished Teacher Award, will be grand marshal, assisted by Dr. Frances Helphinstine, professor of English.

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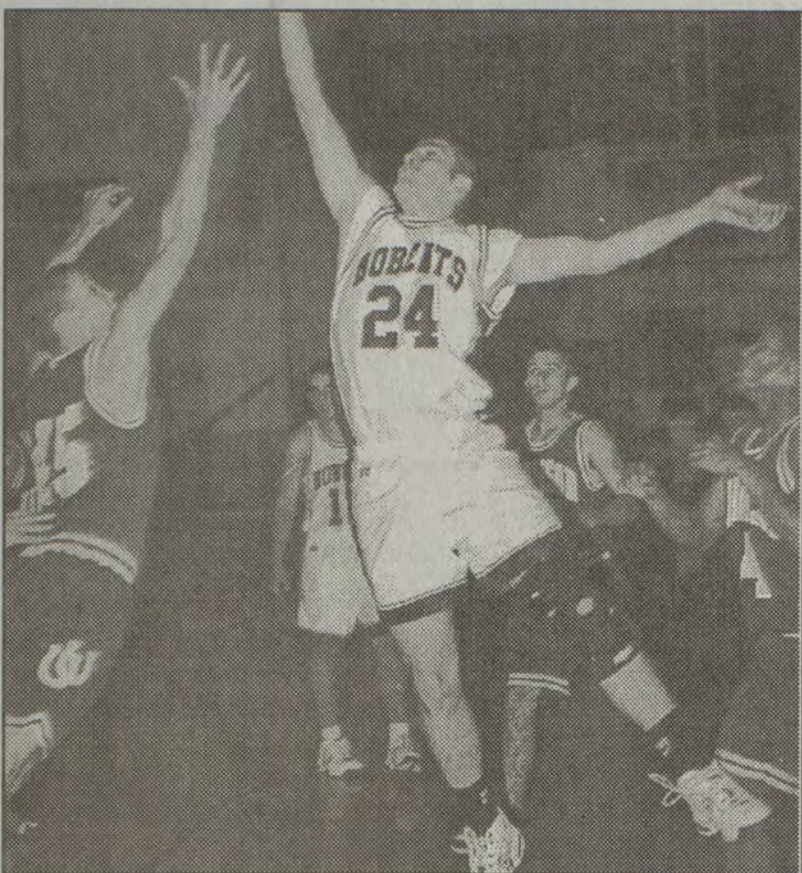
# Graduation

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sending Graduate and Extended Campus Programs; Steve M. Bauer, Loveland, Ohio, graduate student, College of Science and Technology; Shannon Harr, Olive Hill junior, College of Business; Nichole Lingerfelt, Morehead senior, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and Lee

Remington, Mt. Washington junior, representing the Caudill College of Humanities.

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



**High for rebound**

Scott Collins (24) of Betsy Layne pulled in a rebound against Harrison County last Friday night. Collins scored 18 points in a 79-50 losing cause (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Transportation cabinet vs. old man winter

It's time again for the annual winter season showdown. For the 1998-99 match, we have Mother Nature, poised to deliver numerous blows of snow, ice and freezing temperatures. In the other corner, we have the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet armed with the very latest in high-tech equipment, prepared to defend motorists throughout the Commonwealth.

This year, the cabinet has added 20 contract trucks, more drivers, 27 variable message boards to advise motorists of conditions, a more detailed Road Condition Report now available in all rest areas, a weather forecasting service, and new salt domes.

The state has 200,000 tons of salt, 849 state trucks with 1,625 available drivers, and 168 contract trucks to cover the physical aspects of the battle. On the technical side, there are six Road Weather Information System (RWIS) units that continuously relay information such as air temperature, wind direction and speed, pavement temperature, precipitation type and amount. This information is received in the cabinet's central office "War Room" in Frankfort, where all activities are coordinated.

There is an automated anti-icing spray unit on the southbound I-75

bridge over U.S. 25 at Corbin. It is one of only three in use in the nation. A combination of calcium and magnesium chloride is sprayed on the pavement prior to a storm and prevents the ice from bonding. Ten of the 12 highways districts throughout the state will also be taking this preventive action, with the units attached to their trucks.

"We are continuously looking for new and better ways to make Kentucky's roads as safe as possible during the winter months," says Secretary James Codell. "We have added equipment, manpower and supplies to further our efforts toward a responsibility we take very seriously."

There are also several methods to fight the snow and ice that are being tried on an experimental basis. In Fayette and Jefferson counties, salt brine (liquid salt) will be used for anti-icing and as a pre-wet for dry salt. This pre-wet helps to keep the salt on the road better and enables it to begin activating immediately. The cabinet has added 100 additional pre-wetting units to salt trucks. A weather forecasting service is being used in three of the highway districts to enhance preparation efforts.

The Road Condition Report the cabinet puts out will now be more detailed and available at all the state's rest areas as well as through the standard avenues of Internet. (www.Kytc.state.Ky.us), phone (1-800-4KY-ROAD) and fax (812-941-7422).

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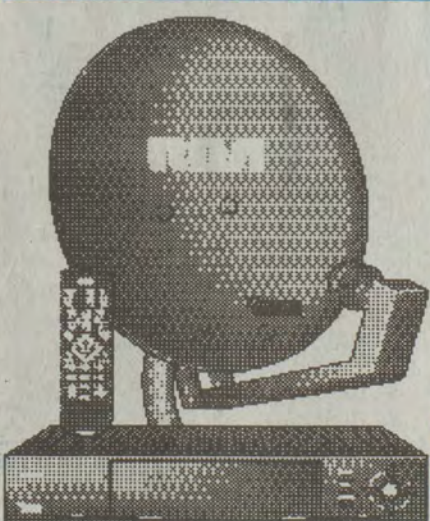
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### Public Notice

OROIANCE #98-010  
AMENDMENT #89

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Floyd County Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999, to include unanticipated receipts from Rural and Municipal Aid in the amount of \$300,000.00, and increasing expenditures in the area of the LGEA Fund is scheduled to be held on December 18, 1998 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse, second floor. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

BEN HALE  
FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

### Public Notice

ORIDANCE #89-009  
AMENDMENT #7

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Floyd County Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999, to include unanticipated receipts from Rural and Municipal Aid in the amount of \$500,000.00, and increasing expenditures in the area of the LGEA Fund is scheduled to be held on December 18, 1998 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse, second floor. A cop of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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## BRIEFS

## Two-for-one exercises sneak in fitness

One of the easiest ways to sneak fitness into your life is by combining exercise with another activity.

The American Heart Association recommends that a person work in 30 to 60 minutes of vigorous activity at least three times a week. Cleaning, watching television, spending time with the children and shopping can be great ways to sneak extra minutes of physical activity into your lifestyle.

Here's a few suggestions for a healthier lifestyle:

- Go for a walk with your children instead of watching television.
- Walk at least once around the mall before making a purchase.
- Bicycle to the grocery store on those trips to pick up odds and ends.
- Use a treadmill or exercise bike while watching television.

## May House Pictorial History Book

The Floyd County Historical Society and the Friends of the Samuel May House are now taking orders for the Floyd County Pictorial History Book. This hard-bound, coffee-table-size book will feature hundreds of never-before-published photos of Floyd County people and places. Deadline for orders is

December 15. Orders should be sent to Floyd County Pictorial History, P.O. Box 982, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

If you have any photographs which you would like to contribute to the book, contact Robert Pery at 606-886-3863, ext. 290 or Jim Daniels at 606-886-2865.

## Poem search

Kentucky Arts Council urges Kentuckians to participate in the "Favorite Poem Project"

The Favorite Poem Project, Robert Pinsky's main undertaking as Poet Laureate of the United States, is seeking people to take part in the creation of a national audio and video archive, consisting of approximately 1000 Americans, each saying aloud the words of a favorite poem, along with a few sentences about the particular poem's importance to the individual who reads it.

To volunteer to read a poem for the favorite poem project, send the title of the poem, the author and a few sentences about the poem's importance to you, along with your name, phone number and address, to:

Robert Pinsky—The Favorite Poem Project  
236 Bay State Road  
Boston, Massachusetts 02215

(See Briefs, page four)



Azzie Tackett, of McDowell, raised this plant appropriately called elephant ears. The plant reached a height of more than nine feet. (Photo by Becky Bentley)

## U.S. Marine Corps' 223rd birthday

by Frances P. Brackett  
John Graham Chapter  
DAR representative



Cassie Allen, a Prestonsburg attorney, cut the Marine birthday cake that depicted the marine symbol and slogan "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful).

"The Marines have landed" became reality November 9, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park near Prestonsburg when the East Kentucky Detachment 617 composed of marines from Martin, Johnson, Floyd, Lawrence, and Pike counties, met for a dinner to celebrate the 223rd birthday of the marine corps, which fell on November 10, 1998.

Through the march of history, few military organizations have been held in such high esteem as the U.S. Marine Corps who first arrived in the form of English colonists in 1740 commanded by Alexander Spotswood, governor of the colony of Virginia. During the American Revolution, the Maritime Committee headed by John Adams met at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, resulted in a resolution passed by Congress, November 10, 1775, creating a marine detachment. When the Treaty of Paris was signed, November 30, 1783, ending the Revolutionary War, the navy and marines were disbanded. It was not until March, 1794 that congress authorized six

frigates, all of which were to have marine detachments. And it fell to President Thomas Jefferson to help select the permanent site for the marine barracks.

In 1815, Lt. Presley O'Banion led 200 marines and raised the flag of the USA for the first time on

foreign soil when Tripoli leaders declared war on the USA. This war led to the adoption of the marine hymn "From the Hall of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli." Lt. O'Banion later

(See Marines, page 12)



Marines and guests, from left, Joel Stumbo, Ray Brackett, Bob Harless, Bill Davis, Leo Marcum, Cassie Allen, Clay Wells, Otto Cesco, Charles Lowe, and Gary Adkins gathered at the May Lodge to celebrate the 223rd birthday of the Marine Corps.

## Poison Oak

by Clyde Pack

## Missing downtown

There's just something unnatural about being able to stand at one end of Main Street at 2 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon, two weeks before Christmas, and shooting a shotgun all the way to the other end without fear of harming a single soul. Even the town dog is not visible.

Well, I don't know where the dog is, but I'm afraid all the people have gone to the mall. Oh sure, I enjoy shopping the malls myself...sometimes. But malls, at least as far as I'm concerned, are really better suited for browsing than they are for serious shopping. And that's why, especially at this time of the year, I miss our small-town downtowns.

Not that it makes me feel any better saying it, but it's like this all up and down the big Sandy:

Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Louisa... it's all the same. I think it's really a shame that our young people will never know the feeling of popping in and out of one little hometown store after another, or visiting the massive five and ten where a bagful of striped candy or a box of chocolate covered cherries could run you as high as 39 cents.

I know, I know. Here we go again on one of those silly journeys back to the good ole days when everybody had to walk five miles to school in the snow... barefooted... uphill...both ways.

Well, perhaps it doesn't go back quite that far, but this is the 35th Christmas that Wilma and I have been together as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (only to each other, of course), and special memories of holiday shopping downtown are still very vivid. Before the bulldozers of progress expanded the city limits and monsters called "anchor stores" inhabited our part of the world, folks who waited on you in downtown stores were the same folks who waited on you last Christmas and the Christmas before that. They knew your sizes, your favorite color, and even her preferred fragrance.

Downtown shopping then was even fraught with a bit of conspiracy. For instance, the pretty sweater I thought I'd picked out to surprise Wilma was in fact no surprise at all, because she herself had selected it a day or two earlier, leaving instructions to "show it to him when he comes in and tell him how much you think I'd like it."

I wonder if she ever considered such Yuletide chicanery as a two-way street and really thought that she actually picked out my ties?

She did have one up on me, though. When it came to gift wrapping, she could look at a package and tell from which store it came. She would, on her frequent visits, memorize the wrapping paper. Not only that, many times she could even tell which clerk had made the bow.

I miss those days of, as the song says, "city sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style." Now, though, instead of "in the air there's a feeling of Christmas," it's "let's hurry and get out of this place while there's a checkout open."

While I'm not proclaiming that Christmas time downtown was another Bedford Falls, it did seem that in many ways, we lived a wonderful life.

## "Why Be Tobacco Free?"

During the month of October, Floyd County students in grades K-8 were encouraged to participate in Our Lady of the Way Hospital's first annual "Why Be Tobacco Free?" poster and essay contests.

The contests were held in recognition of the Great American Smokeout which took place on Thursday, November 19. Entries in the poster contest were submitted by students in grades K-5, while students in grades 6-8 submitted essays. Criteria for the poster contest included content, quality of art work and originality. Criteria for the essay contest included content, originality, quality of work and persuasiveness. Each participating classroom submitted an entry to vie for a school winner. School and county winners were then chosen by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

County winners include:

- Essay Winner: Kortney Osborne, Allen Central Middle School.
- Essay Runner-Up: Crystal Barnett, Allen Central Middle School.
- Poster Winner: Chasity Conn, Betsy Layne Elementary
- Poster Runner-Up: Dustin Rowe, May Valley Elementary

School winners include:

- Allen Central Middle School Essay Winner—Kortney Osborne, daughter of Rita and Larry Osborne of Hueysville; Allen Central Middle School Essay Runner-Up—Crystal Barnett, daughter of Jennifer and Scott Barnett and the niece of Sheri Barnett of Hueysville; Betsy Layne Elementary Poster Winner—Chasity

Conn, daughter of Charles and Deanna Conn of Stanville; James A. Duff Elementary Poster Winner—Keshia Leann Goble, daughter of Judy Wright and Ollie Goble and the granddaughter of Gertrude Goble of Hippo; May Valley Elementary Poster Winner—Dustin Rowe, son of Bobby and Teresa Rowe of Martin; McDowell Elementary Poster Winner—Kim Patton, daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Patton of Printer; Osborne Elementary Poster Winner—Kristen Booth, daughter of Denilya Conn of Hi Hat; and, Prestonsburg Elementary Poster Winner—Tori Hunt, daughter of John and Cindi Hunt of Auxier.

County winners received a trophy and a Wal-Mart gift certificate; school winners received a ribbon and a tee shirt. Schools participating in the event received a certificate of recognition to be displayed at their school. Winning essays and posters were displayed in the hospital's lobby area during the Great American Smokeout.



Kortney Osborne  
6th Grade—ACMS



Keshia Goble  
5th Grade—Duff Elem.



Tori Hunt  
K.—P.G.S.



Kristen Booth  
2nd Grade—Osborne Elem.



Kim Patton  
McDowell Elem.



Kalyon Bailey  
6th Grade—ACMS



Dustin Rowe  
May Valley



Chasity Conn  
B.L.E.—4th Grade

# SOCIETY



## Edward Reunion

Louella Edwards, 80, of Lackey, traveled to Jefferson, North Carolina, to meet her aunt Pearl Burkett, 94, for the very first time. When Louella was born in 1918, in Letcher County, her mother, Alva Wells, (Pearl's sister) died nine days later of childbirth fever. Another family member in Harlan, took Louella to raise and all contact was lost with her mother's family.

Louella's dream was to meet or make contact with her mother's family.

With the help of her children,

she was able to locate her Aunt Pearl in North Carolina.

The reunion turned out to be a special day with a dinner held in Louella and Pearl's honor by more of the family members in the Fellowship Hall in Jefferson, North Carolina. Hours of talking and memories flowed as the many relatives and, at last, Louella fulfilled her dream.

Her daughters, Dorlane Runyon and Arvella Martin and son-in-law, Harold Dean Martin, accompanied Louella to Jefferson.

## Drift Club holds meeting

The GFWC/KFWC Woman's Club monthly meeting was held at the Hi Lite Pizza Restaurant at Minnie.

Alice Skeans, president, presided. She led the club members in the reading of the club collect, followed by prayers and pledge to the American flag.

Celia Little, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer, Roney Clark, gave the treasurer's report.

The Drift Woman's Club delegates, Celia Little and Roney Clark, reported on the seventh District KFWC Conference held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

The first place winner in the Arts



A Christmas tree skirt, made by Eileen Martin was shown at a meeting of Floyd County Retired Teachers on November 5.

and Crafts Contest will be taken to the KFWC Convention in Louisville to be judged in the state contest. The first place winners were Maggie Cook, South Floyd High School, in the pencil drawing category and Wendy Moore in the acrylic painting category. Each was awarded a blue ribbon.

The president, Alice Skeans announced the KFWC Drift Woman's Club will host the seventh District conference October 1999.

Geraldine Ward, hostess, served pizza to Alice Skeans, Celia Little, Roney Clark, Ruby Akers, Brooksie Gearheart, Alma Mosley, Karen Meade and Kathryn Youmans.

## Retired teachers entertained by P.H.S. honor choir

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association met in regular session, Thursday, December 3, at May Lodge.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Roberta Fugate, president of the association.

After a welcome to those present and words of appreciation for Prestonsburg High School's anticipated program of seasonal songs, Fugate called on Danny Branson for the invocation. Alice Martin led the group in the flag salute and the singing of "God Bless America."

The Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir, under the direction of Elizabeth Frazier and accompanied at the piano by David Leslie, then entertained the group. Among their

(See Society, page four)



## Winners

Students at South Floyd High School who were winners in the KFWC seventh District Art Contest were Wendy Moore, first place; Maggie Cook, first place, and Canda Short, third place. Billy J. Stegall is the art teacher at the school.



## Crafts

KFWC Drift Woman's Club craft winner, first place, in KFWC seventh District Contest. Quilted wall hangers and baby quilt and pillow, blue ribbon.

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

## Ten Years Ago Wednesday, December 14, 1988

The Floyd County Board of Education received a double dose of bad medicine in the form of two reports: a much-lauded curriculum audit found the district has virtually no curriculum coordination or planning; in addition, the district may face a deficit of \$325,000 at the end of the current fiscal year ... When Allen Fire Department firefighters arrived at the home of James "Jimmy" Settles at Ivel just before 7 a.m. Tuesday, they found two rooms at the back of the house ablaze, with flames shooting out of the downstairs windows ... Residents of the Wheelwright area had running water in their homes by last Thursday, a privilege they had missed for over a week ... About two dozen persons crowded into the tiny hearing room of the Kentucky Department of Surface Mining here Thursday to witness the charges brought against local miner and developer Gary Branham ... A family outing turned into a tragedy for a Grethel family when Roy L. Adams, 43, was killed in a head-on collision that injured seven people ... The news is good in Prestonsburg these days: the city is fiscally sound, the police department is doing well, the fire department has little business, several streets have been repaved and Archer Park is undergoing a continuing facelift ... There died: Roy L. Adams, 43, of Grethel, December 10 at Harold; William Scott Brown, 12, of Langley, December 8, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Bill Calhoun, 55, of Watergap, November 29 at his residence; Maxine Hamilton 44, of Teaberry, December 9 at the Methodist Hospital; Grace Helton George, 70, of Martin, December 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Girlie Moore, 93, of Minnie, December 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital in McDowell; Chadwick Salisbury, infant son of Danny and Joetta Slone Salisbury, December 12, at Cabel Huntington Hospital; and Charles Homer Stanley, 62, of Melvin, December 8 at St. Joseph Hospital.

## Twenty Years Ago (December 13, 1978)

The roof of the Prestonsburg High School is almost completed, according to contractors...Flood waters, the result of nearly three days of steady rain, surround the Garrett gymnasium...The Community Church of Wheelwright sits on top of a graveyard...About \$8.6 million is available in Kentucky to aid families who cannot pay utility bills and other

emergency costs this winter...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Joe Reynolds, of Allen, a daughter, Andrea Jill, Wednesday, Dec. 6...There died: Gypsy F. Collins, 79, of Town Branch, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Charles Douglas Hyden, 47, of Brainard, at his home; Lula Katherine O'Dell, 56, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Floyd County, in Gross Point, Mich.; Virgil Albert Oiler, 62, of Galveston, at St. Mary's Hospital; Jimmie Crager, 66, of Hindman, at his home; Alice W. May, 78, of Langley, in Martin; Bessie Arnett, 79, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Margaret Elizabeth May, 66, of Floyd County, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; James Adam Bradley, 48, formerly of Floyd County, in Columbia, City, Ind.; Jesse Rowe, 74, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Thirty Years Ago (December 12, 1968)

Owners of Prestonsburg places of business have been notified that enforcement of the state Sunday closing law will begin with next Sunday. Mayor George P. Archer said this week that the law has been violated here for years without protest and that any effort on the part of the city to enforce it now will be without partiality...The Floyd County Board of Education at its Saturday meeting, here set Jan. 10 as the date for asking bids for construction of phase 1 of the Right Beaver High School at Eastern. Its estimated cost is \$900,000...Formation of a sewer district for the town of Allen and vicinity was planned at a "town hall" meeting of residents of Old Allen and the board of trustees of the town this week...Approximately 50 Prestonsburg high school students staged a walkout Wednesday morning claiming the school's heating system was inadequate. Floyd Chapter, American Red Cross was near closing this week, and unless financial support from local sources is found, it will be closed. The Red Cross has spent more than a million dollars in Floyd County flood relief since 1957...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Ypsilanti, Mich., December 11, a daughter, Sherry Lynn. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith; to Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Mayo, of Martin, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, Dec. 12 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. There died: Press Hall, 83, at his home at Melvin; Willard Mullins, 80, retired miner, of Hi Hat; Mrs. Leatha W. Roache, 82, formerly of Garrett, at the Pantial, Mich. General Hospital in Michigan; Henry Castle, 50, of Thealka, Johnson County, brother of Howard Castle,

Prestonsburg; Arthur Vanhoose, 82, of Estill at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

## Forty Years Ago (December 11, 1958)

The \$134,643 road project from Dewey Lake boat dock to the Stratton Branch recreation area was halted this week by the state when it was discovered that the state Highway Department had not procured from the federal government, rights-of-way for the project...The Prestonsburg Ground Observers Corps, organized six years ago, is being discontinued Jan. 31...Discussing complaints from citizens concerning the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in "dry" Floyd County, Sheriff Hershel Warrens said, "The people who are complaining, in most instances will not make the necessary effort to stop this bootlegging."...New figures throw the first light on just how Floyd County held up during the 1957-58 recession. The answer, in a nutshell, is—better than many communities...Contracts ordering \$2,000,000 worth of work have been awarded by the State Highway Department this year for Floyd County roads and bridges...A coal, gas and oil research and development facility in Eastern Kentucky, linked with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Bureau of Mines, was discussed in Washington today...U.S. Senators Morton and Cooper announced in a joint statement Tuesday, that the Housing and Home Finance Agency had approved a workable program for urban renewal at Martin...Eagle Scout Joe David Martin, of Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley N. Martin, has been selected as the Lonesome Pine Council representative to present the report of Kentucky Boy Scout Councils to Governor Chandler on Feb. 17, during Boy Scout week...Kentucky's ratio of physicians to population is one of the lowest in the nation and sectionally, the Hazard and Pikeville area fare worse than any other parts of the state. There died: Conway Pigman, 57, native of Floyd County, at Newport News, Va.; Dally Hall, 66, of Bevinsville, Thursday at home; Ballard Webb, 58, Dwale, at the C. & O. Hospital, Huntington; Coonie Conley, 77, of Handshoe, son of Jack and Masis Smith Handshoe; Mrs. Margie Hunter, of Harold. She was a daughter of the late Bob and Rebecca Kidd Fife.

## Fifty Years Ago (December 9, 1948)

Distribution of approximately \$13,000,000

among the 120 countries of the state for an expanded rural road program will bring Floyd County next year, \$173,038.06...Claims of parents that their children were wasting their school lunch money on pin ball machines led the city council to enact an ordinance forbidding any owner of such machines to permit any person under 16 years to play...County Superintendent Palmer Hall, Tuesday, proposed in a joint session of the County and City Boards here, a settlement of the partnership operation of Prestonsburg and Floyd County High School on a buy or sell basis...The Kiwanis Club's minstrel show, "King Coal" was so successful this week it may go to other towns in the county. A highlight of the show was the baton-twirling act of James Camicia, "as good as you'll see anywhere."... "Set" Branham, of Prestonsburg High School, is named All-state halfback...There died: Mrs. Byrd Callihan May, lifelong resident of Prestonsburg, in a Lexington hospital; Harry F. May, 71, prominent Maytown man, of a heart attack; Nathaniel Carroll, 84, at the home of Hiram Salisbury, Hunter; Sgt. Norman Bailey, of injuries suffered in Naples, Italy, was buried at Handshoe on Salt Lick; funeral was held at Allen for Sgt. Arnold Bentley, 22, who was killed in France, Oct. 31, 1944; funeral for Pat Richmond Bradford who died in Italy Feb. 21, 1944 at Goodloe; Mrs. Christy Mae Howard, 41, native of Banner; Sam Noe, 47, at his home at Wayland.

## Sixty Years Ago (Dec. 8, 1938)

With Congressman A. J. May of Prestonsburg one of the principal speakers, approximately 150 persons representing the Big Sandy Valley, met at Louisa, Monday, to discuss ways and means of completing the "missing link," of the Mayo Trail between Prestonsburg and Paintsville...To be filed with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky by the Southern Public Service Company, Jan. 5, is a schedule of gas rates for Prestonsburg, which affects every local consumer...The first hunter ever convicted in Floyd County of hunting with a ferret has been fined \$15 and costs by County Judge E.P. Hill...James Dotson last week purchased from Bob Hughes, the second-hand clothing store opened several weeks ago by Mr. Hughes, opposite the Courthouse...There died: Mrs. Rosie Robinson, 60 years old, at home in Alpharetta. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Meek; Sam A. (Squire) Collins, 57, of Garrett; William Hamilton, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lackey Hamilton.

# FOR THE RECORD

## Marriage Licenses

Frances L. Settles, 26, of Prestonsburg, and Brian K. Caudill, 37, of Prestonsburg.  
 Tammy R. Hamby, 38, of Wheelwright, and Somchai Senavinin, 49, of Wheelwright.  
 Mary M. Adkins, 32, of Van Lear, and Christopher Hackworth, 26, of Hager Hill.  
 Deanna Robinson, 43, of Prestonsburg, and Arvil R. Horn, 55, of Pikeville.  
 Tiesha M. Bryant, 21, of Bypro, and Reao Hamilton, 49, of Teaberry.  
 Deema Marsha Lafferty, 55, of Martin, and Frank Prater, 61, of Prestonsburg.  
 Aubre A. Arnett, 24, of Betsy Layne, and Rodney C. Hall, 24, of Morgantown, North Carolina.  
 Amy Nicole Dye, 19, of Prestonsburg, and Joseph Arthur Burchett II, 26, of Prestonsburg.

## District Court

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

Jimmy D Collins, 40, of Martin; Driving DUI under suspended license, 7 days on DUI, \$818.50; plus 30 days for operating motor vehicle on suspended license; improper registration, third offense, 60 days additional. In jail if fines and cost are not paid in 180 days and two years of suspended license.  
 Jerry Kidd, 50, of Drift; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$518.50; no Kentucky regulation plates, \$25; no insurance, \$500.  
 James W Lafferty, 21, of Dwale; disorderly conduct, attempting to elude police, resisting arrest, \$93.50.  
 Jerry R Gibson, 48, of Wayland, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$508.50; loss of license for 90 days; traffic school, 180 days.  
 Rosemary Williams, 42, of Salyersville, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$518.50; 90 days loss of license, \$52.50 for public defendant fee; operating on a suspended license, \$100.  
 Frank Ross, 38, of Stambaugh; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$505.50.  
 Eddy W Patrick, 39, of Beattyville; speeding 14 miles per hour over the limit, suspended fine, \$43.50.  
 Alan S Hicks, 18, of Garrett; reckless driving; operating ATV on Highway 7850, traffic school, 30 days.  
 Steven J Bryant, 25, of Pikeville, speeding 15 miles per hour over the limit, refer to safety traffic school, pay cost \$43.50.  
 Wilburn L Maynard, 27, of Inez, speeding 23 miles per hour over the limit, \$88.50  
 Richard R Jervis, 19, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, \$143.50; resisting arrest, five days in jail, credit for three days served; disorderly conduct, two days in jail.  
 Robert M Adams, 47, of Salyersville; assault in the fourth degree child abuse, \$83.50; probation 29 days, no contact with victim.  
 Dutch J Morgan, 40, of Fallon; criminal trespassing 3rd degree, \$183.50, alcohol intoxication, third degree, seven days in jail.  
 Anthony Wade Watkins, 36, of Topmost; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$518.50; no operators license, \$100.

## Property Transfers

Gina M. Hall (Tarver) and Marc Thomas Tarver to Bryan S. Hall, property location not listed.  
 Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church Inc. to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, property along KY 114.  
 Lena Page and Charles Page, Febel Crum and Judy Crum, Garvin Crum and Brenda Crum, Linda Ramos and Joe Ramos to Garland Lafferty and Gina Lafferty, property on Arkansas Creek.  
 Janet Cooley Webb and Claude J. Webb to Hattie L. Cooley Owens and Jackie E. Owens, property on Prater Fork of Brush Creek.  
 Shane Erie Hall to Shane Erie

Hall and Jessica L. Hall, property on Left Fork of Otter Creek.

James L. Sturgill to Maude Roberts, property on Keathley Fork of Toler Creek.  
 Mendie Tackett to Kenneth Ray Elkins and Marie Elkins, property on Left Beaver Creek.

James Paige and Maxine Paige to Butch Paige and Rhoda Paige, property location not listed.

Kenneth Ray Layne and Patricia Louise Layne, Albert Buford Layne and Palestene Layne, Donald H. Layne and Glema D. Layne to Darvene Conn and Sally L. Conn, property at Betsy Layne.

Marsha Stumbo, Patricia Stumbo Schuppert and Stephen Schuppert, Gregory D. Stumbo and Mary K. Stumbo to Deborah Stumbo Woods, property in Mayo Subdivision.

Julia A. Long and Bailey Long to Craig J. Dudrick, property location not listed.

Barbara Hunter to Eurman Hunter, property on Right Beaver Creek.

Eurman Hunter to Eugene Lawson, property on Right Beaver Creek.

Susan Wells Howell to Tommy Howell, property on May Branch.

Ethel Hamilton to Carl Dean Hamilton, Randy Hamilton, Rusty Hamilton, Jeffrey Hamilton, Greg Hamilton, Ricky Hamilton, Juanita Hall, Jeanette Tackett, Joan Hall, Sandra Hamilton, Gaylia Hamilton, Candy Hamilton and Steve Hamilton, property location not listed.

Mike Keel to Ricky E. Slone and Deresa Slone, property location not listed.

Merman Keel and Mary Keel to Ricky E. Slone and Deresa Slone, property location not listed.

Peggy Hall, Jane Elizabeth Hall Allison and Aaron Allison and Richard Ashley Hall to Richard G. Hall and Peggy Hall, property location not listed.

Daniel Louis Adams and Dawn Renee Adams to Jayson Bryant and Ardie K. Bryant, property on Frasure Branch.

Ronald Eugene Adams and Rhonda Adams to Jayson Bryant and Ardie K. Bryant, property on Big Mud Creek on Frasure Branch.

Dixie Lee Tackett to Charles Tackett, property location not listed.

Michael W. Dale and Patricia L. Dale to October Holding Inc., property on South Lake Drive.

Angela Jones to Mickey L. Hamilton and Geneva J. Hamilton, property on Keiser Branch.

Jo K. Newsome and William Newsome Jr. to Hazel Kidd Hamilton and Eddie Hamilton, property in Stumbo Addition.

Russell Hamilton and Jewell Hamilton to Karen K. Addis, property location not listed.

Joann Wicker to the David Area Volunteer Fire Department, property location not listed.

Gleason Slone and Ellen Louise Slone to Ronald L. Gullett and Barbara H. Gullett, property location not listed.

Betty Kidd and Ransom Kidd to Anna Lykens, property location not listed.

O. Sam Blankenship and Jeanne B. Blankenship to O. Sam Blankenship and Jeanne B. Blankenship, property in Prestonsburg Village.

Gregory Tussey, George P. Tussey and Kimberly Tussey to Vivian Tussey, quitclaim deed, property location not listed.

Ruth O. Mosley and Marilyn Tackett to Marilyn Tackett, property on Left Beaver Creek.

Jim Day and Jo Ann Day to James P. Skaggs and Judith Skaggs, property location not listed.

Ralph Spencer and Eugenia Spencer to Gloria Jean Allen and Ralph O. Spencer, property on Beaver Creek.

Ermal Hunter and Barbara Hunter, Carolyn Clark, Tracy Hunter and Fran Hunter, Jessie Hunter Keene and Joe Keene to Mildred Parsons and Millard Parsons, quitclaim deed to property on Little Mud Creek.  
 Tex Lawson and Drema Lawson, Autry Lawson and Sherry Lawson to William Burchett, property located at Tram.

## Restaurant, School and Mobile Home Park Inspections

*Editor's Note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists Russell Wallace, Mark Johnson and Janet Conley.*  
 • Subway of Prestonsburg, 97: Hair restraints not worn by person

nel in food preparation area. No soap provided in men's restroom.

• Midtown Market, 96 in deli and 99 in retail: Improper storage of wiping cloth in preparation area. Inside ceiling of microwave not clean. Chest-type freezer in preparation area and chest-type cooler soft drink in retail area not clean. Shelving in retail area soiled with dust.

• Parkway Connection Inc. Mobile Home Park, 96: Mobile home lots not numbered systematically. Accessory structure not 15' from adjacent homes — between homes that are grey and white and brown and white.

• Parkway Connection, 95 in deli and 96 in retail: Can opener blade and inside ceiling of microwave in food preparation area not clean. Shelving soiled with dust in retail area. Restroom doors not self-closing. Mop stored on floor. Not inverted. Maintenance equipment improperly stored.

• Heritage Pizza, 99: All previous violations corrected, except the following: freezer door handle in disrepair. Fusebox still uncovered.

• Reno's Roadhouse, 81: Critical violation found. Small reach-in cooler not maintaining proper temperature. Actual temperature was at 54°F. Must be 45°F. Potentially hazardous food. Safe temperature items in preparation trays (sour cream, butter and cheese) potentially hazardous. Also, salads on open rack shelving were stored uncovered below first shelf. Owner given 10 minutes to correct critical violation.

Food was removed and placed in ice baths to bring to proper temperature of 45°. Salads were covered. Score raised to 92.

Other violations: Shelving in walk-ins not maintained. Shelves had peeling paint with rust deposits. Ceiling and wall areas not clean throughout establishment. Some employees not wearing hair restraints. Ice scoop handle stored in ice in bar area. Ice scoop stored on top of ice machine. Top of ice machine located in preparation area soiled with dust.

Can opener blade and ice scoop had rust depots and ice scoop. No covered waste receptacle provided in female employee's restroom. Gasket in small, reach-in cooler in bad repair.

• Dollar Store, Stanville, 95: Food items stored on floor in display and storage areas. No soap in women's restroom; men's restroom lock in disrepair. Mops improperly stored.

• May Valley Elementary, 97: Personnel wearing hair restraints improperly. One light out in kitchen. Mop improperly stored.

• Hobert's Pizzeria, Martin, not rated: Follow-up visit. Second bathroom installation has begun, but is not complete. Follow-up for completion in ten days.

## Suits Filed

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

Billy Gene Conn VS Polly Jean Conn, of Allen, Petition for dissolution of marriage.

Brad Hall, Kenny Pennington, Deidra Lawson, VS Michael L. Justice, property damage.

Billy R Williamson of McDowell, VS Mary Williamson of McDowell, alleged personal injury received in an accident on June 21 in McDowell.

Edna Blackburn of Garrett, VS Electra Parker of Raccoon, compensation for alleged injuries received for an auto accident on February 17 on 1428 in Prestonsburg.

Floyd Co Board of Education VS William C Stumbo of La Grange et al, title dispute.

Darlene Hall VS Dennis Hall of Auxier, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Tabitha Turner of Stanville, VS Don Kenton Turner of Georgetown, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kudie Equipment of Prestonsburg, VS Jim Warsing of Willoughby Ohio, alleged breach of contract.

Amy Kathryn Knight White of Minnie, VS Jason Ray White of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Larry Hall of Printer VS Clyde Boyd of Banner, alleged breach of contract.

Erlene Caudill and Issac Caudill Jr., both of Prestonsburg, VS James E Collingsworth & Ford Motor Co, compensation for alleged injuries received in auto accident.

Brian Wallen of Langley, VS Deborah Wallen of Hueysville, peti-

tion for dissolution of marriage.

Christopher Hillard McKinley of Martin, VS Sherry Lynn Lyon McKinley of Clearfield, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Derek V Click of Hueysville, VS Diane Click, of Langley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Leitha Salisbury of Langley, VS Harrod-Early, Inc, D/B/A Casey Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Inc. of Winchester; alleged unlawful seizing of vehicle.

Richard C Bickford, Davita R Bickford, Louetta Parker Bickford, and Ora Michael Bickford of Salyersville, Vs Stanley Haddix of Prestonsburg; petition for declaration of rights concerning right of way on property.

Darrell Hall of Bevinsville, Vs State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., et al.; negligence of motor vehicle resulting in an accident that occurred on or about Aug 2.

Met - Tech Industries, Inc Vs Miller Mining Company, Inc. of Prestonsburg; alleged debts.

Danny Harrison MD, Vs Joan Lindon of Dana; alleged debts.

Matewan Bank Vs Christopher Salisbury and Stacy Salisbury of Floyd Co.; contract dispute.

Ellen Gilliam of Prestonsburg, Vs Marcel T Derossett of Prestonsburg; compensation for alleged injuries received in an auto accident in March 1998.

Commonwealth for Jerry Stratton Vs Terry Pufaht of Prestonsburg; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Tammy Vance Vs Michael Vance of Beaver; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Amanda Renee Tackett Bailey of Harold Vs Robert Devon Bailey of Hueysville; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Charlene I Woods of Pikeville, Vs Alex Adkins of Allen and Joseph

Kindle d/b/a/ KJ Trucking, of Royalton; compensation for cumulative damages resulting in motor vehicle collision on Dec 23, 1997, allegedly resulting in the death William Edwin Woods.

Barbara Keathley, of Harold, Vs Scott Keathley and Lizzie Keathley of Galveston; compensation for injuries received in an accident that

occurred on or about Oct 24, 1997.

Debra Thomas Vs Ricky Thomas of West-Prestonsburg, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Irene Kiser of Teaberry, Vs Fred Rife of Weeksbury; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident that occurred on or about Nov 30, 1996.

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# NEW ARRIVALS

## HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

November 23: A daughter, Victoria Lynne, to Jason and Patricia Slusher of Allen; a son, Zackary Tyler Keith, to Carrie Blevins of Paintsville.

November 24: A son, Avory Lee Raymond, to Ronnie and Lisa Lowe of Inez.

November 26: A daughter, Katie Autumn Marie, to Jillian Marie Jones of Martin; a daughter, Kimberleigh Holliann Ariel, to Tammy Lynn and James Thomas

Smith of Inez; a son, Bryce Evan, to Tracee and John Osborne of Paintsville; a son, Charles Edward O'Toole Jr., to Genevia and Charles Edward O'Toole of Salyersville; a son, Jordan Xavier, to Misty Dawn and Richard Matthew Norris of Salyersville; a son, Gunner Cole, to Tanya and Christopher Edmonds of Pikeville.

November 27: A son, Chad Preston Hall II, to Belinda Kay and Chad Preston Hall of Minnie.

November 28: A son, Jordan Lee, to John and Jessica Rice of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Sidney Rae, to Robert Glen and Peggy Lea Trimble of Salyersville.

November 29: A son, Chase Dalton Clark, to Timothy Marce and Jessica Lee Hastings of Prestonsburg.

November 30: A son, Trevor Allan, to Jeffery and Danielle Harmon of Louisa.



James Parker Terry

## It's a boy

James Patrick and Paula J. Terry of Lexington, announce the birth of their son, James Parker, on November 1, at 4:27 p.m., at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. James Parker weighed 8 lbs., 10 ozs., and was 20 3/4" long.

His maternal grandparents are Martha Jane and Paul Porter of Allen. His great-grandparents are Herman C. Porter of Allen, and the late Berniece Porter, and the late Kelly and Alice Kendrick.

His paternal grandparents are Laura and Jim Terry of Oneida, Tennessee. His great-grandparents are Elsie Sexton of Oneida, Tennessee and the late Elmore Sexton, and the late Nannie and William Terry.



## It's a girl

Brian and Leslie Nelson of Banner, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren MacKenzie Nelson. She was born October 31, at 6:03 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Her paternal grandparents are Donnie and Charlene Nelson of Banner. Her maternal grandparents are John Richard and Brenda Porter of Stanville. She is the great-granddaughter of Willie and Virginia Hicks of Prestonsburg, and Betty Porter of Prestonsburg.

# SMALL WORLD

## Lost and found

My husband has never lost anything in all the years since we've been married. He's never considered that any personal item might have been stolen or used up sooner than expected. He has never given anything away only to forget about it or suspected that his children might have "borrowed" something in his absence, assuring anyone within earshot that, "Daddy won't mind."

But almost every time he reaches for something and draws a blank, he knows exactly what happened to it. I've either misplaced it or thrown it away. It can be anything ranging from his car keys, billfold, the new fishing lure he bought and "laid right here," the bolts some friend brought for him to repair a trailer-

hitch or a tie that remotely matches whatever he's wearing.

He always comes directly to me and asks, "What did you do with it?"

Once when he'd returned from some errand, he parked his car and locked the doors. He was all set to go somewhere else the following morning, and I noticed he kept walking from room to room. Finally, he came and interrupted a long distance phone call to ask, "What did you do with my car keys?"

I told my brother in California I'd call him back. I had to help my husband find his keys.

First, I asked him to backtrack himself, to check whatever he'd been wearing and try to remember what rooms he had gone to. I looked with him in all the corners of the house, under the edge of the bed and by the computer where he plays

solitaire.

From time to time he would repeat, "You must have picked them up for I always put them right here." Then he would add a little lecture like, "I know how you are. You straighten up the house by poking things in drawers to get them out of sight."

I searched through cabinet drawers, in cups and on shelves. I emptied my purse and combed its contents. We walked through the grass and fallen leaves between the house and carport. I even reminded him of something Rhonda would say as a child. I'd give her a piece of gum and in ten minutes, she'd be back wanting another. When I'd ask what she did with what I gave her, she'd say, "I fwalled it."

"Maybe you fwalled your keys," I said. He wasn't amused.

Finally, we gave up and called the car dealership and, in a reason-



by Aileen Hall

able time, they had a new set for him. His world was turned right side up again.

It was about a week before he came in from the store and laid his keys beside some groceries on the kitchen bar. "That looks like your original set of keys," I said, "Where did you find them?"

He grinned when he told me. "They were in the pocket of some jeans I'd forgotten about wearing."

I don't know how he forgets these little outcomes so quickly, but he does. A few days ago he said he had a few bills to pay so, while I was making a cake, he would be in the next room writing some checks.

I was busy with my cake ingredients, and he was very quiet. Then I had to turn the mixer off to understand his question, "What have you done with my checkbook?"

## BIRTHDAYS



## Jordan turns one

On November 20, Nicholas Jordan Hagens celebrated his first birthday at the Convention Center at Allen. Jordan is the son of Nick Hagens and Miranda Rowe, both of Langley. He is the grandson of Bobby Rowe of Martin, Edmona Calhoun of Allen, and Deb Hagens and Bill Hagens Jr. of Langley. He is the great-grandson of Ed Hall of Allen, Norma Jean Patton of Martin, and Bill and Ella Hagens of Langley.

# AG NEWS



## Holiday cacti brighten season

by Patricia G. Spicer  
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Floyd County Office

"Christmas cactus" plants come in shades of white, golden yellow, pink rose, coral and red. It is no wonder that these fall and winter blooming plants have been holiday favorites for years.

People group holiday cacti together under the term "Christmas cactus." Actually, most holiday cacti are derived from the Thanksgiving or crab cactus (Schlumbergera truncata). The true Christmas cactus is Schlumbergera bridgesii. The main difference between the two is in the shape of the leaflike stem segments. In the Thanksgiving cactus, the edges of the segments are toothed or point-

ed; in the Christmas cactus, the segments are smaller and have rounded lobes. The Thanksgiving cactus tends to grow more upright, while the Christmas cactus tends to be more drooping.

Both species originated in Brazil, where they grow in plant debris trapped among tree branches or in decaying humus on the ground. Therefore, plants grown in the home do best in a light, humusy or peat-based potting soil and containers with holes for drainage. Avoid potting in heavy mineral-type soils, where over-watering will quickly lead to root rot and plant death.

Holiday cacti bloom in response to short days and/or cool temperatures. To cause flower buds, begin to expose the cacti to nine hours of light and 15 hours of darkness each day, starting in September. For example, each day place the plant in a light-free closet or under a box at

5:00 p.m. each evening and return it to a sunny window at 8:00 a.m.

Holding temperatures between 50 and 59 degrees F. will stimulate flowering despite day length. Kentucky gardeners that reflower their holiday cactus each year, simply leave the plants outdoors through September and protect the plants from frost if necessary. When the plants are brought indoors in early October, flower buds are set and the plants will flower around Thanksgiving.

Temperatures above 75 degrees F., sudden changes in temperature or light levels, and over watering plants that are potted in heavy soil will cause unopened flower buds to fall off.

For more information on caring for holiday plants, contact Pat Spicer at the Extension office at 886-2668 or stop by 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

## Society

selections were "Holly, Holly, Holly," "Sleep Little Child," "Caroling Bells," "African Noel" and a Christmas medley that included "Jingle Bell Rock," "Merry Christmas, Baby," "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus," "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Before leaving, the choir was presented with a check for \$100 from FCRTA. It is planned to use this money for hand bells.

Upon the departure of the honor choir, the president opened the meeting to routine business. Noting the many illnesses among members of the organization, she asked that "get well," cards be sent to those who are sick. She then read the minutes of the last meeting which

were accepted as read.

The treasurer's report was given by Doris Osborne and Jimmy Reynolds gave the membership total as 212. He announced a goal of 300.

The president noted a leadership meeting to be held at May Lodge, Wednesday, December 9, at 10 a.m. She stressed that while this was intended primarily for officers of the Big Sandy District, any retired teacher is welcome to attend.

The president also announced an executive council meeting in Louisville, December 7.

There were several facts made known to the group concerning the Triad program which is intended to serve the needs of senior citizens throughout Floyd County. Those interested in learning more about

the Triad program should attend a meeting at the senior citizens' building the second Monday in December, at 10 a.m.

There were four door prizes. The first, two tickets to the MAC for a performance by the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir, was won by Judy Burchell.

The second, a couple of food coupons to Jerry's Restaurant, was won by Mildred Whitaker. Roberta Fugate won a ceramic church contributed by Doris Osborne, and Etta Scott won a bunch of candy canes.

The benediction was given by Elmer Martin, after which the meeting adjourned.

Registering at the December meeting were the following: Shirley S. Vanderpool, Danny Branson, Alice O. Martin, Sharon A. Stumbo, Roberta Fugate, Lloyd Wells, Delphia J. Hicks, Donald Hicks, Mildred Whitaker, Etta C. Scott, Jimmy R. Reynolds, Thomas J. Tackett, Doris B. Osborne, Annis C. Clark, Pauline Conley, Bessie R. Conley, Ruby Akers, Alma J. Wells, Imogene Caldwell, Johnny Stumbo, Berty M. Porter, Thomas Hardwick, Elmer Martin, Eileen Martin, Bert Layne, and Judy Burchell.

## Howard reunion

The descendants of Willie and Cynthia (Caudill) Howard, of Garrett, had their first reunion at Archer Park at Prestonsburg. These

were some of the families that came from Oregon, California, Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky;

Lillian and Tom Grant from Oregon; Vivian and Jerry Allen, Susan, Mark and Sam from California; Lee Ester Hendershot and Lee Etta and Harlan Knoblauch and Genettie and Urby Ault from Michigan; Mamie Ruth Howard and sons Michael, Brian, Mark, and daughters, Brenda, Carol, and Donna from Michigan; Effie Howard and son Harry Howard, and Mildred of Burnside, and daughters Glenna and Willard Caudill and son, Darren Caudill and friend, and daughter Denise Caudill, from Ohio; Alberta and James Bolding and son Jeffery Bolding of Indiana; and daughter, Glenna and David Slone and Kaitlyn Nichole Slone of Garrett.

There were grandchildren and great-grandchildren who came from Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Georgia, California, Oregon, and Indiana.

The oldest was a daughter-in-law, Effie Howard Garrett, 92 years old. The youngest was a great-granddaughter, Kaitlynn Nichole Slone of Garrett, three months old.

Kelly Lee Howard and family from Kentucky; Trena Howard and family from Kentucky; Sandy and Dean Rupp and family from Toledo, Ohio; Reva and Bill Francis and family from Mousie; Lillian Grant's family from Ohio; Genettie Ault's family from Michigan.



A "History of Wayland," prepared by Judith Music, L. B. Price, and Betty Porter, was discussed at the November 5 meeting of the Floyd County Retired Teachers.



A crocheted afghan, made by Roberta Fugate, was displayed by Fugate and Alice Martin during a show and tell portion of the November 5 meeting of the Floyd County Retired Teachers.

## Briefs

### Gospel sing

A gospel sing will be held Friday, December 11th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Faith Freewill Baptist Church (1/4 mile past East Ky. Mack on Rt. 1428). Singers include the Jackson Family, Bluegrass Gospel Boys and church singers. The pastor is the Rev. Clinton (Buddy) Jones.

### Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund

On January 1, the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund (NISF) of the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) will begin accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school

year. A recipient is required to practice as a nurse in Kentucky for at least one year for each academic year funded.

For application forms or additional information, write to the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund, Kentucky Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington Pky., Suite 300, Louisville, KY. 40222-5172. Or call (502) 329-7000, extension 230, and leave your name and mailing address (or fax number if you want the application form faxed to you).

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# THIS & THAT

by Bill Francis

## Today is a great day to be alive!

Jack Frost's coat of white, Saturday and Sunday mornings, on everything, looked as if snow had fallen overnight. I was up at 7 a.m., excited over all I had to do before the clock struck midnight. I had responsibilities to fulfill. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have. Today, I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today, I can feel sad that I don't have more money, or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste. Today, I can

grumble about my health, or I can rejoice that I am alive. Today, I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up, or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today, I can cry because roses have thorns, or I can celebrate that thorns have roses. Today, I can mourn my lack of friends, or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships. Today, I can whine because I have to go to work, or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do. Today, I can complain because I have to go to school or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge. Today, I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework, or I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping. What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

Have a Great Day!

**Give life! Be an organ donor. Talk to your family and tell them you want to give or extend someone's life—a life you may or may never know, but someone who will be carrying part of your life with them.**

**Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Yes, gossip kills, so don't be a murderer. Put a smile on your face. Today is the day you worried about yesterday.**

The author of "Today is a Great Day to Be Alive" is unknown to me. I wanted to share it with you during the holiday season. It's something we should not just hang on the refrigerator door but place it in our heart and mind.

## "You'd better like the color!"

I'll try with this article to get automobiles out of my system. I wrote some time back about the bright halogen headlights. Well, I got to thinking a little more about automobiles. When I was growing up not too many years ago and on into my adulthood, cars that could reach a mileage of 50,000 miles were ready to be traded in for a new auto. If you could brag that your car had 75,000 miles on the mileage indicator, it was ready to be pushed to the junk yard. The metal remained good and was made of melted steel and not the cold rolled steel of today's cars. You can find '50 model cars today that have been outside since 1956 with only a few pitted places on their fenders.

I guess I should not try to compare the metal of yesterday's cars with today's cars, because most new cars are plastic. Today's cars have rubber bumpers, instead of those beautiful chrome front and back bumpers with the large guards on them.

I guess the bumper guards were used more for pushing a friend's car that was broken down and protecting your car at the same time. Oh yes, and the cars of that bygone era had metal chrome grills instead of the plastic grills of new cars. There was usually a wide band of shiny chrome that went from the rear fender to the front fender. The car had a trunk lid with a fine chrome handle that was curved to fit your hand. The tail lights had just enough chrome around them to glisten around the red brake and tail lights. The hood was out of this world. On the front was a large decorative highly pol-

ished chrome Indian Chief, a flying bird, or a sleek fast flying rocket. I can't forget all the chrome hubcaps with their unique designs, not plastic as on today's cars.

The seats were of real leather or a heavy grade cloth that couldn't be wore out. The dash board was of painted metal to match the decor of the interior and outside paint color.

I am not a mechanic. I can only recognize cars and their year of manufacturing of the 50s era, and I am beginning to lose that memory. I could identify cars after dark, headlights on, going in opposite directions.

Those days are long gone now I must get my magnifying glasses and try to locate the name. In the old days, the name of the car was written on the front, back and side of the cars and were without the dealer's name. The only thing that you can read without the aid of glasses on today's cars is the dealer's name that is conveniently placed on all the new cars.

Owners purchase a \$20,000 car and the dealerships place a large 4"x10" 50-cent dealer decal name on their expensive purchase. You would think they would at least lower the price by \$50 for the free advertisement they display on our automobiles.

We will advertise by driving the car with their decal all over the country. They, I am sure, take a tax deduction for the cost of advertisement, the expense of the decal and, of course, for someone placing it on the car.

Well, I have gotten off the point of the short life of older cars and the longevity out of the newer cars. I'll borrow a story from a friend to illustrate. Seems my friend was coming out of the hills where he had been surveying, and came upon a long ago acquaintance who couldn't read sitting. The acquaintance was sitting by

the surveyor's auto. The friend asked how many miles "has she got on her"? (I don't know why everyone refers to cars like ships as the female gender). The older man said "four-something, I don't know." The friend said, "4,000 miles and the man answered "No."

My friend should have known to guess more than he said for it was 1982 model. He said 40,000 miles, another guess, and the old man said "No." Does it have 400,000 miles? The old man answered yes.

"Yes, that's the number, one of my children said it was."

My friend asked "What kind is it and how do you like it?"

The old man said "It's a Toyota and you had better like the color when you buy them, because they will last for 15 years or more!"

Well that example sort of tells the story of all new cars and trucks of all makes today. They are made to last longer without major breakdowns and costly repairs. It's nothing to get 300,000 miles of service from a car today. The engines, if not abused, can get 375,000 miles of service. So, as the old man said, "You better like the color" when you buy a new auto. Incidentally, that must be the reason cars and trucks cost 20-25 thousand dollars—the cost of a new home in the '50s or a double-wide mobile home today. I think I am going for the 375,000 miles; I have less than 75,000 miles to go.

I get to thinking about all I said about steel and chrome cars of long ago versus today's plastic cars and you would think today's cars would be much cheaper due to the aluminum, plastic and rubber materials they are made from.

*Editor's Note: Bill Francis grew up at Garrett and retired from the University of Kentucky and lives at Mousie, in Knott County.*

# THINGS TO PONDER

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

## "Ho! ho!" is not around!

Well, the Monday-after-Thanksgiving began with a husband's version of how his wife always tries to pin on him the "Holiday Depression" label that he resents. He felt her depression of many years standing was the problem and not his. "Her family was so poor in her childhood that she only got a pair of (basic wearing essentials) under the tree." Even though many people have seasonal "blues," the potential sources of holiday depression can be identified, coped with more effectively, possible decreased, and/or possibly avoided.

Some likely factors for these not-so-jolly blues are increased stress and fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercialization, and/or the inability to be with one's family. How about a fear that "things" will not go as planned or be bad this year as last? It seems that higher expectations of time, energy, and money pop-up around every corner at the holidays. Some folks have increased stress from trying to fit it all in—parties, shopping, family reunions, and trying to keep everyone happy! People, who do not become depressed can develop other stress reactions during the holidays, such as headaches, problems related to excessive drinking and over-eating, and difficulty sleeping. For many years, one son-in-law in the family was usually sick after Christmas from "over eat-

ing." In addition, many people become depressed after the festive occasions due to the "let down" feeling that occurs once the so-waited-for-days have passed. This post-holiday depression and anxiety after New Year's can be reflecting emotional disappointments experienced over the preceding months, plus the physical reactions created by excess fatigue, extreme indulgences, and stress.

Similar to other things in life, folks can learn ways to avoid or cope better with the seasonal "blues." Prevention is easier than living through the ordeal. So look at your track record over the past holiday seasons; identify what worked and didn't work and what else you might want to do. You may want to make arrangements ahead of time. Make a list and prioritize the most important activities. Be for real about what you can and want to do. Don't prepare for just one day—think about how you can spread your goodies, large and small ones, over several weeks or days and with different people. Or, heaven forbid, you just might want to spend some time alone. Don't focus only on others. However, you can do something for someone else, which is an old remedy that helps. Have you ever volunteered during the holidays? It's a great way to demonstrate to children what the meaning of the holidays is for spiritual groups.

Of course, everyone knows the significant negative impact of losses and the wanting "to be just like the good old days" often has on some people's feelings during the

holidays. Let go of the past! Life brings changes. Rejoice in each holiday season in its own way. Look forward to the future. Who knows, today and the future can also be great. Enjoy spending time with people who are supportive and care for you. But whether alone or not, try something new or make new friends. There are free activities, such as driving around looking at decorations, window shopping, and looking up some people you have lost touch with. Whatever you do, do in moderation. Beware of over-drinking. Excessive drinking will only make you more depressed. In our region, many episodes of violence and crime within families are in combination with alcohol. Also watch your spending and plan a budget ahead of time. What would be worse that paying for last year's Christmas gifts during the heat of July, when you would like a vacation?

## ENGAGEMENTS



### Dye-Burchett to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boatwright of Prestonsburg, and Rick Dye of Nicholasville, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Nicole Dye and Joe A. Burchett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burchett of Prestonsburg. The wedding will be held December 12, at 2:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg. The customary wedding will be observed.

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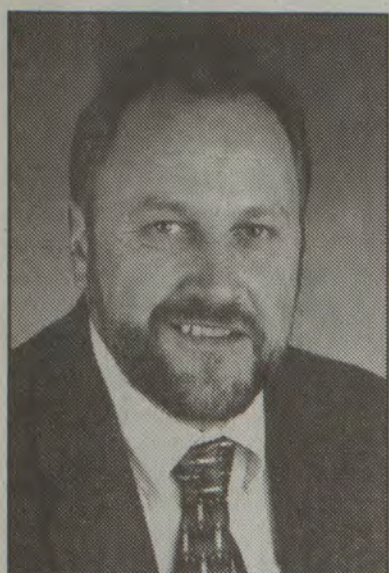
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# The Floyd County Times BUSINESS/REAL ESTATE

## MSU has new HR director



Roger D. Barker

Roger D. Barker, who has 15 years experience in progressing levels of administrative management, has been named director of human resources at Morehead State University.

Barker, who assumed his new post on Nov. 1, was selected after a national search, according to Porter Dailey, MSU vice president for administration and fiscal services, who commended "the search committee for doing a thorough job of screening the applicants for this important position."

Since coming to MSU in 1995, Barker has been directly involved in personnel issues including the implementation, management and enforcement of personnel policies and procedures in his position as

grants administrator in the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts.

While serving as assistant director of epidemiology and health promotion for the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, from 1991 and 1995, he was administrative manager of nine statewide health promotion/disease prevention programs.

By pursuing federal and private foundation grants, he was instrumental in achieving a 300 percent expansion of the unit, including the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study (ASSIST) for Cancer Prevention.

He also developed the training manual, conducted training sessions and automated all administrative and operational procedures

for the division.

Among his business ventures, he was an owner/distributor of a wholesale marketing operation, owner of a software and systems design company and manager of a financial corporation with a \$3 million budget.

Active in various community organizations, Barker is a two-time graduate of MSU where he earned a bachelor of business administration degree in 1985, and MBA degree in 1995.

A Carter County native and US Navy veteran, Barker and his wife, Jeanette, are the parents of five children: Phillip, Melonie, Pamela, Jarrod and Amanda.

## C-21 realtors win "Most Pizzaz" award

Two Century 21 American Way Realtors, Debbie Allen and Sheila Setser, brought home the prestigious "Most Pizzaz" award from Floyd Wickman's "Sweathogs."

Floyd Wickman's STAR Development Program, "Sweathogs," an intensive 70-day sales course, is the No. 1 real estate training company in North America.

Allen and Setser have completed eight weeks of the course, and anticipate graduating with honors.

"I strongly believe that education is the key to success in real estate," Allen remarked.

"The more knowledge and skill I have, the better we can serve the needs of our clients," Setser added.

According to Century 21 American Way Broker Dorothy Harris, Allen and Setser have quickly established themselves as area top producers.

"With a wealth of knowledge, there's nothing these agents can't achieve," she said.



Debbie Allen



Sheila Setser

## IT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

### Popular inspirational scenes target of parody

The walls of offices across the country have been adorned in recent years with nearly framed inspirational scenes of nature or athletes. These scenes, which contain motivational messages designed to inspire the corporate troops, are now the subject of some dead-on parody.

New anti-inspirational are popping up in the corporate subculture like toadstools after a spring rain. They're being shared by office workers via e-mail and

turning up as screen savers on their PC's.

A recent news item says the Dallas, Texas, company that developed this "demotivational" line is



printing them on posters, calendars, stationery, T-shirts and other clothing items, as well.

Perhaps it was just a matter of time before someone with a Dilbert-like sense of corporate culture developed the inspirational message's alter ego. But what a wicked opposing view it is:

• As if to counter such scenes as the lone mountain climber above the message: "All things are possible for those who believe," there's the parody photo of a demoralized ballplayer alone on the bench. The message: "Losing: If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style."

• Countering the standard belief that we will learn from our mistakes, another scene depicts a ship sinking beneath the waves above the legend: "Mistakes: It could be that the purpose of your life is only to serve as a warning to others."

• Another depicts the crumpled face of a boxer the instant after he's been hit by his opponent. This one's message states: "Agony: Not all pain is gain."

• Above the title "Defeat" is the photo of a group of athletes running at a track meet. The message: "For every winner, there are dozens of losers. Odds are you're one of them."

• A shot of a thunderstorm carries the heading: "Pessimism: Every dark cloud has a silver lining, but lightning kills hundreds of people each year who are trying to find it."

There are more, but you get the picture. This is parody on the cutting edge of mean spiritedness. And

yet, workers viewing these demotivational for the first time usually burst into fits of laughter that bring tears to their eyes.

Is their positive reaction to something so blatantly negative a warning sign that Americans are becoming cold and heartless on the eve of the millennium? I don't think it's anything that drastic nor a sign of the times. The street urchins characterized in century-old Dickens novels were not depicted as heartless, though they found humor at the sight of a pompous businessman slipping on the ice.

America's work force shouldn't be criticized for taking a little pleasure at the sight of someone sticking a pin in the balloon of corporate culture now and then. Perhaps the inspirational scenes parodied by their negative knock-offs have served their purpose and it's time to move on to other positive methods of motivation.

Just as the yellow smiley face and the phrase "have a nice day" were long ago found guilty of banality and sentenced to the cultural scrap heap, time will tell whether the demotivational herald a similar fate for that which they parody.

Rex Martin is chairman, president and CEO of NIBCO INC., an Elkhart, Indiana-based worldwide provider of flow-control products to the residential and commercial construction, industrial, and irrigation markets.



by Rex Martin

## Salyersville coal augering company wins state award

Carl Campbell, commissioner of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, presented the 1998 Commissioners Award for Excellence in Reclamation to Smith Patrick Trucking of Salyersville, for the company's outstanding reclamation work on the MB & S Coal Augering Company bond forfeiture site.

The company, on a very limited construction budget, was able to reclaim this severely unstable eight-acre site, located in Magoffin County, very quickly.

This project was nominated by the Prestonsburg Regional Office and selected by the commissioner, because the company's outstanding reclamation work on a site that was in such poor condition that it represented a hazard to the envi-

ronment.

The contractor's goal was to backfill and eliminate several hundred feet of dangerous highwall, eliminate a hazardous water-filled pit, regrade the bare and eroding mine bench and establish a good ground cover over the entire permit area. As a result of the contractor's remarkable efforts, the environmental hazards have been eliminated and the property has been returned to a useable condition, according to a DSMRE spokesman.

The Excellence Award was presented to Smith Patrick Trucking on November 24, at the DSMRE Regional Office in Prestonsburg. Commissioner Campbell expressed his sincere appreciation to the company for their outstanding reclamation efforts.

## Study shows university small business programs make significant contributions to the economy

An independent report on the economic impact of the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), hosted by UK and several other universities and colleges has been released and the results are most impressive. For every dollar invested in the 14 small business programs statewide, a return of \$3.09 was generated in tax revenues from SBDC clients. This amounted to \$7.3 million in additional tax revenues, of which approximately \$3.3 million went to the federal government and \$4.0 million went to the state of Kentucky. According to Janet Steele Holloway, statewide SBDC director, "this study demonstrates that the SBDC program is a good investment of public dollars for Kentucky and the U.S."

The study also shows that SBDC clients increased their sales an average of \$178,413. This was larger than the increase experienced by the average Kentucky business. Overall, long-term clients of the SBDC generated a \$76.3 million in incremental sales. Moreover, small businesses utilizing SBDC counseling services created 1,633 new jobs in 1996. Firms served by the

Kentucky SBDC estimated the value of the consulting received at \$8.8 million.

These university based programs are filling an important gap in the market by making a strategic contribution to start up ventures as well as established company growth. Of the SBDC clients surveyed, 90.5% indicated their SBDC services were beneficial. In addition, 85% felt they would have been unable to obtain counseling of similar quality from a private consultant for a price they were able to pay.

Other universities and colleges participating were Eastern Kentucky Universities and colleges participating were Eastern Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Western Kentucky University, Bellarmine, University of Louisville, and Southeast Community College.

For a copy of this full report, contact the Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Kentucky's Gatton College of Business and Economics, 606-257-9475 or cbejh@pop.uky.edu.

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**Dorothy Harris and staff**

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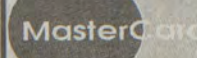
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**FOR SALE:** GOB. Lighted display case, old cupboard, radio, cast iron pcs., some antique collectibles, what-knots. Wholesale prices. 285-3110.

**FOR SALE:** \*AKC registered Black Toy Poodle, female. Ready by Christmas. Deposit required. \$250 firm. \*1983 Diesel Blazer. All extras. 886-9587.

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**PROPERTY FOR SALE**

**Lots For Sale**

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**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Martin, KY. By owner. 1-606-768-2949.

**FOR SALE:** 2 BR house at Garrett. 2 miles off Rt. 80 on Stone Coal Rd. \$15,000. 358-4337 or 358-9359.

**LAND FOR SALE AT PRINTER, KY:** Good neighborhood & city water. 874-2792.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Brick, 1,850 sq. ft., 3 BR, 1-1/2 bath, garage, fireplace, deck. Located mouth of Abbott off U.S. 23. Call 606-886-8328 after 6 pm.

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**PROPERTY FOR RENT**

**Apartments For Rent**

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**FOR RENT:** 1 BR apt. \$350/month includes utilities. 886-6061, after 5 pm 886-1898.

**FOR RENT:** 1 BR furnished apt. Electric heat & air, clean, well maintained, close to college. \$275 month. Deposit. Utilities extra. 886-6208.

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FOR RENT: 3 BR house. Located in town. Big yard. Call B & O Rental Property. 886-8991.

FOR RENT: 1 BR house. Partially furnished. Downtown Prestonsburg. \$350/month, utilities paid. 874-1246.

FOR RENT: 3 BR house. Located on Highland Avenue. 886-6186 or 886-8286.

FOR RENT: 3 BR house. North end of Prestonsburg. Security deposit and reference required. Call 886-3687.

FOR RENT: 2 BR house. Downtown Prestonsburg. Lawn care included. \$475 per month. Call 886-6362.

NICE 3 BR HOUSE with central heat & air. Located in Garrett. Call J & A Rentals, 358-3469.

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FOR RENT: 3 BR, 2 Bath, house in Auxier area. 886-1193.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 BR in Lancer. Stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Must see to appreciate. \$575/month plus utilities. Phone 886-8293.

**Mobile Home Lots For Rent**

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT: \$100/month Rt. 1428. 874-0060 after 5:30 pm.

MOBILE HOME LOT FOR LEASE: Large lot, separate garage. City water, farm setting. Van Lear, KY. \$155/month, \$155 deposit. 788-9027 or 1-803-957-5931.

FOR RENT: Mobile home lot. \$125 month. 4 miles out Old Middle Creek Rd. Farm setting, Clark School. 606-886-6219, 886-8459 or 281-538-4405.

FOR RENT: Large trailer lot. Located on Cow Creek. \$95/month. Call 874-2802, J. Davis.

TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT: All hookups available. Abbott Creek, Left Fork. \$100/month. 889-9902.

**Mobile Homes For Rent**

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER for rent in Auxier. It's HUD approved. \$300/month. Call after 7:00 889-9793.

FOR RENT: 2 trailers. 3 BR at Frasures Branch, Mud Creek. \$275/month plus deposit. 2 BR at Maytown \$250/month plus deposit. Call 874-1214.

FOR RENT: 3 BR mobile home, large private lot. At Hager Hill.. HUD accepted. Call 789-5524 or 886-9480 to leave message.

2 BR TRAILER: Located at Blue River. All electric. 886-6186 or 886-8286.

2 BR TRAILER FOR RENT: In Rock Fork. Large yard. Serious inquiries only. \$300/month. Call after 7 pm, 606-358-9351. (12-16-98)

FOR RENT: Three bedroom trailer. Large yard. References required. HUD approved. Located at Endicott. Serious inquiries only. Call 874-2537.

TRAILER FOR RENT: 2 BR, Stratton Branch. \$250/month. References required. 886-3313.

FOR RENT: 2-bedroom, Total electric. Stove and refrigerator, on US. 23, between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. Also mobile home 3 miles from Prestonsburg. Call 886-9007.

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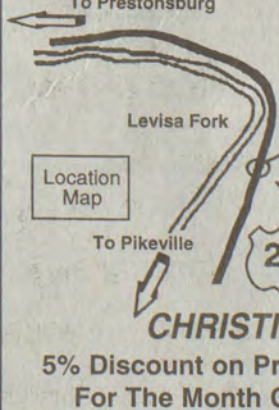
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Two forms of identification need to be on hand—i.e. drivers license, state issued ID, and either a birth certificate or Social Security Card. Positions are available in the following areas: General Labor/Maintenance, File Clerks, Receptionist, Executive Secretarial.

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**THE FLOYD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

would like to thank all the participants who brought donations of food for the animals last spring, but again, we are faced with a shortage of puppy and kitten food for winter.

If you would like to bring a donation of puppy and kitten food to the Animal Shelter, please drop off at Sally Stephens Branch Road, West Prestonsburg, or call 886-3189 for directions.

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## LOST AND FOUND

### Lost

LOST: Medium blonde/white mixed breed, spayed female dog. Last seen Dec. 3, Lancer/Watergap Rd., near Citgo. Goes by name Popcorn or Corn Dog. REWARD. 606-874-2948 after 5 pm, 606-874-1049 leave message.

### Reward Offered

\$500 REWARD OFFERED for information leading to recovery of a gold and white Monarch Bass Boat with 235 hp Johnson engine. Taken from Goble's Marina. No questions asked. 886-3313.

### MISC.

### Miscellaneous

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### Legals

#### NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Laurel Creek Coal Company Inc., P.O. box 940, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240 has applied for Phase III bond release on increment No. 1 of permit No. 836-0200 which was last issued on April 18, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 8.71 acres located 0.5 mile North of Ivel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 2 miles

east from State Route 1426's junction with U.S. Route 23 and located 0.25 mile north of Davison Branch. The latitude is 37°36'22". The longitude is 82°40'10".

The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$19,700.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$20,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover completed August, 1989.

This is the final advertisement of the application. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 11, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 8, 1999.

Written comments, objections or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 8, 1999.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on December 1, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at Citizens National Bank, Parking Lot at Broadway, Paintsville, Kentucky: 1985 Lincoln Towncar

Serial # 1LNBP96F1FY672689 All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. Terry Sizemore Collection Manager The Bank Josephine P.O. Box 471 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

#### NOTICE TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids on construction of the Garfield Trail and the extension of the Jenny Wiley Trail. For detailed information call Mayor Jerry Fannin at City Hall, 886-2335.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I NO. 98-CI-00164

Nadine Lykins Plaintiff

Vs.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Charlene Hamilton, Individually and Charlene Hamilton as Executrix of the Estate of Sarah Prater Hammonds Defendants

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the June 18, 1998 term, in the above-styled action, I, the undersigned Special Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, shall proceed to offer for sale on the steps of the old Floyd County Courthouse (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), Third Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 10th day of December, 1998, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit

Court, the following described property, as a whole, to-wit:

Situated on Bull Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:

#### Tract 1

That certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the waters of Bull Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the vicinity of Water Gap and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at an iron pin and cap set on the right-of-way of Kentucky Highway 80, said point being 155.00 feet right of center line station 1212 + 09.13; thence leaving said right-of-way S 54°11'53" E, 52.07 feet to an iron pin and cap set in a fence; thence following the fence N 26°37'39" E, 72.84 feet to a power pole at the corner of the fence; thence S 52°03'13" E, 108.56 feet to the corner of said fence near the road; thence with said fence S 40°28'36" W 68.08 feet to a point in the fence; thence continuing with said fence S 40°06'06" W 71.71 feet to an iron pin and cap set at the corner of the fence; thence leaving the fence S 38°52'23" W 181.52 feet to an iron pin and cap set; thence S 43°04'42" W 57.31 feet to an iron pin and cap set; thence S 51° 31'05" 125.88 feet to an iron pin and cap set at the corner of a fence; thence with said fence N 49°50'36" W 76.06 feet to an iron pin and cap set on the right-of-way of Kentucky Highway 80, said point being 155.00 feet right of center line station 1208 + 33.07; thence with said right-of-way along a curve to the left having a radius of 1300.92 feet for an arc distance of 426.92 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.220 acres, more or less.

For a greater particularity of description reference is made to a map based on a survey of November 17, 1986, by Dewey L. Bocook, Jr., Engineer, to be filed in the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

It is noted that this tract shall extend in an easterly direction so as to border on the road or County road now traversing the property being divided and conveyed.

#### Tract 2

A second tract described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point on the easterly boundary of the County Road opposite an extension of the first call of Tract 1 aforesaid on said map in a direction S 54°11'53" a distance of approximately 700 feet to the crest of the ridge at the line of John Branham and with the line of John Branham in a southerly direction approximately 400 feet to a point opposite an 18 inch walnut tree on bank above the County Road and thence N 43° 5' W a straight line to said walnut tree and same course to the County Road and thence with the County Road a distance of approximately 385 feet in a northerly direction to the point of beginning, so as to include the spring.

The distances shown may not be accurate, but this tract includes all of the property of Frank Hammonds along this particular line.

All of the J. M. Hammonds farm remaining west of Kentucky Highway 80, described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point opposite the third telephone pole, corner to Harold Hammonds, thence in a northerly direction along the Western boundary of the Kentucky Route 80 Right of Way to the G.B. Lafferty line at a small hollow, thence up the following in a westerly direction with the G.B. Lafferty line and thence turning in a southwesterly direction to

the crest of the ridge, and thence following the ridge in a southerly direction with G.B. Lafferty line to the corner of Harold Hammonds and James Hammonds, and thence in an easterly direction with the Harold Hammonds line to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed by Master Commissioner's Deed dated May 11, 1988, to Sarah Hammonds, Charlene H. Hamilton and Nadine H. Lykins, recorded in deed Book 320, Page 76, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale. The purchasers shall be required to pay the sum of 10% of the bid price down in cash at the time of this sale with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum. Should the purchaser be a party to this action, said party is entitled to a credit on the bid to the extent of their ownership interest in the property. Further, the purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety or sureties thereon, which shall have the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property in order to secure payment of the balance of the purchase price. All bidders must be prepared to comply with these terms.

Given under my hand, this 20th day of November, 1998, Martin L. Osborne Special Master Commissioner Floyd Circuit Court P.O. Box 351 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-1615

Certificate of Service This is to certify that a true copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, this 20th day of November, 1998, to the following:

Gregory D. Stumbo, Esq. P.O. Box 511 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

William S. Kendrick, Esq. P.O. Box 628 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Martin L. Osborne

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 860-0312 Amendment #3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface, auger, and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.84 miles southwest of Lackey in Knott and Floyd Counties. This amendment will add 2.0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 394.0 acres, making a total area of 1909.54 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from KY 550's junction with Big Springs Branch Road and located 0.01 mile south of Big Springs Branch. The latitude is 37°26'32". The longitude is 82°50'11".

The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. The area will underlie land owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Sally

Wallace, Gordon Howard Heirs, Ernest Keen, Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc., Ray Lute et al, David Martin, Big Sandy Wholesale Co. et al, Viola Crum, Jack and Mary Ratliff, Carl Martin, Kathleen Smith, Shirley Rogers Martin, Charles Watkins Heirs, Elisha Thomsberry Jr., Homer Gibson, and Violet Moore. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Big Springs Branch Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-CI-479

BEVERLY PATTON CRUM PLAINTIFF

VS: NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE THOMAS CRUM

#### DEFENDANT

BY VIRTUE OF

Order of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 8th day of September, 1998, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1998, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

One house plus utility building and lot. Beginning at driveway, running 83 ft. along, with Tom Conn and Lola Conns line; thence running 67 ft. wide with Tom Conn and Lola Conn's line (his wife) with one drilled well belonging to Elmer Crum excepted out on Tom and Lola Conns property.

Being the same property conveyed to Thomas Crum and Beverly Crum from Randall Keith Samons and Linda Samons; and Kenneth Ray Crum by Deed dated May 5, 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 386, Page 853, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy marital debts, interest, costs and attorney fees owed by the Petitioner and Respondent, jointly and severally, as set out in the Second Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decree of Dissolution of Marriage entered with the Floyd Circuit Court on July 9, 1998.

#### TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bid-

der, if the other than the Petitioner or Respondent, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1998, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and subsequent years.

(e) In the event the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall have credit for such interest against the purchase price.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the, foregoing duly mailed, certified, postage prepaid, this the 23rd day of November, 1998 to:

Hon. Sheridan Martin P. O. Box 506 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Hon. John Harlan Callis, III P. O. Box 606 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Floyd County Master Commissioner

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-CI-0455

MARJORIE LYNCH, WIDOW; LISALYNCH HOWELL and FRANKLIN HOWELL, her husband PLAINTIFFS

VS:

#### NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

CHALMER LYNCH and the UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHALMER LYNCH; LOIS LYNCH and the UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LOIS LYNCH; and EMOGENE LYNCH CASE, and QUENTIN CASE, her husband; or the UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVICES OF EMOGENE LYNCH CASE DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th day of October, 1998, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky,

t behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1998, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

#### TRACT NO. 1

Certain tract or parcel of land located at Betsy Layne, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point in center of private road twenty-five (25) feet wide said point also being situate on line of tract containing 30.00 acres about to be conveyed to Fannie Scott; thence by a line through one of the tracts known as the Melvin Woods tract of 48.6 acres, more or less, of which a small portion of the herein described tract is a part, and in the center of said private road and along line of said tract conveyed to Fannie Scott North three degrees fifty-five minutes west (N. 3° 55' W.) one hundred eighty-six and thirty-two hundredths (186.32) feet to a point in the center and at the northern terminus of said private road; thence by a line through said Melvin Woods tract of 48.6 acres, more or less, and along tract conveyed to Fannie Scott as aforesaid North ten degrees thirty-nine minutes East (N. 10° 39' E.) three hundred fifty-five and thirty-one hundredths (355.31) feet to a beech on the end of the point, said beech marking a corner common to the Melvin Woods tract of 48.6 acres, more or less, and the M.T. Cecil tract of 81.885 acres, of which the major portion of the herein described tract is a part; thence up the point along the line divided said Melvin Woods tract of 48.6 acres, more or less, and said M.T. Cecil tract of 81.885 acres, said dividing line also being the line dividing the tract herein described and tract conveyed to Fannie Scott the following six (6) courses and distances, viz: North two degrees forty-five minutes West (N 2° 45' W.) one hundred ninety-one and forty-two hundredths (191.42) feet to a maple, North six degrees fifty-four minutes West (N 6° 54' W.) fifty-six and three-tenths (56.3) feet to a sugar, North eight degrees thirty-three minutes West (N 8° 33' W.) fifty and twenty-seven hundredths (50.27) feet to a black oak. North fourteen degrees sixteen minutes West (N. 14° 16' W.) eighty-seven and thirty-two hundredths (87.32) feet to a beech, North fourteen degrees seventeen minutes West (N. 14° 17' W.) seven hundred ninety-four and forty-seven hundredths (794.47) feet to a chestnut oak, North twenty-one degrees thirty-three minutes West (N 21° 33, W.) one hundred eighty-nine and forty-nine hundredths (189.49) feet to a hickory on top of a knob at the head of J.J. Stratton's Branch, said hickory marking a corner common to tract now or formerly J.J. Stratton, the Melvin Woods tract of 48.6 acres, more or less, the M.T. Cecil tract of 81.885 acres, and tract now or formerly James Lewis and along the ridge the following seven (7) courses and distances, viz: South forty-nine degrees twenty-two minutes East (S. 49° 22' E.) one hundred eighty-seven and five tenths (187.5) feet to a large rock, South sixty-seven degrees sixteen minutes East (S. 67° 16' E.) one hundred thirty-eight and no tenths (138.0) feet to a point, South seventy-two degrees forty-one min-

utes East (S 72° 41' E.) two hundred seventy-two and forty-nine hundredths (272.4g) feet to a chestnut oak, South fifty-eight degrees thirty-nine minutes East (S. 58° 39' E.) two hundred forty-six and six tenths (246.6) feet to a point, South sixty-two degrees thirteen minutes East (S. 62° 13' E.) one hundred fifteen and seventeen hundredths (115.17) feet to a hickory, South fifty-eight degrees fifty minutes East (S. 58° 50, E.) one hundred eighty-eight and seventy-four hundredths (188.74) feet to a hickory, South sixty-three degrees fifty-nine minutes East (S. 63° 59' E.) ninety-three and thirty-three hundredths (93.33) feet to a corner common to said James Lewis tract, the Thomas Layne tract of 82.3 acres, more or less, and the M.T. Cecil tract of 81.83-5 acres, the latter tract being one of the two tracts of which the herein described tract is a part, said corner of tract containing 5.269 acres conveyed by the grantor herein names to Elmer H. Ferrell, et ux., by Deed dated June 13, 1938; thence along ridge and along said tract conveyed to Elmer H. Ferrell, et ux, South seventeen degrees forty-nine minutes West (S. 17° 49' W.) fifty-nine and ninety-eight hundredths (59.98) feet to a cross on a large rock at corner of tract containing 18.36 acres conveyed by the grantor herein named to Walter Rice, et ux, by deed dated December 29, 1937, thence continuing along said tract containing 18.36 acres conveyed to Walter Rice, et ux, as aforesaid and along the ridge the following six (6) courses and distances, viz: South one degree thirty-nine minutes West (S. 1° 39' W.) one hundred sixty-seven and twenty-six hundredths (167.26) feet to a stake, South no degrees thirty-three minutes West (S. 0° 33' W.) one hundred thirty-five and three tenths (135.3) feet to a stake, South nine degrees thirty minutes East (S. 9° 30' E.) one hundred sixty and no tenths (160.0) feet to a stake, South thirteen degrees fifty-seven minutes West (S. 13° 57' W.) one hundred ninety-one and sixty-six hundredths (191.66) feet to a stake, South eleven degrees fifteen minutes West (S. 11° 15' W.) one hundred thirty-three and eight hundredths (133.08) feet to a maple stump, and South thirty-three degrees forty-one minutes East (S. 33° 41' E.) ninety-three and three tenths (93.3) feet to a beech, said beech being a corner common to the 18.36 acres conveyed to Walter Rice, et ux, by Deed Dated December 29, 1937, and a certain other tract containing 7.21 acres conveyed by grantor to Abel Hall, et ux; thence continuing along ridge and along the-line of tract conveyed to Abel Hall, et ux, South one degree thirty-nine minutes West (S 1° 39' W.) two hundred ninety-eight and twenty-eight hundredths (298.29) feet to a stake corner common to tract conveyed to Abel Hall, et ux., as aforesaid and a certain other tract containing 2.01 acres conveyed to H.J. Wakeland, et ux; thence down the hill by a line through the original tracts of which the herein described tract is a part South eighty-four degrees thirty-four minutes West (S. 84° 34' W.) eight hundred nine and seventy-five hundredths (809.75) feet to a point in the center of private road at the place of beginning 28.823 acres.

This being the same property conveyed to Arvid Lynch and Marjorie Lynch, his wife,

by Pid Lynch, dated 9/15/62, of record in Deed Book 222, Page 113, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

There is excepted from the above described property a portion conveyed to Lisa Lynn Howell, by deeds dated 7/1/93 and 4/22/98, of record in Deed book 367, Page 677 and Deed Book 418, Page 236, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

**TRACT NO. 2**  
Beginning at the southernmost point of the mid property at blue cement marker #1, thence running northward 228 feet with the privately owned road that adjoins said property to another blue cement marker #2, thence turning right eastward 75 feet to another blue cement marker #3, next turning right and westward 113 feet to another blue cement marker #4, next running in a straight line 150 feet back to the beginning of said property joining marker #1 at the beginning of property. All buildings on this property at thin point and time include but are not limited to house and garage. This being the same property conveyed to Lisa Lynn Howell by deed of conveyance from Marjorie Lynch of record in Deed Book 418, Page 236, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. See also Deed Book 367, Page 677 in the same office.

The property hereinabove described can be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be appraised and sold separately by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in Order of Sale.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The purchase at the sale shall have the right to pay cash for the property by payment of the amount of his bid, plus accrued interest, if any, on the date of the sale or at any time before maturity of the bond.

(c) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(d) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(e) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1998, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and subsequent years.

(f) Subject only to the payment of costs, Plaintiffs shall be entitled to take credit up the value of their undivided interest in bidding at the sale.

(g) Plaintiffs have the right, in their sole discretion, to cancel the sale without further court intervention by

contacting the Master Commissioner.

(h) The purchaser of the property, upon confirmation of the sale, shall have a writ of possession.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK  
Master Commissioner  
P. O. Box 268  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653  
(606) 886-2812

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, certified, postage prepaid, this the 23rd day of November, 1998 to:

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-CI-00180**

JIM MUSIC, LORA JEAN BURCHETT, and PHYLLIS ANN BRANHAM PLAINTIFFS

VS:

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

RALPH L. BOWEN, DORA A. BOWEN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET,

EX. REL. DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; and

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 21st day of September, 1998, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for the sum of One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars Sixty Two Cents (\$142,913.62), as of December 31, 1996, together with accrued interest thereon at the current rate of 7% per annum from January 1, 1997, and continuing thereafter until fully paid, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1998, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Being a parcel of land on the waters of Abbott Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows as shown on a drawing entitled "PLAT OF SURVEY OF PORTION OF PROPERTY OF MATTIE MUSIC" prepared by Lowell P. Knipp, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2289, and dated September 1, 1993:

Beginning at an iron pin set on the south side of Kentucky Route 1427 and at the northwest corner of Lot No. 18 of Creekside Development as recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Map 103; thence running approximately parallel to said Kentucky Route 1427 (5 calls) North 66°46'40"West, 161.83

feet to a point; thence North 70°31'34" West 50.81 feet to a point; thence North 89°56'23"West, 95.72 feet to a point; thence South 75°32'58"West, 102.64 feet to a point; thence South 68°37'36"West, 24.54 feet to a point at the center of the face of a concrete headwall; thence running along the center of the branch and along the line of Nancy H. Howard as recorded in Deed Book 290, Page 694 and Page 696 (6 calls) South 27°35'29"West, 26.25 feet to a point; thence South 70°54'30"West, 45.05 feet to a point, thence South 43°19'40"West, 177.50 feet to the inlet of a 48 inch culvert; thence South 47°49'29"West, 29.52 feet to the outlet of said culvert; thence South 49°10'51"West, 36.78 feet to a point, thence South 31°01'16"West, 51.50 feet to a point in the center of Abbott Creek; thence along the approximate center of Abbott Creek (3 calls) South 54°41'46"East, 92.89 feet to a point; thence South 87°10'51"East, 69.22 feet to a point; thence N 83°13'54"East, 144.10 feet to a point in the line of the aforementioned Creekside Development; thence along the line of Creekside Development (3 calls) North 71°26'36"East, 98.18 feet to an iron pin set at the base of an 18 inch white walnut; thence North 60°24'56"East, 303.10 feet to a large fence post; thence North 18°25'13"East, 71.71 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 3.19 acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Ralph L. Bowen and Dora A. Bowen, his wife, by deed dated September 15, 1993, of record in Deed Book 370, Page 354, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed Plaintiffs, interest, costs and attorney fees owed by the Bowen Defendants, jointly and severally.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

(1) Floyd County, Kentucky, delinquent ad valorem taxes, if any, and current 1998 taxes which are due and payable as of November 1, 1998.

(2) The Plaintiffs in the amount of \$142,913.62 (as of December 31, 1996), together with accrued interest thereon at the current rate of 7% per annum from January 1, 1997, and continuing thereafter until fully paid.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) Upon default of said deposit or posting of bond by the purchaser, the Commissioner shall immediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set out herein.

(d) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. Plaintiffs reserve right to later claim sums expended per KRS 426.525, others costs and levies.

(e) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1998, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and all subsequent years.

(f) In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiffs, then and in such event, said party or parties shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998.

Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 23rd day of November, 1998 to:

Hon. Ralph H. Stevens P. O. Box 427 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Ms. Dora A. Bowen 858 3rd Street Apt. No. 271 Chula Vista, CA 91911

Mr. Ralph L. Bowen 858 3rd Street Apt. No. 271 Chula Vista, CA 91911

Hon. Keith Bartley P. O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 4165-3

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK  
Floyd County Master Commissioner

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 18, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 7/15/97.

1995 Chevy Z71, Pickup 4x4 S/N 9534..

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 313 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 18, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 3/19/98.

1994 Toyota Pickup 4x4 S/N 2176.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are

made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 313 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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The permit area is approximately 0.75 southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located on North of Left Fork of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°33'50". The longitude is 82°51'36".

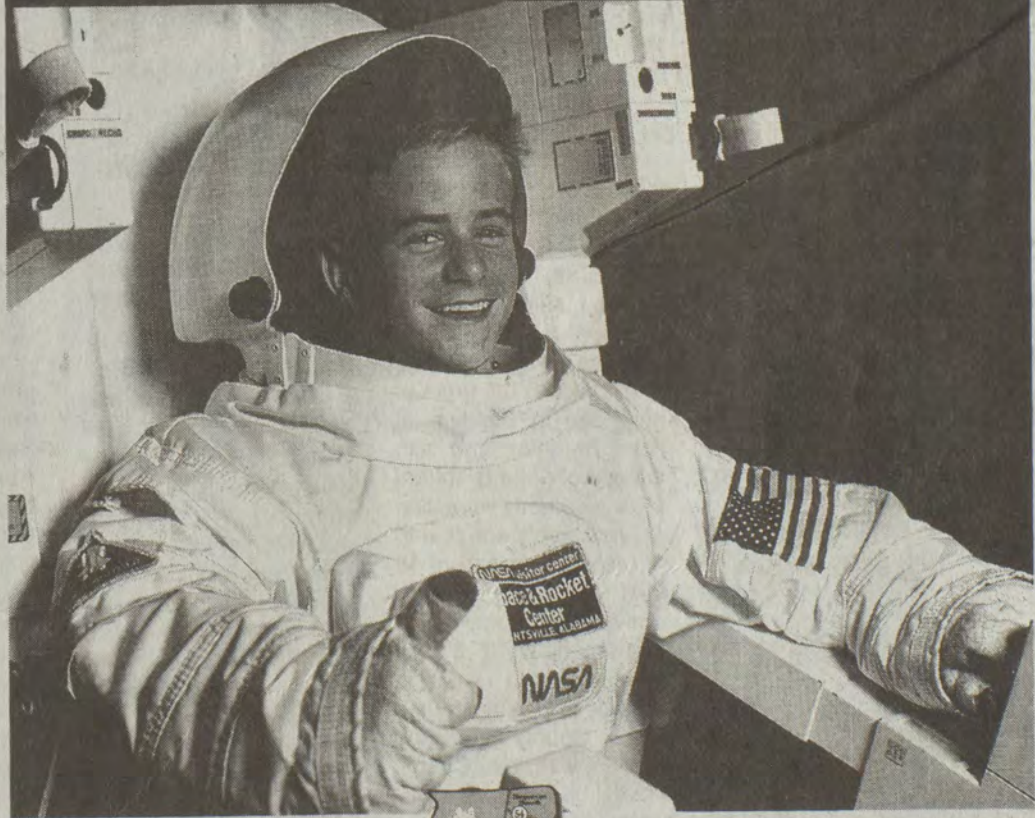
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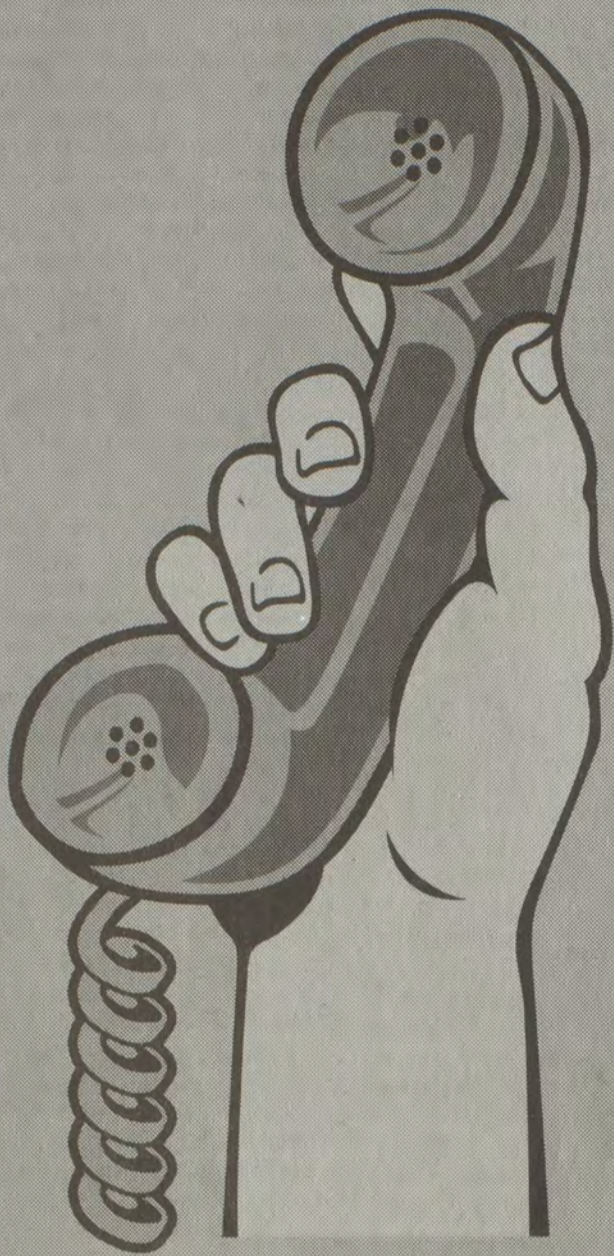
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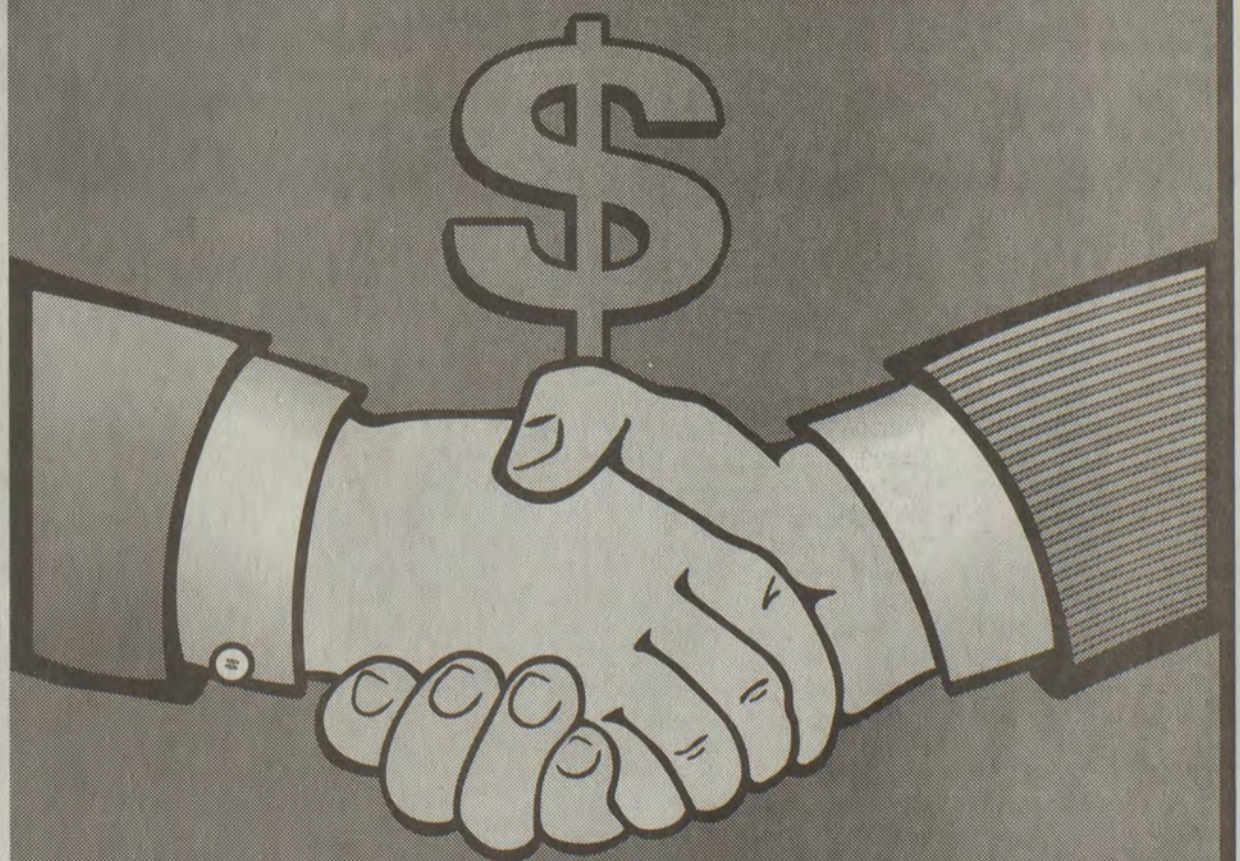
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2 c. mashed potatoes, cold  
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Ailene Cole

## MEXICAN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

1 stick margarine  
1 medium onion (chopped)  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 package frozen chopped broccoli

1 cup Minute rice  
1 jar jalapeño Cheese Whiz  
Microwave instructions: Melt margarine and sauté onion (2 minutes on high)

Add soup and broccoli and cook for 2 to 4 minutes on high (or until broccoli thaws)

Add rice and Cheese Whiz, and cook for 12 minutes on high (stirring twice)

This recipe can be made in a conventional oven by assembling the ingredients in a casserole dish and baking at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. (NOTE: Onion must be sautéed and broccoli must be slightly cooked to thaw, if using this method.)

Lou McCray

## VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP

1 lb. lean ground beef  
4 med. potatoes, chopped  
4 carrots, peeled and chopped  
2 med. onions, chopped  
1 can green beans, drained  
2 lg. cans tomato juice  
Fry ground beef until done. Drain grease off of ground beef. Use large cooker. Add tomato juice, ground beef, potatoes, carrots, onions and green beans. Cook on

medium heat for 1 1/2 hours. Salt to taste.

Randi Jarrell

## CREAMY CHEESY POTATO SOUP

8-10 lg. potatoes, peeled and cut in chunks

1 c. diced celery  
1 lg. diced onion  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/4 lb. Velveeta cheese  
1 1/2 c. milk  
1/2 stick oleo

Salt and pepper, to taste  
Cover potatoes, celery and onions with water. Cook on medium high until potatoes are tender. Reduce heat to low. Add mushroom soup, cheese, milk and oleo. Simmer until cheese has melted, stirring occasionally to keep from sticking. Serve hot.  
Cecil Conley

## CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

1 lg. can chicken broth  
1 head broccoli  
1 qt. half & half  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 stick margarine  
4 T. flour

Cook broccoli in chicken broth until tender. Add half & half. Add salt and pepper. Continue to cook. Melt margarine and add flour. Add to soup to thicken.  
Thelma J. Laferty, R.N.

## BAKED PINEAPPLE

2 med. cans chunk pineapple in heavy syrup  
1/2 c. flour  
1 c. sugar  
1 stick butter  
Ritz crackers

Drain pineapple. Mix flour and sugar by hand with pineapple. Put in well buttered baking dish. Melt 1 stick of butter and add 1 row of crushed Ritz crackers. Sprinkle this on top of pineapple mixture. Bake about 45 minutes at 350°. Serve warm or cold.  
Carol Holbrook

## CREAM CHEESE SQUARES

1 box yellow cake mix  
1 stick butter  
3 eggs

1 box powdered sugar  
1 (8 oz.) cream cheese  
Mix 1 box of yellow cake mix, butter (melted) and 1 egg. Press mixture in bottom of cake pan. Mix powdered sugar, cream cheese (softened) and 2 eggs. Pour on top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.  
Sharon Poynter

## QUICK PEACH COBBLER

1/2 stick softened butter  
1 c. self-rising flour  
1/4 c. sugar  
1/2 c. sweet milk  
1 sm. can peaches  
Stir butter, flour and sugar together. Pour into a small baking pan. Pour can of peaches over batter. Bake until browned in 350° oven.  
Ethel Hunt

## STRAWBERRY CHIFFON

1 pkg. frozen strawberries (no syrup)  
1 pkg. Dream Whip  
1 sm. pkg. vanilla pudding  
3 egg whites  
1 box vanilla wafers  
Thaw strawberries. Prepare Dream Whip according to directions. Beat 3 egg whites to stiff peaks (meringue). Add strawberries to Dream Whip mixture. Fold in meringue and vanilla pudding mix. Crush 1 box of vanilla wafers. Line a 9 x 13-inch pan with the vanilla wafers. Pour in mixture. Cover with remaining wafers. Cover pan and freeze.  
Kimberly Hughes

## SHIITAKE, ARTICHOKE AND FONTINA FONDUE

Makes 12 servings. Prep time: 20 minutes. Cook time: 15 minutes.  
4 cups (about 1 pound) shredded Fontina cheese  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 1/2 cups (about 6 ounces) Shiitake mushrooms, trimmed, cleaned and finely chopped  
2 tablespoons chopped shallots  
1 cup canned artichoke hearts, finely chopped  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves,

or 1 teaspoon dried  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives, or 2 tablespoons dried  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper to taste  
For dipping:  
Boiled peeled shrimp; steamed small red-skinned potatoes; onion and herb focaccia cut in bite-size pieces.

In a medium-size bowl, toss the cheese with the cornstarch.  
In a medium-size heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat the butter over medium heat. Add the Shiitake mushrooms and shallots; cook 3 to 4 minutes. Add the artichoke hearts and continue cooking 3 minutes. Stir in the wine, broth and lemon juice. Heat until just barely simmering. Add the cheese, a handful at a time, stirring until the cheese is melted before adding more. When all the cheese has been added, stir in the thyme, chives, salt and pepper.

Transfer fondue to an enamel or ceramic fondue pot and keep warm over a fondue burner. Serve immediately.

## SWISS AND GOUDA CURRY FONDUE

Makes 10 servings. Prep time: 10 minutes. Cook time: 10 minutes.  
1 cup white grape juice  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons curry powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons dry sherry or white grape juice  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Gouda cheese  
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
For dipping:  
Bite-size pieces of cooked chicken or turkey; apples, plums and pineapple, cut in bite-size pieces.  
In a medium-size heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat the grape juice, garlic, curry powder and salt until barely simmering. In a cup, dissolve the cornstarch in the sherry; add to the juice mixture, stirring until slightly thickened. Add the cheeses, a handful at a time, stirring until the cheeses are melted before adding more. Gradually stir in lemon juice.

Transfer the fondue to an enamel or ceramic fondue pot and keep warm over a fondue burner. Serve immediately.

## HONEY-BLUE CHEESE FONDUE

Makes 6 servings. Prep time: 10 minutes. Cook time: 5 minutes.  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
2 cups (about 8 ounces) blue or domestic gorgonzola cheese, crumbled  
3 tablespoons honey  
2 tablespoons walnuts, chopped and toasted  
For dipping:  
Fresh figs, dates, apricots and apples (or other fresh/dried fruits)  
In a small saucepan, heat cream and cornstarch over medium heat, add lemon juice. Cook and stir until mixture thickens. Add cheese, one spoonful at a time, stirring until cheese is melted before adding more. When all the cheese has been added, stir in honey.  
Transfer fondue to a ceramic or enamel fondue pot, sprinkle with

toasted walnuts and keep warm over a fondue burner. Serve immediately.

## BERRY-MINT FONDUE

Makes 6 servings. Prep time: 10 minutes. Cook time: 5 minutes.  
2 packages (12 ounces each) frozen mixed berries or 1 package each strawberries and raspberries, thawed  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint  
For dipping:  
Bite-size pieces of domestic Brie, Edam, Havarti and Port-Du-Salut, Ladyfingers and Ginger cookies  
Puree berries in a food processor until smooth. Pour the puree into a strainer over a medium-size saucepan. Rub the puree through the strainer, discarding seeds. Add sugar to puree and heat until sugar is dissolved. Stir in mint.  
Transfer fondue to an enamel, ceramic or metal fondue pot and keep warm over a fondue burner. Serve immediately. This fondue also may be cooled and served at room temperature or chilled.

# Marines (Continued from page one)

became a Kentucky State Senator and is buried in the Frankfort Cemetery near the grave of Daniel Boone, overlooking the Kentucky River.

When a World War II picture taken of five marines and a navy corpsman raising the Stars and Stripes on Mount Suribachi at Iwo Jima was memorialized into a monument standing in Arlington, Virginia, a Fleming County Kentuckian named Ousley was among those historic six.

Korean veteran and Commandant Ray Brackett of Allen, presided at the Marine Corps birthday celebration held in May Lodge. He presented Leo Marcum, Inez, with the Marine Corps distinguished Service Award and Plaque.

Recognized as Purple Heart medalists were Joel Stumbo of Harold; Clay Wells of Inez; Judge Charles Lowe of Pike County; and Otto Cesco of Prestonsburg.

Cassie Allen, Prestonsburg, was

recognized for being the first female marine enlisted in Floyd County, and in Kentucky. Taps was played in memory of Joe Weddington of Prestonsburg, and Robert Coleman and Judge Pruitt, both of Pike County.

As Cassie Allen cut the 223rd Marine birthday cake, Commandant Brackett wished happy birthday to all marines and their families and remembered all marines deceased, missing in action, and prisoners of war. He also reiterated the marine dedication from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam conflicts to Desert Storm, with involvement in approximately 47 conflicts of some kind.

Mothers, wives, daughters, sons and grandchildren who listened to these marines came left the celebration knowing that the old adage "once a Marine, always a Marine," is true.

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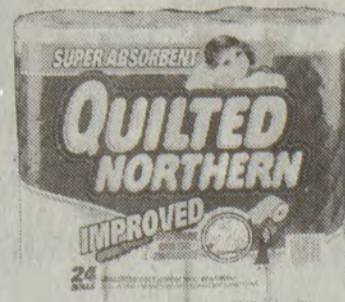


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# **Basketball Mania**

# Allen Central not to be taken lightly

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Last year coach Johnny Martin and the Allen Central Rebels caught some teams by surprise as they were figured to be a team in a reloading year.

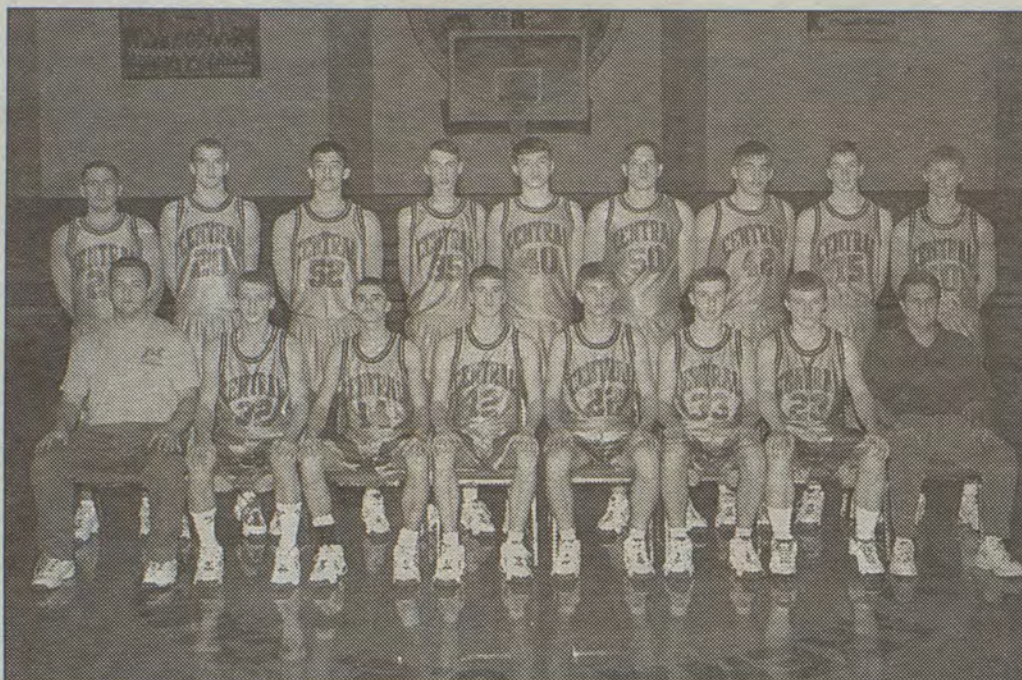
However, the Rebs pulled off several upsets and just missed on others. This year the Rebels will be missing that one ingredient that had made them one of the 15th Regions premier teams — a solid and consistent scorer. When you lose a player who is averaging over 24 points per game and hitting treys like it was the last year for the shot, like Todd Howard did last year, you have to figure on someone stepping up and filling the void.

Allen Central has had the marquee players in the past eight years in a Jeremy Hall, Thomas Jenkins, Kevin Stumbo, Rady Martin, Phillip Parsons and the list could go on and on. But this year that marquee player will be missing and it must be a total team effort when the 1998-99 season tips off in December.

But before you start shedding tears for the Rebels, fans need to look at the main ingredient of this year's Allen Central team — coach Johnny Martin. While the ballclub has enjoyed some great players consistently, still it takes a mentor that can mesh all that talent together and make winners out of them.

Ask the normal fan (if there is one) on the street and he will tell you never to count the Rebels out of anything. The reason? Coach Johnny Martin. The veteran coach has a way of getting the most out of a mediocre player and produces a very competitive basketball team. Although Howard is gone and so is Edmund Slone, Allen Central appears to be poised for a banner season this year with several veteran players returning. If there was a knock of last year's team it was the lack of playing time some received. But the talent is there and the coach knows how to bring it all together.

Returning will be the second leading scorer for Allen Central last season, Gary Hunter (12.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 2.1 assists). Hunter had played under the shadow of the Jenkins and Howard during his freshman and sophomore seasons and emerged last year to turn in a stellar junior season averaging just under 13 points per game. He pulled in six rebounds per contest last year, but the area that Hunter showed improvement was his defense. He works hard on the boards as well as defense. Hunter will be at the power forward slot this season.



"He is a two-year starter for us," said Coach Martin. "He is probably the most athletic of any Rebel. He has speed, good quickness and jumping ability. He is a true athlete."

It is said that he had a great summer and was drilling the lights out of three-pointers and with that Nick Samons will fill the two-guard slot for Allen Central. He showed his ability to hit from the 19-foot, 9-inch circle last year, especially during the district and regional tournaments. Samons is "quick, agile and rebounds surprisingly well for his 6'0" frame. A solid defensive player in the Rebels' pressing tactics.

Samons averaged 10 points per game last season and dished off just over three assists per game.

"He looks to fill either the point guard position again this year or the two-guard position," said the Allen Central coach. "He is one of the best passers that I have ever coached. He is an outstanding hustler and rebounds well for his size."

Allen Central may not have a true center, but if there is one it will fall to sophomore Rodney Scott. Scott showed signs of getting his game together last year and was a starter before the season was over.

His ability to block out on the boards gives him an edge plus the quickness of getting the ball out on the break. Much is expected of Scott this basketball season and with the love for the game, look for him to meet all the expectations of everyone.

"Rodney is the best inside threat on the team," said Coach Martin. "He has a good

vertical leap and should contribute greatly as either a four or five player."

The small forward position will be filled by veteran player, Jesse Hall. Hall, who also can play the middle, has an unusual ability

to hit the three's. He averaged just under nine points per game last year, but fans expect that to go up with the departure of Howard. If there is a key to this ballclub, it has to be the consistent play of Hall. He must perform well each night out. Hall averaged five rebounds per contest last season.

"Jesse is another excellent athlete," said the Allen Central coach. "He excels in several sports. He is a rugged rebounder and can score inside as well as step out and hit the three."

Allen Central will have one of the best sixth men starting this year in Brian Jones (5.2 ppg, 4.0 rpg). He works hard and may be just a little too aggressive at times in the game. He can score, rebound and play defense, everything you want in a player. But he does have a flaw and that is in the excessive foul department. He often finds himself watching from the bench because of his aggressive play. He averaged just over five points last year, but he a terror on the boards.

"Brian is probably the most improved Rebel player," said Coach Martin. "He is a

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## ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER 1998-1999 RUNNIN' REBS

PLAYER	NUMBER	GRADE	POS.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Gary Hunter	20	12	G	6'	160
Jesse Hall	42	12	C	6'2	220
Brian Jones	52	12	F	6'2	180
Nick Samons	12	12	G	5'10	140
Ryan Owens	25	12	F	6'0	180
Josh Howell	33	11	G	5'10	140
Jeremy Sexton	10	11	F	5'11	150
Leslie Slone	22	11	G	5'10	150
Rodney Scott	40	10	C	6'2	165
Larry Mullins	14	10	G	5'8	135
Nathan Tackett	32	10	G	5'10	150
Jeremy Hayes	35	10	F-C	6'3	145
Travis Francis	15	10	G-F	6'2	150
Zach Chaffins	50	9	C	6'3	220
Shawn Newsome	23	9	G	5'8	140

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# Lady Rebs hope to win the big one

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

For a long, long time the Allen Central Lady Rebels have been a dynasty in girls high school basketball. Under coaches such as Judy Eversole and Bonita Compton, Allen Central has ranked right up there with the best in the 15th Region and in the state.

But it was not until last year the Lady

that Hopkins made last year.

Reserved to watch from the bench, Hopkins played the sub role early last season, but the injury to Cooley gave Hopkins a starting job and she responded with big numbers. Hopkins is a solid three-point shooter and averaged over 14 points per game after breaking the starting line up.

However, while Hopkins is known as a scorer from the outside, she is better known



Rebels made an appearance in the girls regional finals for the first time since Coach Eversole took her team to the state Sweet 16 in the early '80s. Last year, it was first-year coach Anthony Moore, who guided the Lady Rebels to the regional championship game at South Floyd High School, site of the regional finals. It was against the Lady Hawks of Pike Central that the Lady Rebels fell.

But Coach Moore returns for his second season at the helm of the Allen Central girls program, but it will be a different looking team. Gone are leading scorers, Misty Scott and Crystal Martin, as well as mega-talent Ramanda Music, who started for Allen Central last year as an eighth grader. Scott and Martin graduated and Music chose to play at Belfry this season.

Moore has gone through some controversy during the off months but he survives to guide the Lady Rebels once more. Allen Central will have two starters back from last year's team but one did not get much playing time during the final two months of the season. Junior Natalie Cooley suffered an injured knee during last year's Class "A" State Tournament and had to sit out the rest of the year. But, if the Lady Rebels are to make any noise in the district and region this year, then Cooley will have to show that she is fully recovered and shoulder some awesome responsibility in guiding this year's team. Cooley will have to play multiple positions on the court for Allen Central but is best suited for the power forward position.

"Natalie is a very athletic player," said Coach Moore. She is good with or without the basketball. She has extended her shooting range and is a good defensive player, especially when pressing."

Also returning will be true marksman Jennifer Hopkins who was the hero of the 58th District and 15th Regional tournaments last season. If there a positive that came out Cooley's injury, it would be the contribution

for her defensive efforts. Hopkins will draw the toughest defensive assignments.

"Jennifer is our team leader," said Moore. "She leads by example. She works extremely hard on both ends of the floor. A very good perimeter shooter."

While Hopkins and Cooley return, the weight of the matters will lay heavily on the broad shoulders of Jessica Martin, one of the most underrated players in the 15th Region.

But Martin got recognition last year by being named to the All-District and All-Region teams. No one works the boards as hard as Martin. If there is one player to fill the vacancy left by Music, it will have to be Jessica Martin. A solid defensive player as well as a solid scorer. Martin carried a 13-point average last year, but her work habits on the court make her more valuable than just scoring.

"Jessica is a strong rebounder," said the Allen Central coach. "She is a very physical player inside and makes her presence known. She moves very well without the basketball."

While only three starters return, the Lady Rebels will find help in steady performer Shanna Howell. Howell saw a lot of playing time off the bench as the team's sixth man, but did not look for her shots as a role player. That will have to change this season and Howell will have to be a major contributor.

"Shanna is a very unselfish player and is a team-oriented player," said Moore. "Works very hard in practice or in games."

Coach Moore hopes to fill the point guard, a position vacated by Scott, with freshman Beth Combs. Combs was one of the top-heralded eighth-graders last season in the region. Combs will give the Lady Rebels plenty of ball handling experience and some added outside scoring. But her quickness down the lanes and on the break will be a big addition for the Lady Rebels.

"Beth is an outstanding point guard," said Coach Moore. "She takes care of the ball well

and is an excellent passer who can score."

With the lineup set with Cooley, Martin, Hopkins, Howell and Combs, there is plenty of talent on the sidelines for Allen Central. The Lady Rebels have two of the top sophomores coming into this season in Jennifer Risner and Shannon Sizemore. Both are scorers but in different ways. Risner can pop the three-pointers and drive the lanes, while Sizemore works underneath. Sizemore gives the Lady Rebels good size on the boards.

"Jennifer has shown a lot of improvement as a ball handler," said Coach Moore. "Her ball handling has gotten better. She can score from the outside and plays a good defense."

If there was a Miss Hustle award presented, according to Moore, it would have to go to Sizemore.

"She really gets after it," he said. "She just needs to become more consistent."

Susan Scarberry gives the Lady Rebels a solid low post player.

"Susan is a very dedicated basketball player," said Coach Moore. "She plays with a lot of heart and is an intelligent player."

Barbara Prater is a versatile player that every team needs.

"She can play anywhere on the floor," said Moore. "She has good quickness and rebounds well."

Kari Osborne is one of the top reserves who will see a lot of playing time for the Lady Rebels.

"Kari plays bigger than she is," said Coach Moore. "She is a good rebounder and a hard worker."

Stephanie Slone will be playing her first year in high school basketball.

"Stephanie is a strong girl and takes the ball to the basket well," said Moore.

Another player to see playing time at point guard will be Angela Green.

"She handles the ball real well for us," said Coach Moore. "She is also a good shooter for her size."

Three freshmen to watch include Tonya Howard, Jackie Brown and Leslie Martin.

"They all three are going to be good ones for us," said Moore.

The Lady Rebels are the defending 58th District champions and the favorite to repeat this season.

## ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS 1998 BASKETBALL ROSTER

Player	Class	Position
Natalie Cooley	11	F/G
Susan Scarberry	12	C
Shanna Howell	12	F
Jessica Martin	11	F/C
Jennifer Hopkins	12	G
Beth Combs	09	G
Shannon Sizemore	10	G/F
Jennifer Risner	10	G
Barb Prater	10	G/F
Angie Greene	10	G
Kari Osborne	10	F
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# Bobcats looking for return to glory

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It wasn't all that long ago you could look at all the preseason hype in high school basketball and see the Betsy Layne Bobcats ranked right up there with the top five teams in the 15th Region. And it was a justified preseason ranking as they were one of high school basketball's elite teams.

But the past seasons have seen the program come on hard times while struggling with young players, aspiring to become even a good .500 club.

Coach Tim Rice, in his third year as the head coach of the Cats, hopes this could be the start of the Bobcats returning as one of the elite in the 15th Region. Even one preseason publication had Betsy Layne ranked fourth in the region for the 1998-99 season.

"That is our goal, to get back to where we used to be as one of the

top teams in the 15th Region," said Coach Rice. "We feel we have good young players coming into the system to where we can be a contender again."

Betsy Layne will return 12 of the 15 players that dotted the roster last year and those returning include four of the starting five. Gone is the hot-shooting hand of Craig Johnson who landed at Alice Lloyd College this year. Coach Rice said things are pointing to the return.

"We have a good attitude this year," he said of his ballclub. "Our expectations are high. We think we can compete."

Rice said his team just needs to go out and "beat somebody."

"We need to beat somebody to



prove to ourselves we can win," he said. "We need to get the fans behind us like it used to be."

The decibel level at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse was deafening at times during the glory days of Betsy Layne. Rice said he would like to see that return.

Like most teams in the 15th Region, the Bobcats are not going to be all that big and Coach Rice feels that could hurt a young team.

"Overall, our height is going to hurt us this year," he said. "We are not going to be very big, especially with Jay Arnett being out too."

Arnett sprained an ankle but is expected to return by the time the season opens.

But unlike most regional

teams, Betsy Layne will return an experienced ballclub.

"That is going to be our strong point," said Coach Rice. "We do have some experienced players returning but still we are a young team. We have several players who played a lot last year."

The Cats will return three starters and one who was at the sixth spot through last season. The returning players will be led by junior Adam Tackett (6'3", 235) who showed signs of brilliance toward the end of last season when he performed so well in the final four weeks of the season. Tackett takes up a lot of room around the basket with his frame and is a strong rebounder. The success of the Bobcats this year will center around the play of Tackett.

"I am just looking for Adam's maturity to show up this year," said Coach Rice. "He struggles at the free throw line but he has been working very hard to be a better free throw shooter. He is going to be a big key for us this year."

"He needs to work on his positioning. He gets out of position sometimes."

Bradley Brooks (6' 1", 225) will fill the power forward slot and is another work horse on the boards.

"He is an excellent rebounder.

He is not very tall but blocks out real well under the basket," said the Betsy Layne coach. "Brooks is aggressive in there and, hopefully, a year of maturity will help him a lot."

The small forward will be filled by junior Scott Collins (6'2", 180) who was the second leading scorer last year for the Bobcats.

"Scott is an excellent leaper," Rice said. "He is one of the quickest jumpers I have seen. He plays outside, inside, wherever we have to have him at. I expect him to get six to eight rebounds per game."

Justin Bartley (5'8", 155) will run the ballclub at the point guard and he gives the Cats some outside shooting as well.

"I was pleasantly pleased with Justin last year at point guard," Rice said. "He only averaged two turnovers a game and he averaged eight to 10 points per game for us. Last year he took some pressure off Craig because he shot the ball real well. What I am looking for in Justin is a take-charge attitude...to go out and run the team and tell people where they are supposed to be."

Loyalty to the program will pay off for Michael Gross (5'11", 185) this season as he will start at

(See Bobcats, page 15)

## BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS 1998-99 ROSTER

PLAYER	CLASS	NUMBER	POSITION	HT	WT
Jay Arnett	12	34	C/F	6'4"	180
Barrett Brooks	12	33	C	6'2"	235
Michael Gross	12	23	G	5'11"	185
Anthony Tackett	12	15	G	5'11"	180
Tommy Taulbee	12	25	G	6'2"	190
Justin Bartley	11	12	G	5'8"	155
Bradley Brooks	11	31	F	6'1"	225
Scott Collins	11	24	G/F	6'2"	180
Robert Rose	11	11	G	5'8"	150
Adam Tackett	11	32	C	6'3"	225
B. Blankenship	10	10	F	5'10"	130
Adam Collins	10	20	F	6'1"	190
Brad Daugherty	10	21	G	5'10"	145
David Johnson	10	30	C	6'3"	175
Robbie Johnson	10	14	G	5'8"	150
Brock Keathley	10	22	G	5'11"	175
Anthony Tackett	10	5	G	5'8"	145
Eddie Tibbs	10	4	G	5'9"	155

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# Akers returns in hopes Cats can adapt

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It has been six years since Betsy Layne girls' head basketball coach put the whistle around her neck and went through practice drills as a head coach for a high school team.

But as the 1998-'99 season is about to unfold, she replaces one of the more successful coaches this season after coach Bill Newsome decided not to come back.

Akers spent two seasons as head coach at McDowell before leaving the game. Now she returns to her alma mater and her get tough practices are starting to show on the returning players.

Betsy Layne (15-18) will return only three seniors this season but will be looking to a very young kiddie corps to contribute this season. But the new coach is hoping this year's team will have matured some when it comes district tournament time.

"We will just have to take the schedule before us and use that to work toward the district tournament," said Coach Akers.

The game has not changed much in the past six seasons since Coach Akers left the game. Her style of play is different from the previous coach, but she feels the players are starting to adapt to her coaching philosophy.

"The attitude and effort of this team has been wonderful," she said. "We started with 20 girls and we still have 18 and I am impressed with that because I am strong on conditioning."

Coach Akers said the strength of this year's team has been surprising.

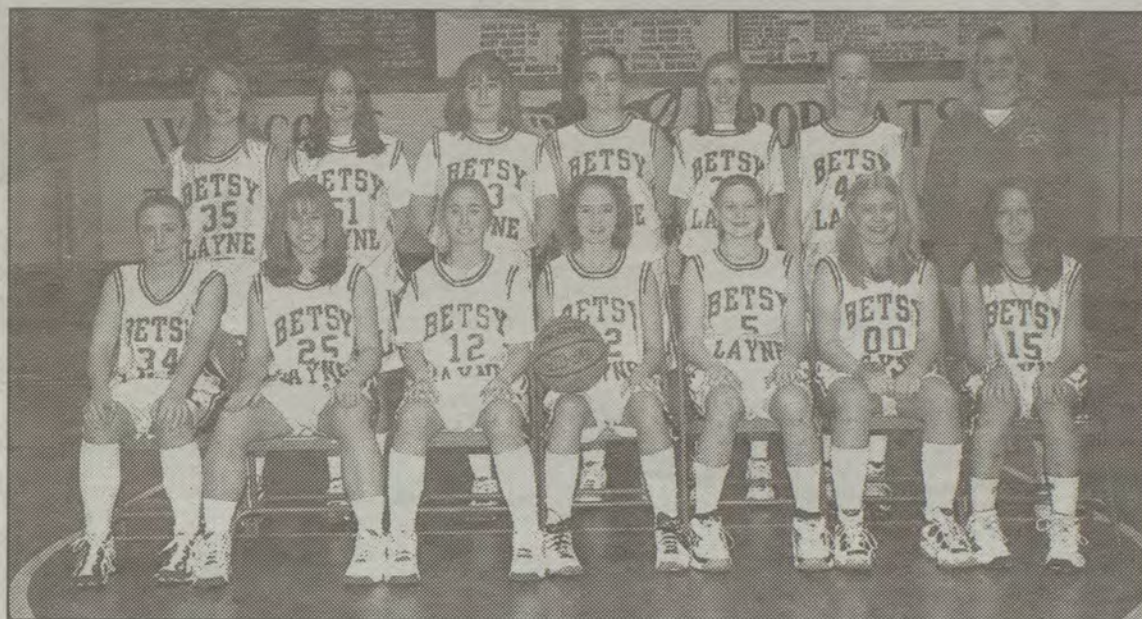
"This is a strong bunch of girls," she said. "They are a lot stronger physically than any team I've had before."

But the returning coach spotted some bad

habits and weaknesses of the team.

"They do have the little fundamental weaknesses," she recognized. "They do not block very well under the basket. But they have good size and they don't necessarily have to block out. But that is something they are going to have to learn to do."

Returning seniors include Samantha Maynard, Amanda Hall and Leslie Hopkins.



Coach Akers has spotted some timidity in Hopkins and is working hard to get her more aggressive on the offensive side of the basketball.

"She has been timid in the past," said Akers. "We have some individual practices and she seems to be improving her offense."

Akers said each player goes through individual practice times and Hopkins has worked hard around the basket.

"In our intrasquad games, she has really improved offensively," Akers said. "Her free throw shooting has been a little inconsistent. But Leslie has been here and worked every

day and has only missed one practice. She has shown a lot of improvement in rebounding. I feel the only thing we need to do is improve her offense."

The point guard position is the big question mark for the Lady Cats, according to the new Betsy Layne coach. Amanda Hall controlled the position the last three seasons but that will change this year, said Akers.

"Amanda is the captain of the team and she has been everything. We will move from the point guard to the two guard," said Akers. "But she also will be playing at other slots as well. We may need

her at the three or four position."

Hall is being called on by the new coach to learn, not only the two-guard position, but other positions as well.

"I told her I was going to depend on her a lot this season," said Akers. "Amanda is a good positive influence on the other players. She knows she will have to play a multitude of positions. She is a very versatile player

and she can go inside and outside."

While Hall will play different positions, Coach Akers is looking for more consistency from the talented guard.

With Hall moving from the point, a couple of Hamilton's will compete for the point guard slot. Heather and Leslie Hamilton are being counted on to fill the void left with the moving of Hall.

"We have no idea who our point guard will be," said Akers. "Both Leslie and Heather are our point guard right now. That position is rough, especially in this system I run. I depend on the point guard so much. In our system we do so many changes and the point guard needs to learn them all."

"I told Heather and Leslie that they will have to learn their position and everyone else's. They both have a tendency to go headlong into something when they need to calm down," said Akers.

Returning for the Lady Cats will be junior Sheena Akers, who will roam the paint area and will be a good one. Akers is expected to contribute more to the scoring column this year.

"We have been trying to improve her free throw shooting," said Coach Akers. "I told her she is going to get fouled so she is going to have to score from the line. She is another player who has been working very hard in practice."

"All of the players have bad habits they need to break and one of Sheena's is wanting to slap on defense instead of playing straight up defense. They all do that but Sheena seems to be the worse."

Jenny Parsons brings a reputation to the camp of a three-point threat and is a solid offensive player. According to Akers, she will be counted on to score.

"We will need to look to Jenny for some points," said Akers. "She has a multitude of talent but she also has a multitude of bad habits. She doesn't square up when she shoots. She is another one who is working hard on her free throw shooting because she

is going to be fouled a lot."

Amber Biliter and Denise Jones will be designated three-point shooters as well.

"They both can come in and knock a three-pointer down when you need one," said Coach Akers. "Denise is probably a little bit ahead of Amber on the defensive side."

Amber Roberts (5'9") will give the Lady Cats some good size inside. The sophomore forward has been one of the pleasant surprises in camp this season.

"Amber has been doing real good lately," said Coach Akers. "She is going to help us a lot."

Seeing playing time off the bench will be Tiffany Bentley, who like Roberts, has the ability to sink the treys.

"She is a little weak right now," said Coach Akers, "but her and Amber can hit the outside shot. Both are just a little timid right now."

Much will be expected of junior Courtney Hall (5'10") and Coach Akers likes the way she has been handling herself in practice.

"Courtney has really worked hard," she said. "She has really improved on offense. Her defense has come along real well."

Six freshmen will dot the Betsy Layne roster and Coach Akers said that some could see varsity play this year and maybe crack the lineup.

"Right now I feel we can go nine or ten deep off the bench," she said. "We have some very good freshmen who could see some playing time. Devon Reynolds may see some playing time at the point guard position. Tabitha Mitchell and Kim Tackett are very good basketball players. These girls will be playing an 18-game freshman schedule."

Jessica Slone, Amy Keathley and Nikki Keathley are freshmen who will be looked at during the season. All are expected to contribute.

Coach Akers said ball handling continues to be a problem for the Lady Cats, but individual work has shown some improvement in the area.

"In our individual practices, our guards work on passing the ball and handling it," said Akers. "It is just the little things they need to learn, like bouncing the ball away from the defense, little things like that."

Akers said her team is not expected to be an up-tempo team early in the season but she would like to be a pressing team.

"I have a lineup that can press and I have one that can not," she said. "But we can press if we have to."

Akers confesses her lack of knowledge of the county and regional teams after her absence from the game. She said she is looking forward to the panoramas just to see other teams play.

"People ask me how I think we will do, and I have to tell them I don't know," said Akers. "I haven't seen the other teams play."

Akers said right now she would have to pick Allen Central as the team to beat in the county.

"I heard Prestonsburg has some good players coming back," she said. "Hopefully by the time we get around to them in the schedule we will be competitive. It is going to take us awhile."

## BETSY LAYNE LADY CATS 1998 BASKETBALL ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	GRADE
Amanda Hall	G-F	5'8"	12
Leslie Hopkins	F	5'9"	12
Samantha Maynard	F-C	5'9"	11
Courtney Hall	F-C	5'10"	11
Heather Hamilton	G	5'5"	11
Leslie Hamilton	G	5'4"	11
Tiffany Bentley	F	5'7"	10
Amber Biliter	G	5'5"	10
Denise Jones	G	5'5"	10
Jenny Parsons	F	5'8"	10
Amber Roberts	F	5'9"	10
Amy Keathley	F-C	5'8"	09
Nikki Keathley	C	5'8"	09
Tabitha Mitchell	G	5'6"	09
Devon Reynolds	G	5'5"	09
Jessica Slone	G	5'6"	09
Kimberly Tackett	F-C	5'9"	09

Head Coach: Cassandra Akers

Assistant: Raquel Lawson

Statisticians: Carol Akers, Tomeca Tackett

# Knights to compete for district title

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Piarist School Knights basketball team could be the smallest team in the 58th District this year. That's right, the 58th District. For the first time in school history, the Knights will be competing for a district title, and they know the road will be long and rough as the veteran teams know what it takes to win.

Last year the school competed in the Three Rivers Conference and had a good first year in basketball. But when the season was about to unfold this school year, they lost their leading scorer in 6'3" Adam Hutchinson. Second leading scorer George Hall returns but has been injured.

Jason Holbrook is the tallest of the Knights as he stands 6'3" and is a junior from Salyersville. Coach Canier Hall likes the hard play of Holbrook.



"He more than likely will be our leading rebounder," said Coach Hall. "He runs the floor very well and is an outstanding defensive player. He will play the middle for us."

James Hall stands 6'3" and hails from Pikeville and will share time at both the forward and guard slots.

"A very fine basketball player," said Hall. "Again, one of our good defensive players."

Freshman Robert Hall is only 5'9" but the Prestonsburg player does so many things well.

"He runs the floor well and can shoot the three-pointer," said Coach Hall. "He is very reliable player and shoots free throws well. He will play the point or two-guard."

From Betsy Layne comes Robert Rose, 5'8", a freshman who will give the Knights some outside shooting power.

"He is another one of those good free throw shooters we

have," said Hall. "He handles the ball well and runs the court good. He is the type of player who will hustle all the time. A very good basketball player."

Brian Yates is from Pikeville and stands at 5'9".

"He plays hard and shoots the ball well," said Coach Hall. "He will play some guard for us and we like the way he plays."

The lack of numbers on the bench will be a problem for the Knights because they will find it difficult to press the opposition and depend more on the half court game.

The Knights will make their first appearance in the All "A" Classic in Pikeville later in January.

This is the second year for basketball at The Piarist School and they play their home games at the Mountain Christian Academy gym in Martin.

When it comes to rebounding, that will fall to Brett Hall, from Wayland.

"Jason works hard on rebounding and playing defense," said Hall. "He will rotate at one forward spot and play some center for us. He is a hard worker."

George Hall, a 5'11", junior is from Prestonsburg and leads the team in scoring.

"He is our team leader," said Coach Hall. "He leads in about every department and is an excellent free throw shooter."

Hall will play the point for the Knights and may move under the basket at a forward position.

He could carry the title of Mr. Consistent because that is the way Coach Hall described Matt Goeing, from Wheelwright.

"He is a fine basketball player and consistent scorer," said Hall. "He plays good defense and will be at the two-guard position."

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### THE PIARIST SCHOOL KNIGHTS 1998-99 BASKETBALL ROSTER

NUMBER	PLAYER	GRADE	HEIGHT
23	John Keeton	Senior	6'0"
21	George Hall	Junior	6'0"
12	Jason Holbrook	Junior	6'3"
10	Matt Goeing	Soph.	5'4"
30	Brett Hall	Soph.	6'3"
25	James Hall	Freshman	6'3"
33	Robert Hall	Freshman	5'9"
11	Shawn Rose	Freshman	5'8"
35	Brian Yates	Freshman	5'9"

Head Coach: Darnella Bradley  
Asst. Coach: Cainer Hall

# Second season could be difficult

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Almost. Almost and very close, a second season of girls basketball at the Piarist School seemed to be a dead issue and there would be no team this season, but a team did develop.

"I can breathe a sigh of relief now that we are able to have a girls basketball team," said head coach Darnella Bradley. "Almost a week into conditioning, the prospect of even having enough bodies to complete a roster for a girls' team was bleak."

With the twisting of arms, according to the coach, and the pleas falling of concerned ears, the Lady Knights' roster was decked with nine dedicated girls.

"With only one player returning from last year, Tai England, a coach might quite possibly be pessimistic about the upcoming season," said Bradley. "But I was not. These young ladies put forth 110 percent in their every day practices."

"They hustle and are very dedicated to improving the skills they are acquiring."

Coach Bradley said she felt it an honor to coach them the fundamentals of the game.

"Teaching young women that the spirit of competition is healthy and through sports they can improve not only physically but mentally and socially," said Bradley.

"Sporting events offers young women a chance to meet new and interesting people. Coaching provides me the opportunity to "coach" them not only on the hardwood but

in life. It is about teaching them how one can learn and improve from successes or defeats."

Coach Bradley agrees that the second season will prove to be a difficult one. One area that concerns Coach Bradley is at the point guard position.

"I am hoping to initiate additional ball handling drills to help this situation," she said. "In addition our ball handling woes, our passing needs work also. I attribute this to the inexperience we have as a young team."

The second year coach said that she has seen improvement in her team in this area.

"They are dedicated young ladies and dedicated to the team concept and they all enjoy the game of basketball," said Bradley.

With England the lone returnee from last year's team, she was chosen as the team captain this year.

"She is a solid player," said Bradley. "She recognizes defenses and helps in initiating the offense. Tai has shown a great improvement from last year. She is a key rebounder for us under the basket and she demonstrates leadership and is a motivator to her teammates."

The rest of the team consists of first year players and one of those will be Chasity Ison, from Paintsville.

"This is her first year of organized basketball," said Bradley. "She works very hard in practice and always has a positive attitude. I just hope we can keep her healthy (knee problems) because she is a defensive and offensive threat on the court."

Clarissa Mulliken is from Pikeville and a junior. She will play a dual role for the Lady Knights this season.

"She will be playing some at forward and guard," Bradley said. "She has the ability to drive the lanes and is a very dedicated young lady. If she is to fill the point guard spot, Clarissa must work on protecting the ball and using her left hand."



The McDonald girls, Natalie and Amanda, have been appropriately named the "harassers." Natalie stands only 5'3" but is all over the court.

"She is a very aggressive basketball player on defense," said Bradley. "She is still learning our offensive plays and has adapted well to the pace of high school basketball."

Amanda McDonald, 5'3", likes to face her opponent.

"Extremely aggressive," said Bradley. "Her speed and quickness will be an asset to the team. She will be sharing the responsibility at point guard. She puts forth a great effort in learning her position."

Emily Meyer will run the point for the Lady Knights this season.

"We are feeling the impact of Emily at the point guard position," said Bradley. "Her ability to read the defense and more importantly protect the ball is affecting the offense."

Meyer has been out of the Lady Knights' lineup and will return to her position on the floor at the end of the semester.

Morgan Caldwell from Prestonsburg, is one of the taller players the Lady Knights have. It is her first season of organized basketball.

"Her height and rebounding ability is an asset to the team," said Coach Bradley. "She

is very aggressive on the boards and has a quick put-back. I am looking forward to watching this young lady mature on the court as she learns more about the game."

Amber Hutchinson, a 5'3" guard from Martin, is being asked to learn a new role for the Lady Knights at point guard.

"She possesses a top of the key shot which we feel will start to fall with practice," said Bradley. "She has demonstrated tremendous work ethic. Amber has already improved her ball handling skills this season."

The Lady Knights got a good player in Kari Ross, Prestonsburg. Ross stands at 5'10" and is a freshman. Coach Bradley said the next four years will be good ones with Ross in camp.

"She is an athlete," said Bradley. "She works hard in practice and puts forth 110 percent on the court. She is going to play a vital part in our offense. Kari goes to the basket strong and is a good rebounder. Some day I look for her to lead the Three Rivers Conference in blocked shots."

The Lady Knights are young but the future in girls' basketball looks bright with all the talent that has made the roster for the Piarist School. It will take time and patience before a winner emerges.

## PIARIST SCHOOL LADY KNIGHTS 1998-99 BASKETBALL ROSTER

Number	Player	Grade
35	Tai England	11
12	Chastity Ison	11
20	Clarissa Mulliken	11
15	Natalie McDonald	11
10	Emily Meyer	10
21	Morgan Caldwell	09
30	Amber Hutchinson	09
11	Amanda McDonald	09
23	Kari Ross	
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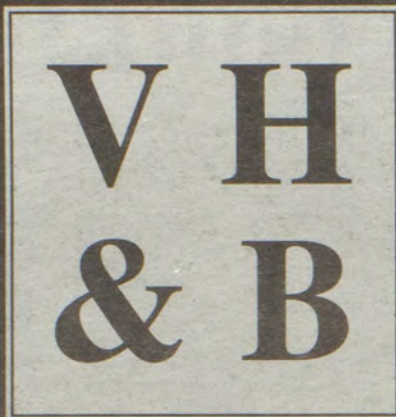
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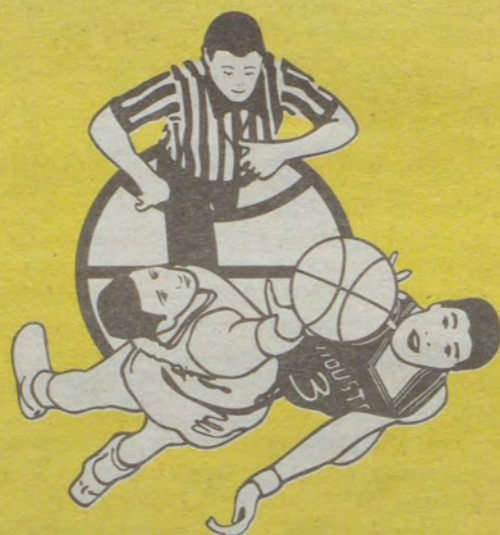
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NOVEMBER			
21	Perry Central Classic	A	
25	Pete Gribby Panorama	H	
DECEMBER			
1	Feds Creek	H	
4	Piarist	H	
8	Pike Central	A	
11	South Floyd	A	
15	Fleming Neon	A	
19	Cawood	H	
22	Betsy Layne	H	
JANUARY			
2	Phelps	A	
5	Piarist	A	
8	Knott Central	A	
12	South Floyd	H	
13-16	Pike Central Tournament	A	
20-23	Class A Tournament	A	
26	Prestonsburg	A	
29	Sheldon Clark	A	
FEBRUARY			
5	Betsy Layne	A	
9	Prestonsburg	H	
12	Paintsville	A	
13	Sheldon Clark	H	
16	Cordia	H	
19	Breathitt County	A	
20	Phelps	H	
24-27	District Tournament	A	
MARCH 3-6	Regional Tournament	A	

BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS			
NOVEMBER			
21 Sat.	Panorama	A	TBA
25 Wed.	Allen Central Panorama	A	TBA
DECEMBER			
1 Tues.	Magoffin County	A	6/7:30
2-5	Johnson Central Tourney	A	TBA
8 Tues.	Phelps	H	6/7:30
11 Fri.	Johnson Central	A	6/7:30
15 Tues.	South Floyd (Boys/Girls) DH	A	6/7:30 Var. Only
18 Fri.	Paintsville	H	6/7:30
22 Tues.	Allen Central (Boys & Girls) DH	A	6/7:30 Var. Only
28-31	Elkhorn City Tourney	A	TBA
JANUARY			
1-2	Elkhorn City Tourney	A	TBA
5 Tues.	Pike Central	H	6/7:30
9 Sat.	Piarist School	A	2:00 Var. Only
11 Mon.	Prestonsburg	H	6/7:30
12-16	Pike Central Tourney	A	TBA
19 Tues.	Prestonsburg (Boys & Girls) DH	A	6/7:30 Var. Only
22 Fri.	Piarist School	H	6:00 Var. Only
23 Sat.	Belfry	H	6:7:30
26 Tues.	Fairview	A	6/7:30
FEBRUARY			
2 Tues.	South Floyd (Boys/Girls) DH	H	6/7:30 Var. Only
5 Fri.	Allen Central (Boys/Girls) DH	H	6/7:30 Var. Only
9 Tues.	Elkhorn City	H	6/7:30
12 Fri.	Feds Creek	A	6/7:30
16 Tues.	Millard	A	6/7:30
19 Fri.	Shelby Valley	A	6/7:30



PIARIST SCHOOL KNIGHTS			
Date			
Tues., Nov. 17	A—Redbird	7:00*	
Thurs., Nov. 19	A—OBI	7:00*	
Sat., Nov. 21	A—JBS (at Redbird)	7:30*	
Tues., Nov. 24	H—Redbird	7:30	
Tues., Dec. 1	H—JBS	8:00	
Fri., Dec. 4	A—Allen Central	7:30	
Sat., Dec. 5	H—Rosehill	6:00	
Thurs., Dec. 17	H—South Floyd	7:30	
Fri., Dec. 18	A—Jackson City	7:30	
Tues., Jan. 5	H—Allen Central	6:00	
Fri., Jan. 8	H—OBI	8:00	
Sat., Jan. 9	H—Betsy Layne	2:00	
Thurs., Jan. 14	H—Prestonsburg	7:30	
Tues., Jan. 19	#A—Pikeville	7:00	
Fri., Jan. 22	A—Betsy Layne	6:00	
Mon., Jan. 25	A—JBS	8:00	
Fri., Jan. 29	A—OBI	8:00	
Tues., Feb. 2	A—Prestonsburg	7:30	
Sat., Feb. 6	H—Jackson City	7:30	
Tues., Feb. 9	A—Rosehill	7:30	
Thurs., Feb. 11	A—Buckhorn	8:00	
Sat., Feb. 13	A—Redbird	TBA	
Thurs., Feb. 18	A—South Floyd	7:30	

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BETSY LAYNE LADY BOBCATS			
NOVEMBER			
14 Sat.	Perry Central Panorama	A	TBA
21 Sat.	Johnson Central Panorama	A	TBA
DECEMBER			
3-5	Pike Central Tournament	A	TBA
8 Tues.	Perry Central	A	6:00 Var. Only
10 Thurs.	Feds Creek	H	6/7:30
12 Sat.	Phelps	A	6/7:30
14 Mon.	Paintsville	A	6/7:30
15 Tues.	So. Floyd (Boys/Girls) DH	A	6/7:30 Var. Only
17 Thurs.	Millard	H	6/7:30
22 Tues.	Allen Central (Boys/Girls) DH	A	6/7:30 Var. Only
JANUARY			
7 Thurs.	Feds Creek	A	6/7:30
11 Mon.	Pikeville	A	6/7:30
14 Thurs.	Shelby Valley	A	6/7:30
18 Mon.	Millard	A	6/7:30
19 Tues.	Prestonsburg (Boys/Girls) DH	A	6/7:30 Var. Only
21 Thurs.	Magoffin County	A	6/7:30
28 Thurs.	Perry Central	H	6/7:30
FEBRUARY			
2 Tues.	So. Floyd (Boys/Girls) DH	H	6/7:30 Var. Only
5 Fri.	Allen Central (Boys/Girls) DH	H	6/7:30 Var. Only
6 Sat.	Johnson Central	A	5/6:30
8 Mon.	Pike Central	H	6/7:30
11 Thurs.	Phelps	H	6/7:30
13 Sat.	Elkhorn City	H	6/7:30
15 Mon.	Knott Central	A	6/7:30
18 Thurs.	Magoffin County	H	6/7:30
20 Sat.	Prestonsburg	H	6/7:30



ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS			
NOV. 30			
	Johnson Central	A	
DECEMBER			
2-5	Lady Commodore Classic	A	
7	Letcher	A	
10	Sheldon Clark	A	
11	South Floyd	A	
14	Phelps	H	
19	Cawood	H	
22	Betsy Layne	H	
JANUARY			
2	Perry County	A	
4	Elkhorn City	H	
7	Belfry	H	
9	Knott County	A	
11	Prestonsburg	H	
13-16	All "A" Classic	A	
18	South Floyd	H	
23	Prestonsburg	A	
25	Shelby Valley	H	
FEBRUARY			
2	Knott County	H	
4	Millard	A	
5	Betsy Layne	A	
11	Magoffin County	H	
12	Pikeville	H	
15	Pike County	H	
18	Whitesburg	A	

PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS			
Nov. 25	Wed.	Panorama	Allen Central 6:30
Nov. 28	Sat.	Panorama	Sheldon Clark 1:30
Dec. 1	Tues.	Sheldon Clark	Home
Dec. 2-5	Wed.-Sat.		
Dec. 8	Tues.	J.C. Invitational	Away
Dec. 12	Sat.	Elkhorn City	Away
Dec. 15	Tues.	Magoffin County	Away
Dec. 22	Tues.	Belfry	Home
Dec. 26-30	Tues.	Pikeville	Away
Jan. 2	Sat.	Lexington Catholic	Away
Jan. 5	Tues.	Harrison County	Away
Jan. 8	Fri.	South Floyd	Away
Jan. 11	Mon.	Perry Central	Home
Jan. 13	Wed.-Sat.	Betsy Layne	Home
Jan. 14	Thurs.	WYMT	Away
Jan. 19	Tues.	Piarist School	Away
Jan. 22	Fri.	Betsy Layne	Away
Jan. 26	Tues.	Shelby Valley	Home
Feb. 2	Tues.	Allen Central	Home
Feb. 5	Fri.	Piarist School	Home
Feb. 6	Sat.	South Floyd	Home
Feb. 9	Tues.	Magoffin County	Home
Feb. 13	Sat.	South Floyd	Away
Feb. 19	Fri.	Allen Central	Away
Feb. 19	Fri.	Bryan Station	Away
Feb. 19	Fri.	Sheldon Clark	Away

All J.V. games will start at 6:00  
All Varsity games start at 7:30

PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATS			
NOVEMBER			
21	Sheldon Clark Panorama		Away
28	Belfry Panorama		Away
30	Breathitt County		Away
DECEMBER			
3-5	Pike County Central		
7	Invitational		Away
7	Pikeville		Away
11-12	Belfry Invitational		Away
17	Lawrence County		Home
21	South Floyd		Home
28-30	Johnson Central Invitational		Away
JANUARY			
7	Pikeville		Home
9	Harrison County (2:00 p.m.)		Away
11	Allen Central		Away
14	Sheldon Clark		Home
16	Betsy Layne		Away
18	Phelps		Home
25	Allen Central		Home
25	South Floyd		Away
28	Johnson Central		Home
FEBRUARY			
1	Paintsville		Home
4	Sheldon Clark		Away
8	Shelby Valley		Away
15	Magoffin County		Home
18	Pike Central		Away
20	Betsy Layne (Senior Night)		Home

SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS			
Date			
14	Johnson Central	JCHS	TBA
NOVEMBER			
25	Floyd County Panorama (Belfry)	ACHS	TBA
1	Jenkins	H	6:00/7:30
2-5	Johnson Central (Tipp-Off Classic)	A	TBA
8	Millard	A	6:00/7:30
11	Allen Central	H	7:30
12	Pike Central	H	6:00/7:30
15	Betsy Layne	H	7:30
17	Piarist	A	7:30
18	Johnson Central	A	6:00/7:30
DECEMBER			
5	Prestonsburg	H	6:00/7:30
6-10	Pikeville Inv. Tourney	A	TBA
12	Allen Central	A	6:00/7:30
15	Letcher County	A	6:00/7:30
16	Sheldon Clark	A	6:00/7:30
20-23	All A Classic	A	TBA
26	Fleming Neon	H	6:00/7:30
30	Johnson Central (Homecoming)	H	6:00/7:30
FEBRUARY			
2	Betsy Layne	A	7:30
5	Prestonsburg	A	6:00/7:30
9	Fleming Neon	A	6:00/7:30
12	Jenkins	A	6:00/7:30
16	Shelby Valley	H	6:00/7:30
18	Piarist (Parent Night)	H	7:30
20	Millard (Senior Night)	H	6:00/7:30

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDERS			
Date			
21	JCHS Panorama	JCHS	TBA
30	Pikeville	A	6:00/7:30
NOVEMBER			
3-4-5	Pike Central Tournament	PC	TBA
5	Elkhorn City	H	5:00/6:30
7	Letcher County	A	6:00/7:30
11	ACHS	H	6:00 Var. Only
15	BLHS	H	6:00 Var. Only
17	Piarist	A	6:00 Var. Only
19	Millard	H	6:00/7:30
21	Prestonsburg	A	6:00/7:30
JANUARY			
4	Shelby Valley	H	6:00/7:30
5	Feds Creek	A	6:00/7:30
7	Phelps	A	6:00/7:30
14-17	Class A Tournament		TBA
18	ACHS	A	6:00/7:30
25	Prestonsburg	H	6:00/7:30
28	Pike Central	H	6:00/7:30
FEBRUARY			
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# Fourth district title goal for Blackcats

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

No team has dominated the 58th District like the last four Prestonsburg Blackcat teams under coach Jackie Pack. Coach Pack brought recognition to the Prestonsburg program when he arrived at the school to begin the '94-95 season.

The last time the Blackcat program found any prominence was in 1989 when they made the trip to the Sweet Sixteen under then-coach Gordon Parido.

Under Pack, the program has claimed three conference titles and shared another with Allen Central.

As the 1998-99 season unfolds, the Cats will attempt to do something that no other district school has done and that is to win a fourth consecutive district title.

## PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER BLACKCATS 1998-1999

PLAYER	NO.	HT.	WT.
John Ortega	12	6'	190
Joe Campbell	12	6'2	185
Nathan Leslie	12	6'6	220
Jason Keathley	12	6'2	185
Kalen Harris	12	6'	190
Russ Music	12	6'	180
Ryan Hardee	12	6	160
Eric Price	12	6'2	150
Brandon Branham	10	6'4	200
Dustin Music	10	6'2	175
Robbie Holbrook	11	6'2	165
Josh Turner	11	5'9	150
Ricky Powers	10	5'11	150
John Dixon	11	5'9	150
Seth Crisp	11	5'9	175



Prestonsburg will be without the service of All-District, All-Regional center, Andy Jarvis as well as floor leader Wes Samons. The Blackcats fell in the opening round of the 15th District tournament last year to a good Pikeville team.

But that was last year and this is a new season. Prestonsburg is considered one of the top three teams in the region this year a favorite to capture a fourth straight district championship.

There is reason for optimism as Coach Pack will return three starters from last year's regional team. Experience will be in place as well as a team that is set on winning it all again.

Returning for the Blackcats will be mega star, senior John Ortega, whose many talents have labeled him as perhaps the best athlete in Kentucky.

His ability to play three major sports, and play them well, gives the Blackcats a steady performer and floor leader.

Ortega held down the point guard slot the past three seasons and will be back at the familiar place this season. He averaged just over 14 points per game last year, but everyone agreed, it could have been much higher had he been called on to score. With Jarvis (25 ppg) and Samons (18 ppg) on the floor, Ortega did not need to look to score. He ran the ballclub from his position and was heralded as one of the best.

Also returning will be dependable Joe Campbell (6'4", junior). Campbell is the type of player who just goes about his business and you never know he is scoring until you look at the book and see where he pumped in 18 or 24 points. He is an excellent shooter from the three-point arc. He works hard, runs the floor well and a very strong rebounder. He is a team player and maybe a little too unselfish.

Size? The Blackcats have in 6'6" center Nathan Leslie, who did not get back on the basketball court until his junior year, concentrating mostly on football, when he was a standout. Leslie cracked the starting lineup last year about midway of the season and has been a fixture ever since.

He is a bruiser around the basket and known to put a few of the opposition on the floor. A very strong rebounder and he averaged close to 12 points per game last season.

Unlike most big men who like to hang around the paint area, Leslie can step outside the area and drain a three or hit the short jumper. He is a strong inside player and plays very strong on defense. He has good quickness for his size.

With Ortega, Campbell and Leslie back, Coach Pack had to look for someone to fill the other vacated spots. Jason Keathley, who started at the beginning of last season, will fill the power forward slot. Keathley is very underrated among regional players. He is the garbage player on the Cats team and gets the garbage baskets. A solid rebounder and plays hard on defense.

Keathley needs to pick up some of the scoring drop off created with the loss of Jarvis and Samons. He averaged just over 10 ppg last year.

Kalen Harris or Russ Music will run at the two-guard slot and both are capable of draining the three-point basket from beyond the arc.

Harris is quick and a "bumper" under the basket. A solid defensive player who is not afraid to mix in with the taller timber in the middle. Harris may be a step slower on defense than Music, but he gives the team that someone who can fill the void left by Samons.

Music, like Harris, is a good outside threat for



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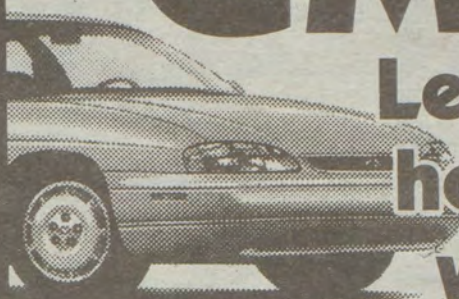
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# Crisp hopes Lady Blackcats heal

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

As the 1998-99 girls high school basketball season unfolds, second year coach Jackie Day Crisp is hoping that the wounds from last year and this past summer have all healed as all three of his returning seniors have suffered early setbacks.

Leading-scorer Shelly Greathouse had to undergo knee surgery and hasn't been able to go full strength until two weeks ago. Kimi Nunnery had surgery over the summer and Crystal Slone broke a finger playing, of all things, powder puff football.

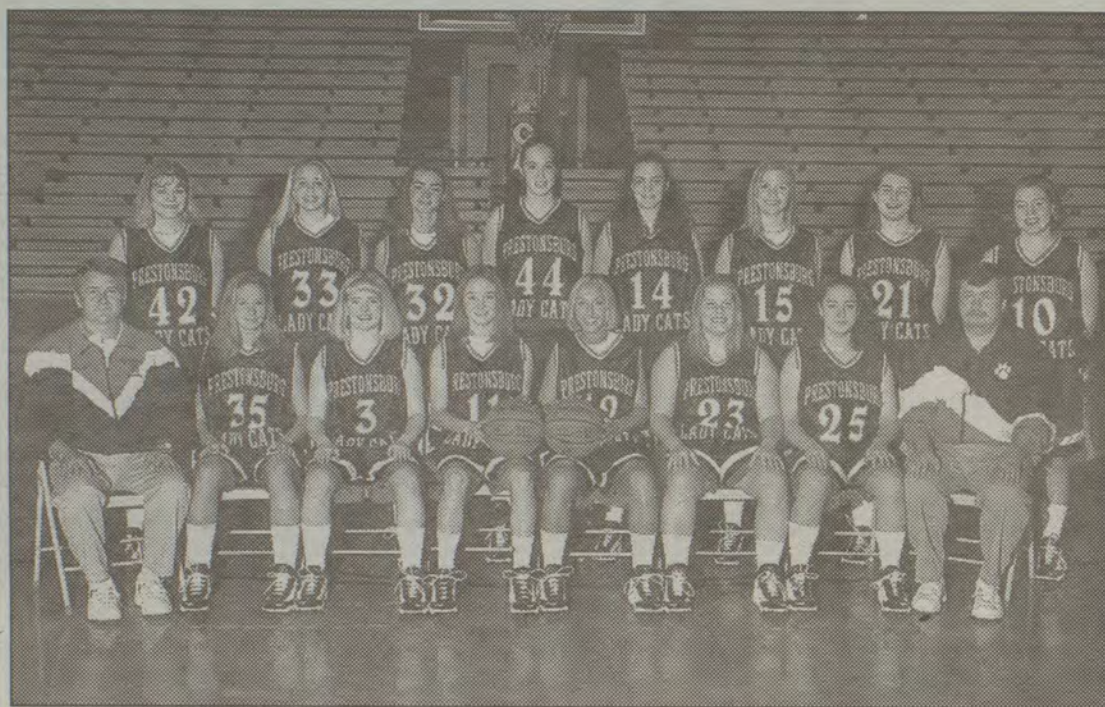
"We are not looking for a whole lot out of Shelly until January," said Crisp. "Crystal is off to a slow start and got in practice late. She is now starting to run some offense for us. Kimi is just getting back.

"So those three girls have played a lot of basketball for four years and I am expecting a whole lot out of them this year. They are all three good athletes and they are going to come along. You will not find a greater athlete than Crystal Slone in the county. Shelly is a great shooter and Kimi gives you everything she's got. She is solid offensively and defensively.

"You need that senior leadership because after that we drop down to a junior and then down to sophomores. You have to have those seniors to lead you. I expect we will get off to a slow start, but after that we will be all right."

History has shown the Lady Blackcats to struggle from the free throw line and it proved true last year. The Prestonsburg coach is hopeful those woes will not be around this season.

"We haven't worked that much on it since practice started, trying to get our offensive



plays down," he said, "but we are going to work real hard at being a better free throw shooting team.

"If we are to go beyond the first game of the regional tournament, then we have to become a better free throw shooting team.

Freshman Megan Hyden will run the team at point guard when the season begins.

"I know that I am putting a lot pressure on her but by the time mid January rolls around, she is going to be seasoned. I thought she was an excellent grade school player. She fits into our style of ball. She pushes the ball up court and handles the ball real well. Megan sees the floor better than anyone I have had here last year or this year."

Greathouse will be the two-guard for Prestonsburg after running at the point the last four seasons, but, according to Coach Crisp, will not be there until she is in shape.

"She probably will not be there early in

the season," he said. "When she gets back in shape, she will be the two-guard."

Crystal Slone will fill the two-guard spot until Greathouse can return.

"Crystal will start there but will probably end up playing the three position when Shelly returns," he said.

The Lady Blackcats have one of the top post players in the 15th Region in sophomore Amelia Conley. Coach Crisp said that much was expected of the center.

"I took her aside and told her as far as this team's success goes, much will fall on her shoulders," he said. "She is the biggest player we have and she is a good athlete. She shoots the ball well but she needs to get concerned about her work ethic. It has gotten better. She is just a happy-go-lucky girl."

Conley can pump in the 10-12 foot jumper as well as playing inside. Coach Crisp said she has been working hard on her shot outside.

"We cannot pound the ball inside all the time," he said. "We need to open the lanes for the other girls and by bringing Amelia out, we can do that."

The power forward slot will be filled by Nunnery, who is one of the team's top rebounders.

"She gets a lot of weak side rebounds," said Crisp. "She gets a lot of put-backs and has a nose for the ball. We have been working on her three-point shooting.

"Kimi got into a bad habit, wanting to take every thing to the basket. She is a good outside shooter."

Miss Versatile, Brooke Coleman, will be playing everywhere on the court, according to Crisp.

"She is my do-everything," said Crisp. "She can play the point guard, she is playing the four right now. She is probably the smartest player I have on the floor right now by knowing what we are trying to do. I expect a lot out of her this season."

Crisp said he expects much out of his sophomores this season.

"They played a lot for me this summer. I didn't take a senior with me to summer camps. They all had jobs," he said. "Brooke has developed a good three-point shot. She is inside and outside and that is good. We can use her at the high post or the low post."

Brandi Wells, junior, will lead the bench area and will see a lot of playing time for the Lady Blackcats.

"We have been working with Brandi," Crisp said. "I always tell my players to shot the ball but Brandi is one of those who wonders if she should shoot or not. She is going to help us."

Ashley Ousley is going to be a good one and it appears that she will be the backup for Conley in the middle.

"She is going to be a good player for us," he said. "She will have to come in and relieve Amelia if she gets into foul trouble. She is the second biggest girl I have."

Brittany Hites is an excellent outside shooter. "She struggled some this season. I have no doubt that she will be developing her shot and helping out later in the season. She hustles and gives you everything she's got," Crisp said.

Stephanie Adams is expected to contribute as a sophomore. "She has a nose for the ball. She has to play a three or four for us. She blocks out well and is always around the ball when it comes off the boards. She gets a lot of put-backs and she has a nice outside shot as well."

There are other good sophomores and Lauren Majakey is one of those.

"She is a hard-nosed player. You tell her what you want her to do and that is what she does," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "She is a hard-hustling type player. She is going to play JV ball this year and by next season, she is going to give us a lot of help."

Charity Shepherd, a freshman, is expected to become a solid inside player for the Cats.

"She is a good inside shot and a good defensive player," said Crisp. "She has developed her shot and it is coming along good. She can hit the 15-footer as well as anyone we have."

Angela Howell will be the back point guard behind Megan, but Crisp said that she could start there as well.

"It's not a done thing," he said. "Right now she is my back-up point guard. She will be vying for that position with Megan this year. She did a good job for us this summer and she is shooting the ball real good. Angela has developed her three-point shot."

## OTHER PLAYERS TO WATCH

- Rachel Mitchell has a lot of speed and is developing a good shot as well.

- Vicki Bowling has shown a lot of improvement, according to Crisp, and worked hard this past summer. "She has come leaps and bounds since she started playing with us this summer," he said.

- Rachael Hall plays hard-nosed basketball and the Prestonsburg coach likes her determination

- Judy Bailey is in her first season of organized basketball but, according to Coach Crisp, practices very hard.

"My freshmen class is a good one and I am excited about them," said Crisp. "But our future lies in our sophomore class."

Overall, the Prestonsburg coach expects his team to get off to a slow start but be a solid contender when it comes tournament time.

## PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATS 1998-99 BASKETBALL ROSTER

Number	Player	Class	Position
23	Shelly Greathouse	12	Guard
33	Kimi Nunnery	12	Forward
32	Crystal Slone	12	Guard
44	Amelia Conley	10	Center
15	Megan Hyden	09	Guard
14	Brooke Coleman	10	Guard
10	Brandi Wells	11	Guard
42	Stephanie Adams	10	Forward
3	Angela Howell	10	Forward
12	Brittany Hites	10	Guard
21	Lauren Majakey	10	Guard
54	Ashley Ousley	09	Center
11	Rachel Mitchell	09	Forward
35	Chasity Shepherd	09	Forward
25	Chrissy Nelson	09	Guard

Head Coach: Jackie Day Crisp  
Assistant: Bobby Hamilton

# Shannon, Paige to leader Raiders

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

High on Raider Mountain sits South Floyd High School and Raider Drive, which leads to the facility that has been traveled by a lot of good basketball teams that have come into the gym and left with a victory.

But that could all change this basketball season and victories for the visiting team could be scarce as second-year coach Henry Webb has his philosophy in place and the Raiders are responding. South Floyd fans are expecting a banner season this year, and so is Webb.

"I would like to think that by the end of the year we are going to be competitive to where we can compete with anybody anywhere," said Webb. "That is our goal and that is all that I am going to settle for."

The Raiders will be a team that will have a good mixture. By that it is meant the veterans mix with some very promising sophomores and freshmen.

Justin Paige and Ryan Shannon will be the floor leaders for the Raiders and both would like to be pivotal players for a program that finished third in the conference last year after several years in the basement.

The move to a third place finish was just the first rung on the ladder to the top for Webb and the Raiders. But if South Floyd is to move up one or two more rungs, then Shannon and Paige will have to carry the majority of the load.

Coach Webb thinks Paige has a wealth of talent and could play at the next level, but he needs to step up his game.

"I had a very serious conversation with Justin," said Coach Webb. "He is just as much athletic ability as anyone in this region. He is loaded with talent. He has good jumping ability, a nice stroke and shoots the ball well."

Where lies the problem?

"He had a tendency not to play hard," Webb said. "I am going to get it out of him one way or another. The kid has tons of potential. For us to have a successful season, I told him, he is going to have to step up and be a leader. He is going to have to step up and work hard."

Paige (6'3", senior) is quick and jumps well for his size. He is strong in the middle and can drain the three-pointer as well. Paige will be playing at the small forward slot.

Shannon will be the floor general for the Raiders at the point guard position. He is one of the purest shooters to play for the Raiders since the school came into existence five seasons ago.

"We are very pleased with Ryan. We have worked hard with him on some fundamental ball handling skills. He is going to have a solid year for us," said the South Floyd mentor. "Ryan is, what I call, a gamer. A gamer is a person who loves to win and is very competitive in everything he does. He is quick and handles the ball well. He does have a tendency to keep his head down some. He is going to have to have a super season in order for us to be successful this season."

A pair of soft hands and a soft shooting touch around the basket makes Jimmy Stumbo (6'5", senior) a solid post-up player.



Stumbo will play the middle for the Raiders but look for him to do damage outside also. He gives Coach Webb some good size around the basket.

"I have seen several teams in the summer and we are going to be as big as anybody. Jimmy is 6'5", has great hands around the basket and is a very aggressive player."

Webb said that Stumbo did not have the experienced as some of the other players but is working hard.

"He has a tendency to get a little bit ahead of himself," said Webb. "I call him my 'lunch time' player. He is very patient, but when he gets to lunch, he dominates. Jimmy has to come along for us."

At the power forward position will be junior Byron Hall (6'4") and when you mention the name of Byron Hall, Coach Webb's eyes light up.

"He is a work horse. You cannot find anyone who works harder than Byron," said the South Floyd coach. "He is a good clean player, yet he is aggressive. He is a strong kid."

Hall is the type of player who may not be known for a lot of points, but when you look at the rebound chart, his name will be among the leaders.

"Don't be surprised if he is not one of the better rebounders in this district if not in the region," Webb said. "He is just a flat out work horse and we are impressed with Byron. He can step out and shoot the three as well."

The two-guard slot could be filled by Kyle Tackett, who Coach Webb said he expects big things from.

"I am looking for big things from Kyle this year," he said. "He is a versatile player and he can shoot the threes. He is very athletic and jumps well, shoots well and is just an excellent basketball player."

Webb said that Tackett had to learn to play under control and not get into foul trouble. "He is a great defensive player," Webb said.

Unlike previous seasons when after the fifth starter, the talent level dropped off, it's just the opposite this season. The Raiders will feature a long bench and will lose very little when Coach Webb goes to it.

Off the bench will be P.J.

Hall (6'6") who will give South Floyd some added height under the basket. Hall is a garbage type of player and will score off some missed shots.

"He is a football player and still a little rusty," said Webb. "He had a good summer for us and we need a good season out of P.J."

Webb said that Hall had a long reach and will help in rebounding for the Raiders.

"If he gets in position he can score also," he said.

While there are seniors and juniors, there are also sophomores and freshmen who, according to Coach Webb, will see playing time regardless of the grade they are in.

"If you work hard here, you are going to play and we don't care what grade you are in," said Webb.

The bench received some help from a Columbus, Ohio transfer, Shawn Dyson. Dyson brings quickness and speed to the Raider lineup.

"He is a small kid but he is fundamentally sound," said Webb. "He doesn't have blazing speed, but he is quick. If he is open he can knock down the treys. He is the type of player who can come and give us some positive minutes."

John Meade is expected to see playing time for the Raiders as he adds to the long bench.

"John has looked good in preseason," said Webb. "He still has a way to go but we look for him to contribute. He has stepped up on his ball handling skills."

Ryan Manns, Zack Lane, Josh Moore, James Slone, P.J. Cox and Josh Newman makes for the long South Floyd bench.

"We have some solid young players," said Webb. "We are very pleased with our freshmen group. We have an eighth grader in

Michael Hall and we are expecting a lot of good things out of him. The kids got a lot of talent. We have some other talented freshmen in Rusty Tackett, Joe Skeans and Jason Spriggs."

Webb is a disciplinary on defense and feels that is the key to any good team.

"It is the key to every team. You have to play defense," he said. "I love the up and down tempo game. We are going to push the basketball and we are going to press with every opportunity. There are some teams we can press and there are teams we can not press."

Coach Webb is convinced that Prestonsburg is the team that bears watching in the district.

"Prestonsburg has been blessed with great talent," he said. They have a good coach in Coach (Jack) Pack. They have to be a favorite coming into the season.

"With players like John Ortega, Joe Campbell and Nathan Leslie returning they have to be strong. I really like the (Jason) Keathley kid. He is a great player."

Webb feels that it will be harder for the Blackcats to repeat after losing players like Wes Samons and Andy Jarvis.

"It makes them more beatable," said Webb. "Jarvis caused a lot of havoc on the offensive boards. I thought Samons was the motor and you could not press them because of him. They are going to have a super team."

Webb feels that Allen Central will be in the thick of things even without the departed Todd Howard.

"I heard people say they lost a lot when they lost Howard," said Webb. "I give Coach (Johnny) Martin a lot respect for the way he brought his team along last year. 'The key against Allen Central, I feel, is size wise. We can match up with them and that will be the key."

"Betsy Layne has some good strong players. Tim (Rice) does a good job over there. I look for Betsy Layne to be strong this year. They return five of their top seven players."

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# Lady Raiders should show depth

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor



Ever play musical chairs? When the music stops, you try to find a chair to sit in. The object is to be the last one to find the final seat.

As the 1998-99 high school basketball season tips off this weekend, the South Floyd Lady Raiders are hoping that the game of "musical coaches" is finally over so the team can get on with building a program that has been the doormat of the 58th District for the past four seasons.

Ronnie Patton will be the new head coach at South Floyd and the third one in less than a year. Patton takes over the program when it has started to make strides into being a very competitive basketball team.

Patton will be in his first season as a varsity high school coach after having successful seasons at Duff Elementary where he won two county championships. He succeeds Henry Webb and John Martin who split the season last year.

Patton said there wasn't that much difference in moving up the ladder to the high school level.

"Fundamental basketball is still fundamental basketball," said Patton, "no matter what level you play on. These girls are no different than the grade school girls, except here it is more intense."

Patton is of the old school where he believes that fundamentals of the game are still the best way to win games.

"You have to work on your fundamentals," he said. "You have to get your fundamentals down. If you have a fundamental team and solid all the way around, then you are going to win games."

South Floyd returns some veteran players but they will be very young coming off the bench. The Lady Raiders will be a much improved defensive team, and Coach Patton would not have it any other way.

"Our defense right now is not very

strong," confessed Patton. "We are giving up more wide open shots. Maybe in a game situation it might change some."

While Patton is a defensive-minded coach and is not that concerned over his team being a good defensive club early in the season.

"We are about halfway through our practice season right now," said Patton.

"We are going to work hard on our defense. I preach this to the girls every time I come into the gym: Defense makes offense."

Patton said the Lady Raiders will go after each team they played and with a very aggressive pressing defense.

"We are going to try and make the other teams make mistakes," he said. "We will do some half-court pressing and trapping. I haven't changed my philosophy about defense."

Patton said this year's Lady Raider team will have a different makeup and the fans will see that difference.

"We may have two or three different teams this year," he said. "We may have a pressing team or we may have a half-court team. As far as defense goes, it will be there. It will just take a little time to work on it."

South Floyd will return a pretty impressive roster this year with some strong senior leadership. Olivia Stewart, returns for her final year and will be counted on to be the floor leader for the Lady Raiders.

"She is a fine basketball player," said the new South Floyd coach. "She has a lot of speed and is a good shot."

But Coach Patton said that Stewart is human.

"She has one weakness and that is in her ball handling. But she makes up for it in her hustle and on defense," he said. "We don't expect Olivia to handle the ball that much in bringing up the court. We will try and get the ball to her as much as we can."

Coach Patton said that the team's overall defense will help Stewart.

"Our defense is going to make Olivia look a lot better probably when we go into these pressing situations, full court and half court defense. She needs some work but she is getting there."

Another returning senior will be Misty Berger, who has as much talent as anyone in the 15th District. But this year, Berger will find herself playing a different role.

"I'm changing Misty," said Patton. "When I first came here back in the summer, Misty was outside shooting. We would run through some offense and stuff and seems she wanted to be around that three-point line. In my opinion, Misty is a better inside player than she is an outside player."

Patton said that is where he wants her to

play this year, inside.

"She does have a decent shot from the outside," he said. "We have looked at some different offense that will put her on the inside and some that will put her on the outside. Misty has set a personal goal of being a good inside player. She is going to be a hard one to handle if I can keep her in the game without fouling out."

With all the injuries of the past years now memories, Shanna Hall is expected to step up her game and make a major contribution for Coach Patton this year.

"She is going to be a surprise," said Patton. "She is one of the tallest girls we have. She is quick and handles the ball well. She is a good inside player and has some excellent moves and runs the floor well."

Taking care of the basketball has always been part of the history of the South Floyd Lady Raiders team, but one person who could help South Floyd will be Jamie Slone.

"I know that she works hard in practice every day," said Patton. "She still has a few problems with handling the basketball. She needs to work on her shot some but, when it comes to playing heart, Jamie has a lot of heart."

Brooks Hamilton will carry an unusual nickname into the season as she has been dubbed the "mouth of the Lady Raiders."

"She keeps everyone going," said Patton. She has developed a better outside shot. She is still a little slow and we are working on her quickness. She has good judgment and is a smart ball player."

Sharpshooting Martha Crawford will return and could be the best outside shooter on the team. But it could be her confidence level that helps her.

"I am tickled to death with Martha," said Patton. "Over the last few weeks, she has shot the eyes out of it. She is playing with a lot of confidence right now; something she did not have when I first got here. She is slow and needs to work on her speed, but she has a good head on her shoulders and uses her head. She has developed a good inside game."

The ball handling skills may have to lie in Margaret Morgan, a junior. Morgan is one of the more experienced players returning and may see some time at point guard.

"An excellent ball handler — an excellent ball handler," Patton said. "She will be one of the key ball handlers in the game for us."

Patton said that Morgan needs to see the floor well.

"We work hard every day to get her head up and to see the floor," he said.

"She has one of the prettiest shots, as far as a jump shot, on the team. She is going have to

be a team leader this year."

Off the bench, which will be long for the Lady Raiders, will be a solid player in Lindsey Hall. Patton said he likes the play of Hall in a half-court game.

"She is smart and knows how to cut to the basket," he said. "Even though she does not have a lot of size, she knows how to post up inside. She needs to work on her shot some. She handles the ball well. She is going to be a big part of this team."

Size? The Lady Raiders have it in Angie Tackett. Tackett is a different looking ball player this year, according to Patton.

"I've had people tell me that they had never seen Angie move like she has this year," said Patton. "She is working hard on her inside game and her defense. She is excellent on hustling. She is really trying hard. Angie is up and down the floor first and gets rewarded by shooting a layup. She is a strong rebounder."

Coach Patton said he sees a lot of potential in Minnie Tackett.

"I have a lot of high hopes for Minnie," he said. "She has a lot of good fundamentals. She has good speed and a real good shot. She is going to play a big part on this team."

Seeing a lot of playing time this season will be some young players like Jessica Paige, a freshman.

"She is going to be an excellent basketball player," said the South Floyd mentor. "She is quick and is just now learning to keep her head up. She wants to dribble a little too much with her head down."

Patton said that he has seen a lot of young players come and go but Candice Mitchell could top that list.

"I have had a lot of grade school players, but I have never seen a girl with the ability to shoot with her left hand. She has some great moves around the basket. She knows how to move the ball but she is a little weak in some areas on her fundamentals."

Monica Newsome and Sarah Johnson are two other freshmen to see playing time for South Floyd.

"Monica and Minnie played at McDowell together and they know how to work together. Monica is a floor leader. I like the way Monica acts. She penetrates and knows how to move the ball."

"Sarah needs to pick up some weight. She needs to develop some speed but she works hard and she listens," said Patton.

The Allen Central team may carry the favorite's role this year in the 58th District, and Coach Patton believes they are still the team to beat this season.

"At this point and time, you can't really tap anyone to be a favorite," said Patton. "Allen Central has always been a favorite in the district. They have always had a good feeder school. I probably know Allen Central better than anyone knows them. Most of the girls played for me any way. Betsy Layne is returning a good bunch of girls. Prestonsburg, they are going to be tough."

Patton said that by midway of the season, he wouldn't count out his Lady Raiders, either.

"If I can get these girls to learn our defense, learn how to run the floor and get their heads up, I wouldn't count us out either," he said.

## SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL ROSTER

PLAYER	GRADE
Brook Hamilton	12
Misty Berger	12
Olivia Stewart	12
Shanna Hall	12
Jamie Slone	12
Angie Tackett	12
Linsey Hall	11
Martha Crawford	11
Margaret Morgan	11
Sonya Tackett	11
Monica McKinney	11
Monica Newsome	10
Stacia Stanley	10
Brandy Damron	10
Minnie Tackett	10
LeKita Johnson	9
Sarah Johnson	9
Kandice Mitchell	9
Jessica Paige	9
Tiffany Williams	9
Tabitha Berger	9
Shaena Allen	11

# Bobcats

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the two-guard slot.

"Right now, he will start there," Coach Rice said. "He has earned the opportunity to play there. He is an excellent shooter. He just needs to have confidence. He needs a game where he can hit his first two or three shots."

In grade school, Tommy Taulbee was one of the top players in the county, but he chose to forsake the game of basketball after his freshman season. But this year, Taulbee returns as a senior and is expected to contribute early.

"He is going to get a lot of playing time," Rice said of the returning player. "He is a little rusty right now but he plays hard as anybody we have on the team. He is a good defensive player and he can run the point and rest Justin. He will play the two-guard or go inside and play."

Much Like Anthony Tackett who is a versatile player. He penetrates well and takes the ball to the basket. He is an excellent rebounder for his size. Probably the best defensive player we have on the team."

Coach Rice has a very good crop of sophomores, led by Brad Daugherty, who has been playing a lot at the varsity level.

"Brad is real quick. He has quick hands and deflects a lot of passes," said Rice.

Another sophomore is Brock Keathley, who may see some time at the point.

"Brock is an excellent jumper, has a good shot and can play the point or two-guard," said the Betsy Layne mentor.

Adam Collins stands only six-foot tall, but according to Coach Rice, he plays a lot bigger.

"He just gets such good positioning under the basket," he said. "He will get some playing time this season."

Coach Rice is just waiting for Jay Arnett (6'3", 190) to heal up. Arnett suffered the ankle injury and he said, "I can't wait to play."

"Jay will start when he is able to come back," Rice said. "He was injured in our Blue/White game and was hurt on the first play of the game. He is going to get a lot of minutes."

This is the first year for Barrett Brooks and he has some things to learn, according to Coach Rice.

He has a big body and is an excellent rebounder," said Coach Rice. "He is hard to move under the basket. He is just learning organized basketball."

Others who the Betsy Layne coach said will contribute this season include Robert Rose, Barrett Blankenship, David Johnson, and Robbie Johnson, along with Eddie Tibbs and sophomore Anthony Tackett.

Coach Rice said his ballclub will be a more pressing team this year.

"We will also try and run the ball a little more than we did last year," he said. "We really need to find someone to replace Craig (who averaged 22 points per game). He will be hard to replace but, hopefully, we can get each player to step up their game five or six points more."

The Betsy Layne coach said there several things that have to happen for the Bobcats to have a good season and one of those is

shooting the ball.

"We have to shoot the ball well in order to play well," said Coach Rice. "We have to shoot around 50 percent each game. We will run up and down the floor and we will be a little quicker."

Coach Rice wondered if defending champion, Prestonsburg, can come back after the loss of Andy Jarvis and Wes Samons.

"That was two major losses for them," he said. "When they lost Jarvis they lost 25 points per game. In Wes, they lost a lot of team leadership. I don't know if they replace that or not."

"Jack will put together a pretty good team. They still have that size inside. They have a prime-time player in John Ortega and I

think he is the best athlete in the state of Kentucky."

Coach Rice looks at Allen Central the way he always has, a definite threat.

"They lost Todd Howard from last year, in fact, all of us lost our top scorer from last year," he said. "But Allen Central plays that hectic fast pace game and they are hard to beat. You have to be prepared when you play them."

The South Floyd Raiders rank high on Coach Rice's list.

"The best team I have seen this preseason," he said. "I've watched them all and if the regional tournament started now, the way they are playing, South Floyd would win it. They have surprised me. Henry (Webb) has them playing exceptionally well."

# Blackcats

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# Allen Central

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good ball handler and passer. He is an ultimate team player and defender."

Sophomore Larry Mullins (3 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 1.7 assists) will spend time at the point guard position. As a freshman, Mullins saw a lot of playing time and is capable of taking over the role so Samons can be moved to the two-guard. Mullins is an assist person and getting the assists is just like scoring to him.

"He is already a two-year varsity player," said Martin. "He is a very effective player on the press and possesses speed and quickness."

The Rebels have a pure shooter in junior Josh Howell. Howell has all the tools to be a good for the Rebels this season.

"He will play the two spot for us this year," said Martin. "He is a good shooter with good speed and defensive quickness."

## OFF THE BENCH:

Off the bench, Allen Central will look to untried, untested and inexperienced players. But that doesn't mean they cannot rise to the challenge and contribute this season. Nathan Tackett returns for his sophomore year and he was impressive last season off the bench.

• Nathan Tackett, a sophomore, plays strong on defense and has a good outside shot. He averaged just over one point per game last year as a freshman.

"Nathan is an excellent, hard-nosed player," said Coach Martin. "He is also one of the best passers on the team."

• Leslie Slone is a junior and could be in contention for the two-guard slot for the Rebels this season.

"He is an excellent player with

good speed," said the Allen Central mentor.

• Shawn Newsome, a freshman, has the ability to drive the lanes as well as pop front he outside. A good defensive player as well.

• Ryan Owens, a senior, set out last season with an injury but will give the Rebels some good inside game. A strong player with the ability to shoot from the outside.

• Jeremy Hayes stands 6'3" and is a sophomore. Has a good inside game and will give the starters some rest. Good attitude.

## OTHERS TO HELP OUT

Other players who will see playing time include Zach Chaffins, Travis Francis and Jeremy Sexton.

Hustle, hard work, and overcoming the size deficit will be the ingredient for a good Allen Central season. Look for that to happen!

Prestonsburg. He has excellent quickness and is very strong on the defensive end of the hardwood.

The bench is long at Prestonsburg and there is a lot of talent on the pines. Seth Crisp is one of those players in the mode of a John Ortega. He is a very versatile player and also talented in many sports arenas.

Crisp is another Blackcat who can knock down the three and played a lot last year. He is expected to see a lot of playing time this season. Crisp will be filling at either the two-guard or the point for Prestonsburg.

Others to watch off the bench will be John Dixon, who will fill in at the two-guard slot. Dixon is a good outside shooter and can drain the treys. Has very good quickness and jumps well for his size.

Josh Turner gives Coach Pack another outside scoring threat. Has an excellent knowledge of the game and likes to run the team from the point.

Brandon Branham gives Prestonsburg some good size under the basket. He has the body size to move some opposing players around.

Robbie Holbrook is just one of the long line of three-point shooters

on the Prestonsburg team. His 6'1" frame also allows him to grab a few rebounds.

Coach Pack will be looking to Eric Price, Ricky Powers, Dustin Music to come off the bench.

Allen Central seems to once again be the thorn in the flesh of the Blackcats as the two teams have built up a rivalry over the years. The Rebels have finished second to Prestonsburg the past four seasons.

If the Cats are to make it four in a row, then this team must find that floor leadership left void by the loss of Samons. Overall, they are a solid defensive unit that will come after you at the half court, three-quarters and full court.

The Blackcats are a solid pick to replace Paintsville as the top team in the 15th Region. They will play in the prestigious Holiday Classic in Lexington later in December. The tournament trail will also lead them to the WYMT Classic in Hindman in January. their home schedule includes 14th Region power Perry Central on January 8.

The Cats will only play eight games at home this season and will be a well traveled team with games also at Bryan Station and Harrison County.



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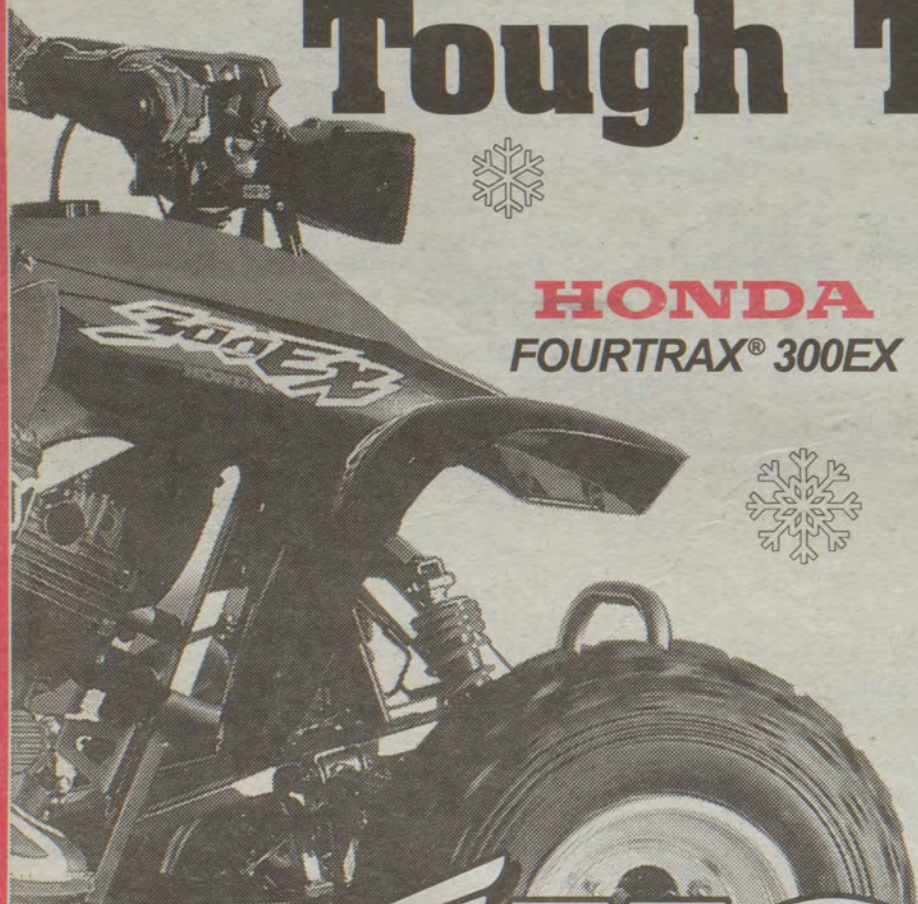
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