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## State PSC approves water district merger

by Ralph B. Davis  
Managing Editor

County must now approve union of Beaver Elkhorn, Mud Creek

The state Public Service Commission has given a nod to a plan which would merge the Mud Creek and Beaver Elkhorn water districts into a single district known as the Southern Water and Sewer District.

The two districts completed a merger agreement August 26. The PSC gave its approval to that agreement Friday.

With state approval, the merger must still be approved locally. The Floyd and Knott county fiscal courts are expected to take up the matter within the next couple of months.

Beaver Elkhorn serves 2,610 customers in the southwest quarter of Floyd County, as well as parts of Knott County.

Mud Creek has 1,020 customers and its

service area encompasses most of the southeast quarter of the county.

The combined district would contain nearly the entire southern half of Floyd County, outside of small districts such as those in Martin, Wheelwright and Garrett.

If approved, customers of the two water districts would not see much change, other

than the name, in the first year following the merger.

The district would be divided into two divisions formed from the boundaries of the two current districts.

Customers in each division would continue to pay the same rates they pay in each district.

Friday's PSC order indicates that the

new district would, however, seek to create a single rate for the entire district by March 1, 2001.

All of the 23 people currently employed by the two districts are expected to keep their jobs.

The next step in the merger is for County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson to sign an executive order setting the boundaries of the Southern District.

Once that happens, a public hearing on the merger will be held.

## Stumbo proposes comprehensive anti-litter bill

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

After gaining a substantial amount of support from many of the state's lawmakers and Gov. Paul Patton, state Rep. Greg Stumbo has filed a bill with his ideas for a cleaner Kentucky.

Stumbo's bill, if passed into law, would establish a refundable deposit on beverage containers, add a tax to fast-food packages and require mandatory garbage collection for the entire Commonwealth.

The "bottle bill" calls for a deposit to be levied on all beverage containers including beer, carbonated drinks, water, wine and

distilled spirits, fruit and vegetable juices, sport drinks, and coffee and tea drinks.

The exceptions to the list are infant formula, milk, medical food, and fruit and juice containers that are 24 ounces or more, or in containers that are 24 ounces in three packs or more.

The containers can be aluminum, steel, bi-metal, plastic resins or glass bottles whether they are green, clear or brown.

Beverage cups and fast food packages would also have a quarter-cent tax added to them. This measure covers cups or materials made of plastic, paper, or a combination of the two.

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## Fiscal court gives Martin its support

INSIDE

by Ralph B. Davis  
Managing Editor

Court approves budget amendments, contributions to local agencies.

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The Floyd County Fiscal Court has agreed to come to the aid of the city of Martin in getting that community's floodplain project off the ground.

Martin council member Thomasine Robinson appeared before the court Friday to ask that the county serve as the official sponsor for the \$90 million project which will lift Martin's downtown out of the floodplain.

"We need one sponsor and for everybody to work together," Robinson told the court.

The city has received a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to pay for 95 percent of the project's cost and is expected to receive state assistance paying 95 percent of the remainder. But the city has

(See Project, page two)

### A season of giving...



The Christmas season seems to bring out charitable spirits in everyone. Above, employees of The Floyd County Times presented God's Pantry with canned food items collected by employees. Each employee has donated two cans of food a week over the past few months.

At left, the Drug Enforcement Special Investigations - East Team Friday presented a check for \$500 to the Dream Factory. Mike Goble of the Kentucky State Police, Post Nine, represented the KSP Professional Association in making the presentation to Brenda Hayton, who works with the local charity, DESI-East works in 60 counties and, according to a member, contributes to charities in those counties. Dream Factory, through its Prestonsburg office, assists critically ill children. (photos by Ed Taylor and Pam Shingler)

## What's Inside



### Briefs

#### Council adopts bond measure

Members of the Prestonsburg City Council met Friday to complete the second reading of a bond ordinance.

The ordinance, which was given final approval, authorizes the sale of \$270,000 of the city's water, sewer and natural gas system revenue bonds. The bond revenues will finance the cost of the construction of extensions, additions and improvements to the existing combined and consolidated systems.

The council also opened bids that had been submitted for a new pickup truck.

The city had requested bids for a 2000 model, 3/4 ton, long wheel base truck with four wheel drive to be used by the golf course.

A bid from Fletcher and Hall in Pikeville was accepted at \$20,900.

#### Winter road priorities set

The state Transportation Cabinet has set its priorities for snow and ice removal on Floyd County

(See Briefs, page two)

## Family grocery has adapted to survive for 54 years

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

Just when we thought the mom-and-pop type of store had gone the way of the dinosaur and the typewriter, such a grocery store keeps humming along in Garrett, with a different twist — a deli inside the store.

Campbell's Grocery on Front Street in Garrett has truly been a family-owned store.

The store was opened about 1945 by J. E. Campbell. Then his son and his wife Elmo and Jesse Martin Campbell assumed ownership of the store in the 1960s.

The store was then passed to the third

generation when the present owner, Anna Lois O'Neil, began running the store.

The store sells items typically found in small stores — groceries, fruit, candy and other snack foods. O'Neil said she did not sell items in large quantities that were typical of earlier county stores. She said such items as large buckets of lard and big sacks of pinto beans simply did not sell today.

The store needed an extra calling card and came up with a winner — a deli that seems to be a big favorite with community members and even people outside the Garrett area.

O'Neil said that more than once, the deli has catered food for projects at May

Valley Elementary. The store prepares the food and personnel from the school pick it up.

During the interview with O'Neil about the store, at least 10 callers phoned in to see what the menu for the day was. She repeated the menu — pinto beans, macaroni and tomatoes, hash brown casserole and cornbread — to each caller. O'Neil said the menu varied from week to week.

Much like other successful business owners, O'Neil said loyal customers were important to her business. She mentioned Wanda Lee Chaffins and Margaret Conley, who traded with her grandfather and have kept coming back.

Truckers, who are legendary for finding



Last in a series of articles exploring Floyd County businesses which have survived the death of downtowns.

the best eating places, also contribute to the success of the deli. The store is close to the Garrett exit of Highway 80.

O'Neil said she was able to stay in business by offering smaller items locally,

but the deli has been the thing that has made the store as popular as it is. She said the two businesses feed off each other. Sometimes deli customers leave with groceries and vice versa.

O'Neil said she was raised in the store and her disposition toward customers comes naturally.

"I love to see the people every day," she said.

The store is open seven days a week (7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday) and O'Neil said her job was "to do whatever needs to be done." She starts the day with break-

(See Campbell's, page two)

# Fiscal Court plays Santa to fire departments, senior centers

by Ralph B. Davis  
Managing Editor

The Floyd County Fiscal Court played the part of Santa Claus Friday, handing out \$52,000 in "gifts" to local fire departments, seniors citizens centers and the animal shelter.

Commissioners approved paying \$2,000 each to 26 agencies during the court's regular meeting Friday. The payments are annual contributions made to the organizations by the county.

Those receiving the payments include:

- Allen Fire Department.
- Auxier Fire Department.
- Betsy Layne Fire Department.
- Cow Creek Fire

Department.

- David Fire Department No. 1.
- David Fire Department No. 2.
- Garrett Fire Department.
- Left Beaver Fire Department.
- Left Beaver Fire Department No. 2.
- Martin Fire Department.
- Maytown Fire Department.
- Middle Creek Fire Department.
- Mud Creek Fire Department.
- Mud Creek Fire Department No. 2.
- Southeast Fire Department.
- Toler Creek Fire Department.
- Wayland Fire Department.

■ Wheelwright Fire Department.

- Floyd County Animal Shelter.
- Betsy Layne Senior Citizens.
- Martin Senior Citizens.
- McDowell-Minnie Senior Citizens.
- Mud Creek Senior Citizens.
- Prestonsburg Senior Citizens.
- Wayland Senior Citizens.
- Wheelwright Senior Citizens.

In other action, commissioners acted on three budget amendments, giving final approval to two.

The court approved the second reading of one ordinance to reflect the receipt of a \$20,000 grant from Kentucky Housing. Commissioners also approved second reading of another ordinance to reflect \$67,144 received from the state Transportation Cabinet for road repairs.

A third ordinance was given tentative approval. The amendment changes the budget to reflect a \$6,312.12 grant from the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Division of Abandoned

Lands. The money will be used to pay for a groundwater study.

In other news, the fiscal court: ■ Heard a request from the state Department of Transportation asking for the court's recommendations for state rural secondary road improvement projects. Hugh Samons, with the department, explained that the state will spend \$930,343 on rural secondary roads in Floyd County next year, with about \$500,000 of that being used for maintenance. The remainder will be used for improvement projects. County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson told Samons that the court would need another week to complete its list of recommendations.

■ Placed Rowe Drive, Harry Moore Branch, Dingus Cemetery Road, Case Cemetery Road and Laura Leslie Cemetery Road in the county road system.

■ Voted to repay the Kentucky Association of Counties money received as part of the Kentucky Anticipated Revenue Program. KACo lends money for a period of six months to county governments at the beginning of the fiscal year to

prevent cashflow problems, with the county allowed to keep interest from the money.

■ Agreed to pay Holland Enterprises \$32,510 for excavation work at the entrance to Duff Elementary.

■ Voted to pay Waste Management Inc. \$8,110.68 for this year's countywide clean-up.

■ Authorized paying Commissioner Larry Stumbo \$687.67 for training incentives.

■ Voted to pay \$64,868.75 in debt service on the Thunder Ridge complex.

■ Approved \$15 payments to five election officer alternates for training.

■ Set 16-ton weight limits on Bays Branch and Orchard Fork roads. The Bays Branch weight limit will include an exclusion for trucks making deliveries to businesses.

■ Voted to forward an insurance company settlement of \$1,356.12 to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department to pay for repairs to a cruiser.

■ Reassigned Parks Department employee Gary Duran Newsome to serve as the county's ecology officer, while keeping his rate of pay the same.

■ Transferred a water line extension to Beaver Elkhorn Water District.

■ Voted to apply for an Environmental Protection Agency grant for a demonstration project on the effect of eliminating straight pipe sewage from Tinker Fork of Mud Creek.

All members were present for Friday's meeting.

The next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be January 21.

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## Litter

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In addition, every county would be required to set up at least one redemption center with a regional redemption center created for one or more counties. Any local government, person or retailer would be able to establish a redemption center under Stumbo's proposal. The centers would be subject to certification by the Transportation Cabinet.

Any money received from the sale of the recyclable material by the centers would be deposited in a "Kentuckians Against Trash" fund.

The centers would be given the right to choose what they take in, and could refuse to accept any containers that are broken, dirty or contain foreign material.

They would be able to refuse to take more than 240 lbs. of beverage containers during a 24-hour period. And semi-trucks would not be able to unload at the local centers.

Redemption centers would receive a two cent handling fee for each container.

Distributors of the containers would have to pay to a newly-created

Container Recycling Authority the minimum refund value for all containers sold or transferred to a dealer or sold directly to a consumer, or one-quarter of one cent will be paid for each beverage cup or fast food package for an advance disposal fee.

Money in the funds would be used to make payments of handling fees (up to 45 percent), payment of administrative costs by the Transportation Cabinet (up to one percent), payment of administrative costs by the Container Recycling Authority (up to one percent), for the Adopt-A-Highway program by the Department of Transportation (up to five percent), for a public awareness program (up to 10 percent), and for roadside, stream and illegal dump clean-ups (up to 36 percent).

The 36 percent remaining in the funds collected would be distributed back into all 120 counties of the state. One-fifth will be distributed equally to the counties, one-fifth will be based on the counties' rural population, one-fifth award-

ed will be based on public road mileage in the counties, and two-fifths will be distributed based on rural square milage in each county.

In order to be awarded the funds, the county governments would be required to enforce collection of solid waste, with collection rates not falling below the statewide average.

Money that is not expended will revert back into the Kentuckians Against Trash fund.

Many local grocers are opposing the "bottle bill" and have petitions inside their stores. Grocers argue that the deposits will increase consumer cost, resulting in a loss of business.

Patton, who has not yet endorsed Stumbo's bill, said the blame for most of the state's trash is fast food restaurants.

"Bottlers, fast food restaurants and grocers, you are the biggest part of the problem," Patton said during a stop in Prestonsburg in November. "The goal is to totally stop the illegal disposal of solid waste in Kentucky and then to start cleaning it up."

## Campbell's

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fast, which includes gravy and fried apples, in addition to the traditional bacon, eggs and other breakfast items.

Brenda Owens, Brenda Ousley and Cheryl Manns help get the breakfast and lunch prepared each day.

A sharp contrast was created when a salesman with a modern laptop computer took orders for the little store. O'Neil said she got most of her inventory via

salesmen.

O'Neil is married to Danny O'Neil, who is principal at the Belfry Vocational School. The O'Neils have one son, Randy, who is a freshman at Allen Central High School. O'Neil said Randy did not do much work in the store now, but added, "When he gets older, he will help."

## Briefs

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roads, with those passageways with the highest traffic volume being cleared first.

Top priority roads include:

- U.S. 23
- U.S. 460
- KY 80
- KY 302
- KY 114

- KY 7
- KY 550
- KY 1428
- Portions of KY 3, KY 122, KY 680, KY 7 and KY 979

Second in priority are state primary roads, bypasses and roads with slightly less traffic than first-priority roads.

## Project

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had trouble assembling the remaining \$225,000 the project is expected to cost.

Saying he believes the project will be an "economic development boom" for Floyd County, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson recommended the county approve the request.

Thompson said the cost would be manageable because it would be

stretched over the eight-year life of the project — averaging about \$28,000 a year. He also said the county should be eligible to receive

additional funds to help pay the cost.

The court voted unanimously to assume sponsorship of the project.

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# Local woman to head arts center

A Floyd County woman has been hired to lead the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center, which is being developed in Hindman.

Carla Coburn, who has been acting chief executive officer of Jenny Wiley Theatre for the past two seasons, will head up the project in January. She is also former executive director of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

The center, an integral part of the Knott-Hindman Community Development Initiative (CDI), is dedicated to building and strengthening a regional artisan-based economic sector through marketing, education, business development and support services.

Coburn, whose appointment was announced by the Knott County Arts and Crafts Foundation, is a native of Wayland and lives in Prestonsburg. She received a degree in business administration from Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes.



Carla Coburn

The center relates to the CDI goal to build a sustainable local economy based, in part, on the community's heritage and the pro-

duction of artisan products.

Another component of the artisan initiative is the creation of the Kentucky Technical College of Arts and Crafts by the Kentucky Community College and Technical College System. The new college will be one of a kind in the state and one of the few in the country.

The Artisan Center will aid both the artisans trained in the new institution and the already-practicing artisans throughout the region.

The center will include a gallery and demonstration area in Hindman that will highlight the traditions and products of the region. It will also have space for meeting rooms, a resource library and offices.

The center, to be located in the historic stone Young Building, near Troublesome Creek, will link the artisans of the region with the retail, wholesale, and Internet market. Resources and educational programs can draw artisans to the

center where they can informally meet.

While the center is expected to attract tourists to the Hindman area, a major goal is to market local and regional products.

The foundation board voted unanimously to hire Coburn as its executive director, according to board chairman Jan Stumbo.

"The board was very impressed with Ms. Coburn's accomplishments and the enthusiasm that she will bring to this position," Stumbo said. "We feel confident that her knowledge of this area and her work ethic will result in a successful relationship."

"I am very excited about this opportunity to be part of such a progressive plan for a community in my home of eastern Kentucky," Coburn said. "I want to promote our heritage and help our people, and I believe with initiatives such as the CDI and hard work, our region will grow and prosper."

# Virginia man pleads guilty to burglary

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

A Hurley, Virginia, man pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary and one count of theft Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Tony W. Harris, 24, was origi-

nally charged with one count each of second- and third-degree burglary and theft over \$300.

By pleading guilty, Harris' charge of second-degree burglary was reduced to a second charge of third-degree burglary.

In exchange for his plea of

guilty, Harris will receive a three-year sentence for his crimes, one year in the Floyd County Detention Center, two years in supervised probation. He will also have to make restitution of \$1,411 and have no contact with his victim, Orville Tackett.

Harris was arrested by Trooper John Hunt after he entered the home of Orville Tackett and took a

27-inch television set and two VCRs.

Neighbors, who saw Harris' vehicle in Tackett's drive, described the car to Hunt which led to his arrest.

He was stopped at a roadblock later the same evening in Wheelwright, where it was discovered he had some of the stolen items in his possession.

# How to have happier, less hassled holidays

(NAPSA)-Finding the best way to get packages delivered in time and within your budget-can help your holidays be happier and less hassled.

The Post Office offers some shipping guidelines:

- Customers mailing well ahead of time can use Parcel Post; it takes about seven to ten days to arrive.

- Priority Mail has been described as the post office's best value. Rates start at just \$3.20 and packages arrive to most destinations in two to three days.

- Express Mail, with published rates lower than the competitors', is delivered overnight, even on Christmas Day at no extra charge.

- Insurance is available for a little extra peace of mind. Fees start at just 85-cents for up to \$50 coverage.

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# Viewpoint

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

It is better to deserve without receiving than to receive without deserving.

Robert Ingersoll—

## Editorial

### Good will

The Ku Klux Klan yesterday marched in Middlesboro, professing Christianity and practicing hate.

A young soldier at Fort Knox recently admitted to beating to death another recruit because the victim was believed to be homosexual.

A professional football player has been charged in the shooting of his girlfriend and their unborn child.

In Alabama recently two mothers on their way home to their families succumbed to "road rage" on a busy highway; one shot the other to death.

The words of a favorite Christmas carol, "I heard the bells on Christmas Day," seem particularly appropriate for our world, well over a hundred years after they were written.

"But in despair, I bowed my head/ There is no peace on earth, I said/ For hate is strong and mocks the song/ Of peace on earth, good will to men."

If we dwell on the news of hate, anger, prejudice and evil, the bells will deafen us, pounding their dismal beat until we hear and see nothing but that which is depressing, degrading and demeaning.

That does not have to be the only sound we hear. Rather, we need only seek to find hundreds — even thousands — of eastern Kentuckians committing good deeds, day after day, hour after hour, with no fanfare and no standing ovations.

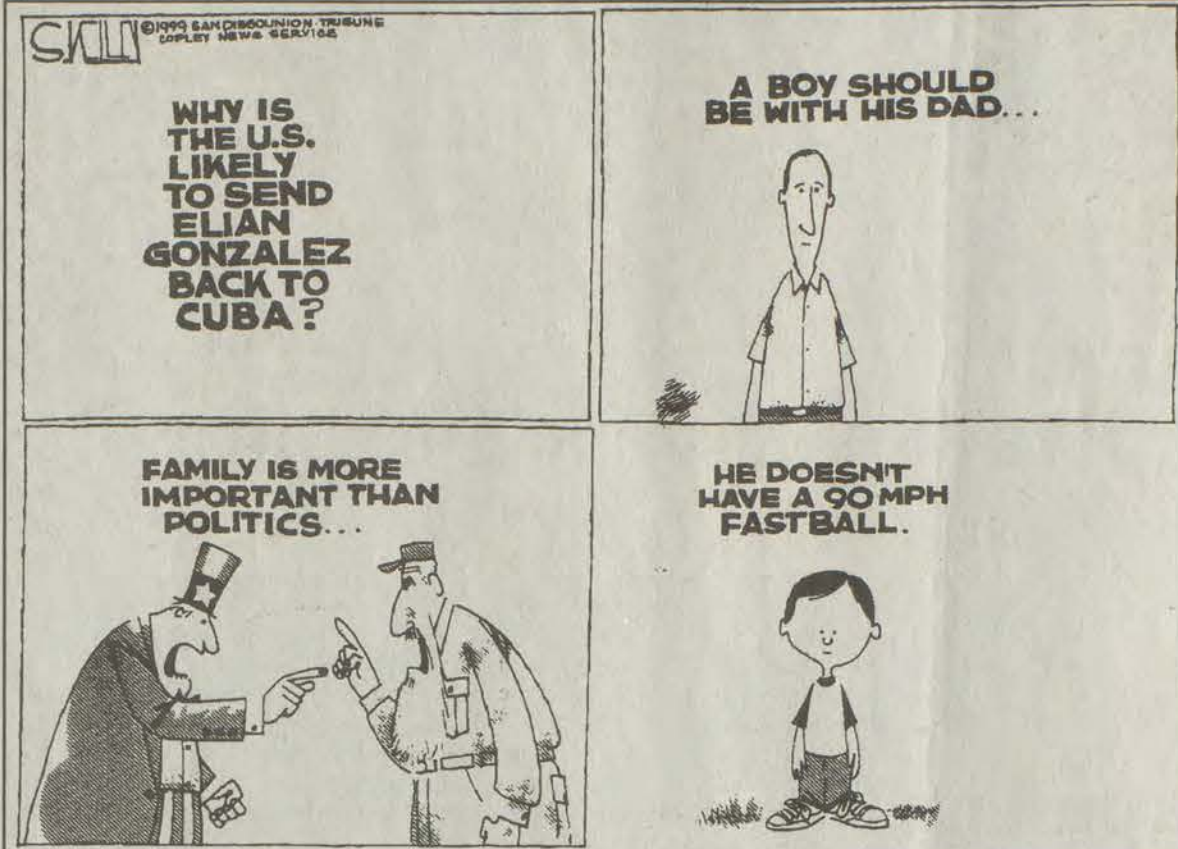
We can find schoolchildren collecting food for Christmas baskets. We can watch volunteers hustling to put together boxes of food that will feed families into the new year.

We can easily locate churches where clothes, toys and housewares are being wrapped and delivered to people who need them. We can read about prison inmates who are spending day after day repairing and refurbishing toys for Santa to take to area children.

If we open our ears, we can hear the brisk, mellow tinkle of the bells of hope. There is love all around us if we look, and it is sweet to the bone.

Sing with the poet: "Then pealed the bells more loud and deep/ God is not death nor doth he sleep/ The wrong shall fail, the right prevail/ With peace on earth, good will to men."

— Pam Shingler



## Letters to the Editor

### Citizens should be prepared for emergencies

Editor:

Much government and private sector effort has been devoted to identifying what, if any, computer-related emergencies might occur when the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve.

Many experts believe Y2K rollover problems will be minimal, recognizing the exceptional level of attention, money and time that has been committed to preparing key automated systems in emergency services, health care, social services, public utilities, telecommunications, banking and other areas. Others, however, anticipate that significant problems will occur.

Known for certain is that emergencies of various types can occur at any time. Some of these emergencies are caused by natural events, such as floods, tornadoes, snow and ice storms and others. Some result from accidents in transportation, in business and industry, and in homes.

Government has responsibilities to prepare citizens for these events and to protect them when they occur. However, citizens are also responsible for preparing and for protecting themselves and their families. Severe winter storms, tornadoes and floods in Kentucky are recent reminders that we all need to be prepared for emergencies that can occur at any time.

The best advice for Kentuckians is to be prepared to meet your own needs for at least 72 hours following a widespread emergency such as a winter storm. In some cases it could take emergency personnel even longer to put key systems such as roadways

and utilities back into service.

Information on basic family preparedness as well as Y2K home computer protection is available on Kentucky's Emergency Management webpage (<http://webserve.dma.state.ky.us>) or as near as your local emergency management agency.

One example of good family preparedness is for each family vehicle to have a winter emergency kit. Each vehicle as well as each home should keep as a minimum, a flashlight and a battery operated radio (with fresh batteries) along with some nonperishable food items and several bottles of drinking water.

The car should also carry rain gear and extra clothing (socks, boots, wool cap, mittens), a blanket or sleeping bag, a shovel, ice scraper, sand or non-clumping kitty litter, roadway reflectors, a first aid kit with necessary medications, jumper cables, plastic garbage bags for insulation or sanitation, a candle with matches and a metal can for storing items and melting snow for drinking, and a brightly colored cloth which can be attached to the antenna.

Kentucky has worked hard to prepare for Y2K. Now is the time for citizens and families to finalize their preparations, and I hope, to check on their neighbors, particularly the elderly and those with special needs, who may need your help in time of emergency. If we work together, Kentuckians will once again demonstrate their concern for each other and their ability to pull together through any emergency.

W.R. Padgett, Director  
Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

### Writer shares spiritual experience

Editor:

My name is Barbara Walker. I have shared my story with family and friends, and I would like to share it with you, writing from my heart to your heart. It is a story about my life with my Lord. I learned to know Him through the death of my son, Tony.

In order to share my experience with you, it is necessary for you to know a little about my mentor, also named Barbara. She went home to the Lord, March 12, 1999, at the age of 89. We were very close. I've never met anyone like her in my life. I've never had a friend like her.

Barbara lived the latter part of her life in a rest home. Until the end of her life, she was bringing the Lord to the people in the home, hoping they would come to the Lord. She could read people, and when she was asked to pray for someone, that would come first.

The first time I met Barbara, I told her of Tony, my son who had been taken from me through an accident at work in 1995. I shared with her my memory of kissing him on the forehead and telling him it should have been me. When I showed her a picture of Tony, she said she would keep him right up at the top of her prayer list, along with her son, when she would pray.

Barbara would share things that happened to her. I told her that, at first, I did not believe all she told me. Once when I dropped in unexpectedly on her, we were talking and she got real serious. She said to me,

"Give me your hands."

I moved my chair out, away from the table and put my hands into hers. An electrical feeling came from her into me. She just shook. She told me that I was anointed by the Holy Spirit. She said the Lord told her to take my hands in hers. She did not do it at first, and then she said the Lord commanded her to take my hands in hers, now! We both could not get over it.

At that time, I questioned how she could be so certain. I did not know many prayers; I did not know the words to beautiful hymns; I did not even know my Bible. But later, when spiritual things started to happen to me, I said, "I believe! I believe!"

The first time the Lord spoke to me was in January of 1997. During the night while I was sleeping, I felt as though all my emotions were being stripped from me. I was very frightened, and then I heard a voice which said, "Let no one keep you from Me." I told my mentor about this the next day, and she said, "That was a very powerful message from the Lord." And I thought, "Me?"

Our Lord has appeared to me several times since then. One other apparition I'd like to relate involved a charcoal sketch of Jesus Christ which my son, Tony, drew. He won an award for it. I had placed a black and silver cross on the picture. I was sleeping with my back toward the drawing. I woke up because I was wondering where a bright light was coming from. I thought I had left the bathroom light on.

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



### Not so surprising, after all

You can say one thing for Greg Stumbo — he is apparently not one to run away from a fight, no matter how noteworthy the opposition.

On Friday, the 95th district state legislator and House majority floor leader did as promised and unveiled his plans for a bottle bill and statewide mandatory garbage collection.

What may have been surprising to some is that Stumbo chose to include the proposals in one comprehensive package, rather than addressing each issue in separate bills.

Despite widespread popularity for environmental proposals such as the ones Stumbo is offering, the issues have met with little support in the General Assembly in the past.

Stumbo attempted to hammer a bottle bill through the House during the last legislative session, but had to settle for giving the state two years to study the issue.

Mandatory trash pick-up, on the other hand, has met with limited success. Currently, the state only requires counties to have a solid waste plan, though they're not required to actually enforce them.

Why have these proposals, which would significantly clean up our roadways, met with such lukewarm support? The answer to that question is the same answer to every question in Frankfort — money and politics.

Soft drink bottlers, fast food restaurants and grocery chains — a triad which has been accordingly dubbed the "litter lobby" — believe they have a lot to lose should the state enact a bottle bill, arguing that any additional fee would raise prices and hurt their bottom lines. And they have spent tons of money to make sure their lobbyists carry that message to the Capitol.

As for garbage collection, the politicians in Frankfort have had little stomach to confront a vocal minority which believes it has the God-given right to dump their trash on their land, oblivious to the public health hazard their rotting waste creates or the contamination it causes to our groundwater.

It would seem, then, that tacking the two issues together would jeopardize the bill, creating an opportunity for the litter lobby and the dumpers to join forces for a common cause.

But Stumbo could be hoping that a marriage of the bottle bill and mandatory trash collection — and the attendant media support which will undoubtedly come with it — will have a synergistic effect which could push the bill over the top.

From his position in the House, Stumbo wields enormous power to shape the legislature's agenda, and that may explain his choice to pursue an anti-litter omnibus act.

By joining the two issues together, Stumbo is very likely trying to set the tone of the upcoming session of the General Assembly in favor of his proposal.

It's even been given the designation "House Bill 1" — that magic bill number generally reserved for high-profile, "must-pass" issues.

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# Holiday Hints

## The fun way to digital scrapbooking

(NAPSA)-Whether or not your photos have gone high tech, it's still possible to enjoy the pleasure that comes from capturing memories in a scrapbook-an electronic scrapbook.

Today's technology makes it possible for families to scan, edit, morph, organize, digitize and share their electronic images in ways that were unimaginable not long ago. Even the amateur can add sound and animation.

For instance, the company known as ScanSoft now offers a product called PhotoFactory which includes three of the most popular photo editing software tools: Kai's PhotoSoap, Kai's SuperGOO and Kai's PowerShow. The software is both MS Windows and Macintosh compatible.

The PhotoSoap feature improves images loaded from a digital camera or scanner by putting the tools for professional photo retouching in what has been described as a "sleek, intuitive package."

The software will restore old photographs, removing scratches, fading and red-eye. It's even possible to create quality collages, calendars and other projects.

PhotoFactory SuperGOO makes it possible to mix and match images



from different photos. Whether it's Dad's beard on Mom's face or the dog's ears on your friend's head, the possibilities are endless. This software comes with its own library of images and you can add your own.

The third software package can be used to create dynamic business presentations or home photo albums with a professional touch. PhotoFactory's PowerShow can be used by families, business presenters, teachers, artists and hobbyists to create multimedia shows.

It works with digital photos, MS PowerPoint, slides, scanned images and video clips. TV-like text animation and sound clips can also be added to create impressive presentations.

For more information on the ScanSoft PhotoFactory, just call 1-888-781-1185 or visit a local software retailer.



### DeRossett swears in

Floyd Countian Frank DeRossett Jr., second from right, participated in the recent swearing in ceremony for new and reappointed members of the Kentucky Parole Board. The former Floyd Circuit Clerk and fellow board members were sworn in by Franklin County Circuit Judge William L. Graham, left. Other members include Verman Ray Winburn, Frances G. Clinkscales, Chair Linda F. Frank, James Provence, Lutitia F. Papailler, and John M. Coy.

## Tune in to lasers

(NAPSA)-Learning ways lasers can help make life more fun may be music to your ears.

Did you know that if you unraveled a CD, it would be a thread about five miles long and 200 times as thin as a human hair?

How do CD players work? These players use laser technology by moving a laser beam in small increments across a disk. What the finely focused laser beam "sees" on the disc is a series of microscopic pits and flat surfaces called lands.

When the laser strikes a land, the beam bounces straight back to

its source. When the laser hits a pit, the light is spread out and bounces back much less intensely. These rapid flashes are then translated back into music, pictures or whatever is on the disc.

CD's and laser technology have revolutionized the music industry. More music can be stored on a disk rather than a vinyl record, the sound is clear, and the systems are more durable, smaller and easier to transport.

For more information about the science of light, visit the Optical Society of America's website at [www.osa.org](http://www.osa.org).

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Still, while the proposal is one with the most noble of intentions, make no mistake — Stumbo will benefit from being the primary sponsor of the bill.

While Stumbo's already-significant political stock would benefit most from passage of the bill, his association with such an environmentally-friendly proposal will pay

dividends by increasing his name recognition statewide.

That's important to note because of his stated intentions to move up the political ladder someday.

Earlier this year, Stumbo gave *AI Cross* of the Louisville Courier-Journal a lengthy interview concerning his possible run for governor in 2003. This week, he hinted at that possibility once again by saying that his current role as majority floor leader is the best job in Frankfort ... behind governor.

But Stumbo's ambitions do not necessarily begin and end with the Governor's mansion. In fact, he may decide to jump out of state politics and into the federal arena.

When all the heads are counted in next year's census, Kentucky could very likely see the return of a seventh congressional district and the mountain political rumor mills have Stumbo as being the person to fill that seat in Congress.

If so, he would be following the footsteps of Hal Rogers, who has been able to maintain astronomical popularity in a Democratic majority district largely on his ability to redefine himself. Remember, Rogers, through his PRIDE program, has recreated his image from one of being a Republican demagogue who brings home the bacon, to one of being an earth-friendly Congressman who wants to clean illegal dumps and provide clean drinking water to everyone.

But for now, Stumbo is still in the state House of Representatives and he still faces a battle in getting his proposal through the General Assembly.

It will be interesting to see how the bill fares in the upcoming session, as well as where the roads will lead from there.

## Letters

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I turned over, only to see that the cross was completely lit up. The drawing is six feet high, three and a half feet wide. The Holy Spirit light was across the width of the drawing. It gathered together at the right side of the cross and disappeared.

On March 2, 1999, I had a dream of "Tony. He was with a group of young people. He looked good. I was so happy to see him. I started crying. I woke up and saw the beautiful face of Jesus, transparent, soft blue, with a tear falling from His left eye.

I know now that Jesus is always with us, through the journey of life and beyond. He is with us when we weep and when we feel joy. If only we could look deeper into ourselves, invite Him into our hearts and say those special words, "Jesus, I trust in You."

I am writing this letter as a promise to our loving Jesus, the King of Mercy, and for our dear Mother Mary, the Queen of Mercy, with love for the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family. Glory to God.

Please keep the Novena to the Divine Mercy close to your heart.

Written with a sincere heart,  
Barbara Walker  
Woodstock, Illinois

# Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

Season's Greetings from Mayo Technical College. It soon will be time for the bells to chime and Santa's "Ho Ho Ho" to sound over rooftops and chimneys. On behalf of Bobby McCool, Interim Director and the staff of Mayo, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas season and a happy New Year.

Some things are happening here at Mayo as we prepare to close out this century. Mayo's last graduation of this millennium will be December 21 at 1 p.m. I invite you to come and be with us as we celebrate a new group of graduates stepping out into the work world.

At this ceremony we would like to recognize former students and teachers. If you know a former student or teacher, invite them to be a part of this ceremony and send Patty McKenzie their names so we can recognize. She can be reached at 789-5321 ext. 235 or by email at [patty.mckenzie@kctcs.net](mailto:patty.mckenzie@kctcs.net) <<mailto:patty.mckenzie@kctcs.net>>.

The last entrance exam of the

year will be given Monday, December 20. There will be no tests given on Tuesday because of graduation. We will not test again until January 10. If you are interested in taking the test right away it is important that you come in on the 20th. We test at 8 a.m.

The office will be closed for Christmas break from December 23, 1999, through January 3, 2000. We will re-open with registration January 4. New classes begin January 10.

Remember as we go through this season of joy and giving that you can make a difference in your community and in the life of someone who needs a helping hand.

A gift of scholarship is a gift that goes on giving for years to come. Call Billy Breeding at Mayo. His extension is 223. He can help you establish a scholarship or a grant that may make a last contribution to this community. I urge you to consider this opportunity as you prepare for the Christmas holiday. The student you help may be the one who impacts the next generation. Think about it. Call us today.

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**Magoffin County**

Manuel Howard, 75, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 8. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Aileen Smith Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Cynthia Conley Blanton, 92, of Salyersville, died Monday, December 6. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Roberta Anne Allen, 46, of Winchester, Ohio, died Wednesday, December 8. She is survived by her husband, Steve Allen. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ema Allen Howard, 94, of Winchester, formerly of Royalton, died Friday, December 10. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Morris Wayne Arnett, 60, of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 9. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Boggs Arnett. He was a self-employed trucking contractor. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Frankie Risner Picklesimer, 81, died Tuesday, November 30. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Picklesimer. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 3, under the direction of Lindsey-Kocher Funeral Home, New-Haven, Ohio.

**Johnson County**

Leon Edward Rosiek, 68, died Sunday, December 12. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Jean Spencer Rosiek. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruth Marie Herald, 80, died December 13 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tolbert I. Herald. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 16, under the direction of Wright's Funeral Home, Greenup.

**KY rivers rise with days of rain**

For the first time in months, Kentucky has experienced steady rainfall over a period of several days. During the past week, all the state's river basins have received from 1.5 to 4 inches of rain. The lowest amounts were recorded in the Upper Cumberland, while the Green River basin received from 3.5 to 4 inches.

The rain significantly enhanced stream flows across the state. On December 15:

- In the Licking River basin, the north and south forks were finally contributing significant flow into the mainstream for the first time in months. Flow at Catawba on the Licking was up 823 percent over last week but was still only 36 percent of normal.
- The Salt River at Glensboro was up 2575 percent, 117 percent

of normal for this date. Flows in Beech Fork at Maud were up 54,900 percent, still just 50 percent of normal but vastly improved from its mere trickle for the past few months.

Flows in the Kentucky River increased from 749 percent to 1073 percent along the river and ranged from about 50 percent of normal in the upper and lower reaches of the river to near normal along the interior of the mainstream.

The increased stream flows do not end concerns about water supplies in the state, however. Most streams and rivers are still well below average flow for this time of year. Flows from the rain have peaked in most streams, and levels are heading down again. Meanwhile 102 water systems are still operating under some level of

their water shortage response plans. Five systems are in the critical phase, under which all non-essential water use is banned and socially and economically important water uses are also restricted. They are: Olive Hill Municipal Water Works (Carter Co.) and the Beech Fork Water Commission, Clay City Distribution System, Powell Valley Distribution System and Stanton Distribution System in Powell County. The rains have greatly benefited the Beech Fork reservoir which has gained more than a foot since the rains began. The Beech Fork Water Commission, which was running out of water, because the reservoir was so low, has placed a temporary intake in the Red River. The Red River at the spot at which the intake is located is flowing well above normal.

**Staying connected: No longer confining**

(NAPSA)-E-mail has quickly grown into one of the most popular forms of communication in the 20th century. As we move into the next millennium, more and more people will have an e-mail address that is as common as having a home address or telephone number.

Regular surface mail, or snail mail, as the computer community calls it, will not disappear. But the promise of speed and convenience that e-mail offers is irresistible to some. A recent survey found that 60-70 percent of laptop users carry their laptops to send and receive e-mail only. And although toting a heavy laptop while backpacking in the Grand Canyon or Europe may seem like a silly idea, a recent America Online study found that 47 percent of subscribers take their laptops on vacation and 26 percent check their e-mail on vacation.

But despite the high number of laptop-toting travelers, there are still some obstacles with this form of staying connected. Although there may be laptop modem connections at airports or even at hotels, connection costs can be extremely high. Sending a three-sentence e-mail to Aunt Hilda in Maine from Hawaii can cost as much as a 20-minute phone call. Even in urgent situations, when cost may not be an issue, it may seem impossible to find a phone or data line. There are also potential problems with connections. Few things are more upsetting than getting disconnected from your e-mail service provider, which bills you \$20 per month, in the midst writing a three-page e-mail to your



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long-lost friend. Your words are lost instantly, along with your momentum, without warning.

Fortunately for people without computers there are less expensive and less frustrating options for staying connected.

Tips for Staying Connected Here are some new, cost-effective and simple ways to communicate by e-mail without even owning a laptop or computer:

- Subscribe to an e-mail service such as Yahoo, Excite or Hotmail, which is available free

from any computer that has Internet access. You can then access your e-mail from cybercafes, airport lounges, and other places with Internet access. However, you may pay up to \$12 an hour at a cybercafe for connecting.

Try a low-cost mobile e-mail service that doesn't require a computer. Purchase a Sharp TM-20 device for \$100-\$150 and then activate PocketMail service for under \$10 per month or \$99 for one year. Unlike laptop computers, PocketMail devices are easy to use, highly portable, inexpensive, and don't need a telephone jack or data line to send or receive e-mail. You use the device with almost any telephone by dialing a toll-free number to transmit information.

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For more information and tips for staying connected, visit [www.pocketmail.com](http://www.pocketmail.com) or call 800-390-5034.

**Having a healthy home for the holidays**

(NAPSA)-'Tis the season to be sneezing? Not necessarily. For the millions of Americans with allergies, the holidays may be a whole lot merrier by following a few allergy prevention tips.

Don't store firewood indoors. Drying firewood can generate mold spores, which can easily contaminate an entire house. Bring new logs in only for immediate use in your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

Have your chimney cleaned before the first holiday fire and be sure the fireplace flue works properly. Check fireplace vents and keep fireplace doors closed to eliminate breathing as much smoke as possible.

If you put up a live evergreen tree during the holidays, before bringing the tree inside, use a leaf-blower to remove visible pollen grains, then wipe the trunk thoroughly with a solution of luke warm water and diluted bleach (one part bleach to 20 parts water) to eliminate any mold.

If using an artificial Christmas tree, make sure it is not coated with sprayed-on "snow," as it can aggravate asthmatic or allergic symptoms.

When preparing your home for guests, use a damp or treated cloth for dusting to avoid stirring up dust, and use a vacuum with a sealed True-HEPA filtration system like the Guardian from Electrolux, that prevents allergens from being redistributed into the

air.

Limit (or eliminate) scented candles, potpourri, air fresheners, live plant arrangements and holiday baking with any strong odors that may cause discomfort for people with asthma. Check dried plant arrangements for signs of mold growth and dust.

Reducing humidity decreases dust mite and mold growth. When the heat is on, check humidity levels in rooms where you spend most of your time. Keep the air circulating by using a dehumidifier. Also remember to empty and clean the dehumidifier on a regular basis.

When storing decorations and ornaments, thoroughly clean and dry all decorations, seal them in plastic bags and store the bagged items in airtight containers or clean boxes to prevent them from becoming coated with dust and mold.

Remove wet dirt and leaves from around the foundation and gutters of your house to prevent outdoor mold from accumulating near the windows and doors.

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**Kentucky BOE seeking public input on Commissioner's qualities**

The Kentucky Board of Education, through its Search Committee, is seeking public input on preferred qualities of the new Commissioner of Education.

Individuals may visit the Department of Education's website at <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/comm/commrel/commissioner/> to complete and submit a feedback form. The form also is available from the department's Division of Community Relations, 19th floor, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, KY 40601; phone (502) 564-3421. The deadline for comments is 4

p.m. EST, on Monday, January 10. The search committee also will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11, at 9 a.m., in the State Board Room of the Capital Plaza Tower in Frankfort. Individuals and groups may attend the meeting to give input on the commissioner's selection.

In October, Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody submitted his resignation, effective December 31. The Kentucky Board of Education will engage a national search firm to assist in the selection of a new commissioner.

**More letters to Santa ...**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelli Joseph. I am four years old and live on Prater Creek. I would like to have a cash register and a two-baby stroller and some Barbie things. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Kelli

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center  
After School Child Care

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo.  
Eric Reid, 4

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat. I want my to front teeth.  
Alexis Reid, 5

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, Barbie dollhouse, real horsie, real make up, pink cat, new teeth, new bear, baby doll, new eyes, Barbie earrings, and a Don't Wake Daddy Up Game.  
Nashala Hamby, 4

Dear Santa,  
I want a four weeler, computer, Pokemon, watch, Toy Story 2 Woody, talking picachu, army set, GI Joe man, and picachu pillow.  
Shannon Turner, 7

Dear Santa,  
I want a furby, go cart, cat, Pokemon, GI Joe, picachu, and army set. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Colton DuValle, 7

Dear Santa,  
I want a shot gun, a real one. I want a cat, a horse, talking picachu, four-wheeler, remote control monster truck, a Santa Claus hat, monster truck, and big army men.  
Love,  
Travis Mullins, 6

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**FRIDAY PAPER & SHOPPER:**  
Editorial— Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 12 noon  
Classified, Local Advertising and Legals—  
Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S PAPER:**  
All deadlines will be Wed., Dec. 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

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**Christmas Schedule**

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

Saturday, December 25  
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke  
Salyersville, KY

Saturday, December 25  
Feast of the Holy Family Schedule  
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martha

Sunday, December 26  
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke  
Salyersville, KY  
11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Martha

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# FOR THE RECORD

## Dispatch Logs

December 3  
 2:52 suspicious person on Highland Ave  
 6:43 alarm activated on N Circle Dr  
 7:32 reckless driver on RT 321  
 7:52 motorist locked keys in vehicle on RT 321  
 12:23 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Matewan Bank  
 12:45 missing person on Main St  
 1:41 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC  
 2:39 motorist locked keys in vehicle at FoodLand  
 3:01 accident without injuries on Branham & Baker lot  
 4:39 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Food City  
 5:06 car broke down on 114/1428  
 5:17 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC  
 6:16 car broke down at Lancer  
 10:21 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Mt Comp  
 10:50 motorist locked keys in vehicle at BP Mart

December 4  
 0:58 intoxicated person at Holiday Inn  
 6:06 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Comfort Suites  
 10:11 harassment on US 23 toward Prestonsburg  
 11:19 911 hang-up call on Wells Dr  
 1:17 accident with injuries at Tobacco Joint  
 4:31 shoplifter at Wal-Mart  
 6:21 suspicious person on Arnold Ave  
 5:05 suicide threats at Comfort Suites  
 7:18 domestic dispute on 1428  
 8:15 suicide threats at Comfort Suites  
 9:38 alarm activated at ABCO  
 11:47 car broke down on US 23

December 5  
 0:48 disturbance at Super 8  
 7:15 disturbance on Cardinal Dr  
 1:16 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Mayo Trailer Park  
 2:11 motorist locked keys in vehicle at FoodLand  
 4:35 motorist locked keys in vehicle at McDonald's  
 4:45 car broke down at Wal-Mart lights  
 7:15 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Winn-Dixie

December 6  
 1:33 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Justice Center  
 4:24 vandalism at Lancer Storage Bldg  
 6:13 domestic dispute on Davis St  
 7:59 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC  
 8:28 911 hang-up call at Cliffside Apts

December 7  
 9:19 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Family Dollar  
 10:24 car broke down at PCC  
 4:21 accident with injuries at Glass America  
 4:56 theft related incident at Green Acres Apts  
 7:37 911 hang-up call on N Circle Dr  
 9:08 suspicious person at Fast Change & Lube  
 9:35 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Riverview Nursing Home  
 10:48 suspicious vehicle at Lee's

December 8  
 8:49 car broke down in front of grade school  
 9:08 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC  
 10:46 harassment at Ramey Insurance  
 12:29 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Pizza Hut  
 12:50 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Food Stamp office  
 3:36 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC  
 4:29 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Dixie Apts  
 4:53 alarm activated at Christian Appalachian Project  
 6:04 alarm activated on S Lake Dr  
 10:32 disturbance at Prestonsburg High School  
 11:14 theft related incident at Bowling Alley

December 9  
 0:57 suspicious vehicle in city  
 9:06 accident without injuries at PCC  
 10:23 car broke down at 114/1428 lights  
 11:07 accident with injuries in front of Riverview Nursing Home  
 12:53 accident without injuries at Family Dollar  
 1:13 alarm activated at 1st Commonwealth Bank  
 2:28 accident without injuries at

Family Dollar  
 2:45 suspicious vehicle on Richmond lot  
 3:09 accident with injuries at 1428/Branham  
 4:53 intoxicated person at McDonald's  
 5:28 DUI in town  
 8:08 911 hang-up call on S Arnold Ave  
 8:12 drug related incident on University Dr  
 11:47 alarm activated at Union 76

December 10  
 11:25 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Subway  
 1:04 accident without injuries at Dollar Store  
 2:50 car broke down on US 23  
 6:03 motorist locked keys in vehicle at IGA  
 6:47 accident without injuries in front of Pizza Hut  
 6:50 suspicious person at Cardinal Mart  
 6:57 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Wal-Mart  
 7:14 accident without injuries at Microtel  
 10:28 reckless driver at Archer Park  
 10:52 drug related incident at Holiday Inn  
 11:03 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Bowling Alley

December 11  
 0:29 disturbance at Holiday Inn  
 10:19 vandalism on S Lake Dr  
 10:29 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Adams Middle School  
 12:18 car broke down at Cliff  
 3:08 shoplifters at Food City  
 5:36 accident without injuries at FoodLand  
 6:15 911 hang-up call on Village Dr  
 6:23 shoplifter at Wal-Mart  
 7:18 theft related incident at Food City  
 7:31 motorist locked keys in vehicle at BP Mart  
 11:15 cleared lot at Wendy's

## Marriage Licenses

Melinda Lee Paige, 25, Lexington, and Ernest Reynolds Jr, 25, Beaufort, SC.  
 Tracy Lynn Marsillett, 24, Prestonsburg, and Joey Hicks, 36, Prestonsburg.

## Property Transfers

Hollis E. and Anita Daniels to Jeffrey and Glisa Vance, property located on Jack's Creek.  
 David Keith and Stephanie Copley to Vannie M. Blackburn and June Blackburn, property location not listed.  
 Paul T. and Tealie Prater to Matthew and Shalena Slone, property located on Cow Creek.  
 Millard and Freida Joyce Justice to Chris and Kimberly Reed, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 Roger David and Mitie Fairchild to Virginia Tackett, property located on Left Beaver Creek.  
 Tammy Faye and Jimmy Smith to Ernestine Hall, Michael Tackett and Benjamin Tackett, property located at Wayland.  
 Edward Everett Hall to Audrey Hall, property located at Bevinsville.  
 Mark G. and Dorothy L. Hamilton to Star Bank, property location not listed.  
 Angelena M. and Brandon Slone to Larry and Kay Keathley, property located on Branham's Creek.  
 Commonwealth of KY to Marshall Davidson, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 Commonwealth of KY to Kin-Hag Development Company, property located at Allen.  
 Commonwealth of KY to Childers Oil Company and Pine Mountain Realty, property located at Eastern.  
 J.K. Corporation to Chad Casebolt, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 James and Irene Howard to Keniss Tackett, property located on Toler Creek.  
 CSX Transportation to Sheldon and Loretta Berger, property located at Weeksbury.  
 Elk Horn Coal Corporation to Lindsey Crum, property location not listed.  
 CSX Transportation to Katrina R. Isaacs, property located at Hi Hat.  
 Everett and Lola Mae Adkins to Everett Adkins, Lola Mae Adkins and Annetta Ruth Gillispie, property located on Toler Creek.  
 Viola Anna Kay Keel to Ricky E. and Deresa Slone, property located on John's Creek.  
 Associates Inc to Ella M. Compton, property location not listed.

Mary E. and Kelly Slone to Ray Allen, property located at McDowell.  
 Rodney Little to Ora Lee Little, property located on Middle Creek.  
 Anthony Newsome Jr and Theresa Newsome to Anthony Newsome Jr, property located on Big Mud Creek.  
 Patricia Ann Holbrook to Mark Rodney Holbrook, property location not listed.  
 Elbert and Goldie Snipes to Joseph Franklin and Philippa Snipes, property located on Abbott Creek.  
 Judie M. Allen to John Allen Jr, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 Kathryn Hall to Thomas N. Hall, property located on Beaver Creek.  
 CSX Transportation Inc to Steve and Darlene Berger, property located on Jack's Creek.  
 Larry Douglas Slone to Peggy Jo Miller, property located at Craynor.  
 Johnny Ross, executor of the estate of Harry W. Short to Steve Barnett and Sharon Barnett, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 Nora Martin to Little Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist, property located at McDowell.  
 Gary Robinson to Pamela Robinson, property located on Bull Creek.  
 Pamela Kay Robinson to Gary Wayne Robinson, property located on Beaver Creek.  
 Mollie Banks to Jerry Banks, property located on Right Beaver Creek.  
 Gwendolyn Hale Harmon to Robert V. Harmon, property located at Bosco.  
 Diana Newsom to Columbia Natural Resources Inc, property location not listed.  
 Lizzie and Ed Bentley to Lana Akers, property located on Prater Creek.  
 Lizzie and Ed Bentley to Mellissa and Freddy Stevens, property located on Prater Creek.

## Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

• Cardinal Mart, Prestonsburg, 86 in food and 95 in retail: Critical violation observed: Not maintaining proper temperature on lunch items (140°). Owner given 15 minutes to correct.  
 Other violations observed: Stand-up freezer needs thermometers. Thawing meat in the sink at room temperature. Food items in refrigerator not covered. Food utensils stored in unclean container. Dumpster needs a lid. Light doesn't work in cooler.  
 • Subway of Prestonsburg, 87: Ice scoop bucket not properly labeled. Sandwich meats stored above frost line in front sandwich preparation station. Food stored below leaking cooling unit. Ice scoop doesn't have a handle.  
 Ice machine lid not tight fitting. Test kits not provided for testing spray sanitizer. Knives stored in wax single use cup at front counter. Rust on bottom shelves in cooling unit. Condensation leak in walk-in cooling unit.  
 • Pin-Zone Bowling Alley, Prestonsburg, 87: No thermometers found in refrigeration units. Wiping cloths not stored in sanitizing solution. Soft drink dispenser nozzles full of residue. Leaky faucet at 3-compartment-sink. No covered waste receptacle in women's restroom.  
 Cloth rags in use in cooking area. Ceiling tiles missing from cooling area. Mops stored on the floor.  
 • Prestonsburg High School, 88: Sliced ham placed into heating unit before being brought to correct temperature. Bread rack stored on floor in walk-in. Several spatulas found in poor repair. Spilled milk found on inside bottom on right line milk box.  
 Basting brushes stored in food contact and not utensil storage room. Restroom door not self-closing. Outside dumpster not having lid. Potted plants stored above drain boards at 3-compartment-sink.

## Suits Filed

City National Bank VS Stella Frasure of McDowell, et. al., collection of debts.  
 First Commonwealth Bank VS Marvin Lafferty of Malone, et. al., collection of debts.  
 Dynex Financial Inc VS Jacob J. and Melissa L. Jarvis of Banner, collection of debts.  
 Barbara Blanton of Prestonsburg VS Keith Spencer of Martin, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on September 28, 1999.



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## Computer network will benefit court system and law enforcement agencies

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) and Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert recently announced that the state has won a significant federal law enforcement grant to create a computer network that will provide information on criminal cases to local and state criminal justice agencies.

Congressman Rogers secured \$1.45 million to create the statewide, Internet-based network in the annual spending bill for the U.S. Justice Department. The initial phase of the project will be funded through a Justice Department program that supports the use of modern technology in state and local criminal justice efforts and law enforcement.

"There is no doubt in my mind that a well-equipped state and local justice system also helps the federal system work faster and smarter," Rogers said. "As a former commonwealth's attorney, I can tell you that this will be an amazing resource for Kentucky's prosecutors. We're putting the power of the information age to work for our criminal justice system and Kentucky's law enforcement community."

Chief Justice Lambert has spearheaded the effort to create the network, which will provide

current information on all criminal cases in Kentucky to local and state authorities.

The current information system, known as "Courtnet," is updated daily with access limited to specific computer terminals. The new system will provide updates every half-hour and will be available to any state or local official with Internet access. The project will also widely expand the information available on the system to include data regarding charges, convictions, bench warrants, bail, pretrial release conditions, and sentences. Chief Justice Lambert says the system will allow law officers and court officials to track the schedule of pending court cases and reduce wasteful delay.

"With this grant, Kentucky will continue its leadership among the states in court technology. Without Congressman Rogers, this grant would not have been possible," said Chief Justice Lambert.

Rogers, who successfully fought to provide the federal funding, is the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary. He has taken an active role in developing federal support for state justice programs and expanding the use of technology



Kathleen Smith, 7, of Abbott made friends with Morris (who was not finicky at all) at Kentucky Carpet while her mother looked for carpet. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Progress against rheumatoid arthritis

(NAPS)-A medical procedure may offer renewed hope for the thousands of Americans who suffer from rheumatoid arthritis.

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a debilitating illness that generally strikes people between the ages of 25 and 50, and affects two to three times more women than men.

One woman affected by the disease is Merrill Meyer. At the age of 22, Meyer first began to notice symptoms of RA: swollen shoulder, swollen hands and pain associated with movement. What should have been the best time of her life—she enjoyed playing and coaching baseball, camping, hiking, swimming, biking and backpacking—became the start of a very painful journey.

As the disease progressed over the next several years, Meyer—who could at one point attempt a difficult mountain climb—became unable to dress herself or drive a car.

During the 28 years following the diagnosis, Meyer endured swollen joints and hot searing pain upon movement, watched as the cartilage in her joints was destroyed, and required seven reconstructive surgeries to maintain mobility.

Meyer chose the most aggressive treatments available, in hopes of slowing progression of the disease. These included NSAIDs (non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs), steroids and DMARDs (disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs), all of which failed. In addition, these treatments caused other problems: Meyer now has Type II diabetes and gastrointestinal illnesses, and has had a liver biopsy because

of the many years of medication.

"I long ago gave up climbing mountains," said Meyer, "but as the disease continued to progress, it became impossible for me to take care of myself or my husband."

Recently, Meyer learned of an RA treatment called the ProSORBA Column. The device works by filtering the blood of RA sufferers, who undergo the outpatient procedure once a week for 12 weeks. After the blood is separated into its components, the device is said to remove certain antibodies from the plasma—which is then mixed back into the blood and returned to the patient.

The ProSORBA Column is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for difficult-to-manage RA patients—like Meyer—for whom drug therapies have failed, or are not viable due to their medical condition. The treatment is prescribed by a doctor, and is done at an outpatient facility, such as a hospital or blood bank that has an apheresis (blood processing) machine.

"The ProSORBA Column was my last hope, but I wanted to try it because it doesn't shut down the immune system, there are no toxic side effects, and it is administered in 12 treatments rather than forever," said Meyer. "Best of all, it worked when nothing else did. Now I can drive, go for a walk with my husband and puppies, and dream of a future where medical treatments keep me going instead of holding me back."

For more information about the ProSORBA Column, see your doctor.

## New findings in Alzheimer's disease research published

Substituting just one atom could render inactive the major damaging agent in Alzheimer's disease, a University of Kentucky researcher has discovered. The results of his research are featured in the current issue of *Neurobiology of Aging*.

Chemistry professor Allan Butterfield, director of the UK Center of Membrane Sciences, first discovered in 1994 that amyloid beta-peptide, the major component of brain plaques in Alzheimer's disease, causes Alzheimer's. Building on that research, he has discovered that substituting one atom in the amino acid methionine of amyloid

beta-peptide renders this protein non-toxic to brain cells.

Two important implications of Butterfield's latest findings are: 1) free-radical damage leading to brain cell death involves this one amino acid, and 2) certain antioxidants might be useful as therapy for Alzheimer's.

Between four and five million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease. Projections are that 14 million people will suffer from this ailment early in the next century. The annual health-care cost of Alzheimer's treatment currently totals \$100 billion.

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## Committee, coaches, players, fans want first class facility



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Is the real concern over money or is it that someone is afraid they will have to give in to what they consider unfair demands of those who should be considered the number one priority.

What is so difficult in making a decision that will benefit our kids. One

side says the money is not there and the other side says it is not going to cost all the other side says. So who is right? What does everyone want?

I caught up with Prestonsburg football coach John Derossett and he graciously consented to talk with me about the facility. John said all he wants is what is best for the kids, but not only in football but track and field as well.

"All I want at Prestonsburg High School is a complete facility that would include track and field facilities as well," said Coach Derossett, who also coaches track and field.

There are three options that have been presented by all those involved

and the three options are as follows:

• Option #1 - Location is adjacent to the school. Neighboring property to be purchased and the football field to be turned with a regulation track to be build and a field house added along with additional rest rooms and concessions.

• Option #2 - Location at Prestonsburg's mountain top project (site of the new golf course). The City of Prestonsburg will donate land for 500 parking spaces along with all the items listed in option number one. The land would be provided by the city at

### Stadium Committee voting field options

NAME	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Jeremy Caudill	First	Second	
Margaret Damron	First	Second	
John Derossett	First	Second	
Greg Dixon	First		Second
Jerry Fannin	First	Second	
Ruth Carol Hale	First	Second	
Lon May	First	Third	
Kelly Moore	First	Second	
Hank Mullins	First	Second	
Heather Ousley	First	Second	
Coy Samons	First	Second	
Neil Turner	First	Second	

Voting was for first and second choices

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■ From the Tackle Box Section • B4



■ Check out the NASCAR Page Section • B8

### Cooley, Martin lead Lady Rebels, 50-39

ALLEN CENTRAL'S NATLIE COOLEY (20) put up a shot over South Floyd's Martha Crawford (30). The two teams squared off in conference basketball play at Allen Central Friday night, with the Lady Rebels a 50-39 winner. (photo by Ed Taylor)



## A.C. survives pesky Raiders

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Maybe the Allen Central Lady Rebels were just overlooking district lightweight South Floyd Friday night, or maybe the Lady Raiders are not lightweights any longer and a contending ballclub.

Ever which way, Allen Central had a battle on its hands with the pesky Lady Raiders but did prevail 50-39 in 58th District basketball play at the J.E. Campbell Arena.

Jessica Martin scored 13 points and Natalie Cooley

added 11 in the win for Allen Central. Shannon Sizemore tossed in 10 points and Kari Osborne, off the bench, netted nine.

The loss for South Floyd snapped a four-game winning streak for Coach Paul Cline's team. The Lady Raiders fell to 5-4 overall, while Allen Central improved to 4-2 on the year. More importantly, Allen Central is 1-0 in conference play while South Floyd falls to 0-1.

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## Raiders make school history

### South Floyd places five in double figures in win

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

In control! That's what the South Floyd Raiders were Friday night — in control.

Coach Henry Webb's ballclub accomplished something that no other South Floyd basketball team has been able to do in the past 13 meetings — get a victory over an Allen Central team, anywhere.

The losing streak came to an end when, on the 14th meeting between the two schools, South Floyd placed five players in double figures and rolled to a 93-80 win over the Runnin' Rebels at the J.E. Campbell Arena.

It was a big road victory for Coach Webb's ballclub, as they are 3-0 in the Floyd County Conference. Allen Central drops to 1-1 in the conference and it was the third straight loss for the Rebels after they won their first three games of the season. Overall, South Floyd improves to 7-1 on the year. Freshman Mike Hall led all scorers



COACH HENRY WEBB instructed his players during a timeout at Allen Central Friday night. The Raiders won for the first time ever over the Rebels with a 93-80 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

with 22 points. He also dished off six assists and played an excellent floor game.

Jimmy Stumbo, who dominated the paint area, had 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots. John Meade and sophomore Rusty Tackett finished with 15 points each.

Byron Hall just missed double figures with nine points. Hall had eight rebounds in the game. Ryan Shannon scored only two points for the Raiders but he had six assists on the floor. Dusty Tackett added four points.

Larry Mullins led Allen Central with his best offensive night of the season. Mullins netted 21 points. Rodney Scott, in a strong game around the basket, fouled out with 19 points. Josh Howell added 15 and Leslie Slone scored 13. Jeremy Sexton and Jeremy Hayes had six points apiece.

The South Floyd coach said Allen Central was "not the place where they wanted to stop."

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## Tigers place three in double figures

by Karen Joseph Sports Writer

Brent Rose and his Betsy Layne Bobcats just don't fare well when they travel to Johnson County.

The Bobcats' first loss of the season came when they played the Johnson Central Golden Eagles. This Friday they were hoping to leave Johnson County with an addition to the win category.

The Bobcats took on the Tigers of Paintsville. Brock Keathley led the Bobcats in scoring with 17, but the Bobcats could not stop the attack of the trio of Meade, Trimble and Grim.

Paintsville improved its record by defeating the Bobcats of Betsy Layne, 59-53.

The Bobcats had a rough time handling the passing offense of the Tigers. Due to their height, Paintsville was able to get more rebounds. Several times the Tigers would get as many as five attempts at a basket. Betsy Layne just could not get the rebound.

Brock Keathley led both teams in scoring. Keathley was the only Bobcats in double figures. Betsy Layne was very successful from the charity stripe, hitting 15 of 18 free throws. Paintsville placed three in double figures.

Betsy Layne was coming off a big district win on Tuesday night, defeating Prestonsburg. Paintsville was coming off a big district loss, losing to the Magoffin County Hornets on Tuesday.

Both teams took to floor ready to play ball. Paintsville drew first blood, when Dustin Ratliff hit a two-point basket to give the

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Brock Keathley (23) goes up high for a two-point basket in the game against Paintsville. Keathley led both teams in scoring, but the Bobcats fell to the Tigers 59-53. Keathley had 17 points in the game. (photo by Karen Joseph)



### Girls

Boyd Co 56,	Prestonsburg 42
Belfry 76,	Elkhorn City 35
Allen Central 50,	South Floyd 39
Betsy Layne 73,	Millard 28
Jackson Co. 93,	Knox Central 36
Jackson City 44,	Piarist 41
Berea 40,	South Laurel 38
Jackson Co. 85,	Madison So. 51
East Carter 66,	Lewis Co 43
Sheldon Clark 58,	Henry Clay 50

### Boys

Pikeville 58,	Clay Co. 56
Belfry 83,	Prestonsburg 65
Burch W.Va. 52,	Feds Creek 39
Pike Central 62,	Phelps 49
Frankfort 53,	Magoffin Co 52
Shelby Valley 64,	Millard 47
Paintsville 59,	Betsy Layne 53
Perry Central 86,	Knott Central 47
Jackson City 86,	Piarist 71
Hazard 66,	Breathitt Co 64
Simon Kenton 78,	JCHS 68
South Floyd 93,	Allen Central 80

### Games on tap

#### Girls

Mon., Dec. 20  
Magoffin at Betsy Layne

Tues., Dec. 21  
Allen Central at Betsy Layne

Wed., Dec. 22  
South Floyd at Elkhorn City

#### Boys

Tues., Dec. 21  
Allen Central at Betsy Layne  
South Floyd at Paintsville  
Pikeville at Prestonsburg

#### Elementary Basketball

Mon., Dec. 20  
Betsy Layne at Stumbo

Wed., Dec. 22  
Allen Central Middle School  
Christmas Tournament



Megan Ousley (23) being guarded by Tabetha Witt (54) shoots the ball in the game between South Floyd Middle School and Betsy Layne. South Floyd handed the Bobcats their first loss of the season. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Sports

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## NO CHARGE!

• Option #3 - Location of field adjacent to the school and leave the field in its present position. Add a field house, coach's office, weight room, ticket booth, and public rest rooms. Seating will include 3,200 for the home side and 750 for the visitors side. Two lots adjacent to the field to be purchased for future expansion.

The three options were presented to the stadium committee for a vote as to which they preferred in order of priority. All 12 members of the committee voted for option number one with option number two their second choice. Option number three is the choice of the board of education.

Coach Derossett said that every plan had its good points.

"Every plan does have its good points," said Coach Derossett. "Option number three is a great facility for football but it does not give us a track or any room to practice."

Coach Derossett cited the fact that Prestonsburg track and field has grown over the years and they were even district champions this past year, placed well in the region and sent kids to the state meet in Lexington.

"There is just no room for these kids to practice," said the Prestonsburg coach.

The track team at Prestonsburg has to do their running on Arnold Avenue and jump milk crates to simulate hurdles. That is a shame and our administrators should take into consideration the safety aspect of all this and not just look at it from a football-only standpoint.

Coach Derossett told me he felt that the City of Prestonsburg and Mayor Jerry Fannin have been more than fair in the situation of the football field.

"They have been more than generous," he said. "Donating the land, paving a 500 space parking lot and upkeep of the facility."

Coach Derossett said two of the three options call for a track and field facility. "That is what I want. One or two," he said. "That would give us a practice facility. If they go the way I am hearing it is going to go, then you will not have a practice place and you will never see a track and field facility here."

Derossett said they need to purchase the land, turn the field and do it right or go upon the mountain top."

The City of Prestonsburg has offered not only to donate the land but to upkeep the facility as well if it is located on the mountain top.

In my conversation with Mayor Jerry Fannin, the City of Prestonsburg is committed to the facility.

"We are committed to help in any way we can," said Mayor Fannin. "At the council meeting we agreed to give them the land, build the parking lot. We also agreed in council that if they fell short some money, we would help them try to raise that money. I have been told by the representative he would do what he could to get additional money for the project if needed."

"Right now our practice field is our playing field. You can go out there right now, at the end of the year and when you are practicing, playing on it and the middle school is practicing and playing on it, it is like concrete."

"This way we could have a good practice facility to be utilized by the football teams and games could actually be played by middle schools and grade schools at the present field and we could limit the amount of games upon the hill and have a good playing field, something everybody could be proud of."

Mayor Fannin said his concern is not political but out of a concern for the kids who have to be asked to play on the present facility.

"You go to other places and see how nice their stadiums are and you ask how they get these type of facilities. I am sure it is because of people like Coach Derossett and the committee who are willing to stand up and fight for it."

Coach Derossett told me he would like to see the field at the school but to do that, additional land needed to be purchased.

"We need to buy the land next to the field to have a complete facility and that looks like it's not going to happen," he said. "Plan number two would give us a place to practice and the field construction could start immediately."

According to Mayor Fannin, the board has estimated the cost of such a facility at \$8.2 million dollars.

"Go over and look at what a nice facility they have at Breathitt County and they did all that for only \$1.2 million. I don't know how they figure it would cost \$8.2 million."

Coach Derossett says if the facility is not built now, he fears it will never happen and that would short change the kids in the future. He also said he is not against the project at South Floyd High School.

"I would be the first to stand up and say, yes, give them their facility. They need it," he said. "But at the same time let's do something."

Coach Derossett is saying it is time to quit all the talking and start construction.

I for one would like to see the site on the mountain top. I think it is away from the main streets where the present facility sits and would be a safer place for all concerned.

If the City of Prestonsburg is to be so generous, then why not accept the offer and build the site there. In the long, run money would be saved in upkeep, and maybe the life of a young person — or do we not put a premium on their lives today.

The board of education, the city council and stadium committee need to get this thing resolved and let the work begin. Quit putting dollar signs in front of what is best for the kids. Think of them first and when you do, it helps get self and all the pride out of the way. When self and pride are gone, then it is easy to accomplish what needs to be done.

It seems in this day and time we think only of self and what will glorify self. With thinking like that, nothing will ever be accomplished. Build the kids a new stadium and make it one that everyone can be proud of. Set aside all the differences and ideas and work together in unity and harmony if you are to accomplish all the work.

Thanks to Coach Derossett and Mayor Fannin for speaking with me. I believe both are genuinely concerned for our kids.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

# Tigers

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Tigers the 2-0 lead. Justin Bartley would then score the next four points to give the Bobcats the lead. But the Tigers would soon answer.

Paintsville went on a 7-0 run and increased their lead 11-4 before the Bobcats scored again. But with 4:05 remaining in the first quarter, Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose called a timeout to settle his Bobcats down.

The Bobcats regrouped, but the Tigers managed to outscore them 7-6 in the remaining minutes of the first quarter. The Tigers continued to hold a six-point lead at the end of the first period.

Both teams were a little slow getting started in the second quarter. Brock Keathley finally hit a three-point basket three minutes into the second quarter, to bring the Bobcats within three. Betsy Layne went on a 7-0 run to take the lead at 19-18.

The Bobcat lead was short-lived. Dustin Hall hit a two-point basket to give the lead back to the Tigers with 3:05 remaining in the half. The lead changed hand four times in the last three minutes of the second quarter.

The Bobcats had their largest lead at the end of the half. The Tigers trailed 28-25 at the break.

Betsy Layne didn't enjoy its lead for long at the beginning of the second half. The "Grim" struck.

Grim hit two quick three-point baskets to put the momentum back in the Tigers' favor. Paintsville regained the lead with five minutes to go in the third quarter.

The lead would again exchange hands several times toward the end of the third quarter, with the Tigers having a five-point lead over the Bobcats at the end of the period.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers led by as many as seven at one time, but the Bobcats would not go away. Betsy Layne fought back to come with two points on a basket by Scott Collins, with three minutes to go in the game.

The Tigers were successful at the free throw line in the last minute of the game. Paintsville hit five of six free throws to give them the win, 59-53.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats fell to 3-2, while the Tigers improved their record to 4-5.

Betsy Layne will have another big district game on Tuesday, when they host the Rebels of Allen Central. Paintsville will entertain a very tough South Floyd team.

## Betsy Layne (53)

Player	ft	3-pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	2	0	0-0	4
Keathley	4	1	7-8	17
S. Collins	2	0	0-0	4
Daughtery	3	0	2-3	8
Brooks	3	0	3-3	9
Rose	0	0	1-2	1
A. Collins	2	0	2-2	6
D. Johnson	1	0	0-0	2
R. Johnson	0	1	0-0	3

## Paintsville (59)

Ratliff	1	1	2-3	7
Austin	1	3	0-0	2
Meade	7	0	2-4	16
Trimble	7	0	2-4	16
J. Hall	3	0	1-2	7
Grim	0	3	2-2	11

# Lady Bobcats easily defeat Mustangs

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The Ladycats of Betsy Layne traveled to Millard on Thursday night to take on the Millard Mustangs. Coach Cassandra's Lady Bobcats were pretty worn out by Thursday night. Betsy Layne had two hard games earlier in the week. They lost one and they won one. They lost by one point to Paintsville on Monday, but on Tuesday, they won a big, big district game by defeating Prestonsburg by one point. Therefore the Bobcats were looking for a not-so-tough game. They Lady Bobcats had no problem defeating the Lady Mustangs of Millard, 73-28.

Eleven players scored for Betsy Layne, with Shenna Akers and Jenny Parsons leading the way with 12 points each. Shenna Akers had a very good game after not seeing any action in the Paintsville game and very little action in the Prestonsburg game due to a knee injury.

Jenny Parsons went hard to the board for the Bobcats, coming away with 18 rebounds for the game and only played approximately half the ball game. Natasha Stratton was also strong on the boards. Stratton finished the game with eight rebounds.

Heather Hamilton found the open man and had eight assists.

Betsy Layne jumped out to an early lead. The Ladycats went on an 11-0 run to start the game. The only two points for the Mustangs in the first quarter came on a basket by Becky Coleman with three and a half minutes remaining in the first quarter. Jenny Parsons had eight of the 15 points for the Bobcats. Amber Roberts hit two baskets for four points in the first quarter and Heather Hamilton had the other three points for the Bobcats. The first quarter ended with the Bobcats having a 15-2 lead.

The second quarter was a repeat of the first. The Mustangs struggled to get the ball down the floor. Millard committed 23 turnovers in the first half. Betsy Layne added to their lead in the second quarter outscoring the Mustangs 19-6. Shenna Akers entered the game for the Ladycats in the second quarter and quickly scored six points. The Ladycats led the Mustangs at the break 34-8.

In the third quarter, Millard played better ball. They committed fewer turnovers and were better from the floor. Both the Mustangs and the

Bobcats scored 14 points in the third quarter. The Mustangs didn't gain any ground, but they didn't lose any either.

But in the fourth and final quarter, the Ladycats put the game out of reach by out scoring the Lady Mustangs 25-6 in the quarter. Amber Biliter scored all of her nine points in the fourth quarter. All nine points came from the charity line. Biliter probably thought she was in a wrestling match instead of a ball game. Every time she got the ball, she was clobbered. Not intentionally by the Lady Mustangs, but seemed like every time she got the ball she was hit hard. Biliter hit nine of twelve free throws in the fourth quarter.

Betsy Layne was 17 of 24 from the line for the entire game. Millard was 11-16. The final score was 73-28.

The Lady Bobcats of Betsy Layne will have another tough district game on Tuesday night, when they host the Lady Rebel of Allen Central. Allen Central is coming off a big district win over the Raiders of South Floyd. The Ladycats improve their record to 3-4 overall and 1-0 in district play.

# COMING JAN. 2, 2000

The Floyd County Times will spotlight area businesses in the January edition as we begin the Millennium. The section, tentatively named "Millennium, Business Trailblazers," will give Times' readers a look at you businesses' past, present, and future.

## Watch For It!!!

# THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE

# Rebels

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Lindsey Hall was the only double-figure scorer for South Floyd with 11 points. Martha Crawford, in one of her less productive nights, finished with nine. Freshman Valerie King came off the bench and contributed five points but had four steals in the game.

Center Kandice Mitchell was missing in action, although she played in the game. The junior center was saddled with foul trouble early and watched most of the game from the pines.

Cooley was the workhorse for the Lady Rebels, as she and Martin teamed to give Lady Rebel fans a new look offensively. The high post, low post play worked for some easy layups for Martin in the middle. Cooley had six assists in the game.

Allen Central came out of the gate quickly and knew what they wanted to do and did it. A quick layup by Martin and Barb Prater's three-point basket sent Allen Central out 5-0 and the lead grew to 9-0 before South Floyd could find a way to get the ball up court against the Lady Rebels' press.

Minnie Tackett's layup with just

over three minutes to play put South Floyd on the scoreboard. Crawford's only three-point basket came in the first period and cut the Allen Central lead to 13-6 at the first stop.

Allen Central extended its lead to 19-8 with the first six points of the second quarter. Cooley, on a strong inside play, scored, was fouled and hit the free throw as the Lady Rebels led by 11.

A 6-1 spurt by South Floyd kept the Lady Raiders close, trailing 20-14. Erin Majakey hit a short jumper that gave Allen Central a 10-point lead, 24-14, but again, here came the Lady Raiders. A layup by Hall, a steal by King, and Minnie Tackett's bank shot cut the lead to four, 24-20, with just over a minute to play. After a Cooley free throw, Sara Johnson had a rebound basket just before the half and Allen Central took a precarious lead to the locker room, 25-22.

Martin and Sizemore combined for the first seven points of the third period and Allen Central ran out to a 32-22 lead. South Floyd struggled from the floor and did not get on the board in the second half until

Mitchell hit consecutive baskets that cut the Allen Central lead to six, 32-26 after three quarters.

South Floyd would get to within three, 32-29, in the fourth period on a three-point basket by King, but it was all Allen Central from that point.

Martin hit a free throw, Kari Osborne completed a three-point play and Martin scored inside, as the Lady Rebels opened up a 38-29 lead. Hall would score the next five points for South Floyd to keep her team close at 40-34, but Cooley scored on an out-of-bounds play, hit a free throw and a six-foot jumper in teaming with Martin for a 50-39 victory.

Prater finished with three points for Allen Central, while Majakey and Howell scored two points each.

Mitchell and Minnie Tackett had four points for South Floyd. Sonya Tackett and Johnson had two points in the loss.

With the holiday break approaching this week, South Floyd will visit Elkhorn City on Wednesday night. Allen Central will travel to Betsy Layne Tuesday night for a big conference match up.



Heather Hamilton (10) goes up for a left-handed layup in the game against the Mustangs of Millard. Hamilton finished the game with seven points and eight assists. (photo by Karen Joseph)

# Music scores 17 but Prestonsburg falls to Belfry

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Dustin Music scored 17 points and Ricky Powers added 11, but it was not enough as the Prestonsburg Blackcats fell to Belfry, 83-65, in the opening round of the School Boy Classic at Belfry Friday night. Seth Crisp netted 10 points for Prestonsburg.

Varney scored 27 points for Belfry to lead all scorers. Slater added 11 and Hager, 12 for the

Pirates. Center Jonathan Wright finished with 13 points.

Prestonsburg trailed 28-10 after the first quarter. A 15-12 run by Prestonsburg in the second period cut into the margin, but they trailed 40-25 at the half.

John Dixon had six points for the Blackcats. Mark Burchett added four, while Josh Slone scored nine. Matt Slone and Josh Turner had two points apiece.

Prestonsburg fell to 0-6 on the season. The Blackcats will host Pikeville this Tuesday night.

## Bentley's Comments:

# UK'S DEMISE IS NO SURPRISE

by Rick Bentley  
Sports Columnist

Notes scribbled on wrapping paper:

• It seems the talk of the commonwealth this week isn't Christmas, millennium plans or taxes. No, it seems everyone is appalled that the Kentucky basketball team is no longer ranked in the nation's Top 25.

Count me among the few not surprised the Cats aren't considered elite this week. I'm one of those who was trying to figure why they were there to begin with.

Everyone is trying to figure out what the problem is, and almost all the precincts have reported with everyone's explanations. So let me chime in here.

The problem isn't Saul Smith.

He's not great, but he's an adequate point guard. The problem isn't Keith Bogans, although he need not try so hard. His time will come.

And as bad as it pains me to type, the problem isn't Jamaal Magloire. He's a problem, all right. He's one the Royal Rick Pitino should have taken care of long ago. But he's not the problem.

The problem is that Kentucky lost two fairly talented players last spring and replaced them with no one. And the problem is one of the heralded freshmen died last March, and was replaced by no one.

Add those three guys to this team, and suddenly it isn't so bad after all. There's much more depth inside, and another decent, but not great, guard.

These Cats weren't going to be world-beaters, but with any luck at

all, they would have been Top 10.

But anyone who thought Magloire was going to lead an elite basketball team was fooling themselves. If a thug leads, it's down the wrong path.

Here's hoping the slide only lasts a year.

Good luck, Mr. Smith.

• I'm not overly fond of "East Ridge", the name of the still-to-be-started school which will consolidate Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard. But I like it better than the working name, which was "Cumberland Valley."

We already have a "valley", and this Cumberland thing is confusing enough as it is. Cumberland, the town, is in Harlan County, and Cumberland, the college, is in Whitley County. I'm glad we didn't decide to add to the confusion.

• If you missed it, try to pick up a copy of this week's column by Bob Watkins. As usual, my friend was "on" when he sat down in front of his keyboard.

If you can't find a copy of the paper, it's at [www.bobwatkins.com](http://www.bobwatkins.com).

Here's an excerpt. He was talking about writing columns, and was right. But had he been referring to life in general, he'd have been just as correct:

Hitting "a homer" some days was good, but mostly life is singles and doubles with a triple now and then.

Poetry.

• Great. This is just what we need. President Clinton announced earlier this week he supported Pete Rose's efforts to get reinstated by Major League Baseball.

Now it'll never happen.

• Phelps is lucky to have James Mercer at its school.

Here's a guy who has two chil-

dren playing college athletics, yet stayed on as girls' basketball coach because it's what was good for the school.

Then, when the boys' coach stepped down days before the season opener, he made the move and took over that team. Again, it was what was best for the school.

Not everyone is as willing to make such moves. Mercer's Lady Hornets had lost quite a bit from last year, but still, at least he'd had the summer to groom them as he wanted them. With the boys, he saw them four days before opening the season.

• Leave it to Danny Adams.

While some (blush) had proclaimed it finished before it started and others saying Pikeville, Paintsville, Johnson Central and South Floyd would battle it out, it turns out there's a reason to play this season after all.

With all due respect to Pikeville,

Paintsville was the most dominating team of the summer. When the Panthers and Tigers met in late summer at the Pikeville College Team Camp, Paintsville took the lead early and was never challenged.

But Tuesday night, Danny Adams sent a message loud and clear to the 15th Region when his Magoffin County Hornets knocked off their 57th District rival Tigers.

Play the season, he said. Do whatever it takes, he said.

And while Paintsville and Johnson Central are very good, he said, don't forget about Magoffin County, he said.

Sorry, coach. How could we have ever doubted you?

• At the risk of being political or controversial, you've got to admit, this is a good question: How do you start with 12,000 seats at \$13 million and wind up with 6,700 seats at more than \$23 million?



LONDON HALL (10) OF SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE SCHOOL handled the basketball against the Betsy Layne Bobcats Thursday night at South Floyd. The Raiders won easily over the visiting Bobcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Raiders

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"I told the kids in the locker room this is only a taste of what is to come," said the South Floyd mentor. "We are going to work harder than ever because the kids are seeing more and more every day of what we are achieving."

Allen Central came out with the hot hand at the onset and went in front 11-3 before South Floyd could get in the game. But Coach Webb said it was not unexpected.

"Allen Central always comes out hot," he said. "I told the kids don't be surprised if they come out and jump up 10 to 12 points. They come at you with a lot of intensity. We sustained their little run early. We came back. I really think we wore them down. I think they were tired at the end of the game. I feel our pressure got to them. We played with a lot of heart tonight."

Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin was hit with a technical foul with less than two minutes to play in the second quarter. Martin questioned the way the game was being called more than thrice. Even the fans, from both sides, were also questioning the officiating.

With two excellent teams on the court, the game was an excellent one to watch. It was a 13-13 game after the first quarter. Down by eight, South Floyd rode the inside play of Jimmy Stumbo back into the game. Coach Webb said Stumbo was getting better and better.

"Jimmy is one of the most improved players we have," said Coach Webb. "He is controlling the paint for us and he is an excellent player. Jimmy works hard and has an excellent attitude."

The game was tied three times in the second period and the lead exchanged hands five times before South Floyd went on a 7-0 run that netted them a six-point lead, 29-23.

A layup by Rusty Tackett, a three-pointer by Hall and two free throws by Stumbo with 4:19 to play gave the margin to the Raiders.

Hall, using his quickness, scored the next five points for South Floyd, which opened up a 40-28 lead. Howell and Scott combined for the next five Allen Central points and the Rebels trailed 40-33. South Floyd led 45-35 at

the break.

The second half for the Raiders was marked by some superb passing and unselfish play. South Floyd passed over and around the Allen Central pressure defense and ran out to a 64-52 lead after three quarters. Coach Webb said his ballclub could do better. What?

"Can we get any better? Yes," he said. "Can we play any harder than we did tonight? No. I think, if you look, we shot the ball horribly in the first half. Ryan Shannon played an excellent floor game, but I don't think he made a shot (he made one). Every time on the floor this team plays hard. We can't play any harder than we did tonight. Can we get more shots to go down? I think so."

South Floyd's 1-2-2 trapping zone defense caused Allen Central problems in the third quarter as the Raiders opened up 13-point lead. But Allen Central came back and cut the lead six, 58-52, with over two minutes to play.

Two crucial turnovers by Allen Central allowed the Raiders to extend the lead back to 12, 64-52, after three quarters.

The biggest lead of the game for South Floyd came in the fourth quarter when Kyle Tackett sank a three-pointer that gave the Raiders a 78-61 advantage. The Rebels could never recover.

"It's an unbelievable fact, but this is the first time in school history we have beaten Allen Central," said Coach Webb. "The crowd's up, the kids are up. I can't feel any better for a group of kids."

"We came out tonight and I thought we were the aggressive team. I felt we outplayed them. They are an excellent team and they play hard. Coach Martin does an excellent job with them."

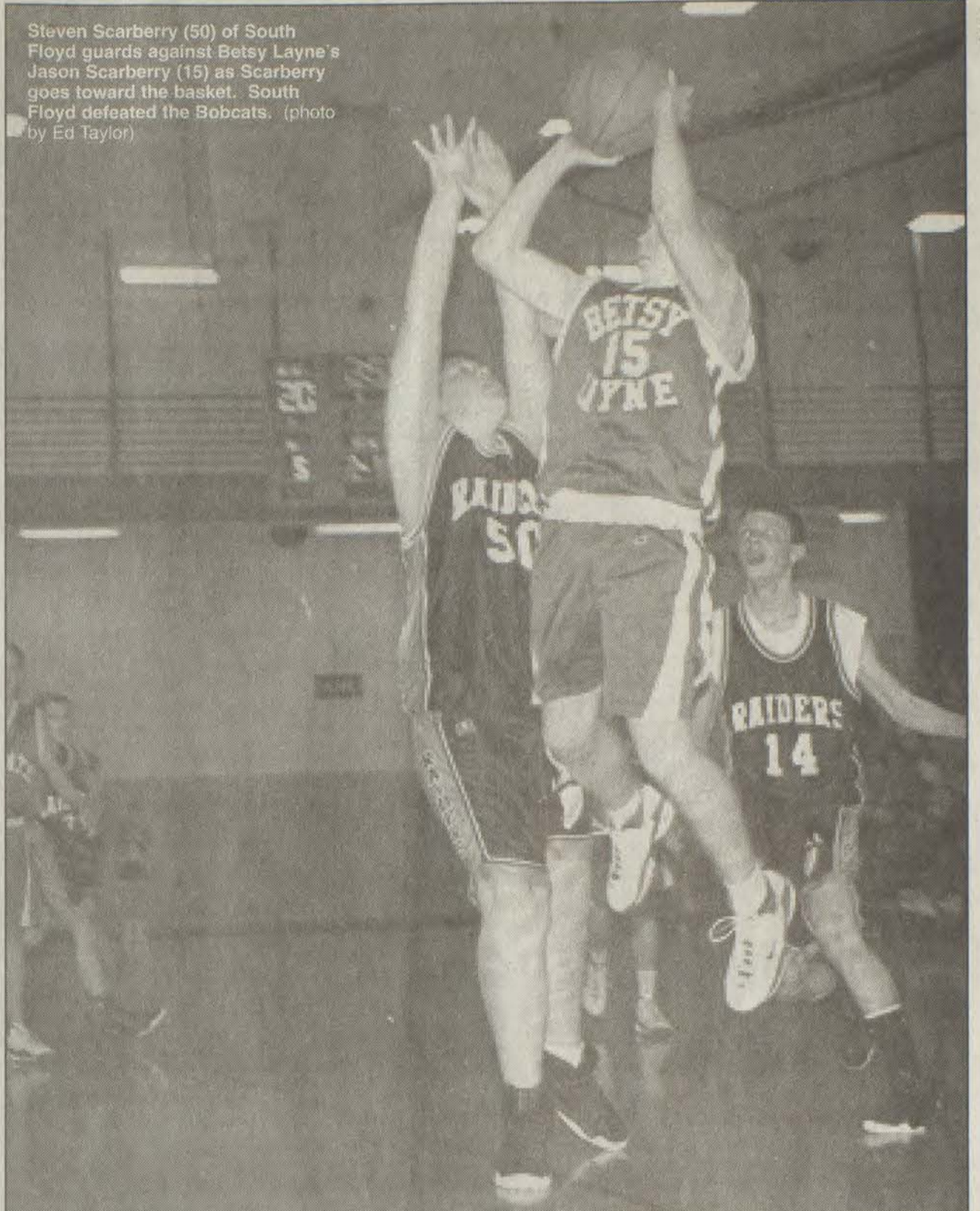
After the game ended, the two coaches met at center court, embraced and conversed before going to their respective locker areas.

South Floyd travels to Paintsville Tuesday night for a date with the Paintsville Tigers. Allen Central will meet Betsy Layne at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse for a conference game.

South Floyd's Kendice Mitchell (41) scored on an easy basket underneath against Allen Central. Mitchell fouled out of the game with four points but Allen Central pulled out a 50-39 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Steven Scarberry (50) of South Floyd guards against Betsy Layne's Jason Scarberry (15) as Scarberry goes toward the basket. South Floyd defeated the Bobcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)



# From the Tackle Box...



by Jim Lyons

If the gift you receive this year is a fishing rod, you should accept it gracefully but be aware that it should be reasonably matched with a reel and line to achieve the maximum performance from it. Now I know that most anglers don't practice this careful selection. I'm not suggesting that everyone should be this picky. You may catch as many fish as the next one, on a string tied to a pole.

These, of course, are suggestions to those who may want to fine tune their fishing equipment. This information may be already known to most avid experienced anglers. However, I know by experience that you never stop learning.

When I'm not fishing I like to read about fishing. When I'm not fishing or reading, I like to talk about it. Over a period of time you will develop your own preference, along with your own style of fishing. Some make up special

outfits to suit the type of fishing they prefer.

When outfitting yourself with fishing equipment, you may want to check the particular instructions and recommendations for the rod and reel that you have. If you try to pair a rod that is recommended for lower pound test line, with a reel that is rated for heavy duty line, then you may be dissatisfied with its service. It is best to match rod, reel and line selection to a particular outfit.

Most bass anglers like to outfit themselves with several rods of different lengths and varying flexibility. Some are relatively heavy duty and stiffer than most commonly used rods. This especially is very important if you are going to be horsing the fish out of the water and into the boat. This is a common practice for professional anglers.

A fully outfitted bass angler may use several different type rods in a day's fishing trip. When bait casting, they may choose a rod of 60 to 72 inches. When using a spinning rig, they select a longer rod, while a fly fishing rod may be as long as 120 inches.

Bass are found in weed beds and stickup areas. Anglers fishing these areas, may choose a rod of more resilience. The line should also be in the 10-15 pound range. When fishing these areas, after casting hold the rod tip high, keep enough slack out of the line so that you may feel the stake. Immediately set the hook and keep a little additional pressure on the line.

This pressure will help to prevent the fish from wrapping the line around grass or brush.

Anglers fishing close to trees that hang over the water or in shallow lake areas with cattails may use a casting method called 'flippin'. 'Flippin' is accomplished when you flip the lure upward and out with a short upward snap of the rod tip, releasing the line at the same time, then allowing the lure to sink. Rods that lend themselves well to this technique are in the medium power, 84-inch range.

When casting underneath boat docks or low bridges, it is important to keep the lure in a lower trajectory, traveling parallel to the surface of the water. A shorter medium-weight rod of

72 inches will perform well for this type casting. This is accomplished using a horizontal pitching action with the rod.

A short stiff rod will not hold a jumping bass as well as a longer and more flexible one. The rod that most bass anglers prefer is in the 84-inch range and with medium power. The rod will bend and keep an even pressure on the hook. It will also cushion the pressure on the hook so that it doesn't tear out of the fish's mouth. This is especially important when fishing for crappie. They have a very soft mouth. With a stiff rod it is easy to tear the hook out of their lip.

A lot of anglers, including myself have lost large bass right at the edge of

the boat. This is due to lowering the rod tip toward the water. When the rod tip is lowered and is no longer bent, the fish has a straight pull on the line, without the spring action necessary to keep an even pressure on the line. Many times this will let the fish escape right before your eyes. Always keep the rod tip up and bent until you have the fish in your hand or net.

When selecting a rod for trolling, you want it to be extra stiff. If you don't want to carry an extra rod for this purpose, a pitchin' rod of about 72 inches in length will do a good job. I have made the mistake of trolling without checking for the proper amount of drag set on my reel. In this case, if the lure hangs, you may either lose your lure or damage your rod. SET THE DRAG.

Most rods suitable for bass angling are constructed of high modulus graphite. These rods are designed to transmit the strike of a fish to the hand. You get more sensitivity with this type rod and it is desirable when you want

to set the hook quickly. You may check this attribute by very gently taping the tip of the rod on a solid object. You should be able to feel the vibration from this gentle taping. Another desirable feature when selecting a rod is the number of line guides it has. Usually, the more line guides, the better the rod.

Examine your line guides carefully. Some guides are constructed from materials that may cause line damage. I purchased a rod that would wear a line out almost every fishing trip. I noticed the guides were made of a very soft alloy that was rusted in the areas where the line passed through the eye. This caused excessive abrasion on the line. Guides constructed from silicone carbide or aluminum oxide will not rust and will cause less damage than some other materials.

It is not important that you own a complete set of perfect fishing rods. What is important is that you go fishing and enjoy the ones you do have. See you at the fishing hole.

# Sports in Perspective

by Denis Harrington

The mandatory eight count is a good thing. It gives the referee an opportunity to observe the victim of a knockdown and determine the extent of his impairment. The National Football League would be well advised to implement this device.

Steve Young, San Francisco 49ers quarterback, and Atlanta Falcons signal caller Chris Chandler have suffered more serious concussions than did Sugar Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta and Willie Pep in their respective prize ring careers.

Once upon a time, NFL quarterbacks were among the most protected species in all of professional sport.

When Jim Parker, a gargantuan offensive tackle, came to the Baltimore Colts back in the 1950s, then head coach Weeb Ewbank spelled out his function in no uncertain terms.

Said Ewbank, "Jim, you're to be a bodyguard for (quarterback) John Unitas on the field. You're to protect him at all costs. If something happened to John, I don't know if I could forget that."

Should Norm Van Brocklin (Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia Eagles) be sacked during the conduct of his quarterbacking chores, he didn't hesitate to exorcise the person responsible for missing his blocking assignment.

"Look pal," he would say, "if you didn't come to work today then get the (bleep) out of here. I don't want my brains scrambled."

On one such occasion, as Otto Graham, Sid Luckman and Bobby Lane got rushed off their feet, the guilty members of the offensive line were severely disciplined and even fined.

Sonny Jurgensen, erstwhile cadence counter for the Washington Redskins, used to chide his blockers thus, "Fellas, I can't throw laying on my back. Give me a little time."

For years, protecting the quarterback from disabling injury was the most important order of business for any NFL team.

Has the priority changed in the modern era? No, not in the least.

Then what's happened that quarterbacks now are so much more prone to being knocked out of commission?

Much of the blame can be laid to the pro football rules makers, the guys in buttondown suits who people the NFL headquarters office in New York City. In order to earn their considerable keep they must ever contrive new ways to make pro football more excit-

ing and more marketable.

Only problem is they are not football folks. San Huff, a Hall-of-Fame linebacker with the New York Giants of yore, observed, "The new rules changes have altered the fabric of the game, and not for the benefit of the quarterback."

In the late 1970s the NFL powers that be made it legal for offensive linemen to use their hands while pass blocking. This broke with tradition of more than half a century, during which time defending the passer was restricted to contact with the head, shoulders, forearms and body.

Unites recalled, "Offensive lineman fired out on every snap, getting a piece of the defender and controlling him at the scrimmage line. This caused the defense to hesitate slightly because they had to read run first before rushing the passer. Back then, the pocket formed more quickly and the quarterback could get a throw off in two to three seconds. Sacks were much harder to generate."

Under the new rules, blockers retreat in "chicken-fight" positions and wrestle with the incoming defenders. This requires the quarterback to drop deeper which allows the pass rushers more opportunity to converge. As a result of the QB ends up scrambling away from his protection and becomes "white meat" for blitzing linebackers and safeties. The likes of such defensive stars as Lawrence Taylor and Reggie White made their much-publicized reputations under these favorable circumstances.

Noted Huff, "When Steve Young gets hit 21 times during a game, something is drastically wrong. Today, quarterbacks fall like flies."

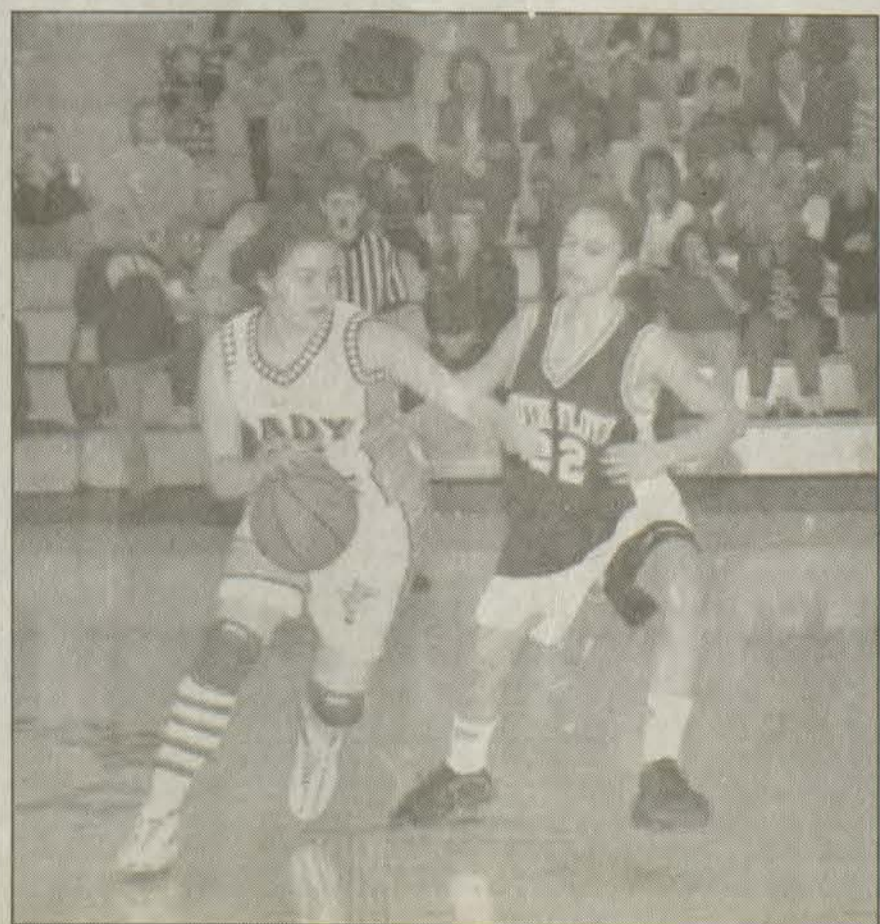
With more than half of the 1999 NFL season yet to be played, the starting quarterbacks of six teams have already been sidelined with injuries. It can only get worse if offensive linemen aren't allowed to attack, instead of being passive in their responsibilities.

Until there's a change, the QB carnage bodes to continue unabated.

## 58th District Basketball Standings

WOMEN		
TEAM	OVERALL	CONF.
Allen Central	4-2	1-0
Prestonsburg	3-3	0-1
South Floyd	5-4	0-1
Betsy Layne	3-4	1-0
MEN		
TEAM	OVERALL	CONF.
South Floyd	7-1	3-0
Betsy Layne	3-2	1-0
Allen Central	3-3	1-1
Prestonsburg	0-6	0-1

Saturday night games not included



TWO FRESHMEN BATTLE EACH other on the hardwood Friday night as Erin Majahey (23) brought the ball up the court against Valarie King. Allen Central pulled out a 50-39 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# insider golf

by t.j. tomasi

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## TEERING OFF

### Golf's Young Guns Are Ready to Take Aim at Tiger

In last month's PGA Grand Slam, Davis Love shot a remarkable 7-under-par 29 on the front nine and played almost perfect golf that first day to crush Jose Maria Olazabal 6 and 5. Only 24 hours later, outthit and outplayed, he shot a ragged 1-over 37 on the front nine to Tiger Woods' 32, and lost the match 3 and 2.

Love, perennially one of the tour's longest hitters and most confident players, said meekly: "He got 1-up on an eagle, and when he gets off like that, he's hard to beat. I could feel the door closing." And this was only the second hole!

Are PGA Tour players conceding the tournament when Tiger shows up? David Ferhety, former PGA Tour

player turned golf's wittiest TV analyst, suggested that to stop Tiger from winning everything, fellow competitors should pool their money and pay Tiger to stay home. Ferhety called it "disappearance money."

Hold on a minute! There are a bunch of young guns, and one hungry shark, who think the door is still wide open, and they're preparing to step through in 2000, Tiger or no Tiger.

At this year's PGA Championship, Sergio Garcia, 1999 European Tour rookie of the year, finished second in a captivating shoot-out with Tiger. Garcia won two tournaments and \$1.5 million on the European Tour. At 19, El Niño is too young to know

the sound of a closing door, and his plans for 2000 call for many more visits to the American PGA Tour.

In November, 18-year-old Aaron Baddeley became the youngest winner in the 95-year history of the Australian Open. This amateur — yes, amateur — shot 14 under-par to beat veteran professionals and champions Colin Montgomerie and Greg Norman.

Reserved, almost Hogan-esque, Baddeley is Garcia without the effusive gestures, but he too is taking aim at the Tiger. "My goal," says Baddeley, "is to become better than Tiger. He's the benchmark, and I want to get better than the benchmark." No door closing there.

Young British star Lee Westwood, run over by Woods in last year's World Match Play Championships, will also increase his American PGA Tour appearances in 2000. Ernie Els, beaten by Woods in a playoff for last year's Johnny Walker Classic, is diligently working on a swing change to prepare for Tiger 2000.

Don't forget Greg Norman, who's been working hard on his swing. Word is Norman has not taken kindly to being forgotten. And David Duval is back in the weight room, building strength against the Tiger-itude that swept him away in 1999.

Tiger has set the stage for a new level of competition in the next millennium.

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** What is the correct way to mark your ball?  
— B.L.  
from Palmdale, Ca.

**A:** Brevity thy initials are B.L. I'm not sure if you mean "mark" your ball's position, or make a "mark" on the ball for identification. Either way it's a good question, so I'll answer it both ways.

**Marking for Position:** Rule 20-1 says you must mark your ball's position any time it's in play and lifted. If you don't, there's a penalty. You can use a ball marker such as a coin or a similar object.

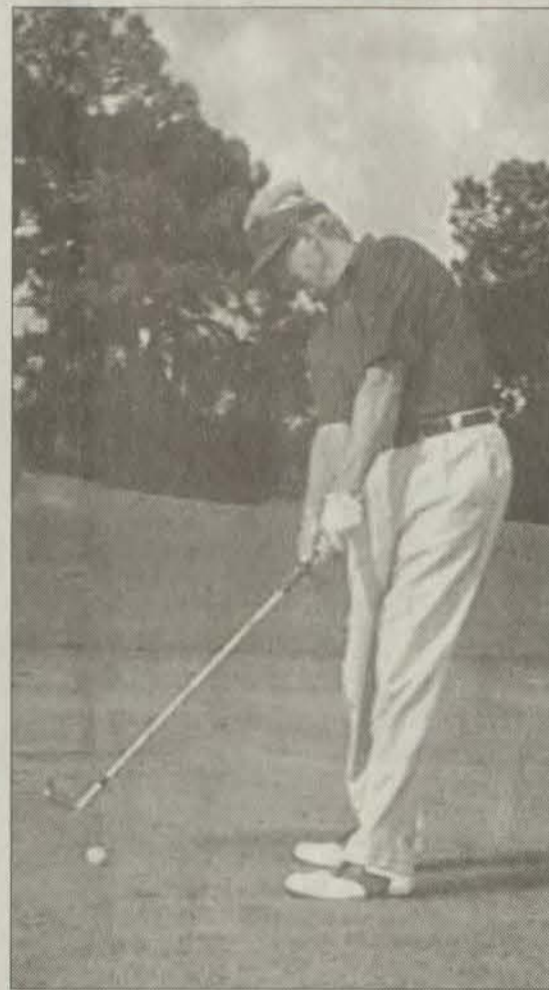
**Marking for ID:** Rule 27 says your ball is lost if you can't prove it's yours, so you need to mark the ball before you put it in play. Most players use a felt tip pen they carry in their bag.



Here are three easy ways to mark your ball.

To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Take your normal address position, then move the clubhead ahead of the ball as I am doing in the photo on the left. Now begin your swing from this position and let the momentum of the swing produce the key movements in your swing — the wrist action, body pivot, coil and weight transfer.



## DON'T MISS IT

### Original Skins Players

In the year 2000 (on Jan. 29), the same players who met in the first Skins Game 16 years ago will meet again in the Senior Skins Game: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Tom Watson. Back then, Watson made the first skin ever, worth \$10,000, with a birdie on the first hole. Player won the made-for-TV event by sinking a 4-footer on No. 17 worth \$150,000. Palmer won eight skins worth \$140,000, while Nicklaus had three for \$30,000.

Here's how they've done over the years.

	Skins	Senior Skins
Nicklaus	\$650,000	\$945,000
		Total: \$1,595,000
Palmer	\$245,000	\$965,000
		Total: \$1,210,000
Watson	\$660,000	\$0
		Total: \$660,000
Player	\$170,000	\$130,000
		Total: \$300,000

## GOLF SPOKEN HERE

### Address

Taking your stance and setting the club behind the ball in preparation to swing your golf club. Also called "setup."

## Momentum Is the Power Behind a Perfect

As kids, the closest most of us ever got to "perfect Mo" was the Three Stooges (Larry, Curly and Moe, the brains of the outfit). But there is another perfect Mo — a force called momentum, and it can be the brains of the outfit for you when it comes to your golf swing.

"Conservation of momentum" is an intimidating name for a principle of physics we see every day. A graphic example occurs when your car is traveling at 50 mph and you slam on the brakes. Everything that's not tied down keeps going forward with a shattering force, thanks to the car's momentum.

Momentum is power in motion, and if left alone it produces perfect motion. The problem is most golfers do not leave Mo alone; they try to consciously make the swing movements happen, and that ruins the motion. To make Mo your friend when you hit a golf shot, do the following:

Momentum is power in motion, and if left alone it produces perfect motion.

1. Set up correctly, and that involves grip, stance, posture, ball position, aim and alignment. This may sound like a lot, but it involves relatively easy skills that anyone can learn. Your movements can't be right if you start wrong.

2. Use the correct grip pressure. This is a little harder to do because the tendency is to squeeze the handle so tightly that Mo can't

cock and uncock your wrists correctly.

3. "Let" things happen rather than "make" them happen once you start your swing. This is tough because golfers often try to force the ball toward the target with a lunge or lurch at just the wrong time — and that alienates our friend Mo.

If you've taken care of these first three steps, Mo will carry you the rest of the way: Your wrists will set, your weight will shift when it should, and your right elbow will fold correctly; on the downswing the wrists will release, the weight will shift again and the right elbow will lose its bend on time.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Whoever wins this event is going to be the first person to win a tournament in the new millennium.”

—Tiger Woods about his Williams World Challenge invitational tournament at Grayhawk Golf Club. The 72-hole event runs from Dec. 29-Jan. 2, with the Pro-Am on Dec. 31

## BIRDIES & BOGEYS

### Senior Golf Going North

One of golf's best color commentators, and former two-time U.S. Open champion, Andy North turns 50 in March. He'll go directly to the Senior PGA Tour, a tour that should suit him perfectly with its short courses that require accuracy but not length. The best news is that North can still putt. Let's hope that the break from competitive golf hasn't caused North's swing to go south.

### Proof That Golf Has Arrived

Tennis doesn't have one, neither does football, baseball, basketball, soccer or car racing. What do golfers have that no other sport has? Our own TV channel. And this year two of golf's greatest athletes have been honored by the sports community at large — a proclamation of golf's newfound eminence in the sports world. Juli Inkster was voted Sportsman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation. Jack Nicklaus was selected as the Sports Illustrated Top Male Athlete of the Century.

### He Lost His Fanny



Nick Faldo

After 10 years Nick Faldo and long-time caddy Fanny Sunesson have parted ways. She is an asset that Faldo will miss. Fanny could freeze an unruly crowd from 200 yards with her demand that they "Stand please!" Her yardages were right-on. Most important, she was a good friend whom Faldo trusted, a quality worth its weight in pars and birdies in the dog-eat-dog world of professional golf.

Faldo, usually the "dumper," became the "dumpee" when Fanny agreed to carry Sergio Garcia's bag. The up-and-coming Garcia offers a lot more earning potential than Faldo. "Show me the money" is the tie that binds, even after 10 years.

### Drumroll, Please

Who will be Player of the Year? Sounds like one of those tough early questions on the TV show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" Here are the choices:

1. Ed Fiori, the only player to catch Tiger Woods from behind when Tiger was leading after the third round.
2. Bill Clinton's brother, Roger, the recent winner of the Camp David Open.
3. Donald Trump, who hasn't turned pro yet, but will if he's chosen Player of the Year.
4. Tiger Woods.

Let's consult a lifeline here: Ask the audience, phone a friend or eliminate two wrong answers. We'll take the 50/50 option, so out go choices 2 and 3. The correct answer is: Congratulations to Tiger Woods, 1999 PGA Tour Player of the Year.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Golfweek/Titleist Junior Amateur Rankings

(as of November 1999)

#### Boys

1. Hunter Mahan, McKinney, Texas
2. Christo Greyling, Orlando, Fla.
3. James Oh, Lakewood, Calif.
4. Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.
5. Chan Song Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.
6. Mathew Rosenfeld, Plano, Texas
7. Jason Hartwick, Sacramento, Calif.
7. James Vargas, Miami
9. Michael Barbosa, St. Petersburg, Fla.
10. Ryan Hybl, Colbert, Ga.

#### Girls

1. Candie KungKaohsiung, Taiwan
2. Virada Nirapathongporn, Bangkok, Thailand
3. Aree Song Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.
4. Leigh Anne Hardin, Martinsville, Ind.
5. Angela Rho, Fullerton, Calif.
5. Naree Song Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.
7. Yunny Cho, Diamond Bar, Calif.
8. Nancy Abieunas, Fort Collins, Colo.
9. Courtney Wood, Brentwood, Tenn.
10. Whitney Code, Tampa, Fla.

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

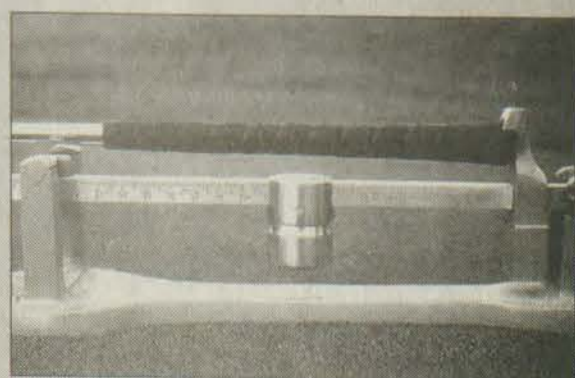
### Two Kinds of Weight

There are two ways to measure a golf club's weight — scale weight and swing weight.

If you weigh 180 pounds, that's the number you'll see when you stand on an accurate scale — it's your scale weight. So too when a golf club is measured for its actual scale weight or "ideal weight," say 13 ounces. If your clubs are the wrong weight, your swing will tend to be out of control.

The swing weight is the relationship between the length of the club and the amount of weight in the clubhead. How the weight is distributed determines the "feel" of the clubhead.

Swing weight should be the same for all of your clubs; it promotes a consistency of feel. But the scale weight differs for each, with your sandwedge being the heaviest. Your PGA professional can help you weigh



The swing weight scale measures differences in static swing weight represented by a combination of letters and numbers. C8, for example, indicates a very light-headed feel, and D7 a heavy-headed feel.

your clubs and determine whether they are right for you.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# Joe Thomas Shares Booty

After winning the recent 1999 Skeeter Team Jamboree on Georgia's Lake Sinclair, Ohio pro Joe Thomas made the kind of public gesture that no doubt endeared himself to his Skeeter bosses — not to mention team members from across the country.

Thomas, a three-time BASS Masters Classic qualifier and former Red Man All-American winner, overcame some difficult fishing conditions to win the two-day annual tournament. First prize was a fully rigged Skeeter/Yamaha package.

As he accepted the winner's plaque, Thomas graciously surrendered his new boat so that it could be awarded by random drawing to one of the state team members in the tournament.

"It is great to get a tournament win," he said. "But this tournament is really for the anglers here from all of the states who are directly helping their sponsoring dealers. I want this boat to go to them."

## Tim Tucker's Tour Notebook

**Red Man Raves** Ever wonder if interest in tournament fishing has begun to wane? Apparently not, if you consider that Operation Bass had a record 28,000 participants this past season on its Red Man Tournament Trail. Designed for the weekend angler, the one-day Red Man circuit just completed its 19th season.

**Bad Finances** Did you hear about the young pro who won a \$100,000 top prize in a major tournament last year — and used it to pay off a whopping \$60,000 in credit card bills? Seems he had been down to using his credit cards to finance his fledgling tournament career. Apparently, quite a few pros desperate to cling to their fishing dreams have taken that high-interest route to finance entry fees and travel expenses.

**Find a Guide** Many professional bass anglers supplement their income by guiding customers on their home lakes. In fact, most of today's bass pros got their fishing education as guides early in their careers.

Whether or not you are looking for a pro as a guide, an excellent way to locate a capable guide is by visiting GuidesNet, which is located at [www.lurenet.com](http://www.lurenet.com). GuidesNet, a free service of lure-maker PRADCO Inc., includes a database of more than 6,300 professional fishing and hunting guides across America.

**Life on Tour** If you would like a peek at what it's like to spend a year traveling and competing on the national bass circuits, here are two sources worth investigating.

First, you might want to read a book titled "Diary of a Bass Pro: A Year on the Inside of Fishing's Fast Track" by Joe Thomas. It would make a great Christmas gift for any fishing friend or relative. It is available for \$14.95 postpaid by calling (800) 252-FISH.

Second, you can check out "Life on Tour" on ESPN's Outdoors Web site ([www.ESPN.go.com/outdoors](http://www.ESPN.go.com/outdoors)). It is a nine-month-long continuing diary of fledgling pro Daniel Keyes and his wife, Annie, as they follow the bass tournament trail in a motorhome in pursuit of Daniel's dream of establishing a career as a professional angler.

## Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	26	Denny Brauer, Camdenon, Mo. Runner-up in 1999 Classic; still the man to beat
2	2	26	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. Won '99 BASS Masters Classic
3	3	26	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals
4	4	26	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. Won N.Y. BASS event; third in Md. Top 150
5	5	26	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. Runner-up in Vt. BASS Top 150
6	6	9	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up
7	7	26	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. BASS Mich. Top 150 finals
8	8	9	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. Won Md. Top 150; leads Angler of Year race
9	9	22	David Walker, Cannon, Ky. FLW Tour Angler of Year; 15th in Md. Top 150
10	10	26	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas. Finals of Vt. BASS Top 150
11	11	23	Clark Wendland, Cedar Park, Texas. Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up
12	12	6	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months
13	13	26	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals
14	14	16	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.
15	15	4	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. Calif. BASS winner; WON Bass Angler of Year

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

## Tips From the Pros

### Practice Turkey Calling

"It's never too early to break out the turkey calls and begin practicing for the upcoming spring season. While there are a lot of other elements involved in turkey hunting, you can practice enough before the season to become a competent caller. Having confidence in your calling ability is an important tactical advantage when the chips are down.

"It's best to practice outside. Besides not getting on your family's nerves, most turkey calls sound different out in the open. Many calls - particularly friction calls - sound different at a distance. Set up a tape recorder 20 to 30 feet away and tape your calling. The same goes for the diaphragm call. Since it's inside your mouth, you don't hear it exactly the same way it sounds some distance away.

"For basic calling instructions, most major call manufacturers offer audio tapes and videos. Many turkey-hunting videos also offer plenty of calling tips and techniques. Try to pick up a new tip from each video that you watch. And then put it into practice."



HAROLD KNIGHT is the co-owner of Knight & Hale Game Calls and one of America's most recognized turkey hunting pros.

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## YOUR SPORTS



WSSF Director of Programs Ellie Schad offers shotgun instruction at a clinic in Memphis.

# Taking Their Best Shot

## Group Aims to Increase Women's Participation In Shooting Sports

By STEVE GUST

Almost 15 years ago, a bored 31-year-old went channel surfing one Saturday afternoon. What she saw on television got her off the sofa and changed her life forever.

Shari LeGate discovered a sport that ended up taking her around the world, giving her a new occupation, and even introducing her to her future husband.

What did she see on TV that day? A shooting competition.

"I saw it and thought, 'Hey this looks interesting,'" she said. "Before that, nobody in my family had ever hunted or even owned a gun."

She would go on to shoot competitively, and is now a driving force in the Women's Shooting Sports Foundation, a group formed in 1993 to encourage and support women's shooting with both guns and bows. Based in Colorado Springs, the organization now has about 5,000 members, LeGate said.

LeGate's shooting career started at a gun range in Phoenix. Most of the older men on the range weren't accustomed to seeing a woman shoot, she recalls. But with an old shotgun and cotton in her ears, LeGate set out to learn how to handle firearms properly and, eventually, competitively.

She got some help along the way from Richard Aitken, a competitive shotgun shooter, who offered her lessons. The two spent a lot of time together and found out they had more in common than just a love of the sport.

"It was cheaper to marry him than keep paying for the lessons," LeGate said.

LeGate would get better at the sport — a lot better. Within a year of that TV show, she was competing. At one event, she actually shot against Matt Dryke, the 1984 U.S. Olympic gold medalist she had seen on television. She lost to Dryke that day, finishing fourth.

LeGate continued to hone her shooting skills and moved into international trap. She made the U.S. shooting team in 1993 and won a gold medal in women's double trap at the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival. International competition took her around the world.

"I've been to so many parts of the world that I never thought I'd see," she said. "Even in the places where people don't speak the same language, the shooters know how to communicate."

It's that camaraderie and friendship that led her to become the director of the WSSF. Her extensive travels continue as she makes speeches and attends competitions.

A typical event was held in Guthrie, Okla., where shooters from age 16 to 60 showed up for the Oklahoma Ladies Shotgun Classic and Couples Cup Classic. There were trophies and prizes in excess of \$3,000.

But it is mainly the competition that LeGate enjoys. "Shooting is like any other sport," she said. "People ask me, 'Why do you shoot?' But why do people play basketball or golf? We shoot because it's competition and it's fun."

Unlike some sporting activities, shooting is an endeavor that includes older participants and men as well as women, LeGate said. There are other differences, too.

"In shooting you might actually find yourself competing against greats in the sport like Matt Dryke," she said. "It's not likely you're going to be playing basketball against Michael Jordan."

## FOR MORE INFO

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Michelle Neal shoots sporting clays while Cheryl Hansen looks on.

# Belly Boats Bring Hunters, Ducks Together

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

It was during the oil crisis of the 1970s that Marvin Belton discovered it.

It was after being forced to sell his boat after a divorce that Michael Walker discovered it.

It was during a record drought that Ernie Glover discovered it.

And all have been very glad that they did.

All are avid waterfowl hunters, and Glover is considered Lake Okeechobee's finest duck guide. They share a common bond in that each man, in his own way, discovered the value of using a belly boat to hunt ducks. And all are hooked on it.

Belly boats — basically, rubber inner tubes equipped with sling-type seats — have been used by fishermen for more than 25 years. Anglers have long known of the benefits of tube fishing: principally, access to waters that a boat can't reach and an ultra-quiet approach to fish.

But it has been only in the past few years that waterfowlers have discovered that belly boats have a practical application for their sport in a variety of circumstances.

Glover switched to belly boats during a drought and has used them regularly since then.

"Actually, belly boats are very compatible with duck hunting," Glover said. "A big advantage is that the tube gives you a low profile on the water, so it's easier to hide.

"You can hide in the thinnest vegetation and places where it would be hard to hide a johnboat. Since you are standing and not sitting, you are always in good position for shooting at birds coming from any direction. The better belly boats are much more stable than most people realize. And the average hunter doesn't have to worry about launching a boat, running a boat and hiding that boat."

Most tube-hunting enthusiasts say the belly boat also allows you to succeed with a limited number of decoys. Another facet of belly-boat hunting that both Belton and Walker enjoy is the fact that they can hunt alone with the ability to head for the water at a moment's notice.

Shooting from a belly boat takes a little acclimation, although it's easier than shooting from most boats. One of the most obvious differences between hunting from a belly boat and other types of shooting is that the water cushions the recoil considerably.

Duck hunters living in areas where waterfowl season usually ushers in the cold times of the year may look at tube hunting as a chilly proposition. But, actually, a tube can be warmer than hunting from the bank or a boat. In sub-freezing conditions, the belly-boat waterfowler's lower body is in 32-degree water, while a hunter sitting on shore or in a boat can be exposing his or her entire body to more severe temperatures.

To combat the cold, North Carolina's Belton uses a quality pair of lightweight insulated waders. He also wears long underwear, wool clothing, a ski cap, a down jacket and gloves.

Flip Pallot of Mims, Fla., uses a belly boat to hunt ducks in the Everglades.

Steve Gust is a writer in Edmond, Okla.



Flip Pallot of Mims, Fla., uses a belly boat to hunt ducks in the Everglades.

## GEAR AND GOODIES

### New Tank Keeps Bait Alive, and Lively

For decades, fishermen have been searching for a fairly compact and reliable way to transport and keep live bait alive (and lively). Bait Solutions' Bait Tank might just be the answer to that age-old quest.

It resembles — and is based on — the large orange drink dispensers that road and construction crews have used for years. That insulated outer shell provides the necessary temperature control for maintaining a healthy supply of bait.

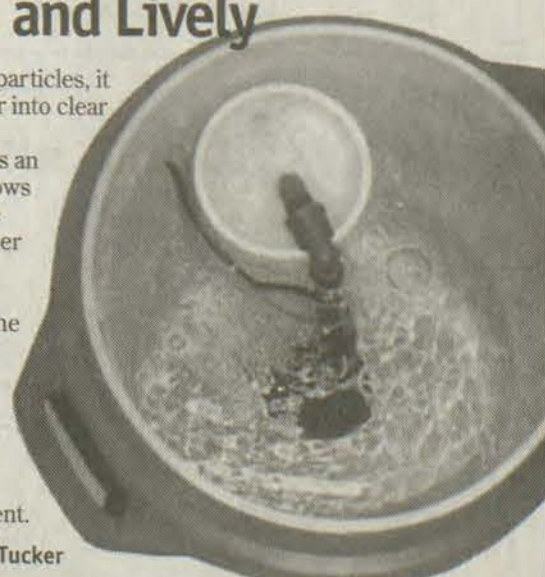
Inside is the ingenious part of the system. A mechanical filtration system (an element missing in most bait tanks) pumps tank water at a rate of 500 gallons an hour through a patented strainer cup. By filtering out suspended particles, it can change murky water into clear water in about an hour.

The 10-gallon tank has an aeration system that allows some air to mix with the water spray in the strainer cup.

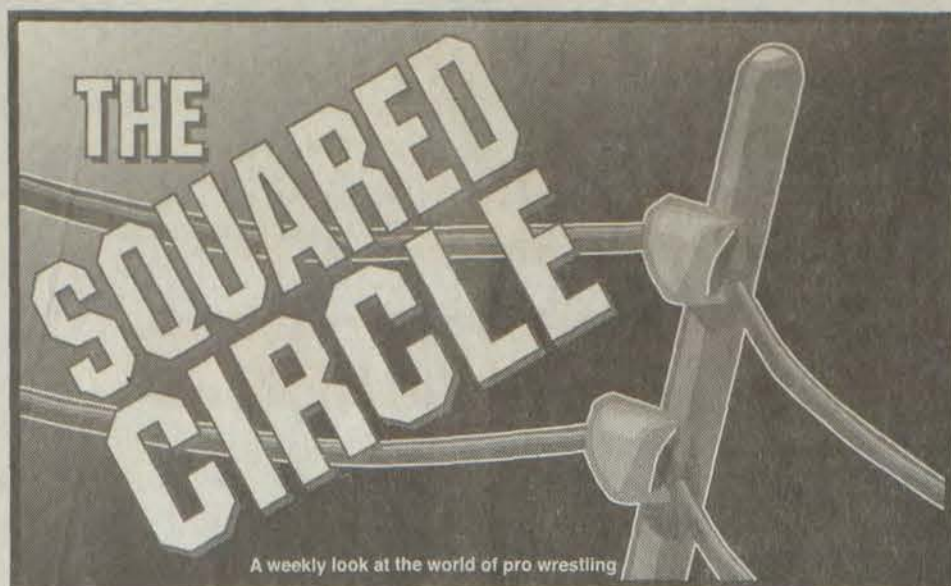
Designed for maintaining live shad (the most difficult baitfish to keep), this tank takes the worry out of keeping live bait alive. Its power supply operates on a 12-volt battery or 110-volt current.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Bait Solutions at (937) 339-3712.



Filtration system is visible in this top view of the Bait Tank.



A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

**TOP 10**

1. The Big Show, WWF
2. Bret Hart, WCW
3. The Rock, WWF
4. Mike Awesome, ECW
5. Triple H, WWF
6. Rob Van Dam, ECW
7. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
8. Lance Storm, ECW
9. Kane, WWF
10. Sid Vicious, WCW



■ LASH LEROUX



■ LANCE STORM

Look for: The Ragin' Cajun, Lash LeRoux, to keep getting a push in WCW.

**PAY-PER-VIEW**

- ECW, Guilty As Charged, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 9
- WCW, Souled Out, Cincinnati, Jan. 16
- WWF, Royal Rumble, New York City, Jan. 23

**MAILBAG**

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.

Give us your feedback on wrestlers or issues you'd like to see on this page.

Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@cosmg.com. Please include your hometown.

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Dear Squared Circle,

Where is the new wrestler that KISS introduced? Who are the powers that be on WCW? They are ridiculous. What happened to good, old-fashioned wrestling matches? Wrestling is wonderful sports entertainment, but now the storylines are getting too far-fetched with both WCW and the WWF.

—Sheila Boyers  
Cincinnati, Ohio

A. That was Bryan Adams, since released by WCW. The Powers That Be are Vince Russo and Ed Ferrara (doing the Oklahoma character). Creative Control is the tag team formerly known as DOA in the WWF.

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Dear Squared Circle,

My brother-in-law is the biggest Rock fan you ever care to meet. But we can't seem to find much info on the man behind the persona. Could you tell me his given name, hometown and ethnic origin?

—Sean McCoy  
Arvada, Colo.

A. Duane Johnson played football at the University of Miami. He is the son of former pro wrestler Rocky Johnson and grandson of Chief Peter Maivia. He is from Allentown, Pa., and is of black and Samoan origin.

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Dear Squared Circle,

I am totally disgusted with the WWF and how they promote wrestling. They have turned something that was very entertaining into a soft pom, occult and controversial travesty. I won't even watch WWF anymore because they are so devoid of morals.

I do enjoy WCW, but even they, in trying to play catch-up, are sacrificing morals and the purity of it in order to win ratings. Just let 'em wrestle.

—Gary Collins  
Oklahoma City

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



The Big Show vs. Big Bossman, WWF

**CATCH PHRASES**

"It's not just the coolest. It's not just the greatest. It's just incredible."

—Justin Credible

**REAL NAMES**

Stevie Ray

Steve Lane  
6-5, 275

Hometown:  
Harlem, N.Y.

Birthday:  
Aug. 22, 1958

Pro debut: 1989

**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ May 27, 1960: Edouard Carpentier beats Lou Thesz in Los Angeles to retain the WWA heavyweight title.

■ August 27, 1985: ESPN airs wrestling for the first time as it begins broadcasting a weekly AWA program.

**WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT**

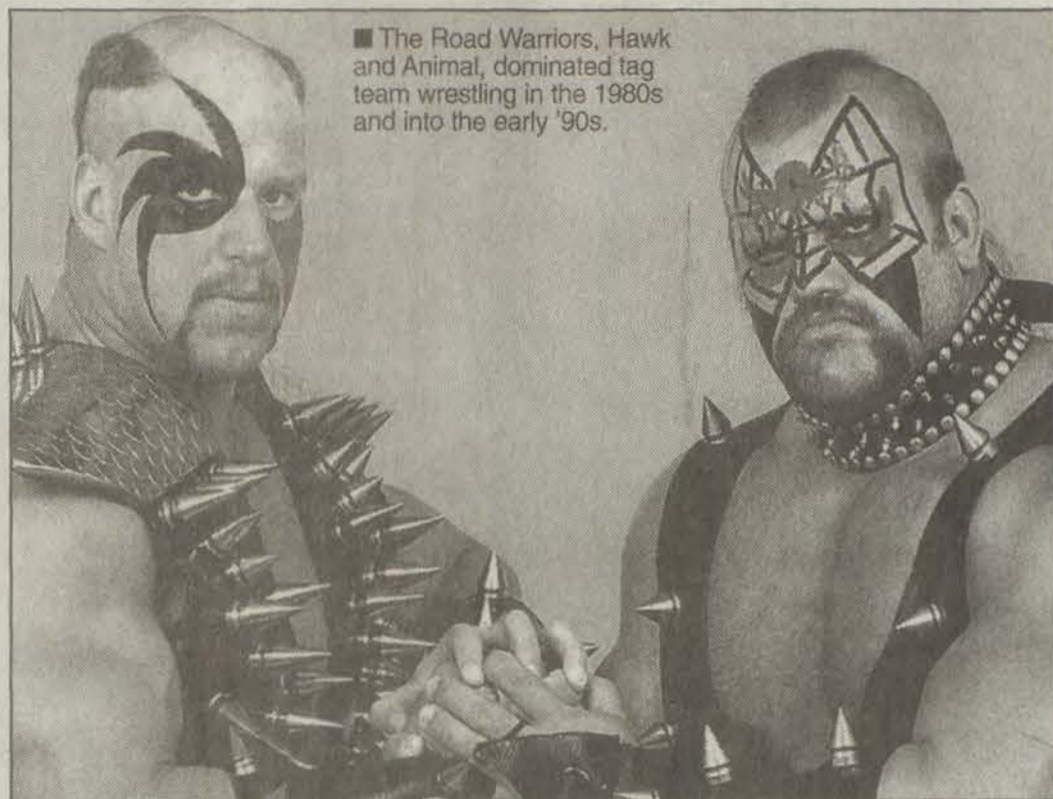


Chris Candido: Back in ECW with girlfriend/manager Tammy Lynn Sytch, this well-built wrestler is already feuding with Raven and Tommy Dreamer.



Bob Backlund: Former WWF champion, he now is running for a congressional seat. His main campaign strategy is to set up a booth at WWF house shows.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



■ The Road Warriors, Hawk and Animal, dominated tag team wrestling in the 1980s and into the early '90s.

**ROAD WARRIORS TOP TAG TEAM**

By Josh Zartman  
Squared Circle Correspondent

After countless weeks of hard work, no sleep, cold pizza and massive migraines, the great minds of The Squared Circle came up with a list of the top tag teams of the 20th century.

1. Road Warriors — Without a doubt, the best team of pro wrestling is the Road Warriors, Hawk and Animal. Also known as the Legion of Doom, the duo won four world tag team titles in three different federations over a period of eight years. Sporting the spiked shoulder pads and "Ohhhhhhh, what a rush!" entrance music, Hawk and Animal went on to win their first title in the American Wrestling Alliance (AWA) in 1984. They held the belts for a year before losing them to Jim Garvin and Steve Regal. But this marked only the beginning for the Road Warriors.

L.O.D. went on to hold the WCW tag team championships from Oct. 29, 1988, to April 2, 1989, defeating many tag teams along the way. The duo dominated the scene from there on out, also winning two WWF tag team titles, the last being in 1997. In between, Hawk and Animal were a mainstay in Japan and competed in many international matches and wrecked havoc in the IWGP.

2. The Steiners Brothers — The Steiners were a unanimous decision for the second best team of all time. They have won a total of 10 world tag team titles and have also competed on the international level. Rick and Scott were All-Americans at the University of Michigan and dominated the tag team scene along with the Road Warriors.

Among the titles were six WCW titles, two WWF straps and two IWGP titles. A recent ring injury to Scott Steiner has put a halt on the comeback of one of the sport's toughest teams.

3. Ricky Steamboat and Jay Youngblood — Hailed as the first-ever WCW tag team champions, Youngblood and Steamboat held the straps on four different occasions, with their first title reign lasting more than 22 months. They became the first WCW champions when the Mid-Atlantic federation ceased to exist.

4. Dick the Bruiser and Crusher Litkowski — Known for their hardcore tag team wrestling, this duo held the AWA belts six times in a 12-year span.

5. The Fabulous Freebirds (Terry "Bam Bam" Gordy and Michael "P.S." Hayes) — The Freebirds

**The second 10**  
11. Harlem Heat, 12. Blackjacks, 13. Midnight Express, 14. Rock N' Roll Express, 15. Demolition, 16. Outsiders, 17. Ole and Am Anderson, 18. New Age Outlaws, 19. Dudley Boyz, 20.

held two WCW tag straps and dazzled fans not only with their outrageous hair and outfits, but their pure wrestling ability.

6. Am Anderson and Tully Blanchard — Anderson was the only man to be picked on this list twice (see second 10 of list), showing that he was not only a great singles wrestler, but also could carry a tag team.

Blanchard and Anderson held the titles twice in WCW in the late 1980s, showing exceptional chemistry.

7. The Grahams (Eddie and Dr. Jerry) — First-ever WWF tag team champions, defeating Antonio Rocca and Miguel Perez in 1957. Held the belts three times during their reign.

8. The Funk Brothers (Dory Jr. and Terry) — Legends of hardcore. Nobody wanted to mess with the Funk Brothers.

9. Professor Tanaka and Mr. Fuji — Held the WWF titles for about a year on their first reign, then won the titles two more times after that. Very good chemistry together.

10. Jack and Jerry Brisco — Not the "Stooges" early in their career. They went around the horn many times in their long careers.

**AFTER THE BELL**

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Steve Austin's surgery has been moved up to Jan. 27. While he won't return in time for Wrestlemania, he could work as a special guest referee. A full-time return to the ring appears unlikely, however. The back injury is serious, and Austin may be losing his zest for full-time wrestling. Reports indicate Stone Cold wants to pursue acting.

■ ECW is pleased with the work of Rhino. The young wrestler should be the foundation for the future of the company. He has a five-year contract.

■ "Nitro" reportedly is going to be on from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday nights beginning in January. Meanwhile, "Thunder" would move to the 9 to 11 p.m. slot on Wednesdays.

■ The symbol and the orange and black lights that appeared on the Titantron on "Raw" are promos for Taz's arrival in the WWF next month.

■ The Torch reported that Shawn Michaels has agreed to the booking plan that Paul Heyman has for him if he appears in ECW. Michaels would most likely be involved in some kind of angle with the Impact Players and Raven and Tommy Dreamer. The Torch said that although there have not been any official conversations between the WWF and ECW in regard to using Michaels, there are plans for the two sides to discuss the issue soon.



■ The Internet is rampant with rumors concerning Eric Bischoff and Randy Savage. Some reports have both going to the WWF, along with Diamond Dallas Page. There is so much misinformation out there that we're not sure who's going where. Stay tuned.

■ The depleted WWF roster will strengthen with the return of Undertaker (probably not until January) and Ken Shamrock (scheduled to be Dec. 17). Shamrock has received medical clearance to return after extended time off with neck injuries.

■ Shane Douglas wants to return to the ring in time for Starrcade, but his doctor is saying that he should wait until February or March to wrestle.

■ The Dow Jones News Service is reporting that the WWF expects its advertising sales for the fourth quarter to jump to \$33 million. Last year the sales were estimated at \$10 million.

■ Hector Garza, who was recently released from his WCW contract, signed a three-year deal with the AAA promotion in Mexico, where he will be given top billing. Dave Taylor also has been let go.

■ Toronto's Joe E. Legend has signed with the WWF and worked a couple of shows for them a few weeks back. However, they are having problems with his work visa. In the meantime, he's gone to Germany to work.

**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

- WWF...  
Dec. 20, "Raw Is War," Houston  
Dec. 21, "SmackDown!" Dallas  
Dec. 27, Greensboro, N.C.

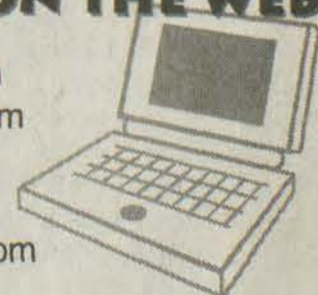
- WCW...  
Dec. 17, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Dec. 18, Jacksonville, Fla.



- ECW...  
Dec. 18, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Dec. 23, Westchester, N.Y.

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### ■ NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series

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### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 5,262	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 4,647	Jack Sprague, 3,747
2. Bobby Labonte, 5,061	Jeff Green, 4,367	Greg Biffle, 3,739
3. Mark Martin, 4,943	Matt Kenseth, 4,327	Dennis Setzer, 3,639
4. Tony Stewart, 4,774	Todd Bodine, 3,029	Stacy Compton, 3,623
5. Jeff Burton, 4,733	Elton Sawyer, 3,891	Jay Sauter, 3,543
6. Jeff Gordon, 4,620	Jeff Purvis, 3,658	Mike Wallace, 3,494
7. Dale Earnhardt, 4,492	Dave Blaney, 3,582	Ron Hornaday, 3,488
8. Rusty Wallace, 4,155	Jason Keller, 3,537	Andy Houston, 3,359
9. Ward Burton, 4,062	Mike McLaughlin, 3,478	Mike Bliss, 3,294
10. Mike Skinner, 4,003	Randy LaJoie, 3,379	Jimmy Hensley, 3,280

### TOP TEN

■ Top 10 Winston Cup teams as rated by NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton

1. Joe Gibbs Racing
2. Robert Yates Racing
3. Roush Racing
4. Hendrick Motorsports
5. Richard Childress Racing
6. Penske-Kranefuss Racing
7. Bill Davis Racing
8. Petty Enterprises
9. Team Sabco
10. Andy Petree Racing

Best and getting better He's shored up the 28 Five teams, or is it two? Jeff, Terry and Jerry who? If only Skinner could win Coming off tough season Hey, Ward, help is on the way Good for one win a year Somehow, they won a race Are the pieces finally in place?

### TOP TEN

Best races of 1999 as selected by NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton:

1. **GOODY'S HEADACHE POWDER 500, BRISTOL:** Dale Earnhardt won the season's most controversial race, bumping Terry Labonte from behind on the last lap and touching off a multicar pileup. Jimmy Spencer drove through the wreckage to finish second.
2. **DAYTONA 500:** Jeff Gordon outdueled Earnhardt on Earnhardt's favorite track. Gordon's late pass of Rusty Wallace, in which he drove his Chevrolet down to the track's apron and barely missed the slower car of Ricky Rudd, will be recalled in scores of future reminiscences.
3. **PEPSI 400, MICHIGAN:** Bobby Labonte prevailed in maybe the season's most competitive race, a five-way battle with Gordon, Tony Stewart, Dale Jarrett and Earnhardt. Ward Burton won the pole but finished last, thanks to an early crash.
4. **NAPA AUTOCARE 500, MARTINSVILLE:** In his first race with Brian Whitesell as crew chief — Ray Evernham resigned to head up Dodge's impending entry into the series — Gordon outdueled Earnhardt.
5. **COCA-COLA 600, CHARLOTTE:** Jeff Burton outdueled Pontiac teammates Bobby Labonte and Stewart, who had driven in the Indianapolis 500

6. **PEPSI 400, DAYTONA:** Jarrett barely had enough fuel to win the Daytona night race. The race ended under caution with Earnhardt running second. Joe Nemechek won the pole but could finish no better than 16th.
7. **WINSTON 500, TALLADEGA:** Earnhardt became the third driver to pull off a season sweep, and once again it was Jarrett who finished second. Nemechek won the pole, and Rudd finished third, matching his season best.
8. **TRANSOUTH FINANCIAL 400, DARLINGTON:** Jeff Burton crashed on the final green-flag lap but won when the race was shortened to 224.024 miles by rain. Mike Skinner relinquished the point lead to Burton. Stewart had his first top-10 finish.
9. **POP SECRET 400, ROCKINGHAM:** Jeff Burton won for the sixth time, and you guessed it, brother Ward finished second. Martin started out front but finished sixth.
10. **NAPA 500, ATLANTA:** Bobby Labonte roared up through the pack from 37th starting position to win for the fifth time. The race saw 38 lead changes, a season high

### 2000 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 13	Daytona International Speedway (Bud Shootout)
Feb. 20	Daytona International Speedway
Feb. 27	North Carolina Speedway
March 5	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
March 12	Atlanta Motor Speedway
March 19	Darlington Raceway
March 26	Bristol Motor Speedway
April 2	Texas Motor Speedway
April 9	Martinsville Speedway

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ NASCAR once had two Bud Moores, both from South Carolina. Spartanburg's Bud Moore was a legendary mechanic and car owner who won championships with Joe Weatherly and races with many drivers. "Little" Bud Moore, from Charleston, was a fierce competitor on short tracks but never quite turned the corner on Winston Cup (then Grand National) stardom.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

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The Pennzoil Motorsports 2000 show is scheduled for Jan. 14-16 at Fort Washington (Pa.) Expo Center near Philadelphia.

Among NASCAR drivers making appearances at "Autograph Alley" are Dale

Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park.

The annual trade show will feature more than 600 booths, with auto racing publications, part manufacturers, engine builders, speed equipment suppliers, accessory manufac-

urers, trailer manufacturers, tire companies, chassis builders, auto racing fuels, novelty items, collectibles, sanctioning bodies, speedway displays, sponsors and video producers represented.

The show will be open

from 1-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Another highlight is the annual U.S. Tobacco Ms. Motorsports pageant.

For more information, call Earl Krause at (609) 888-3618.

## THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

### PROFILE

## Robert Pressley

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Robert Pressley will forever be the answer of a trivia question because he is the driver who, in 1995, replaced Harry Gant in the famous Skoal-sponsored No. 33.

Pressley has not been able to capitalize on that legacy, though he was runner-up to Ricky Craven in the rookie-of-the-year race. Late in 1996, he moved over to Gary Bechtel's team, then moved to his present team late in 1997.

The high point of Pressley's career to date has been a third-place finish at Texas on April 5, 1998.

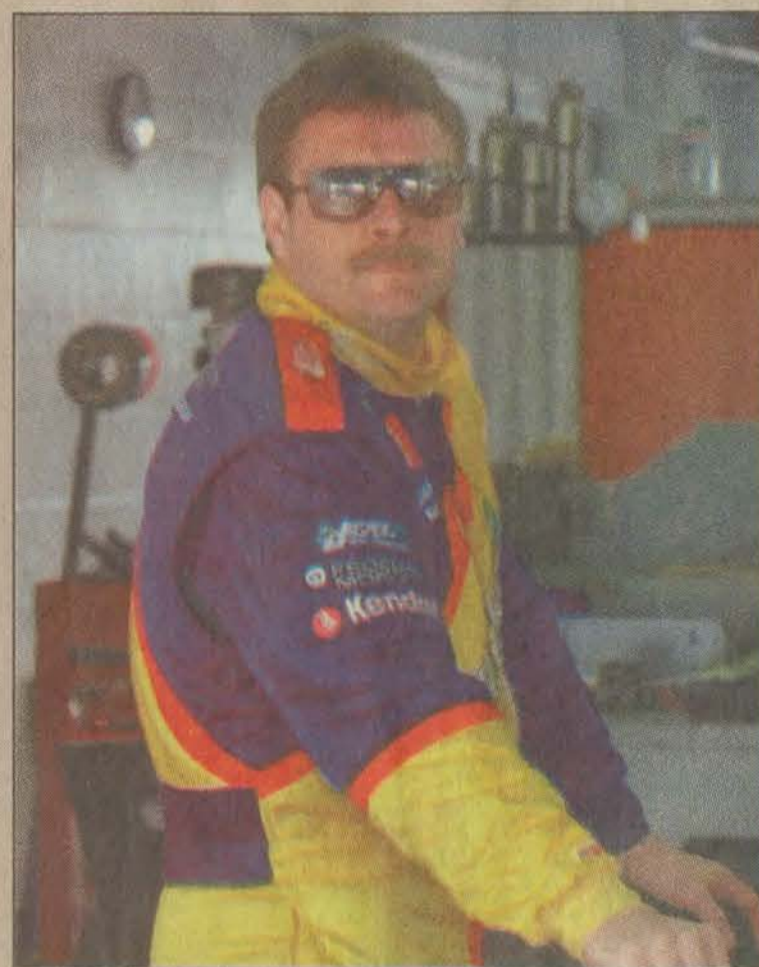
**AGE:** 40  
**HOMETOWN:** Born in Washington, D.C., but has lived for most of his life in Asheville, N.C.

**WIFE:** Gina  
**CHILDREN:** Coleman (11), Shelby (5)

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

**RECORD:** 136 starts, 0 poles, 0 wins, 3 top-five finishes, 5 top-10s, almost \$4 million in career earnings.

**FIRSTS:** Start (Feb. 20, 1994, at Daytona), pole (none), win (none)  
**WHO ARE THE DRIVERS YOU HAVE ADMIRER THE MOST DURING YOUR CAREER?** "I don't know if I'd use the word 'admire,' but I've enjoyed working with Rick Mast and Harry Gant. It is nice to see what Mark Martin has done. ... He gives a lot of help to younger drivers. If you want to mold yourself after someone, I would have to say Mark Martin. I guess my dad (Bob) was my biggest influence. He started racing in 1961. I have been going since I was 2. He never pushed us into it. My



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Robert Pressley has yet to win in 136 starts.

oldest brother, Charley, got me into it more than anything else."

**DO YOU PREFER FLAT OR HIGH-BANKED TRACKS?** "It doesn't matter. I would hate to run the whole season on either (kind of) track. That is the greatest thing about NASCAR, the way they have their schedule. We go from superspeedway to short track to road track. I believe if we had the same tracks, it would then become like a regular job, going to the same place every week."

**IS THE SCHEDULE GETTING TOO LONG?** "I don't think it really matters. As for myself, personally, it isn't as hard on the drivers as it is on the shop help. They pay the price at that deal. Drivers will be gone anyway, doing appearances. I would rather have more races, because that's what we love to do."

## Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Jeff Gordon has a new crew chief in Robbie Loomis.

■ **NOT:** Petty Enterprises is short one very important man.

## Trackside Trivia

1. Who won a NASCAR race by driving the only car left running?
2. Who was the only woman ever to race in the Daytona 500?
3. Who are the three Elliott brothers?

1. Curtis Turner, in the Convertible Division, at Asheville-Weaverville (N.C.) Speedway in 1957; 2. Janet Guthrie, in 1977; 3. Bill, Ernie and Dan.

### ANSWERS

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Loomis hired by Hendrick Motorsports

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then finished 12th, 11th, 10th and 10th in the season's final four races, dropping from fourth to sixth in the final point standings.

Loomis, 35, has been a crew chief since 1991, working with Richard Petty, Rick Wilson, Jimmy Hensley, Wally Dallenbach Jr., Bobby Hamilton and John Andretti.

**NEW CAR OWNER:** Tampa, Fla., businessman Tony Misuraca heads a group of investors who have purchased Cale Yarborough's No. 98 Winston Cup team. Yarborough, the only driver ever to win three consecutive NASCAR titles (1976-78), will retain minority owner-

ship, with the team being known as Misuraca-Yarborough Motorsports.

Misuraca owns motocross and supercross motorcycle teams. He will reportedly attempt to keep Rick Mast as the Ford team's driver and is also trying to renew a sponsorship with Universal Studios.

The deal was scheduled to have been consummated last Friday.

**IMAGINE IF YOU WERE STILL WINNING:** The pressure exerted on drivers off the track drew the attention of Darrell Waltrip in a recent interview.

It's getting to the point where the sport's stars barely have

enough time to fulfill their duties behind the wheel, Waltrip said.

"All of the drivers I have ever been around have never been able to say 'no,'" he added, "but with sponsors spending more money, wanting more races and more appearances, they want to capitalize on their investments. They want more than just their name on the side of the car."

"Drivers are racing the clock on and off the track. It's a lifestyle that has a great potential for burnout. I don't think people realize the stress race-car drivers live with. We are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When the phone rings, we know we have

## Your Turn

### Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Can't we fans at home watch just one race without all the interfering of commercials and stupid track facts?

Why can't HBO cover NASCAR?

Don Colvin  
East Palatka, Fla.

According to a NASCAR spokesman, one of the clauses in the new TV contract is a reduction in the number of commercial minutes. While in general NASCAR does not think pay-per-view coverage is wise, HBO could have made a proposal during the negotiations process, but apparently elected not to.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I would like to be a racer someday, but do I need to go to any schools or get any training to race a car?

Josh Gensel  
Shavertown, Pa.

The best training is probably available at a short track near you.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Did Dale Earnhardt race in any Busch races in 1999? If so, how many?

Alfred Smith  
Barnesville, Ohio

We assume you are not referring to Dale Earnhardt Jr., who has won the last two Busch championships. Dale Earnhardt himself has not raced in the Busch Series since 1994.

## Fan Tips

■ ESPN Video's latest NASCAR product is "Greatest Races," part of a collection of videos celebrating five decades of drivers, races and rivalries in NASCAR's storied history. Among the inclusions: the first Daytona 500 in 1959, which ended in a photo finish between Lee Petty and Johnny Beauchamp, and the 1992 fall race at Atlanta, where Richard Petty ended his career and Jeff Gordon began his, and where six drivers were in contention for the national championship.


### FOR THE KIDS

■ Many NASCAR fans build realistic scale models of their favorite drivers' cars. Among the recent releases (1:24 scale) from Monogram are Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Chevrolet Monte Carlo, which won the Busch Grand National title the last two years, and the Ford Thunderbird that his father drove for Bud Moore in 1982. Silxx, a decal manufacturer, has recently released three different sets of decals representing paint schemes used on Terry Labonte's No. 5 Chevrolet over the past two seasons, as well as Mike Skinner's No. 31 Chevy and the Busch Grand National cars of Mike McLaughlin and Jason Keller. We recommend that you visit your local hobby store first, but these products and many others may also be purchased online (www.bsrep.com) at the BSR Web site.



# FLOYD COUNTY Lifestyles

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## Local groups obey order to 'feed My sheep'

Story and photo by Pam Shingler

Help. That's what food banks in Floyd County do - and it's also what they need.

People who assist the poor say the need is greater this year and the resources fewer.

"They say the economy is good, but not for everybody," says Danny Caudill, coordinator of the Bread of Life Food Pantry at Boldman on the Floyd-Pike County line.

"A lot of what we see is the 'working poor.' A lot of people are working, but they don't have enough to cover expenses."

On the other side of the county, Sister Kathleen Weigand agrees the need for food bank services is "greater this year." The number of people served by the food bank at St. Vincent's Mission at David, which she runs, has doubled.

Joe Hornbaker of the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry at St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg estimates requests for help have increased by 100 percent.

Although more food is available for Christmas giveaways, most food banks were hurting during the fall. Government commodities and corporate donations were diverted to an even greater need - the hurricane victims in North Carolina.

The commodities typically come to God's Pantry, located at Resource Court at Cliff, in northern Prestonsburg. They include canned meat, vegetables and fruit, dried beans, pastas, instant milk product and other staples that will store for a long time.

Primarily through Chicago-based Second Harvest, God's Pantry also gets products donated by large food corporations. Companies typically give away the products that have near expiration dates or that did not sell during mass marketing efforts, according to God's Pantry-East coordinator Debbie Amburgey.

The donations allow food banks to stretch scarce dollars. For instance, this week, Amburgey had double boxes of Frosted Flakes for 70 cents, compared to many times that amount retail. A food bank could buy 56 boxes for \$20 and get back change, providing breakfast for 30 or so families for several days.

Amburgey also had a good supply of candy that will make a hit in Christmas baskets that many food banks are putting together for families with children who may not otherwise have many frivolous things in their stockings.

The larders of God's Pantry, which serves 168 agencies in 12 counties, are pretty full right now, but the bank accounts of the agencies are nigh on to empty - depending on how successful they've been in raising money.

The months when commodities and corporate donations



Baskets to fill

Joe Hornbaker shows off the practical baskets he and volunteers at Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry will fill for needy families. His operation, at St. James Episcopal Church, is one of 15 food banks in Floyd County which serve thousands of needy families. Workers agree that the need is up and resources are down.

were being sent to the coastal region put a tremendous drain on food banks locally. If they were to continue to serve needy families, they had to buy at retail prices.

Malta Harvey, who, with her husband Milton, volunteers with the Middle Creek Community Development Club, says the organization's food pantry has "run completely out of funds."

Among the smaller operations in the county, the Middle Creek group still managed to distribute enough food for 33,000 meals from January through November, serving about 400 families.

Harvey says the organization cannot afford to put turkeys in the Christmas baskets it distributes this year, but it will provide other foodstuffs in baskets to between 150 to 200 families.

They did include turkeys in baskets given out at Thanksgiving, thanks to members of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Hornbaker, whose Fishes and Loaves operation gave enough food for more than 52,000 meals last year, says volunteers are committed to preparing 35 baskets for Christmas.

They got a boost last week from the Christian Appalachian Project, which received a load of food from Cincinnati. Hornbaker and helpers had to go to Louisa to make the pick up, but he says it was worth the trip, considering

how much the goods were needed.

Gwen Hall, director of

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## Duff students collect food

The theme of 4-H lessons for December is the "True Meaning of Christmas," with each lesson focusing on giving, sharing and caring.

Fifth grade students of Billie O'Quinn and Karen Hall at Duff Elementary School sponsored a school-wide food drive to spotlight the concepts.

They collected data each day and plotted the information on a graph. At the end of each day a student would announce the room winner for that day. A bar graph was displayed in the hallway with the data collected

each day for five days. The classrooms with the most canned food items were Stephanie Lawson's first grade, first place; Charletta Martin's fourth grade, second place; and Lita Ray's second and third grade, third place.

The total number of cans of food collected was 1,054.

Students involved in collecting, counting, graphing and announcing were, front row, from left, Brittany Frasure, Tiffany Owens, Ariel Robinson and Mellissa Noble; back, from left, Andre Moore, Dagan Bickford and Megan Little.



## This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1959.

### OH, DEAR!

At least three Floyd County deerhunters have joined the "we-wuz-robbed" ranks. Each declares he killed a deer, only to have another hunter lay claim to it-and, worse, get away with the venison.

Which rather pleasantly reminds me that it pays to stick to fishing. Nobody yet has ever taken a fish off the other fellow's line...One of the fellows who lost his deer in this fashion says he's now convinced that not all those deer-hunting fatalities are accidents.

### REPORT FROM THE "FRONT"

The December doldrums have set in on me (just wait till I get caught in the January monsoons), and I am not up to digging overlong for material for this column.

So I am herewith printing a letter received from a guy with whom I've done a lot of fishing in my time, and who may owe this column a couple of sticks of type anyhow.

This fellow is temporarily detained by the Army at Fort Knox, and with unerring Army accuracy they have put him to doing the thing for which he was least fitted-cooking (double exclamation point).

And so it is that he writes in this vein: "It is truly wonderful, fixing food here at Headquarters. It gives me a real sense of pride to be able to say that I have, as of now, been cussed by every type of rank at Ft. Knox, plus one civilian dealer in cheap horse-meat, not C-ration but Kennel Ration.

"...the other day, General Butcher, the commanding general of Ft. Knox, walked in. Naturally, I was propped up against the wall, belching and scratching my brawny chest; when he came walking in ("strode in" is, I believe, the correct expression). All I noticed was that he was an elderly gentleman in uniform. But he was looking at me as if he expected me to do something. I just stood there eyeballing, and he stood there eyeballing me. Just then, I observed starlike objects on his uniform. My hair jumped up, parted in the middle and fell quietly to the floor. Before I could holler, "Attention!" the first sergeant did. The General just looked at me, sort of displeased, but didn't say anything. Silently, I knocked out two feet of wall and ran for the cracker-barrel, where I hid till nightfall.

"Really, though, the pause before somebody yelled "Attention!" wasn't enough for General Butcher to care about, and he didn't, thank goodness. He's the second general I've ever seen down here...

"Cooking over here is O.K., and I believe with a few weeks of rest and quiet and plenty of thin soup, I'll recover from it. One happy note: The mess sergeant shuns me and treats me like I had fleas. I don't mind that, but the fleas are bad.

"Well, I've got to get up and start cooking at 4 in the morning. Happy day (break)!"

### AND NOT A BROKEN RIB

Somehow, the story of Barbourville's efforts to keep the La Resista Corset Company plant there bemused me. Seems that the plant was bulging at the seams in spots, so the community strained a point and made room for expansion, thus relieving the squeeze. So the corsets stay.

### CORRECTION

And another story tells of the reporter's story that 2,055 pigs had been stolen from a certain farmer. The experienced, old copy-reader couldn't believe it. "That's a lot of pigs," he growled, and called the farmer to check the figure.

"Was it 2,055 pigs, that were stolen from you?" he asked.

"Yeth," came the farmer's lisping reply.

Thanks, said the copyreader, correcting the reporter's story to read, "two sows and 25 pigs."

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## Heavenly skies

## PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
Editor



Theresa Elkins of McDowell called Wednesday afternoon to report what she first thought was a blazing asteroid in the sky.

She checked with experts from afar - NASA, I think she said - and learned that the object was the planet Venus, the second planet from the sun and Earth's neighbor.

The conditions were apparently right for folks in this area to get a good look at the smallish planet which is a tad closer to the sun and probably a lot hotter.

Ed Taylor and I then went out onto Central Avenue and began craning our necks in hopes of seeing Venus. If you were passing by and you questioned what we were doing, now you know.

Unfortunately, a mass of dark clouds was floating in from the north, fast-moving and

ominous. We saw only brief patches of blue, the shapes of which changed with each cloud swoop.

The planet Venus is named for the Roman goddess of love and beauty. We need so much more of that in our lives. It was a shame to have missed this glimpse of her namesake.

Appropriately as Christmas nears, Elkins said the planet "kind of reminds me of the Star of Bethlehem."

Are you tired of rudeness, especially on the road?

In one short span the other day, I sat behind a driver who was searching for something in her car as the traffic in front of her moved on. At first, I saw no head in the driver's seat and thought, "Oh, no, someone's broken down."

But after a few seconds the head popped up, the driver realized she was holding up

traffic and zoomed through the yellow light. Several other drivers and I, who could have made the light if traffic had flowed as it should, had to wait.

At the next light, as I waited to turn left, the driver across the way from me, in the opposite left-turn lane, decided all of a sudden not to turn but to go straight, and he pulled - without looking - in front of another car, narrowly missing an accident.

By far the worst case of rudeness and downright insanity that day, however, was when dozens of cars ignored an ambulance that was trying to navigate through a busy intersection.

Its lights were flashing and its siren blaring, but cars kept moving and turning. By gum, they weren't about to wait for another light.

I am the worst when it comes to creating a separate world in my car. I have my own type of "surround sound." With windows closed, I let Bob Seger and Van Morrison

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# THINGS TO PONDER

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

'Tis the last week before Christmas and all through the house, everyone is stirring and the house is a mess. The dishes are piled high in the sink and the clothes are dirty, 'cause all have been shopping in a big hurry.

Supposedly, all are busy getting ready for the holiday that is automatically expected to bring warm feelings, good cheer, and concrete our love for our fellow man. Some folks seem to think that it will come together like the visions of sugarplums dancing in their head and shown repeatedly on TV.

Instead of being nestled and calm, it seems it is a screaming match at times children without rules run about. Moms are so upset that dads are quarreling about money that they don't have, being spent on ridiculous items, just because someone wants them for Christmas. Some moms are also upset that dads are drinking too much, plus cursing and hitting.

The question becomes, "When do they settle down for a long winter's nap?" The poor and the sick ask, "When can we get the bustling over and get on with business as usual?"

Besides buying all the gifts for Santa to bring down the chimney, there's all that "meeting and eating" at each major household of the family. Children will have to be rushed out of bed to go visit Grandpa just so many minutes before trooping to the "other" MamMaw's for Christmas dinner.

Instead of a luster of midday by new-fallen snow, many little feet will track mud into the house.

But, oh! Someone has forgotten! Dad and mom divorced dur-

*"Tis the last week before Christmas and all through the house..."*

ing the long hot summer and that brings on more things that must be remembered, such as visits counted by the hours and done by the legal books, with three hours "here" on Christmas Eve, and four hours "there" on Christmas afternoon.

Thus, everyone will feel as though they have had a chance to enjoy the children's Christmas. However, the purpose of Christmas may be forgotten.

Everyone will finally gather at the table with care. In some households the men will sit at the "first table," while women will wait in the kitchen. At other households, the grandmother will fix up the trimmings and you know them by name—turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry mess, pickles, and olives.

Then the young adults will arrive just in time to enjoy the combination of aromas connected with "good" childhood memories. They will be shocked when the worn out matriarch lays her apron down by the stove and without a word, gives a nod, and up the staircase she goes.

While in flight and straight up to bed for the rest of the day, she thinks, "Now, dash away! Dash away! Dash away!" Similar to dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, the men and the kids make scarce the pies.

While lying there resting with her eyes closed, the "grandmother of the day" has her own fantasies.

What if someone inquired about what she wanted to do? Why did they not know that she was so tired of being responsible for it all? Who will be saying, "Thank you for everything and next year it's on me?"

Then Granny may hear the dishwasher and even the little ones pitching in. Why they will be getting things together. Won't that be clever. She may start to see that the crew really does care, and that she had nothing to dread.

Granny will be so proud that her best linen will be made as white as the snow. Her eyes how they will twinkle when she thinks of the scene. She will feel so merry. She will even begin to feel like a right jolly old queen.

As she comes down the stairs after resting a night, Granny will sure be pleased when she sees the great sight. There will be one smiling face after another. They will be happy for making a difference in showing her that others really do care. The wads of wrapping paper and long pieces of ribbon will now be out of sight after the team makes it all, as clean as a thistle.

Then everyone will truly hug each other with care and so proudly say, "I'm so glad that we are here."

Finally at the end of the day, the mob will begin to drive out of sight, Granny and Grandpa will exclaim, "Happy Christmas to all, and isn't it nice to be quiet!" Merry Christmas!

# Lexington girl named Easter Seals National Child Rep. for 2000

Palmer Harston, a Lexington native and a 13-year-old student at Lexington Magnet School, has been named National Child Representative for the National Easter Seals Society.

She began her duties after she was formally announced as the representative at the National Easter Seals Convention in Puerto Rico in November.

Palmer was injured in a car accident in Nashville, in April 1995, which left her with complete paralysis in her legs. She began her recovery process as an inpatient at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Lexington, where she received intensive rehabilitation therapy services. She learned how to use a wheelchair, including navigation and transfers, and how to perform everyday skills such as dressing and performing routine household chores.

After four weeks of intensive therapy, Palmer was able to return to her normal routine at home, join her classmates for the end of the school year and again become actively involved.

Aside from being a strong student at school, Palmer leads an active and social life. She was recently chosen to be a member of the school's cheerleading team and is involved in her church's youth choir.

She takes weekly gymnastics classes, bowls in a league and plays golf and tennis regularly with her family. Palmer also takes modeling classes and enjoys riding her specially designed bicycle.

As Easter Seals' 2000 National Child Representative, Palmer will spend the upcoming year speak-



ing to groups throughout the country about how Easter Seals creates solutions that change lives for children and adults with disabilities and their families.

She'll share her special perspective on what it's like to be a child with a spinal cord injury with businesses, health care leaders and the international media.

Because Palmer says she

believes that people should see beyond her disability and see her as a person, her presentations will also focus on ability awareness.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with Palmer, contact Emily Strickland, community relations coordinator at Cardinal Hill, at 606/254-5701, ext. 5515.

## BIRTHDAYS



### Turns two

Byron Caudill turned two on August 2. He is the son of Darrin and Alicia Caudill of Melvin and the grandson of Buck and Ruth Keens of Melvin.



### Birthday

Chelsey Noel Couch will celebrate her second birthday on December 25, at her home in Langley. She is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch of Langley; the granddaughter of Colson and Debbie Couch of Garrett; Isabelle Prater and Ray Parsons of Hueysville; and the late Delbert Prater.



### Turns one

Chase Dalton Clark Hastings celebrated his first birthday at his home at Allen on November 29, with family and friends. His parents are Tim and Jessica Hastings. His grandparents are Mary Heater of Prestonsburg, Delano and Carol Jo May of Allen and Ritchie and Loraine Collins of Hazard. Great-grandparents are Doris Clark of Allen and Juanita Collins of Mare Creek.

## Anniversaries



### Golden anniversary noted

Earl and Gladys Howell of Hamilton, Ohio, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on December 23. They were married at McDowell on December 23, 1949. They have three children and two grandchildren. She is the daughter of the late Bill and Maggie Dye, and he is the son of the late Dee and Polly Howell.



### Ousleys celebrate anniversary

Taylor and Renis Ousley of Martin celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary with a dinner at Shoney's with their family. They were married at the Floyd County Courthouse on December 12, 1946. He is a retired coal miner, and she is a homemaker. They have three children, Joe of Warsaw, Indiana, Don of Paintsville, and Melinda Hager of Martin, as well as four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Food

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Catholic Social Services in this area, oversees the loose confederation of food banks in Floyd County. She helps to garner and distribute grant money for the charitable organizations.

"It has been a bad year," she told members of the Floyd County Bar Association, who met December 10 to help raise money for the food banks. She cited the losses caused by the hurricanes and the decrease in federal funds available to food banks. The last grant for \$17,000 was down by several thousand dollars from previous years.

Hall, by the way, earns high marks from food bank personnel for her efforts to get funding and to keep the food banks coordinated.

"Floyd County has the best system," says Bread of Life's Danny Caudill. "She has done an outstanding job."

He cited particularly her work in sectoring the county, so that duplication is kept to a minimum.

Amburgey of God's Pantry says that while food supplies are ample now, "after Christmas, I

don't know." Contributions run low in January and February, she says — ironically, just when housing expenses are higher and when people need more healthy food.

While food banks throughout the county welcome contributions of food, what they need most is money so they can purchase food — at cut-rate prices — from God's Pantry.

Listed below are the 15 officially-sanctioned food banks in Floyd County, with the name and telephone number of a contact person — should you feel inclined to contribute.

- Bread of Life Food Pantry, sponsored by Betsy Layne Church of God, Danny Caudill, 478-4043.

- Christ United Methodist Church, Allen, Adrian DeRossett or Bertha Ratliff, 874-2344.

- Drift Food Pantry, sponsored by Christian Service Ministry, Doreen Martin, 377-2342.

- Feed My Sheep Food Pantry, sponsored by Town Branch Church, Tommy or Earlene Nelson, 889-9286.

- Fishes and Loaves, spon-

sored by St. James Episcopal Church, Joe Hornbaker, 886-6619.

- Heaven's Harvest, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Martin, Renee Thornsbury, 874-8717.

- Home Mission Evangelistic Food and Clothing Outreach, sponsored by Christian Life Fellowship, Terry W. Adkins or Robert Charles, 478-5433.

- Martin Church of Christ Food Pantry, Thomasine Robinson, 285-9696.

- Middle Creek Community Development Club Food Pantry, Milton Harvey, 886-1381.

- Mud Creek Food Pantry, Eula Hall, 587-2200.

- Prestonsburg Food Pantry, Monta Gail Burkett, 874-2966.

- St. Vincent's Mission, Sr. Kathleen Weigand, 886-2513.

- Voice of Victory, Delmon and Velma Hayton, 886-6009.

- Wayland United Methodist Church, Genia Hall, 358-9328.

- Gene DeCoursey, 358-4007.

- Wheelwright Baptist Center Food Pantry, Charles Wilson, 452-4770

## Postscript

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and Dwight Yoakam sing at the top of their lungs — and sometimes I join them.

However, I generally manage to hear trains and coal truck horns and sirens. Plus, I try to check the rearview mirror frequently.

On this day of note, I sat and watched as drivers seemed simply to ignore the ambulance. It looked for a while as if the vehicle would be completely stopped in traffic, until a couple of cars pulled into the intersection and got as close to the curb as they could. After a few tense moments, the ambulance was able to maneuver around and

through to continue its mission.

I couldn't help but think, what if that were someone I loved who was on the way to the hospital. What if just a few seconds would have made the difference between life and death or permanent disability? What if my loved one had been robbed of that few seconds because of the rudeness of some selfish drivers?

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By this time next Sunday, the pretty ribbons will be askew, the

gift boxes will be tromped on, and we'll be thinking about different ways to preserve the leftover ham or turkey.

Let's remember to remember that the people we donated food to and the children we helped clothe will continue to need our help. The odds are really high that their needs will not cease after Christmas.

The spirit of sharing that we've promoted for the past month or so should remain prominent in our consciousness — for our own sakes, as well as for people less fortunate.

## Free things on the Internet

(NAPSA)-If you or someone you know would like to find out more about participating in clinical studies on new treatments for irritable bowel syndrome, call 1-888-GI-STUDY or 1-888-447-8839.

For healthy entertaining tips or information on the Jenny Craig program, call 1-800-94-JENNY or visit [www.jennycraig.com](http://www.jennycraig.com).

Useful information about breast cancer, including how to assess your risks of breast cancer is available at [www.tamoxifen.com](http://www.tamoxifen.com) or by calling 877 70-ASSESS (877 702-7737), a toll-free number staffed by registered nurses and sponsored by Barr Laboratories.

For breast health and breast cancer information, call

the Susan G. Komen Foundation's National Toll-Free Helpline (1 800-I'M AWARE) or you can visit [www.breastcancerinfo.com/](http://www.breastcancerinfo.com/).

For information about Holiday Inn's Priority Club Worldwide Rewards Program, call 1-800-272-9273 or visit the website at [www.priorityclub.com](http://www.priorityclub.com).

Attention new parents: to receive a free brochure, courtesy of Infants' Mylicon® Drops, write to Calming Your Crying Baby, Drawer MD, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

For ideas on gifts that make good business sense, visit [www.harryanddavid.com](http://www.harryanddavid.com) or phone Harry and David at 800 547-3033.

# ACADEMICS

## PES students take PRIDE

Students at Prestonsburg Elementary School are continuing to be involved in PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) projects throughout their school and community.

The week of October 25 was PRIDE awareness week, and during that week the students were involved in a clean-up effort at the school.

The students cleaned the playground and were encouraged to clean up their yards and areas around their own homes.

Another project the students were involved in was making posters proclaiming their pride in the environment in which they live. The students were given a piece of poster board and asked to draw a picture depicting what PRIDE means to them.

The posters were placed in the windows of various businesses throughout Prestonsburg. The businesses and the school have had quite a bit of positive feedback from members of the public who have read the posters.



PES students Sam Chaffins, left, and Benji Fish display the posters they made for PRIDE week.



Whitney Allen and Jarrod Willis prepared posters for PRIDE week at PES



Kindergarten students at Prestonsburg Elementary helped pick up trash on the playground, as part of PRIDE week.



## Hazard Community College's Who's Who

Two Floyd County students were named Who's Who Among American Community College students at the Hazard campus of Hazard Community College. With Doug Fraley, HCC dean of students are Michele Hughes of Martin, Jeanie Trimble of Prestonsburg, and Anna Napier, HCC

associate academic dean. The students were nominated by faculty members for the honor. Hughes also was honored with the college's perseverance award. According to officials, Martin was chosen because of obstacles she has overcome to obtain an education.

## Video games may help girls learn technology

(NAPSA)-Even though girls have made significant strides in the field of technology, they still lag behind when compared to boys. And with computers and technology such an essential part of any educational program, this trend is alarming to many parents and educators.

Educational researchers say that boys and girls show the same interest in computers until the first grade. Then, girls begin to lose interest in computers between first and fourth grade. Through the same period, boys are becoming interested and excited about the world of computers.

Some point to the popularity of video games among boys as one reason that they seem more interested in technology. A recent study from the Interactive Digital Software Association (IDSA) indicates that while girls still don't play games as often as boys, that may be changing.

The study shows thirty-five percent of video game console players, and more than forty-three percent of PC game players are women, a slight increase over the previous year. The study further states that fifty percent of all video game and PC entertainment software is purchased by women.

The IDSA study clearly shows that video games are not just for boys anymore, and that more and more women and girls are spending their leisure time playing video games. This is an encouraging trend, as for many, video games are their first exposure to technology.

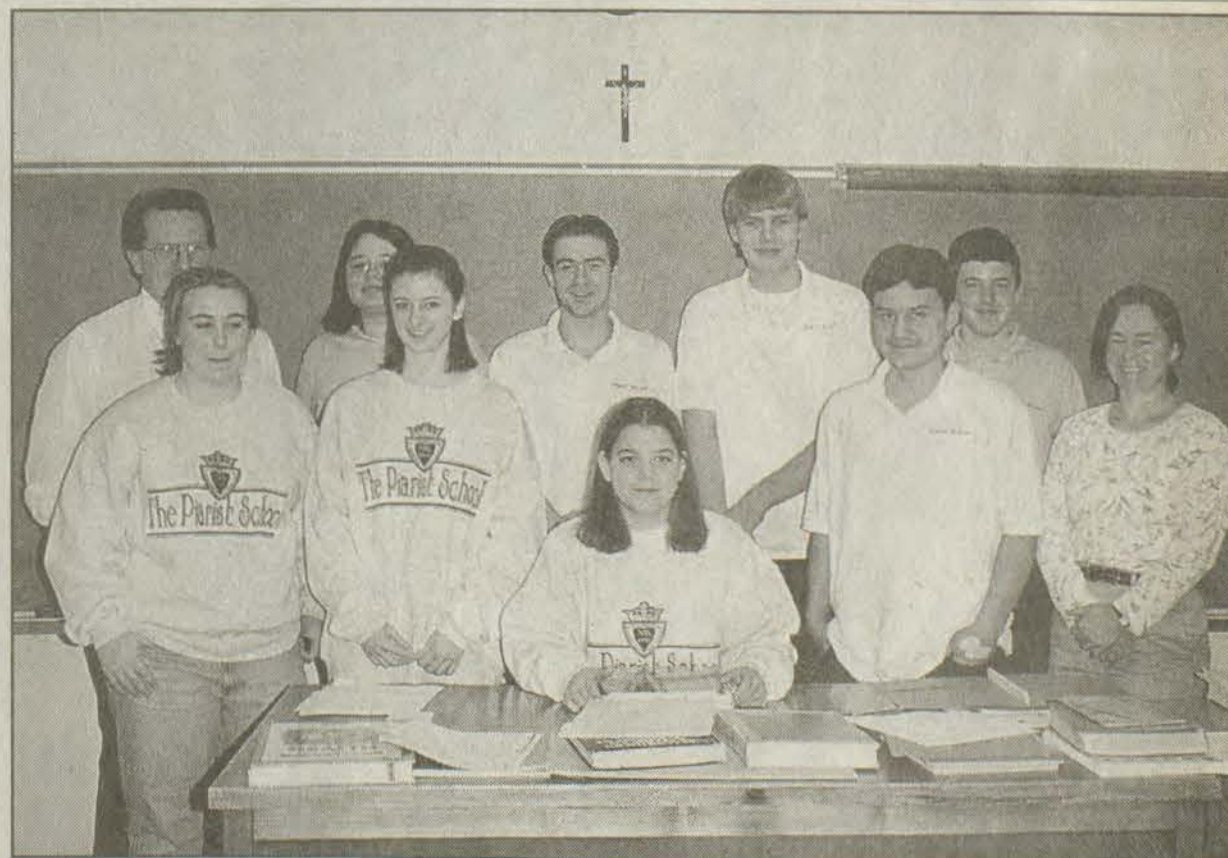
In recognition of this trend, Nintendo recently released The New Tetris for the Nintendo 64 video game system, a new version of the immensely successful, Tetris. A puzzle game, Tetris is one of the most popular video games of all time, with a large following among both men and women. In fact, it boasts a number of famous female fans, including Friends star Lisa Kudrow, a self-proclaimed Tetris "addict."



In addition, girls now represent over forty percent of the hand-held video game market. Buoyed by games like Tetris and the phenomenal popularity of Pokemon, the Game Boy Color hand-held system, which owns 99 percent of the market segment, is almost as popular with girls as it is with boys.

Nintendo and consumer technology companies recognize what parents and educators have known for years: to remain competitive in the next millennium, girls need to continue to use and learn about technology. The National Science Foundation offers these tips to help parents get their daughters more involved with computers and technology:

- Cultivate your daughter's interest in how things work
- Engage your daughter in projects that develop spatial reasoning and analytical skills
- Consult with your daughter's teachers
- Monitor and encourage math, science, and computer courses, making sure that your child is taking a variety of science and computer courses.



## Piarist students attend KYA

Eight Piarist School students were among the 1,400 students from across the commonwealth who attended Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) in November at the Louisville Executive West. Students from Prestonsburg High School and Pikeville High School also attended. The Piarist School students presented a bill to initiate mandatory competency testing before students would receive a Kentucky high school diploma. Attending the conference were, from left, front, sophomores Rachel Hall and Nora Traum, juniors Emily Meyer and Matthew Goeing, and faculty member Dr. Debbie Hopkins; rear, faculty moderator Kenneth Rose, freshman Sarah Hill, juniors William Duty and Brett Hall and freshman Balin Loftus.

# ACADEMICS

## Rebels go all out for Red Ribbon Week

Allen Central High School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, October 25-29, with a week's worth of activities.

Red Ribbon Week is part of a national campaign to make people aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol use and abuse. ACHS and its youth service center provided students the opportunity to show everyone that the majority of students believe in being drug free.

The week consisted of such activities as pledges, poster contest, Wear Red Day, guessing game, door decorating contest and a masquerade day.

Winners of the contests include

- Post Contest - Shellie Hayes, first place, \$20; Dustin Owens, second place, \$15; and Jon Spears, third place, \$10.

- Classroom Door Decorating Contest - Mack Martin's sixth period class, first place; and Patricia Huffman's sixth period class, second place.

- Class Costumes - Callie Tackett, Natalie Cooley, Chris Damron, Jennifer Risner, Kelli Campbell, Jamie Gunnell, James Prater, Lauren Robinson, Sarah Smith, Jonna Ison, Shannon Sizemore, Pat Martin, Jason Holbrook, Jaelyn Brown, and Shane Baldrige.

Youth Service Center Director Sharon Collins and her staff gave students each day a ticket and seven names were drawn each day to win prizes such as candy, mugs, sports cups, Frisbees, tee-shirts, badges and pencils.

Also, students in winning rooms spent one class period in the game room playing ping pong, air hockey, foosball, cards, darts and other games.

Assisting with the event were Lola Ratliff, coordinator of Floyd

County Schools Office of Title IV Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities; Mountain Regional Prevention Program, and Our Lady of the Way Hospital Health Education Department.



Kevin Coburn stands in front of Patricia Huffman's sixth period classroom, which won second place in the Classroom Door Decorating Contest at ACHS.



Allen Elementary School winners in the "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" project are, front, from left, Jackie Joseph, Courtney McKinney, Allison Hamilton, Sara Isaac and Matthew Conn; back, from left, Kim Gibson, Erica Crace, Andrea Campbell, Morgan Slone, Kendra Case and Rachel DeLong.

## Applications available for Transy's Academic Camp

Transylvania University will hold its seventh annual Academic Camp for Appalachian students, July 9-14.

The six-day camp will give high school students entering their junior or senior year the opportunity to experience college life and will introduce these students to the liberal arts through discussion in five academic areas.

Students will also learn how to better their scores on standardized examinations.

Transylvania professors will serve as teachers and Transy students will serve as mentors and group leaders.

The camp is free, however, a \$25 application fee is required by May 1. Enrollment is limited to 40 students. Applicants must have a B average and be recommended by two individuals, one of whom is a teacher or counselor who can verify that the student is interested in the camp and would benefit

from attending. The camp is supported in part by the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund. For more information or an application, contact Donna Ellis at 606/233-8228.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.



Mack Martin's sixth period classroom took top honors in the ACHS Classroom Door Decorating Contest.

## Net fundraising nets profits

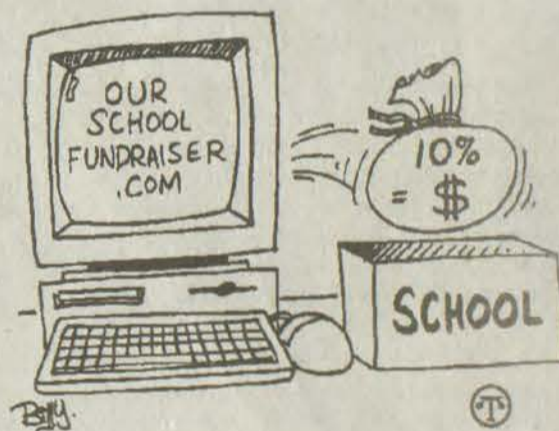
(NAPSA)-Want to get a good grade in helping your child's school succeed? That success may require learning a lesson in fundraising.

Operating costs for education continue to rise above traditional standards. The most popular remedy has been fundraisers, but in this day of e-commerce, selling candies, pizza and wrapping paper may not be the most effective way to raise money.

One innovative concept that's gaining in popularity is Internet-based product retailing. For example, the OurSchoolFundraiser.com program offers a full range of competitively priced, high-quality products online that can be purchased conveniently from home, all year round, seven days a week and 24 hours a day.

Schools receive 10 percent of every sale made at the web site.

Involvement can originate in one of two ways. First, any school can actively register with the program, and secondly, any individual (parent, student, teacher, PTA member, neighbor) may register the school of their choice when purchasing a product.



Do the math! A new web site lets parents raise money for their child's school by shopping online.

For more information, visit [www.ourschoolfundraiser.com](http://www.ourschoolfundraiser.com).



Winners in ACHS' Poster Contest were Shellie Hayes, first; Dustin Owens, second, and Jon Spears, third.



Among grandparents who visited Allen Elementary School for Grandparents Day were Bill and Marie Fraley. They spent time with their grandson Nathaniel Fraley and teacher Donna Collins.

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**Autos**

'95 SATURN SL2: TwinCam, Alloy wheels, auto., 119K miles. Looks/runs like new. Book value \$8,200, Asking \$4,900. 889-9719, Serious calls only.

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**It Out!**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING AUTHORITY COMPREHENSIVE AGENCY PLAN**

The Housing Authority of Martin is developing it's Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan is available for review and comment at the following location:

**Grigsby Heights**  
 110 R. Griffith Drive #1101  
 Martin, Ky 41649

The Authority's office hours are 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 20, 1999, at the Grigsby Heights Community Room, 110 R. Griffith Drive #1101, Martin, KY. 41649. Anyone requiring assistance for sight or hearing impaired individuals may contact the agency at (606)285-3681 (voice) or 1-800-247-2510 (TDD).

If you require special accommodations or translation services, please advise the Housing Authority of Martin, 72 Hours in advance. The Housing Authority of Martin is an Equal Opportunity Agency.

**PHARMACY AIDE**

The nationally known  
**MUD CREEK CLINIC**  
 a subsidiary of  
**Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.,**

has an immediate opening for a full-time, temporary Pharmacy Aide. The position involves a variety of activities performed under the supervision of a pharmacist. Activities include performing general office tasks and assisting pharmacist in stocking pharmacy and filling prescriptions. Requirements include a high school diploma or equivalent. This temporary position would be an ideal learning experience for someone interested in the health care field.

Please send resumé or apply at:  
**Human Resources**

**Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.**  
 1709 KY Route 321, Suite 3  
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Deadline for receipt of application is December 22, 1999

**STAKE BED:** \$1,500 or will trade for van. Rockhouse, Ky. 606-754-0311.

**1981 CHEVY 4X4:** Good condition. 874-8380.

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**Sale/Misc.**

**Compton's Market Wholesale & Retail**  
 New shipment of painted concrete lawn statuary. We have: Floral supplies, vases, pedestals, ceramics, baskets, grapevine wreaths & trees, flowers & greenery, cemetery headstones & sidevase arrangements, easels & hanging baskets. **Loc. 5 mi. west of P'burg on 114. 886-6041.**

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**TAG - A - LONG TRAILERS:** 5x8, 20" railing, all metal. 6'5"x16', 12" railing, wood floor. 6x10 flat, all steel. 6'3"x10'6", 12" railing, all steel. Call after 5 pm, 358-4524.

**AIR HOCKEY:** Full size 86x42x32, electronic score board. Less than one yr. old, like new. 886-2910.

**TICKETS FOR SALE:** WCW, Ring side, front row, Cinn., Backstreet Boys, Indianapolis, March. 606-299-8986.

**3 WOLFF TANNING BEDS:** With boosters, 28 bulbs, extended beds. \$2,500 each. 478-5264.

**1994 JOHN DEERE:** 310D turbo, 4wd/full cab, ac & heat, extenda hoe, clamshell bucket (12'/24"), two extra rims & tires for front. 1750 hours, \$42,000 OBO. 502-484-4461 (Owen County).

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**For Sale or Rent**

**HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT:** Left fork of Little Paint. 3 BR, 2 BA. Call 889-0780, after 4 pm.

**Motorcycle / ATVS**

**1999 HARLEY DAVIDSON ROAD KING:**

Aztec orange pearl. \$18,500. 874-8158.

**FOR SALE 1997 300 HONDA:** 2 wd. 4 wheel. Call 478-1378

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 Christmas trees, outside lights & decorations for the home, 1/2 PRICE. Toys, gift ideas & much, much more. **NEW & USED furniture & appliances** reduced to unbelievable prices. New: Mattress sets starting at \$99, living room suits \$399, dinettes \$149. Used: Stoves, refrigerators, washers & dryers. **SHOP WITH US & SAVE!!** RT. #122, McDowell. Call 377-0143.

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**Mobile Homes**

**KENTUCKY MOBILE HOME DEALER:** Repo Lot. We buy & sell used trailers. Financing Available. **CRUM'S MOBILE HOME MOVING SERVICE:** Insured with permits. 886-6665 Fax 889-9662.

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**TWO-STORY HOUSE:** At Martin, near Rt. 80. Handicap accessible. 4 BR, L.R., Kitchen, 2 BA. 285-3049.

**HOUSE, LOCATED IN PAINTSVILLE:** Country setting, 2 miles from shopping center, built in 1992. 3 BR, 2 BA, Lg. Kit. with separate dining, dishwasher, range, ref., 2-car garage, 23 acres. \$116,000. 297-5464.

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**COMMERCIAL RENTAL:** Nice lot with 2 buildings & mobile home. Excellent location, Allen. Call 874-8978 evenings.

**PROPERTY**

**FOR RENT**

**For Rent/Lease**

**2 BR MOBILE HOME:** Central heat/air, garage, fireplace, private lot. Located 3 miles up Arkansas Cr. \$325 month, \$125 deposit. No pets. 886-6665.

**For Lease**

**FOR LEASE:** 2/3 BR brick house in Lancer area of Prestonsburg. Fenced in backyard & storage building. \$550 mon. Serious inquiries. Call 886-0769.

**Office Space**

**BRICK OFFICE BUILDING FOR RENT:** On Hwy 23, halfway between Prestonsburg & Pikeville. 5800 square feet. Ample storage and parking. ideal for insurance agency, claims office, administrative office, accounting or Legal. Call toll free 877-404-1445.

**Apartments**

**1 & 2 BR APTS:** Newly decorated, totally furnished. Util. paid, except gas. Dep. & ref. req. Call M. S. at 349-5135 or 349-7285 & leave message.

**NICE 1 BR APARTMENT:** For rent at Hueysville. Call 886-5738 (beeper).

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**R & L APARTMENTS, Under new management:** We now have coin laundry for tenants. We have apts. available. One easy payment, all utilities & cable included. Call 606-339-7726 or 886-2797.

**Houses**

**3 BR HOUSE:** Perfect for people who value pri-

vacy. Near South Floyd high School. \$300, deposit required. 377-9215.

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**Mobile Home Lots**

**TRAILER LOT IN MARTIN:** 285-5075, daytime from 9-6.

**Mobile Homes**

**3 BR, 2 BA NEW MOBILE HOME:** Morehead area. \$600 + utilities. Students welcome. 606-790-4848.

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**AT MCDOWELL:** 3 BR trailer. Stove & ref. furnished. \$275 + \$200 deposit. 377-8881.

**2 BR TRAILER:** Located at Grethel, Big Mud Cr. \$225 month + deposit. 285-3825.

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**TEACHER'S AIDE:** Assisting a teacher with primary age learning difference children and their parents in basic reading and math skills using a multisensory, structured, linguistic approach. Experience working with learning difference children preferred, and / or a person focused on a career in education. Please call 606-785-4044 or 606-785-5475 for an Application.

**AVON:** Free sign-ups, Dec. 15 til Jan 1st. It doesn't cost at that time. Call 1-800-796-7070.

**LEGAL SECRETARY WANTED:** Well established law firm in Eastern Ky. seeking to hire a full-time legal secretary. Job requirements include typing, filing, copying mail, answering telephone, scheduling & dealing with the public. Experience helpful, resume required, two references required, salary negotiable. Please send resume to P.O. Box 1171, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

**SAVE NOW!**  
 Join AVON for free! Cassie 886-8737 / Wanda 285-9486.

**SALYERSVILLE WATER WORKS** are now accepting applications for a Class III-A water treatment plant operator for third shift. Applications should be received by December 20, 1999. Inquires can be made at the Salyersville Water Works, 401 College Street, Salyersville, KY. 41465 or by calling 606-349-3743.

**FAST GROWING COMPANY** looking for self-motivated, career minded individuals with prior management experience to fill positions in Southeast Ky. area. Good pay and benefits. Send resume to: 6251 N. Ky. Hwy 15 #108, Hazard, KY 41701.

**PHARMACY TECH NEEDED:** Please send resume to P.O. Box 1813, Prestonsburg Ky. 41653.

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**WHITE HALL HOMES, INC.** is seeking an exper-

rienced, highly motivated sales professional for the Banner, Ky. location. Apply in person at 7175 S. U.S. 23, Banner, Ky., Mon. - Fri. 1 pm - 4 pm.

**THE COURIER JOURNAL** is accepting applications for a Daily & Sunday morning motor route carrier in Prestonsburg. Requires approx. 1-1/2 hrs. per day, with monthly earnings of Approx. \$400. Economy transportation is essential. A successful applicant must be bondable. For further info call toll free 1-800-866-2211.

**DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED:** Male Or female. We supply car. Apply in person at Hobert's Pizzeria, Prestonsburg.

**NEED EXTRA CHRISTMAS CASH?** Sell AVON. Free sign-ups Call 606-639-2145 or 606-639-0651.

**WANTED:** O.T.R. Team or solo driver. Must have CDL with Hazmat, at least 2 yrs. O.T.R. experience, good MUR record. Good pay and miles, Call 606-886-6160, ask for J. D.

**Wanted**

**SITTER NEEDED:** For toddler. Must have valid driver's license, have references, be flexible & dependable. Call 886-0674 during day.

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 Experience in: Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry and others. 631-4844.

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**LOST and FOUND**

**Lost**  
**LOST:** Brown and White Fillee, 8 mo. old colt, wearing a green halter. Lost Sat. nite on Dainels Cr. at Banner. Childs Pet. Call 874-0001.

**MISC.**

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**-NOTICE-**

Due to the Christmas Holiday, The Floyd County Times will be temporarily adjusting deadlines for the Friday Paper, 12/24; Sunday Paper, 12/26; and the East Ky. Shopper, 12/26.

**FRIDAY PAPER & SHOPPER:**

Editorial— Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 12 noon  
 Classified, Local Advertising and Legals—  
 Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S PAPER:**

All deadlines will be Wed., Dec. 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

# KOUNTY KETTLE

"The following recipes are reprinted from Irene Hayes cookbook "What's Cooking for the Holidays."

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## BARBECUED BEEF

Saute in 2 tbsps. butter: 1 chopped onion  
Add:  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. hot sauce  
2 tbsps. lemon juice  
2 tbsps. Worcestershire sauce  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tbsps. sugar  
2 tbsps. vinegar  
1/2 tsp. mustard  
Then add: 1 (14-oz.) bottle catsup  
Rinse bottle with 3/4 cup water and add to the sauce.

Simmer until flavors are blended. Chop cooked beef according to amount desired.

Add: sauce and simmer for 3/4 to 1 hour over very low heat.  
Note: You can freeze leftovers for later use. Just thaw and reheat.

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## PINEAPPLE GLAZED CHICKEN

Drain, reserving 1/4 cup juice:  
1 (8 1/4-oz.) can crushed pineapple  
Combine:  
2 tbsps. prepared mustard  
Drained pineapple  
Reserved juice  
1/2 cup chili sauce  
2 tbsps. brown sugar  
Grill or bake 2 chickens  
Add sauce the last 5 to 10 minutes.

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## TURKEY ROLLS

Combine:  
1 (3-oz.) pkg. cream cheese with chives  
2 tbsps. butter  
Add:  
2 cups cooked, cubed turkey or chicken  
1 (4-oz.) can mushrooms, drained  
Form into 4 squares: 1 can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls. Divide turkey mixture into four parts, and place one part in center of each square of pastry. Fold edges over and press to seal. Place on baking sheet.  
Bake in 350° oven until rolls are golden brown.  
Before serving, spoon over each roll left-over turkey or chicken gravy, or make White Sauce (below).

### White Sauce

Combine in small saucepan:  
2 tbsps. flour  
2 tbsps. butter  
Stir over medium heat until flour and butter are blended.  
Add slowly while stirring:  
1 cup milk  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
Cook, stirring, until thickened

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## HOLIDAY PORK ROAST

Combine in small saucepan:  
1 cup dried apricots, halved  
2 tbsps. dry sherry  
1/4 cup water  
Simmer about 5 minutes or until apricots are tender.  
Remove from heat.  
Stir in: 1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
Stuff cavity (where bone was removed)

of 4 or 5 lb. boneless pork loin roast, with apricot-nut filling.

Roll and tie securely with string.  
Place on rack in shallow roasting pan.  
With a sharp knife, make slits on meat and insert slivers of garlic (2 cloves, slivered).

Sprinkle meat with: 1/4 tsp. salt  
Insert meat thermometer.  
Roast in 325° oven until thermometer reaches 170° (about 20 to 25 minutes per pound)

Meanwhile, combine:  
1 cup (12-ozs.) apricot preserves  
1 tsp. bottled hot sauce  
1/4 tsp. ground ginger  
1/2 tsp. dry mustard  
About 20 minutes before roast is done, brush with apricot glaze.  
Serves 6 to 8.

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## APPLE-NUT SQUARES

Blend together:  
1 3/4 cups sugar  
1 cup oil  
2 tbsps. vanilla  
3 eggs  
Sift together:  
2 cups flour  
1 1/2 tbsps. cinnamon  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. salt  
Stir into sugar and egg mixture  
Fold in:  
2 cups peeled, diced apples  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
Pour into lightly greased 13x9x2-inch pan.  
Bake in 325° oven about 1 hour. Cool.  
Sprinkle with confectioners sugar.  
Cut into squares.

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## SCOTCH CAKE

Combine in saucepan:  
1 stick (1/2 cup) margarine  
1/2 cup shortening  
4 tbsps. cocoa  
1 cup water  
Bring to a boil. Cool.  
Add:  
2 cups sugar  
2 cups sifted flour  
Then add:  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. soda  
Pour into greased and floured 10x14-inch cake pan.  
Bake in 350° oven 30 minutes. Prick with fork. Spread chocolate icing (below) over warm cake.

### Chocolate Icing

Combine in saucepan:  
1 stick (1/2 cup) margarine  
4 tbsps. cocoa  
6 tbsps. milk  
Bring to a boil.  
Add:  
1 (16-oz.) box confectioners sugar  
1 cup chopped nuts

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## HONEY GRAHAM KISSES

Beat until stiff: 3 egg whites  
Fold in:  
1 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 cup honey  
Drop by spoonfuls onto cookie sheet  
Bake in 300° oven 8 minutes. Makes 3 dozen.

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## CHRISTMAS FRUIT COOKIES

Cream together:  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup butter  
Add: 2 eggs, beaten  
Sift together:  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. cloves  
1 1/2 tbsps. soda  
Add to egg mixture.  
Then add:  
1 1/2 tbsps. milk  
1/3 cup apricot brandy  
Plump in hot water: 1 lb. white raisins  
Chop into fine pieces:  
8 ozs. glazed pineapple  
4 ozs. green cherries  
4 ozs. red cherries  
4 ozs. orange peel  
1/2 cup pecans  
Do not use already mixed fruit.  
Add fruit, nuts and raisins to first mixture.  
Drop by small teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.  
Place 1/2 of a red cherry and a tiny piece of a green cherry on each cookie.  
Bake in 325° oven about 15 minutes.  
Store in tight container.

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## SCOTCH COOKIES

Cream until light and fluffy: 1 cup butter  
Blend in:  
1/4 cup confectioners sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
Blend thoroughly.  
Stir in: 2 1/4 cups flour  
Add: 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
Knead on floured board. Chill for 30 minutes.  
Roll out on lightly floured board to 1/4-inch thickness.  
Cut with floured cookie cutter into plain or fancy shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet.  
Bake in 300° oven for 18 to 20 minutes, or until set but not browned.

## SOUR CREAM FUDGE

COMBINE in saucepan:  
1 cup sour cream  
2 tbsps. butter  
2 cups sugar  
Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture forms a soft ball when dropped into cold water.  
Remove from heat.  
ADD:  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Cool to room temperature. Beat until candy begins to thicken. Pour immediately onto well-buttered platter. Do not spread. Cut into squares when firm.

## CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

COMBINE in heavy saucepan:  
3 cups white sugar  
3/4 cup milk  
Cook over medium heat to soft ball stage (238° or until it forms a soft ball in cold water.)  
STIR IN: 1 tsp. vanilla  
ADD:  
1 (16-oz.) jar peanut butter  
1 (13-oz.) jar marshmallow creme  
1 cup chopped walnuts (black or English)  
Blend thoroughly. Pour into well-buttered pan.

## DATE-NUT FINGERS

COMBINE in saucepan:  
1 egg, well beaten  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 tbsps. light corn syrup  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup chopped dates  
Cook over medium heat 10 minutes, stirring constantly.  
Do not overcook. Remove from heat.  
STIR IN:  
1/4 tsp. almond extract  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
2 cups rice cereal bits  
Allow to cool. Dust hands with confectioners sugar (mixture will be sticky).  
Shape date-nut mixture into finger-sized rolls. Roll in confectioners sugar. Best if refrigerated. Makes 5 dozen.

## BEEF BOURGUIGNON

CUT into 1 1/2-inch cubes: 3 lbs. beef chuck  
Coat beef in: 1/3 cup flour  
Brown in a large skillet in:  
1/4 cup butter  
1/4 cup olive oil  
Set aflame: 1/4 cup cognac  
Add to browned beef. When flame burns out, pour mixture into a casserole dish or Dutch oven and set aside.  
In same skillet, cook and stir:  
3 slices bacon, cut into small pieces  
1 clove garlic, minced  
8 small carrots  
6 small onions  
2 leeks, chopped  
Cook until bacon is crisp and vegetables are lightly browned.  
Add:  
1 cup red Burgundy  
1 cup beef broth  
Cover. Simmer over low heat until tender (about 1 to 1 1/2 hours).  
In a small skillet, cook in 1 tbsps. butter:  
12 small mushroom caps  
Cook until tender (about 2 or 3 minutes).  
Remove mushrooms. Set aside.  
In same skillet brown: 1/2 lb. small onions (8)  
Add: 1/4 cup red Burgundy  
Cook until tender (about 30 minutes).  
Just before serving, place cooked onions and mushrooms on top of casserole. Heat thoroughly. Sprinkle top with: Snipped parsley. Serve with boiled potatoes or buttered noodles.

## BAKED CHICKEN BREASTS

Arrange in baking dish: 6 chicken breasts  
Combine in blender:  
1 cup cream of chicken or mushroom soup (undiluted)  
1 tsp. monosodium glutamate  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup wine  
1 tsp. salt  
Blend well and pour over chicken.  
Sprinkle with: Paprika  
Bake uncovered in 350° oven for 1 1/2 hours.

## SWEET 'N SOUR CHICKEN

Cook desired amount of chicken until tender.  
Cut into 1-inch cubes.  
Combine:  
1 cup pancake mix  
Pinch of garlic powder  
1 cup water  
Cover. Let stand in refrigerator one hour.  
Dip chicken cubes into batter. Drain slightly.  
Fry about 5 minutes in shallow hot fat until golden brown. Serve with Sweet 'n Sour Sauce (below)

## Sweet 'N Sour Sauce

Drain:  
1 (19-oz.) can pineapple tidbits (reserve juice)  
Combine juice with water to make 1 cup. Pour juice into saucepan.  
Add:  
1 1/2 cups tomato juice  
1 cup vinegar  
1 cup water  
Combine:  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
Pinch of garlic powder  
Gradually blend into juice mixture, stirring constantly until thickened.  
Add:  
1 green pepper, thinly sliced  
1/2 cup finely shredded cabbage  
Drained pineapple  
Cook until cabbage is transparent, but pepper is not soft. Season with salt and pepper.

## PINEAPPLE GLAZED CHICKEN

Drain, reserving 1/4 cup juice:  
1 (8 1/4-oz.) can crushed pineapple  
Combine:  
2 tbsps. prepared mustard  
Drained pineapple  
Reserved juice  
1/2 cup chili sauce  
2 tbsps. brown sugar  
Grill or bake 2 chickens.  
Add sauce the last 5 to 10 minutes.

## CHRISTMAS TREE CAKE

Mix according to box directions:  
1 pkg. white or yellow cake mix  
Tint lightly with: Few drops of green food coloring.  
Pour into well greased and floured Christmas Tree Mold.  
Bake in 350° oven 35 to 45 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes, then turn out onto wire rack. Cool cake thoroughly before frosting.  
To Frost:  
Prepare favorite white, buttercream or boiled icing.  
Reserve 1/4 cup. Tint remainder light green.  
Reserve 1/4 cup of green frosting and make darker green.  
Frost cooled cake with light green frosting.  
Using dark green frosting, outline boughs of tree. (Use mold as pattern.)  
Use reserved 1/4 cup white frosting to make "snow" on branch tops.  
To Decorate:  
Cover tree trunk with finely chopped nuts or pecan halves, side by side, so no frosting shows.  
Use candied cherries (and other fruits if desired) for ornaments.

## RASPBERRY CAKE

Cream together:  
1 cup salad oil  
2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
Add:  
1 cup broken pecans  
3 cups self-rising flour  
1 (21-oz.) raspberry pie filling  
1 tsp. soda  
1 cup buttermilk  
Mix well. Pour into 3 greased and floured cake pans. Bake in 350° oven until cake tests done with a toothpick. Frost with Icing (below)  
Icing  
Cream:  
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese  
1 stick butter (1/2 cup)  
Add in small amounts: 1 (1-lb.) box confectioners sugar  
Beat well after each addition.  
Then add: 1 tsp. vanilla

# Creating family traditions in the kitchen

(NAPSA)-From baking goodies in the kitchen to leaving cookies out for Santa, the holidays bring out the best family traditions. Experts at the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline offer these tips for creating family traditions in the kitchen this holiday season.

- Sweeten season's greetings by taking a picture of the entire family baking together in the kitchen. Send cookies with the picture and card attached as a special holiday memory for all to enjoy.

- Invite neighborhood families to participate in a holiday cookie swap. Have each family in the neighborhood bake a few dozen of their favorite holiday cookies. Then invite them over for treats, and share. Be sure to have everyone bring copies of the recipes to exchange.

- Get kids involved in the holiday fun by creating a drawer in the kitchen filled with kid-friendly baking supplies, such as measuring cups, plastic spatulas and cookie cutters. Purchase a child's apron, write his/her name on it, and decorate it with fabric paints and markers.

Create special holiday Rudolph cookies for a quick and tasty treat to share with family and friends.



Rudolph Treats

1 (10 1/2-ounce) bag (5 1/2 cups) miniature marshmallows  
1/2 cup Land O'Lakes® Butter  
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa  
5 cups crisp rice cereal  
36 large pretzel twists, broken  
36 red cinnamon candies  
72 mini chocolate chips or candies

- Melt butter, marshmallows and cocoa in 3-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly, until marshmallows are melted (4 to 5 minutes). Add cereal; gently stir until well coated.
- Drop cereal mixture by buttered

tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper. Use buttered hands to shape into reindeer heads. Quickly push pretzel pieces into top of head for antlers. Press in cinnamon candy for red nose and chocolate chips for eyes. Cool completely. Store between sheets of waxed paper in airtight container.

Makes 36 treats.

The holiday helpers from the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline at 1-800-782-9606 will provide helpful baking ideas, recipe suggestions and creative gift ideas. The Bakeline is staffed with expert home economists ready to ensure a successful baking experience. The Bakeline

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Here's an example:

### Skillet Penne, Tomatoes and Cheese

(Makes 6 servings)

1-pound hot Italian sausage, casings removed  
2 teaspoons olive oil

Green onions, trimmed and cut into 1-inch diagonal pieces

4 cups cooked penne pasta

1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained

1 (15 ounce) container Sorrento Ricotta cheese

1/4 cup milk

1/4 cup slivered fresh basil

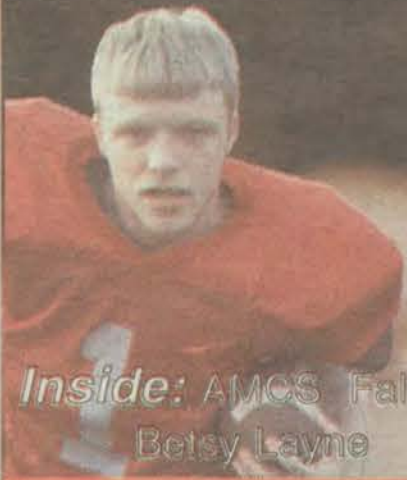
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large skillet, saute and crumble sausage; add

onions and pasta, sauteing until lightly golden. Add drained tomatoes; cook two minutes. Combine cheese and milk; add to pasta mixture, mixing well until evenly coated. Add basil, salt and pepper, and cook for 20 minutes or until heated through.

Prep.time: 10 minutes.

To order a copy of the book, write to: Recipe Book Offer, PO Box 897, Buffalo, NY 14207-0897.



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# Touching Bases: We get letters

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Once in awhile we will receive a letter from far and wide and this one come from Charles "Blackey" Layne from Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Layne, who was born in Prestonsburg in the year 1918, is 81 years old and lived around the Wayland and Garrett area when he was in school in Floyd County.

Layne wrote in reference to the Roy Martin story in Sports Plus two weeks ago,

talking about Garrett basketball.

"I seen in the Floyd County Times (December 5) about Roy Martin talking about basketball," wrote Layne. "I guess he didn't remember Coach Mayo. When I was in the fourth grade in the old white school house. When they moved the old school down where it was from about a mile up the creek, Coach Mayo would get the team to walk over the hill at Garrett and walk to Maytown to practice. I went with the team to help with their clothes.

"Also, Coach Mayo would get about two cars to take the team to play (basketball). I also would ride with them. He was the coach for the grade school team."

Layne recalled his days of playing basketball on the old dirt courts, but "I also played in the new gym (at Garrett)."

"It was first built in 1933," said Layne, whose father, Ben Layne, was a policeman at Garrett. "I moved to Wayland in 1934, where my father was a policeman from 1934 to 1945. I worked in the mines

at Wayland in 1936 to 1944."

Layne said he was drafted into the Army in 1944 but was classified 4F.

"I was turned down," he said. "They said I had lung problems."

Layne moved to the Phoenix area where he again was classified 4F and again turned down for the military.

He contributes his longevity to keeping himself from the world's vices.

"I think it is because I never did drink liquor," he said.

Layne worked for

Reynolds Metal in Phoenix for 30 years before retiring. He was nicknamed "Blackey" Layne.

Layne said while at Garrett he remembered three things.

"I was in the third grade and Miss Conley was my teacher," he recalled. "She said to me one day, 'Come up to my desk.' She said, 'Go outside and get me a switch.' I got one and gave it to her and she whipped me. I still don't know what for.

"When I was in the fourth grade, Mrs. Conley whipped me for fighting

Fred Goodman. Also, the principal came into Miss Conley's room and asked if anybody had been out to that toilet. She said, 'Charles was out there. He came back to where I was sitting and he asked me to stand up. He asked me if I was smoking out there. I told him, no. He said, 'If you lie to me I will whip you. So he asked me the second time and the third time he whipped me. So I got a whipping for telling the truth. I don't smoke. If I lied to him, then I would be a liar."

Layne's aunt is Della

# Justin Hall scorches nets for 41 points

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Whoa! Call out the fire department and get out the extinguishers. The hand of Justin Hall of Allen Central must be scorching after pumping in 41 points as the

Allen Central Middle School Rebels surprised county power Betsy Layne 64-48 in grade school basketball Tuesday night at Allen Central Middle School.

The performance of Hall overshadowed the three

three-point baskets by Dustin Addis and the 10-point output by Josh Huff.

Hall had 17 points at the half and scored 24 in the second half. He hit five three-point baskets in a night he will not soon forget.

Brett Newsome scored

20 points to lead Betsy Layne and Jonathan Scarberry added 16. Scarberry hit two three-point baskets in the game.

Betsy Layne led 11-10 after the first quarter, with Hall scoring five of the 10 for Allen Central. Addis hit a trey and Austin Francis had two points. Scarberry drilled his first three-point basket in the first quarter and Newsome had four with

Adam Roberts netting two.

Allen Central went on a 15-4 second-quarter run that netted the team a 25-15 half-time lead. Hall buried two three-pointers and scored 12 points in the period. Newsome and Scarberry had field goals for the Bobcats.

Hall was unstoppable when the third quarter began. He scored nine points in the quarter and hit his fourth three-point basket.

Huff had a three-pointer.

Addis hit trey number two for the Bobcats. Scarberry hit his second trey and added nine points in the third period.

In the fourth quarter, Hall hit eight of eight free throws, hit three-pointer number five and scored 13 points in the fourth period. Newsome had 12 points for Betsy Layne in the final quarter.

## Elementary Players of the Week...



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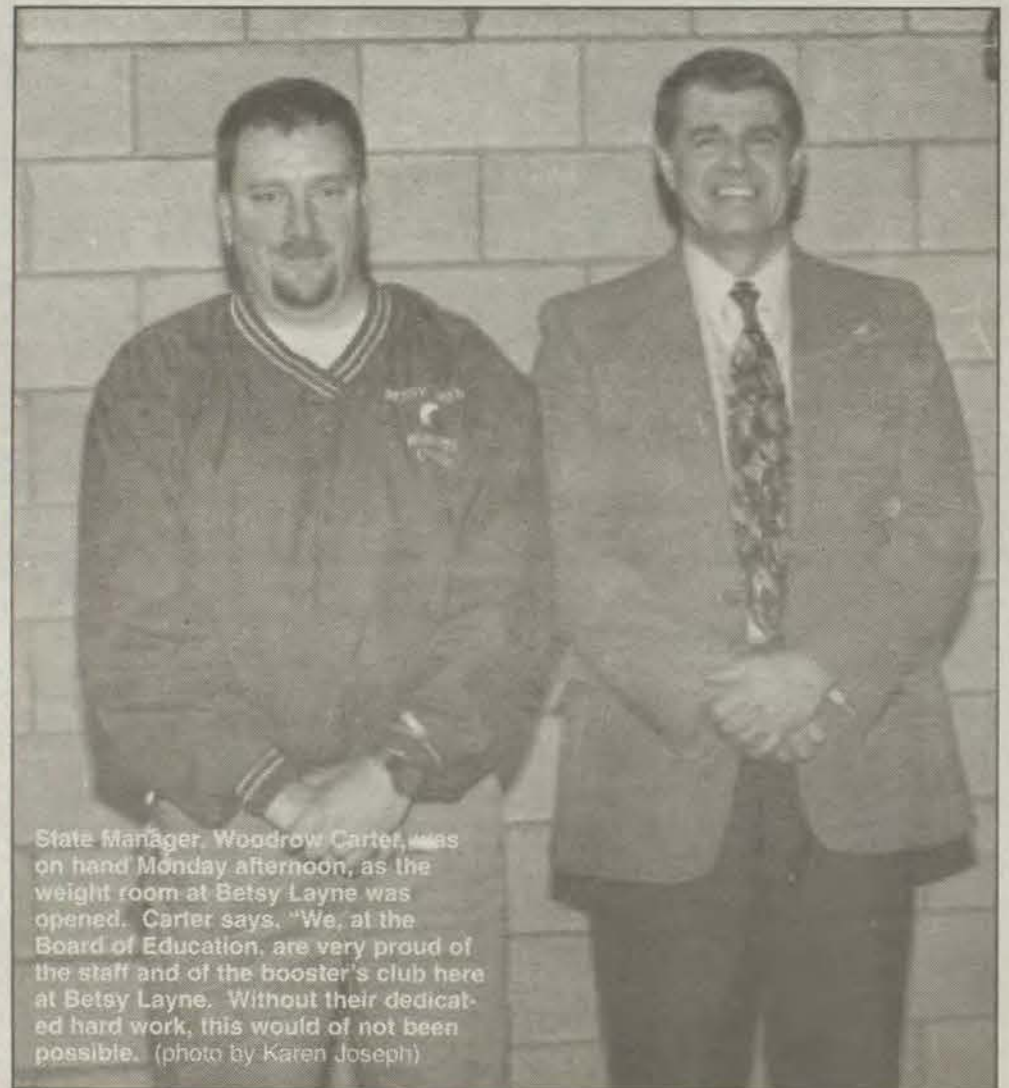
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State Manager Woodrow Carter was on hand Monday afternoon, as the weight room at Betsy Layne was opened. Carter says, "We, at the Board of Education, are very proud of the staff and of the booster's club here at Betsy Layne. Without their dedicated hard work, this would not be possible." (photo by Karen Joseph)



# Dream comes true for Bobcat football program

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

Several years ago, the boosters club at Betsy Layne High School had a vision, a dream. They wanted a state-of-the-art weight room for their children. Betsy Layne has had a football team for around 20 years, but the team has never had a "stable" weightlifting facility.

Until now. On Monday afternoon, state manager Woodrow Carter was on hand to see the opening of a new weight room at Betsy Layne High School.

The weightlifting/training room is located at the far end of the football field.

Head football coach Ted George was ecstatic on Monday.

"We have waited a long time for this and it is just hard for me to believe that it is finally here," said the coach.

Carter was excited as well. Carter said most of the applause should go to the boosters club at Betsy Layne.

"We at the board of education assisted the football boosters club here at Betsy Layne," Carter said. "The boosters club here has been working on this project for years. And from time to time, boosters clubs need assistance. We were so impressed with the work that had been put forward by the

boosters club, that we felt obligated to meet them halfway."

The boys on the football team and basketball team will both be using this facility.

"We are very proud of this facility," Carter said. "We are proud to see these young men up here working to strengthen their bodies, to develop discipline that is required in this weightlifting class."

A lot of people have put many long hours and hard work into this facility.

"When I started coaching here, we had a pretty good weight room," Coach George said. "It was located in the school. It was just a big room that was not being used and they converted it into a weightlifting room. It was working out great. But due to the fact that they did away with the trailers around the school, the school had to have the space for classrooms. This put us back to square one. Mike Puckett, whose son Tyler Puckett was a sophomore and played on the football team, said let's raise money and get donations to finish the weight room that the previous teams had hoped for. And I guess you could say, the rest is history."

The boosters club at Betsy Layne raised money to make their dream become a reality. They have been committed. All the football "moms" and "dads" have worked so hard in the concession stands, making hot dog chili and getting everything necessary for the concession to operate smoothly.

They have had several fundraisers to help raise money and donated many long hours and services.

"I applaud everything that has been done by the teaching force, by Coach George especially, Ms. Vaughn for making this energy available, but the real applause has to go to the boosters," added Mr. Carter. "Without their dedicated efforts and their vision of what they wanted their kids to have, this would not have occurred."

Now that the football team has a weight room, they also have a strength coach. Anthony Hampton helps with the strengthening aspect of the program.

"It's kind of funny how Anthony got on board," said Coach George. "He was the owner-operator of Ultimate Fitness at Pikeville. His partner was leaving and he wanted to get out of the business. He called and said, 'I heard you were building a new weight room and wondered if you could use any equipment?' I told him I would check with the boosters club and see how much we could afford. He told me that he was getting out of the business and said if I need-

ed any help, he would be glad to help. I said, sure, and he has been on board ever since. He knows more about weightlifting than I do. He is a weightlifter himself. He really knows what he is doing."

The booster club purchased a lot of the equipment from Anthony and he is helping Coach George on a regular basis. All of his time is strictly volunteer work.

The students and parents are very proud of their new facility. Phase one is now completed and the money is there for the second phase. The facility has two rooms. One room is a weight room and the other is the football locker room. The locker room will be competed before the 2000 football season begins.

And speaking of the 2000 football season, Coach George says, "When you see this football team come on the field next season, you will see a different team. A much more confident team. This weight room has breathed new life

into this football team. The people have been so patient here at Betsy Layne. This has taken a long time to become reality. John Derossett had this vision when he was the football coach here. When Coach Derossett was here, they got started on the project, but things came to a stop for some reason. But I kept telling my players, 'Just hold on until we get the weight room finished and things will be different'. And things will be different."

"If you look at our football games this past season, with the exception of maybe one or two games, for the first half we played a really good game. But in the second half, our boys were just not physically capable to keep up with the other team. We did not have the numbers and we were not in physical shape to compete. This is all going to change now that we have the weight room. We will be here every day from now until the football season starts."

The Bobcats will return

seven players on offense and eight on defense.

"Last year when we started practice, the boys could not lift as much as they could the previous year. They had not done any lifting since the previous season. They were actually weaker at the end of the season than they were at the beginning of the season. And you cannot win football games like that. I think the upcoming season will be different. We have this new facility and we have more boys coming out to play," commented the head coach.

Carter said, "We are very proud of this facility and we are very proud of the young men here at Betsy Layne."

Not only is Carter proud of the facility, but the parents and players are very proud of their new facility.

"We are finally here. It has taken a long time, but we are finally here," says the very happy coach.

Christmas came early at Betsy Layne.



Ricky Goble works out at the new weight lifting facility at Betsy Layne. Betsy Layne has been without a weight lifting facility for the past couple of years. Goble and his team mates thinks this will make a big difference in the football team next year. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## PIKEVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME*	
	Thur. 4	Knoxville	Knoxville, TN	7:00	
	Sat. 6	Cumberland	Lebanon, TN	7:00	
	Wed. 10	Rio Grande	Pikeville	7:00	
	Fri. 12	Rax Invitational **	Pikeville	6&8	
	Sat. 13	Rax Invitational **	Pikeville	2&4	
	Wed. 17	Campbellsville	Pikeville	7:00	
	Fri. 19	Bevo Francis Tourn.***	Rio Grande, OH	2:00	
	Sat. 20	Bevo Francis Tourn.***	Rio Grande, OH	TBA	
	Tues. 23	U.Va. Wise	Wise, Va.	5:30	
	Fri. 26	Southern Virginia	Pikeville	4:00	
	Sat. 27	Alice Lloyd	Pikeville	4:00	
	Sun. 28	Virginia Intermont	Pikeville	2:00	
	<b>DECEMBER</b>				
	Sat. 4	Bluefield	Bluefield, Va.	2:00	
	Thur. 30	Albertson	Phoenix, AZ.	TBA	
	Fri. 31	South Dakota Tech	Phoenix, Az.	TBA	
	<b>JANUARY</b>				
	Sat. 8	Southern Virginia	Buena Vista, VA	2:00	
	Mon. 10	Brescia	Owensboro	5:00	
	Thur. 13	Alice Lloyd	Pippa Passes	6:30	
	Sat. 15	Indiana-Southeast	Pikeville	1:00	
	Mon. 17	Michigan-Dearborn	Pikeville	5:00	
	Sat. 22	Lindsey Wilson	Columbia	4:00	
	Mon. 24	Bluefield	Pikeville	6:00	
	Wed. 26	Transylvania	Lexington	5:30	
	Sat. 29	Spalding	Pikeville	2:00	
	<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
	Thur. 3	U.Va.-Wise	Pikeville	5:30	
	Sun. 6	Indiana-Southeast	New Albany, Ind	1:00	
	Tues. 8	Cumberland	Williamsburg	7:00	
	Sat. 12	Lindsey Wilson	Pikeville	3:00	
	Tues. 15	Union	Barbourville	7:00	
	Sat. 19	Brescia	Pikeville	3:00	
	Tues. 22	Georgetown	Pikeville	7:00	
	Sat. 26	Spalding	Louisville	1:00	

\* All times Eastern

\*\* (PC, Alice Lloyd, Cumberland, Mt. Aloysius)

\*\*\* (PC, Rio Grande, Union, Spalding)

# BASKETBALL GETS BOOST FROM SUPPORT GROUPS

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Basketball attendance at the high school level seems to be picking up after two weeks of the 1999-2000 season is history.

There seems to be an excitement in the air over high school basketball that wasn't felt last season at some schools.

Oh, there are exceptions, because last year some teams (not many) did have a good year at the gate.

Back in the old days (everyone lives in the past, or tries to) the old "cracker box" gyms, it didn't take many fans to fill the gymnasiums. But now with consolidation, the bigger 2,000 and 3,000 seat arenas are the norm today and unless you are hosting a regional tournament, a school is not going to fill the place.

Much of the reason for the increase in attendance this season could be attributed to the increase in numbers of support groups that now come out to support their local team.

By that we mean the bands, cheerleaders, majorettes, dance teams and others.

At Betsy Layne High School, they get support from many different groups. The cheerleaders are hard workers and, as has been

documented before, work just as hard in practice as a basketball team.

When the band is not in its place, it is very noticeable. What a big boost to the program when the band director and the members tune their instruments and get their minds in gear with the school song (played several times during the course of the evening). This time of the year, it is Christmas songs that fill the arenas as the band strikes up to entertain between halves, games or timeouts.

The Betsy Layne band has a very lively pep section and it is very entertaining to listen to their music, as it is at all schools.

Today, the dance teams play a big part in entertaining the folks at halftime.

Mascots are on the comeback and the Bobcat at Betsy Layne High School is shared by two persons — one in the first half and the second after halftime.

The mascots can be funny or they can be serious. I think the crowd likes it when they are funny. Or when they go on the floor

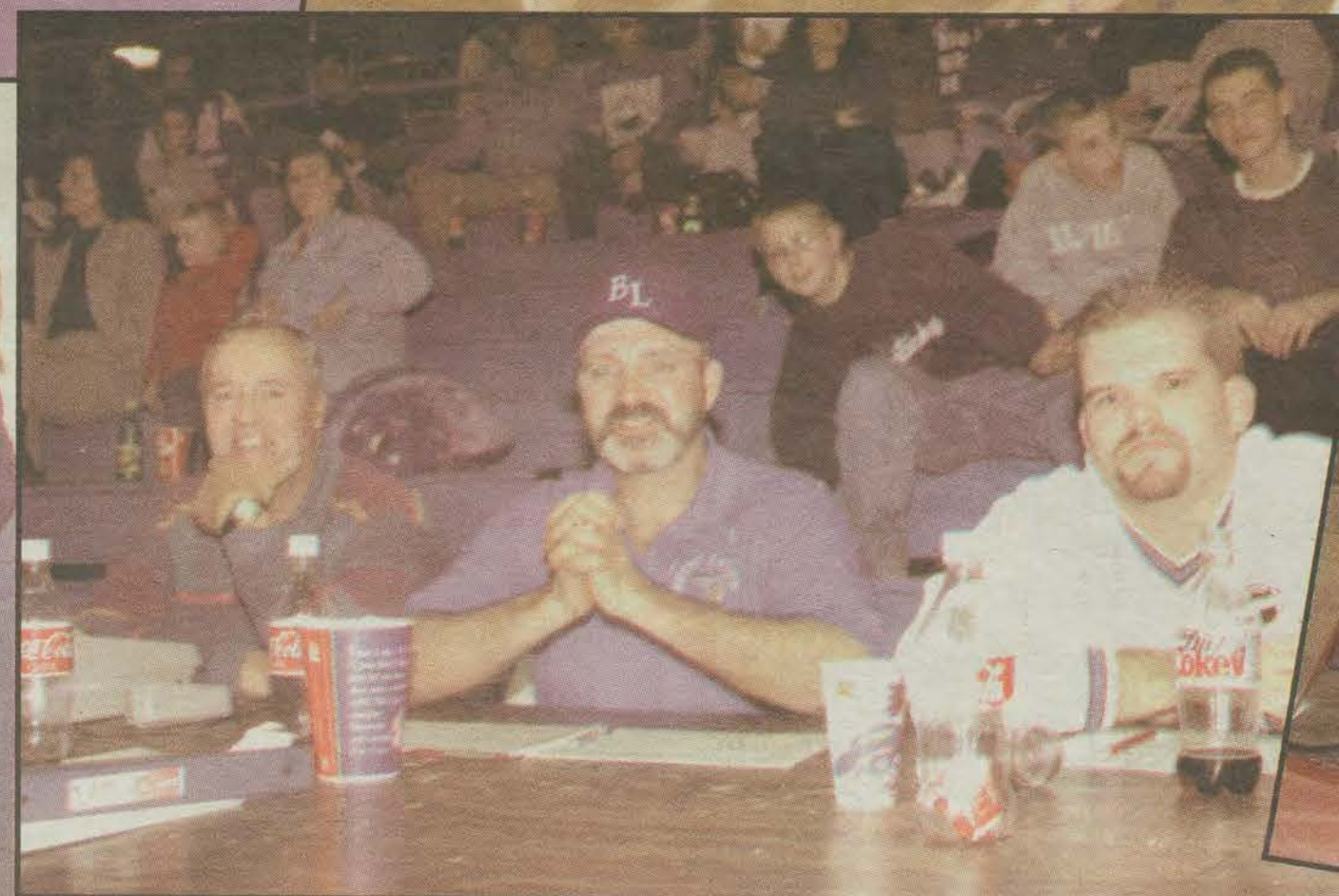
and try to shoot three-pointers with their big paws on or whatever covers their hands.

The D.W. Howard Fieldhouse has been the site of many great basketball games, players and coaches. But the new atmosphere created by the support groups has been very entertaining. A lot of hard work has gone into all these groups and they need to be credited for their contribution to the sport of basketball.

Then let's not forget those who sit behind the scorer's desk as scorer or timer. Here are two positions that demand attention to the court all the time. We appreciate all those who work the games at Betsy Layne and it is on a voluntary basis.

Finally, the concession workers. We are going to have to do a "special report" after the season is over, as to who has the best hot dogs in the county.

From this desk to the Betsy Layne High School staff, keep up the good work and we appreciate the way you stand behind the Bobcats.



*Next week: Prestonsburg High School*

# From the Pressbox

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

## Three-man crews are here

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has mandated that in post season play, three-man officiating crews will be part of the basketball season this year.

Like it or not, the format is here and likely to stay. The added official from the two-man setup will require each school to come up with the extra cash in order to pay the third official.

Ancie Casey, 15th Region assigning secretary, said so far this season the three-man crew has worked successfully.

"It is going rather good so far," he said. "Of course, this is the first time this year we are doing it."

Casey said the growth of high school basketball dictated the need for three-men crews.

"The game itself has pretty much highlighted the need for the third man," he

said. "We have two quality teams playing here and we have a three-man crew." Casey was referring to the girls game between Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne.

Casey said the need for the three-man crews was mandated by the state, "for post season games and all the regions across the commonwealth."

"The game of basketball has changed tremendous," said Casey. "From your days and my days in the late '60s and early '70s. Time has come for three-man officiating crews."

With the quickness of the players, the three-point shot and the uptempo style of the game, the game has become more than two officials can watch. With the three-man crews, the need is giving officials more games to call.

"It adds more people

when you use the three-man crew," said Casey. "As you go toward March, we are going to add eight more officials for post season play. We have four districts in this region to assign and that is going to bring four more officials to the games for both men and women games."

Casey said not all officials who are members of the regional association are part of the three-man crews.

"We try to get people who know how to work three-man," he explained. "You just don't go out and work it unless you have experienced it a little bit. We have our summer camps we have here in the region that we have done for the past 12 years."

Casey said his camp focused on the three-man crew in their summer camp and, "that is why things

have gone pretty smooth this year."

Casey said the regional association, which set record numbers last year, broke even that record this season.

"We are at an all-time high," said Casey. "Last year, we set a record in the number of people we had. This year we broke that record. We have 73 people calling this year."

Casey, who enters his seventh year as assigning secretary, said the future looks good.

"I just see more growth in the 15th Region," he said. "Basically, we must be doing some things right. To grow an association there are some things that have to

be done to where some opportunities are given."

Casey explained that all 73 officials within the association received some kind of schedule this season.

Casey has been applauded for his fairness in assigning games since he became assigning secretary seven years ago.

"I truly appreciate that. I wore the stripes for 19 years," he said. "I know what it is to call a game out there on the floor. I try to be as fair and impartial with my people as I can be. I give every person an opportunity and that is all some of them need, is an opportunity."

"Maybe people were held back for this reason or that, but not in the past

seven years. We give everyone an opportunity," said Casey.

The association has registered three women officials this year and Casey said he would like to see that number increase.

"We have three female officials this year and one, Wynonna Davis, is one of the better women officials out there from our region," said the assigning secretary. "She is doing a great job for us."

"We have April Newsome who is going to be a good female referee. Gloria Mullins is a first-year official. All three received schedules. In fact, we want more female officials in our association."

Casey said there has been no problem with the gender difference with men calling games with females.



THE THREE MAN CREW IN OFFICIATING has arrived in the 15th Region. Veteran officials Dale Conn, left, Jerry Hurley, center and Jimmy Blakenship are one of the crews. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## 1999-2000 Kentucky Basketball Schedule

Month	Date	Event	TV	Time	Location
November	2	California All-Stars	UKTV Delay	7:30	H
	11	Athletes in Action -	UKTV Live	8:00	H
	17	Pennsylvania NIT	ESPN	9:00	H
	19	Utah NIT	ESPN	7:00	H
	24	NIT Semifinals	ESPN	6/8:30	A
	26	NIT Finals	ESPN	8:30	A
	29	Dayton	ESPN2	7:00	A
December	4	Indiana	CBS	3:30	A
	7	UNC-Asheville	UKTV Live	8:00	H
	11	Maryland	ESPN	9:00	A
	18	Louisville	CBS	4:00	H
	23	Michigan State	ESPN	7:00	H
	27	Alaska-Anchorage	UKTV Live	8:00	H
	30	Missouri (Sugar Bowl)	Fox Sports Net	7:00	A
	January	5	Georgia Tech	ESPN	7:00
8		Vanderbilt	Fox Sports South	6:00	H
11		Auburn	ESPN	9:00	A
15		South Carolina	Fox Sports South	6:00	A
19		Ole Miss	UKTV Delay	7:30	H
22		Vanderbilt	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	A
26		Georgia	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	A
29		Miami, Fla.	CBS	1:00	A
February	1	Tennessee	ESPN	9:00	H
	5	South Carolina	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	H
	8	Florida	ESPN2	9:00	A
	13	LSU	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	A
	16	Alabama	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	H
	19	Georgia	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	H
	23	Tennessee	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	A
	26	Arkansas	CBS	Noon	H
29	Mississippi State	ESPN	9:00	A	
March	4	Florida	CBS	Noon	H

SEC Tournament March 9-12 at Georgia Dome in Atlanta

### St. Martha Catholic Community

Lancer Watergap Rd Christmas Schedule  
Prestonsburg, KY



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

Saturday, December 25  
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke  
Salyersville, KY

Saturday, December 25  
Feast of the Holy Family Schedule  
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martha

Sunday, December 26  
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke  
Salyersville, KY

11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Martha

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**PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

NOVEMBER			
Sat. 6	U.Va-Wise	Pikeville	7:30
Tues. 9	Rio Grande	Pikeville	7:30
Thur. 11	Transylvania	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 13	Miami-Hamilton	Pikeville	7:30
Thur. 18	Alice Lloyd	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 20	Cumberland	Pikeville	7:30
Tues. 23	College of W. Va.	Beckley, W.Va	7:30
Fri. 26	Rax Invitational**	Pikeville	TBA
Sat. 27	Rax Invitational**	Pikeville	TBA
DECEMBER			
Wed. 1	Brevard	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 4	Cumberland	Williamsburg	2:00
Sun. 12	Union	Pikeville	3:00
Mon. 13	U.Va.-Wise	Wise, Va.	7:30
JANUARY			
Mon. 3	Campbellsville	Campbellsville	7:30
Wed. 5	Union	Barbourville	7:30
Mon. 10	College of W. Va.	Pikeville	7:30
Fri. 14	Indiana-Southeast	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 15	Brescia	Pikeville	7:30
Tues. 18	Lindsey Wilson	Columbia	8:00
Thur. 20	Coal Classic ***	Beckley, W.Va.	TBA
Fri. 21	Coal Classic ***	Beckley, W. Va.	TBA
Fri. 28	Temple Baptist	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 29	Spalding	Pikeville	4:00
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 5	Brescia	Owensboro	3:00
Sun. 6	Indiana-Southeast	New Albany, Ind.	3:00
Tues. 8	Berea	Pikeville	7:30
Thur. 10	Alice Lloyd	Pippa Passes	7:30
Sat. 12	Lindsey Wilson	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 19	Berea	Berea	7:30
Thur. 24	Georgetown	Georgetown	7:30
Sat. 26	Spalding	Louisville	7:30

# Courtside with Ed

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

• New bleachers are heading to the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse and, according to reports, installation will begin in February when the Bobcats play their final home game.

The new bleachers will call for rows of chair back seats, as well. The old bleachers are a nightmare to sit on and it is good to see the board of education replacing the old ones.

As reported before, Allen Central will receive new bleachers, as well, with four rows of chair back seats on the sidelines. Making people comfortable is a good way to get them to the gym.

• Have you noticed that pizza has replaced hot dogs at the gymnasiums concession stands?

Can you believe an Italian food for an American game being served at an American game to American people? Bring back the hot dogs! I guess the kids love pizza more. Un-American.

• Do you like the three-man crew being used in basketball this season? The added official also is an added expense for schools, but I like it. If you have three who know how to work the format.

• Paul Brooks: "What a difference from last year's team than this one. It is a whole

new game. If you take a bad shot, you are on the bench. If you mess up, you are on the bench. There is no exception."

Paul's comments on Betsy Layne basketball this year.

• Summer Jones and the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats are having a lot of fun so far this basketball season. They already have won over some heavyweights in the region.

• Prestonsburg's Amelia Conley had a great game for the Lady Blackcats in a losing cause Tuesday night at Betsy Layne. The thing about Amelia is that she has improved so much from last year.

Or, could it be the fact that Ramanda Music is in the line up. The two compliment each other so well.

If Prestonsburg can get some consistent play from a couple of the other positions, there will not be many teams stay with them. But the Dynamic Duo cannot carry the load against quality teams.

Well, we will see you around the old basketball court. Have a great and safe Christmas!



## Louisville Cardinals 1999-2000 Schedule

November			
Tues. 2	Premier All Stars (EXHIBITION)	Freedom Hall	8:00
Fri. 19	Va. Commonwealth (WDRB/WFTE)	Richmond, Va	8:00
Sun. 21	ATHLETES IN ACTION (WDRB-db)	Freedom Hall	1:30
Thur. 25	at Carrs/ Safeway Great Alaska Shootout	Alaska	TBA
Sat. 27	(First round pairings: 11/24, Grambling State vs. Ga. Tech, Washington vs. Alaska; Nov. 25, Xavier vs. Louisville, Kansas Vs Georgia)		
December			
Sat. 4	Louisville Tech (WDRB/WFTE)	Freedom Hall	2:00
Sat. 11	Alabama (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Wed. 15	CENTRAL FLORIDA (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Sat. 18	Kentucky (CBS)	Lexington	4:00
Mon. 20	TENNESSEE STATE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Thur. 23	NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	7:00
January			
Mon. 3	TULANE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Thur. 6	UTAH (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Sat. 8	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI(WDRB)	FREEDOM HALL	2:00
Wed. 12	UAB (WDRB/WFTE)	Birmingham, Ala.	7:30
Sat. 15	Marquette (WDRB/WFTE)	Milwaukee, Wisc.	2:00
Thur. 20	DEPAUL (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
Sat. 22	UNC CHARLOTTE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	5:00
Thur. 27	CINCINNATI (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
Sat. 29	Saint Louis (ESPN)	St. Louis, Mo.	1:00
February			
Tues. 1	Georgetown (ESPN2)	Washington, D.C.	7:30
Sat. 5	Memphis (ESPN2)	Memphis, Tenn.	7:00
Thur. 10	SYRACUSE (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
Sun. 13	MARQUETTE (ESPN2)	FREEDOM HALL	6:00
Wed. 16	UNC Charlotte (WDRB/WFTE)	Charlotte, N.C.	7:35
Sat. 19	DePaul (ABC)	Chicago, Ill	1:30
Wed. 23	SAINT LOUIS (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	8:00
Sun. 27	Cincinnati (ESPN2)	Cincinnati, Ohio	7:30
Tues. 29	SOUTH FLORIDA (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30

## Mullins scores 19 but ACMS falls to Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Whitney Lykens scored 41 points in one night of basketball, but it came in two games. Lykens pumped in 26 points in leading the Ladycats to a 49-43 win over Allen Central Middle School Tuesday night.

Before the grade school game, Lykens scored 15 points to lead the high school Betsy Layne Ladycats to a 70-69 win over Prestonsburg.

Terri Mullins pumped in 19 points to lead Allen Central in an upset bid of the Ladycats. Jesse Isaac and Becki Thomas scored eight points each for the Lady Rebels.

Kim Clark, a seventh-grader and member of the high school team, added 17 points in the Betsy Layne win. Candice Meade, Breann Akers and Lyndsey Frasure had two points apiece.

Lykens had eight first-quarter points for Betsy Layne, as they built a 12-9 first quarter lead.

Mullins had six of the nine for Allen Central. Isaac scored three in the first.

Clark got involved in the Betsy Layne offense in the second period, scoring eight points and Lykens hit a three-point basket. Betsy Layne took a 27-18 lead to the locker room at the half.

In the third period, Allen Central came out with a hot hand with Thomas and Samantha Nelson scoring four points and Mullins six to lead a 16-6 spurt that gave Allen Central a 34-33 lead after three periods. Lykens hit her second three-point basket in the third period, but Betsy Layne got precious little from anyone else.

Lykens and Clark teamed in the fourth period to bring the Ladycat back. Lykens had 10 fourth-quarter points and Clark added six in a 16-9 run for Betsy Layne. Mullins had five points in the final quarter.

Nelson finished with four points for the Lady Rebels. Miranda Collins and Amber Griffiths scored two apiece.

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