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## P'burg council mulls helping PHS football field

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

Getting a sign fixed and helping a county school was on the minds of Prestonsburg City Council members Monday, as the short agenda gave the council much to discuss.

The council discussed at length the possibility of helping Prestonsburg High School get a new athletic complex. A letter was sent to the city by the Board of

Education asking the council to submit "definitive answers" to some pertinent questions.

Those inquiries include the possible land to be donated by the city, the paving of the road to that land, a parking facility, the exact amount of funds that will be available to the board and when those funds will be available, sewage and water hook ups, and private sector funding.

The board received money for a new PHS athletic complex from the state legis-

lature two years ago, but the questions of where and how to build it have plagued the board, and now the city.

Members of the council discussed the possibility of building the complex on the mountaintop near the new golf course.

Councilman Estill Carter threw out the possibility of helping the board to procure the land near the current field in order to swing it around. The feasibility of turning the playing field by 90 degrees would be a less expensive way to do the same thing,

he said.

"There would be a lot of things you wouldn't have to do," said Carter. "(A new site) would require a huge parking area and if it is built too quickly, it would dictate the layout of the area."

Council members said the city, which has \$1 million earmarked, was already struggling with the recreational area to be built upon the mountain.

"We cannot give them a concrete answer until we find out where we are

going to get the money," said Carter.

The board is asking for an answer by January 15. That alone made some of the council members uncomfortable.

"Under these time constraints, we can't give them an answer," said Bill Collins.

"Haste makes waste," said Hansel Cooley. "This is a hard timeframe to comply with." He went on to say, "We need a facility for our children, now and in the

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## Funny money found locally

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

A late night visitor to Hardee's in Prestonsburg apparently tried to get a little extra gift from Santa.

An unknown woman came through the drive-thru around 2:30 a.m. Monday morning, trying to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill, said store manager Tracy Horton.

The would-be thief had apparently not ordered anything from the restaurant yet and stopped solely for change.

When the manager was passed the fake, she left the window to get change. The panicky driver fled the scene, leaving the manager curious and suspicious.

Upon checking the bill, the Prestonsburg Police Department was immediately notified, said Horton.

The bogus Ben Franklin was kept by the PPD. It will be held as evidence in case an arrest is made.

Counterfeit bills get past cashiers more easily this time of year, said Trooper Mike Goble. The counterfeiter will play upon the rush and even add an urgency to their check out. The haste is to keep the cashier from effectively checking the bills out.

"They hand it to them face up. The clerk won't take the time to look at it themselves," said Goble.

The incident is the first attempt to pass phony money in the area in several months, said Goble.

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### A volatile situation...



On Monday, owner Jimmy Goble of Stratton Branch was cleaning up the area around the old lumber yard at the old entrance to Goble Roberts Addition when a Columbia gas line was ruptured. The break was made scarier due to the fact that it was located near the controlled burning of an old sawmill. Prestonsburg Police and Fire Departments closed off the area until the rupture was corrected and the fire no longer posed a problem. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Would-be robbers ransack Martin DQ

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

A burglar or burglars were thwarted in a Christmas Day incident that ended in a local restaurant being vandalized.

Sunday morning traffic into the Dairy Queen at Martin may not have seen the evidence, but on the afternoon of Christmas day the signs of a burglary attempt were everywhere.

Would-be thieves entered the restaurant by breaking the glass entrance doors. Apparently

believing they would find money, the cash registers were believed to be thrown on the floor in an attempt to force them open.

Martin Police Chief Jeff Powell said the thieves probably became angry because they could not find any money. The thieves then went through the store and ransacked it.

"They scattered things in the back," said Powell. "They took a register and tried to throw it through the (drive-thru) window."

The only evidence of any thing taken was a small amount of change, said Powell.

Damages to the store could exceed well over \$1000, said Powell. The store's cash registers were in the floor, windows were broken and the back of the store was ransacked.

The restaurant was open the next day with repairs already in full swing.

The store has been secure up to this point, said Powell.

"As long as the Dairy Queen has been there, I don't think it has ever been broken into," he said.

Officer James Slone of the Martin Police Department is in charge of the investigation.

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### Briefs

#### Barber to be sworn in Tuesday

Judge-elect David Allen Barber of Prestonsburg, who in November defeated John Gardner of Paintsville to earn a seven-year term on the state Court of Appeals, will be sworn into his new office next week.

Barber will represent the seventh judicial district along with Sara Combs of Stanton, who was re-elected to her first full term without opposition.

Combs has served since 1994. Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert will preside over the investiture ceremony for members of the Court of Appeals. The ceremony will take place Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Supreme Courtroom located on the second floor of the Capitol in Frankfort.

Barber joins fifth district Judge-elect Julia Kurtz Tackett of Lexington as the only newly-elected members of the 14-judge body.

The ceremony is open to the public, but seating is limited. For more information, contact Barbara Moberly, court administrator, at (502) 573-7920.

## Jan.-Apr.: New faces, issues emerge in county government

### January

■ One of the first actions of newly-elected Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was to convene a special meeting of the fiscal court at 7 a.m., January 4 — his first day on the job. The court approved Thompson's appointments to his staff, including the appointment of his wife to serve as finance officer.

■ The Floyd County Board of Education assigned dual roles to state manager Woodrow Carter. During a December 28 board meeting, Carter was named secretary of the board and, after an executive session, was also picked to serve as interim superintendent after a contract with former interim superintendent Mike King expired.

■ A Toler man was killed in a New Year's Day house fire. Hugh E. Naylor, 40, was pulled from the flames by neighbors, but suffered fatal injuries. On January 4, another house fire destroyed the home of Wayne and Peggy Stephens, of Mill Creek.

■ Dr. Remigo T. DeGuzman of Martin

was fined \$4,500 by state officials for allegedly dumping his office waste illegally.

■ Christian Appalachian Project founder Father Ralph Beiting purchased the former Auxier Elementary school buildings from the Board of Education for \$51,000. Beiting held a public meeting at the Auxier Volunteer Fire Department to seek suggestions for the best use for the buildings.

■ Despite objections from two of its members, the Prestonsburg City Council voted January 11 to allow the sale of CableVision. Billy Ray Collins and Gorman Collins objected to the sale, saying the city would lose a valuable bargaining chip by allowing the purchase to go through.

■ Protesters descended on the school board meeting held at Osborne Elementary School to show support for that school's former principal, Paul D. Tackett.

■ Billie Jean Osborne was named the recipient of the state's Community Arts Award. The founder of the Kentucky Opry was honored for her years of "plotting,

pushing and politicking" to have the Mountain Arts Center constructed in Prestonsburg.

■ Former County Attorney David Allen Barber filed election papers to seek a seat on the state Court of Appeals. Barber's filing set up a showdown between himself and incumbent Judge John Gardner.

■ The Fiscal Court okayed a request from Sheriff John K. Blackburn that his office be allowed to receive \$132,000 in start-up funds from the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

■ A two-vehicle accident January 13 sent 14 people to the hospital. Twelve of the injured were students riding in a van from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center. The accident occurred when a car driven

**1999 YEAR IN REVIEW**

Part 1 of 3

A look back at the events which made news during 1999. In this issue, January through April. Coming Friday, May through August

east by Patricia Hyden turned in front of the van in an attempt to exit onto US 23.

■ Gov. Paul Patton was in Floyd County January 14 to address a meeting of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The appearance was Patton's fifth mountain visit in a week to discuss economic development in eastern Kentucky.

■ Bill J. "Bainey" Little was arrested at his residence January 15 and charged with conspiracy to commit murder and two counts of trafficking in prescription drugs. Little was accused of offering an informant \$5,000 to kill John Allen of Paintsville, who Little allegedly believed had testified against him in a drug investigation. Little pleaded not guilty to the charges and his

case sent to a grand jury for consideration.

■ After being postponed twice, an arraignment was finally held January 15 for County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd for a 1992 charge that she stole a \$26,000 tax payment. Boyd pleaded not guilty to the charge. A pretrial hearing was set for April 16.

■ During the first regular meeting of the Fiscal Court under a commission form of government on January 15, commissioners spent much of their time on administrative matters. The court approved one resolution reorganizing the solid waste department and placing it under the control of the county judge-executive's office. An ordinance establishing a line of succession in the event of the absence of the judge-executive was also given tentative approval.

■ Riverview Manor Nursing Home announced its intention to build a 30-bed, two-story addition. The addition was to extend into a residential section of Briarwood subdivision.

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# Review

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■ Kenneth D. Lowther, 41, of Volga, W. Va., was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury January 19 on eight counts of wanton endangerment for allegedly driving north in the southbound lane of US 23 at

Betsy Layne while intoxicated. ■ The Floyd County Board of Education was chastised during a marathon six-hour meeting January 19 for not doing enough to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning. Bud Reynolds, on behalf of the Floyd County Education Association, said the school system was "as political as it has ever been." The board was also warned by Associate Education Commissioner Tom Willis not to

give away its authority to make decisions concerning the future of football fields at Prestonsburg and South Floyd high schools. ■ The Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats brought home a national championship trophy for the third consecutive year, but had their best showing ever. Their first national championship in 1997 was earned in the jazz competition, while in 1998, they were national pom routine champions. This year,

however, they received first place in both categories, earning the team the designation of Grand National Champions during competition in St. Louis. ■ The Floyd County Ethics Commission faced its first dilemma of the new administration as it met to consider whether Pam Blackburn, wife of Sheriff John K. Blackburn, could be paid for her work in her husband's office. While the county ethics code prohibits officials from hiring family members, Pam Blackburn was appointed to her position more than a month prior to her husband taking office. The commission agreed to seek legal advice on the situation before ruling whether Blackburn could be paid.

owed one more year's employment as a paid consultant with the system at a rate of \$27,500. Under terms of the settlement, the board stated publicly that it owed Frazier the money, but Frazier in turn returned the money to the system to be spent on local schools. Each of the county's 16 schools received a little more than \$1,700. ■ The Floyd County Health Department began surveying local residents about health care needs in response to fears that changes in the Medicaid system could have a negative impact on the facility. ■ A stabbing at Allen Central High School February 1 was ruled an accident. A ninth-grade student was stabbed in the shoulder during the incident and was treated and released by Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. Although school officials believed the stabbing to be unintentional, they sought to expel the student who brought the knife — also a ninth-grader.

■ Wayne "Stevie" Wicker, 29, of Garrett was killed after he was stabbed during an altercation February 2 at Goose Creek. David Hall, 29, also of Garrett, was charged with murder, as well as assault for also allegedly cutting Okie Prater, 46, of Garrett. The case was sent to a grand jury for consideration February 10. ■ Floyd County Chamber of Commerce President Rebecca Derossett began a new role with the organization. She was hired as the Chamber's executive director February 5. ■ Local officials began urging local residents to dial 911 during emergencies. During a meeting of the county's 911 advisory board, members were told that many residents continue to call fire stations and ambulances services directly, rather than calling 911. Bill Dotson, 911 coordinator, said dialing 911 would actually bring a quicker response than dialing emergency services directly. ■ Former county judge-executive Ben Hale was named to Gov. Paul Patton's staff February 1. Serving as a liaison, Hale said his duties were to serve as the "eyes and ears of the governor" in 20 eastern and northeastern counties. ■ Two longtime Prestonsburg Community College administrators cried foul after they were relieved of their duties at the school. John Herald, dean of business affairs, was reassigned to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System office, and Brenda Music, director of financial aid, was given leave with pay. While both said the move was retaliation for a lawsuit Music filed against PCC President Dr. Deborah Floyd, KCTCS said it was investigating financial practices at the school. ■ Some Martin residents who receive checks from Social Security did not receive their payments on time. Jim Kelly, district manager for the Social Security Administration, said 75 checks were inexplicably never delivered to the Martin Post Office, but that replacement checks were mailed out February 8. ■ The David Community Development Corporation and residents from that area met February 4 with Prestonsburg Utilities to discuss the possibility of the utilities commission taking control of that community's sewer system. While such a move would have unburdened David Community Development of maintaining its old and inadequate sewage treatment plant and paved the way for more homes to be added to the system, many of those who attended the meeting were concerned about a 30 percent increase in sewer bills should the merger take place. ■ Public outcry forced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to shelve its plans to close KY 302 in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park from the Girl Scout Camp to the spillway. The closure had been planned as part of a project to construct an auxiliary spillway. ■ Gov. Paul Patton made a whistle-stop in Prestonsburg February 10 to drum up support for his bid for a second consecutive term. That same day, his office announced that the governor had recommended a worker training program developed in anticipation of the construction of a federal prison along the Johnson-Martin county line receive \$231,490 in funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission. ■ The agenda for a February 10 special meeting of the Wheelwright City Commission contained just one item — to meet in closed session to discuss city policeman Danny Martin. The commission cited an open meetings exemption to discuss personnel in calling the closed session. After returning to open session, the commission took no action and adjourned without

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■ State, local and prison officials were on hand January 21 for the dedication of a 256-bed expansion at the Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright. ■ The Floyd County Solid Waste Board officially turned over its finances to the county, following that department's absorption by the county judge-executive's office. The board was left with the duties of drawing up an annual budget for the program, as well as the power to approve expenses. ■ A Paintsville man lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center died of a heart attack while awaiting trial. Jack Barnes, who was awaiting trial on rape, sex abuse and sodomy charges, was pronounced dead at 12:36 a.m. January 28. ■ A Printer woman was arrested for perjury after she testified on behalf of her husband, who had been accused of assaulting her sister. Linda Salisbury, 38, was asked by Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum whether she had ever requested an emergency protective order against her husband, which she denied. After a recess, Marcum showed Salisbury a copy of the order and filed the charge against her.

■ A dispute between a former deputy superintendent and the Floyd County Board of Education came to an end in a way that left local schools winners. Former deputy superintendent Gary Frazier had sued the board, claiming he was

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# Review

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■ The Fiscal Court took steps to pinch more than a few pennies during a special meeting February 25 by voting to refinance the county's solid waste, natural gas and jail bonds. County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the county could save up to \$1 million over 14 years by taking advantage of lower interest rates.

■ The firing of Prestonsburg High School teacher Jerry Lafferty was upheld by a tribunal convened by the state Attorney General's Office. The tribunal concluded February 26 that the firing was justified because Lafferty allegedly engaged in inappropriate conversations and actions with students during and after school.

■ Ten people were arrested during a "weekend drug roundup" conducted by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department from February 25 to 28.

■ School bus driver Donald Wireman was killed February 27 after an automobile accident on KY 114.

## March

■ A David woman asked that her ex-husband be restricted from visiting their child after he was allegedly implicated in the murder of her second husband. Evelyn Clark Bear petitioned Floyd Circuit Court to restrict Robin D. Flanery's access to their child after Ted Samuel Bear was killed, allegedly at the hands of Flanery's brother, Darrin Ray Flanery, while the couple was picking up the child January 2 following a holiday visit with the child's father.

■ The Floyd County Board of Education voted to purchase playground equipment for seven schools during a special meeting March 2.

■ The state Court of Appeals ruled that First Commonwealth Bank must furnish Vonnie, Willis, Karen, Greeley and Beulah Ousley with their transaction records, even though the family no longer did business with the bank and was expected to file suit against it.

■ Floyd County schoolchildren celebrate the birthday of the late Theodore Geisel — better known to kids and parents alike as "Dr. Seuss" — by taking part in the "Read Across America" program March 2.

■ Tragedy struck a Pike County family twice after Gary Sawyers, 41, of Ashcamp, was crushed to death March 4 in a roof fall at a Betsy Layne coal mine. When told the news of her son's death, Nancy Jo Hyler, 59, of Elkhorn City, suffered a heart attack and died.

■ After being given three weeks to ponder it, in the end it only took 15 minutes for residents of David to decide to turn over that community's sewer system to Prestonsburg Utilities. The decision was made during a meeting of the David Community Development Corporation, where residents were told the system was too expensive for the group to maintain and that it needed someone like Prestonsburg Utilities to look after it full time.

■ Wheelwright residents met with county and school officials March 8 to discuss ways to keep that community's gymnasium open. One option discussed included the possibility that the county could purchase the building from the school system.

■ County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Jailer Roger Webb raised the possibility of closing the county juvenile detention center and converting it into an extension of the Floyd County Detention Center. Doing so would allow the county to hold 90 more adult inmates, Webb said, and, according to Thompson, could save the county \$400,000 a year.

■ A bus full of students barely avoided tragedy after an 18-wheel truck ran it off the road March 9. The bus was forced into a ditch when the tractor-trailer took up most of the road while going around Cephus Moore Curve at Hi Hat. A car driven by Osborne Elementary teacher Jeff Castle also collided with the rear of the bus after the initial accident. No one was injured in either accident.

■ The Wheelwright City Commission voted to give its swimming pool to the county March 10. The city had lost \$6,000 operating the pool the previous season.

■ For the second time in a week, a coal miner was killed in a roof fall. James Sturgill, 35, of Kite, was killed March 11 when a section of roof at a Lackey coal mine fell on him.

■ Retired businessman Fred Cottrell died March 12. Cottrell designed and built Richmond Plaza in downtown Prestonsburg, established the Richmond Cemetery and was the former proprietor of the I. Richmond Store.

■ Fire destroyed one of Floyd County's oldest family-owned businesses March 14. Porter Industries in Allen, as well as two apartments housed in its building, was destroyed in the blaze. Firefighters blamed a lack of water pressure for their inability to save the building.

■ The Board of Education hired the Kentucky School Boards Association March 15 to serve as a consulting firm to assist in the search for a new superintendent.

■ Control of the finances for Floyd County's 911 system became an issue during a March 15 meeting of the 911 Executive Board. The issue arose after Kentucky State Police questioned who was responsible for paying the system's bills. An attorney for KSP said the state mandates that the 911 board pay the bills, but County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the fiscal court has control over the money.

■ For the second time in as many days, a Floyd County business succumbed to flames. This time, a March 16 fire at the Garrett Grocery destroyed the business.

■ The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education gave permission to Morehead State University and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to build a Northeast Regional Postsecondary Education Center on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College. The center will give permanent space to Morehead's Big Sandy Extended Campus, currently operating a stone's throw away at Highlands Plaza, as well as space for the internet-based Commonwealth Virtual University.

■ James Douglas Adams II was named director of economic development and special projects by the Fiscal Court March 19.

■ Members of the Floyd County Board of Education learned March 22 that renovations at Prestonsburg High School could run \$240,000 higher than originally expected. Later in the month, however, state manager Woodrow Carter told the board that the project had been deliberately underfunded from the beginning, and that it would actual-

ly come in under early cost estimates.

■ Spring cleanup time came to Floyd County March 20, giving residents a chance to get rid of old appliances and other rubbish at no charge for an entire month. The cleanup lasted until April 24.

■ David Vincent Hall, 29, of Garrett, was indicted for murder in the Groundhog Day stabbing death of Stephen Wicker, also of Garrett. He was also charged with first-degree assault for allegedly cutting Okie Prater accidentally while attacking Wicker.

■ Hueysville residents challenged a decision by the state Division of Water to allow Jerry Martin to fill property at Smackey Bottom for his Auto Bath business. The residents said they are afraid that filling the property would cause flood waters to come into their homes.

■ A vote by registered nurses at Highlands Regional Medical Center on whether to join the Service Employees International Union 1199 was declared a draw March 25. The vote was tied at 45, with two ballots challenged.

■ Floyd County fell under its first outdoor burning ban of the year March 30, as several hundred acres of forest went up in smoke across the Big Sandy Valley.

■ Efforts to close an old county landfill at Garth were thwarted after it was discovered that a collection tank at the site was attracting water from abandoned coal mines predating the landfill.

■ Pam Blackburn became the first person to feel the full force of the county's ethics code, after the Ethics Commission ruled March 30 that she must give up her job. Blackburn worked as a deputy for her husband, Sheriff John Blackburn. The commission ruled that she could no longer continue to do so because of ethics code restrictions on nepotism, even though she was hired more than a month before her husband took office. At the time, Blackburn said her attorneys were considering further legal action and she remained at her job without pay.

■ The Fiscal Court voted to make an offer to purchase the Wheelwright gymnasium from the Floyd County Board of Education for \$15,000. County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the county would use the building to create housing for volunteers who come to the area during summer months, as well as a cafeteria and trophy area open to the community.

## April

■ Mark McLemore became the new manager of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on April 1. Most recently manager of Natural Bridge State Resort Park, McLemore had worked at Jenny Wiley 10 years earlier as a business manager.

■ Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said his city was looking at another big construction year, after a record-setting pace the year before.

■ Despite receiving requests to speed up the process of constructing athletic complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd high schools, the Board of Education decided during a special meeting April 5 to postpone starting the projects while the school system continued to examine its options.

■ Severe spring storms slammed

into the Allen area April 8, causing damage to several homes and businesses.

■ Administrative Law Judge Steven Charno ruled April 6 that R & S Truck Body in Allen must rehire 20 employees who were unlawfully dismissed by the company in the wake of an October 1996 union election. Charno also ordered the company to review election ballots to allow union representation by the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers if a majority of workers voted in favor of the union, or to hold a new election if a majority voted against representation.

■ In an attempt to work out bugs in its pager system, the 911 Advisory Council on April 7 dis-

tributed forms on which emergency workers were to document any problems they encountered with their pagers.

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# Viewpoint

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

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Johann Wolfgang von Goethe—

## Editorial

### Welfare that works: Minnesota wins a deserved award

In 1996, when Congress turned states loose to revamp welfare, Minnesota chose an ambitious and distinctive goal. That state's legislature said that welfare reform shouldn't just push families off assistance, it should usher them out of poverty as well.

That philosophy was heresy in the mid-1990s, when most states were content to shove poor families into the job market and let them fend for themselves.

But this month, Minnesota won vindication in a national evaluation conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Minnesota placed first in one of four new welfare-to-work performance categories, and it was the only state to rank well in three different categories. The state will receive a \$9.4 million federal performance bonus, one of the biggest awards.

Quite apart from Minnesota's success, the new federal performance standards show that Washington has improved its definition of success since Congress passed the landmark welfare law in 1996.

In the first two years, states were rewarded chiefly for cutting caseloads, no matter what became of poor families after they left assistance.

The new bonuses reward states for placing clients in jobs, for job retention and wage gains (Minnesota's first-place finish) and for year-to-year progress in these occupational achievements.

Next year, HHS Secretary Donna Shalala will add three additional and welcome criteria: Enrolling poor families in health insurance, assuring food stamp coverage for eligible families and promoting family stability.

Minnesota's robust job market certainly deserves some credit for the success of welfare reform so far, although neighboring states with equally strong economies did not finish well in the federal rankings.

Michael O'Keefe, Minnesota's commissioner of human services, also credits cooperation among county caseworkers, the state's employment service centers and private nonprofit job-development agencies.

But the original design of Minnesota's welfare strategy also deserves credit. Many states have relied chiefly on the "stick" — simply ordering poor families to find work. The Minnesota Family Investment Program also provides a "carrot" — a wage subsidy that guarantees that families will be better off working than they were on public assistance alone.

Minnesotans can take pride in a program that improves the lives of poor families. Now they can take satisfaction that this strategy is practical, too — it encourages job placement, job retention and the self-sufficiency that everyone desires for poor families.

For all its successes, however MFIP hasn't finished the job. Minnesota has greatly increased the number of welfare recipients who hold jobs. But few of these clients are earning enough money to lift their families out of poverty without a state wage subsidy, and most are working in retail and service jobs with little career promise. Improving the long-term prospects of welfare families is MFIP's next challenge, and that would be a productive use of Minnesota's \$9.4 million prize.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Guest Column

#### Breeding Terrorism

by Sheldon Richman

If 2000 comes in with a terrorist's bang, the blame must be squarely placed at the feet of our foreign-policy makers. Of course, the perpetrator is directly responsible for the deaths and injuries of innocent civilians, but that doesn't alter the fact that the foreign-policy establishment, from President Clinton on down, are accessories. They created the indispensable conditions.

Too extreme a statement? Ponder this: Someone recently asked when the last act of foreign terrorism was committed against Switzerland. Isn't it interesting that countries that mind their own business aren't targets of violence committed by citizens of other nations? Maybe there's a lesson there somewhere.

Apologists for activist government never tire of telling us that the benevolent state is our protector and that without it we'd be at the mercy of monsters. It is about time that we understood that the U.S. government does more to endanger the American people than any imagined monsters around the world.

How so? By pursuing its Grand Foreign Policy of meddling anywhere and everywhere. It stands to reason that if you stick your nose in other people's quarrels, you will acquire enemies. Some of them will be unhappy about the interference and will retaliate. Tragically, they will not be so careful about discriminating between the offenders and innocent civilians. That's wrong, but so is the meddling that brings the retaliation about.

The failure to avoid harming innocents isn't something the U.S. government is in a position to pontificate about. Its perennial program of bombing and embargo — perfected by the Clinton administration — constitutes a handbook on how to punish people who have done you no wrong. The only thing that distinguishes terrorists from U.S. policymakers is that the terrorists don't have bombers or the capacity to inflict an embargo on the American people.

At the moment, the United States has sanctions against Iraq, Iran, Cuba and Serbia. We know that those sanctions are not achieving their stated objectives. The rulers of those countries are virtually unaffected. But that doesn't mean the people aren't suffering. They suffer from the lack of food, medicines, and vital services. An administration that claims to want to do so much "for the children" is starving children in other countries.

An economic embargo was once regarded as an

act of war, and for good reason. It is slow-motion mass murder. We might have learned from history that inflicting mass starvation on a population can come back to haunt. During World War I, the Allies inflicted a devastating hunger blockade on Germany that lasted for months after the armistice. The starving children that didn't perish grew up to become Hitler's soldiers.

Not all of America's mass murder has been in slow motion. The bombers see to that. The United States has been responsible for the deaths of thousands, many civilians included. The survivors don't forget.

Bombing and economic sanctions are not the only ways that the United States has inflicted harm on foreign populations. It has also done so by aiding client states that have oppressed people. For example, Turkey has subjugated Kurds, Israel has repressed Palestinians and bombed its neighbors, and U.S.-backed dictators have committed atrocities against their own people.

The upshot is that U.S. policymakers have done their best to make foreigners hate the United States. Conservatives seem to believe that terrorists hate us because we are capitalist and wealthy. But that's implausible. Young men don't risk their lives and become terrorists to exact retribution for abstract offenses. They seek revenge for real crimes, such as the murder of family members.

There is a way to make the United States terrorist-proof: pursue a foreign policy proper to a constitutional republic, the same policy proposed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. In a word, nonintervention. Let countries and populations work out their own disputes. Meddling simply widens and intensifies conflicts.

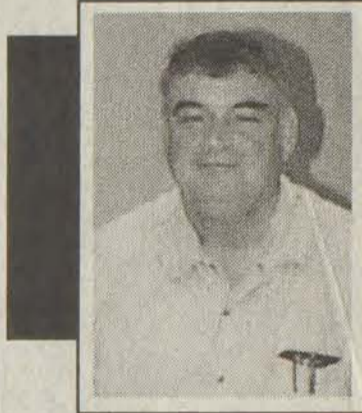
Nonintervention should not be mistaken for "isolationism," or self-sufficiency. A policy of unconditional free trade — as opposed to managed trade — is not only consistent with political and military nonintervention, it also logically requires it. If government follows a policy of leaving its and other citizens alone, free trade is the default position.

As we enter the final year of the millennium, let's hope New Year's Eve is tranquil the world over. In any event, the United States should reverse its imperial policy of policing the world.

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## Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer



### Establishing a new system

No doubt, you have noticed that when making a call to even the smallest organizations, there is the ritual of getting to the right person. If your question is about love, dial LUV; if it is about money, dial \$ and so forth. The most outlandish one I have heard is this: For home improvement, call MARTHA STEWART.

By the time I listen to all the options, I sometimes forget why I called in the first place. And as I have previously stated, "A mind is a terrible thing to lose." I wonder if I could sue the phone company for polluting my brain? Don't laugh. The idea makes more sense than the case of the woman who poured hot coffee on herself and sued McDonald's and won.

I assume that this is progress, and if there is one thing I want to do, it is be progressive. So I installed such a system to my own phone. You probably are thinking by this time that I have multiple lines? Not so. I still have the one line. I did not let that deter me from joining the list of people that have menus on their phone system and thus earned the status of being progressive.

If you should call our number, you will feel right at home as the message begins.

This is the Elliott residence on Royal Hollow. If you want to talk with Linda (she does most of the answering), just say, "Could I speak to Linda, please." She will then talk to you. If you don't want to talk to her, I want to know why. She is a terrific person and I see no reason why you would not want to talk to her.

But I am getting away from the description of my system. If you don't use the phrase "Could I speak to Linda, please," she will speak in foreign tongues and further confuse you.

If you want to talk to me, just tell Linda, "Would you tell Willie to come to the phone." There will be a slight delay as we have to go through this little ritual. "Who is it?" I will ask. "I don't know. The call is for you." "Who does it sound like?" I persist. "Willie, come here and get the phone before I really get mad, and I will not bring you any food from Nanny's for a week."

If you want to speak to Ryan (he's not here much anymore, having moved to Richmond to party and occasionally go to class), you have to state your reason for calling and give an estimation of how long the call will take. Generally calls of one hour or more are rejected.

If you are a telemarketer, "go to . . ." I get carried away on this one. The message really reads, "What are you selling and what makes you think I want you to interrupt this lovely dinner that Linda has warmed up for me?" The message continues: "If you really want me to buy your product, write a well-developed paragraph explaining why I should waste my money on your product. Oh, the essay will be evaluated using the KIRIS writing scoring guide." I then tell them, "You don't know it? Then, I guess I will not be doing any business with you?" As an extra, I add, "I didn't need any light bulbs anyway."

I know this system is not very sophisticated, but it is at a level that will cause companies to consider me progressive. Objective attained.

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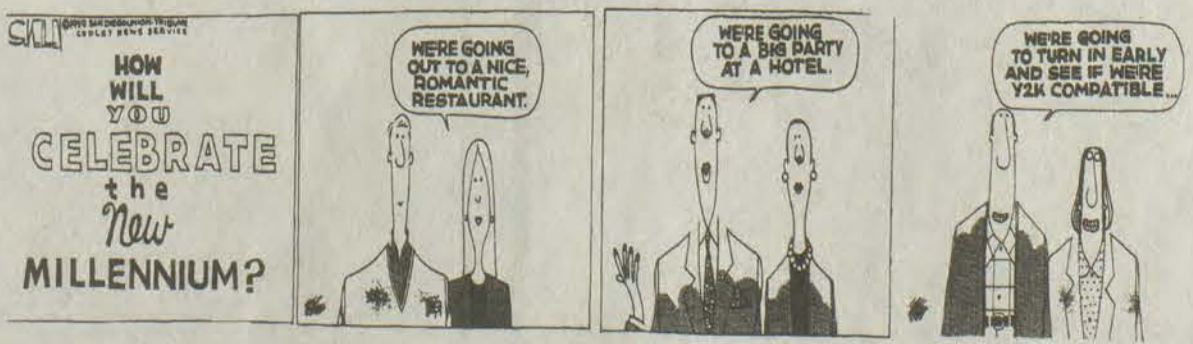
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# Teaberry man returns to jail

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

A frequent visitor to the Floyd County Detention Center is once again behind closed doors.

Rocky E. Newsome, 21, of Teaberry, was arrested last Wednesday for allegedly trying to pass a forged prescription at a pharmacy in McDowell.

A 4 p.m. call to the Pikeville Post by the pharmacy reported Newsome inside the McDowell

Professional Pharmacy attempting to receive a prescription for Lortab. The caller told the dispatcher that he would attempt to delay Newsome's departure until officers could arrive on the scene.

Officers from the Kentucky State Police and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department arrived on the scene some 30 minutes later and placed him into custody.

Deputy Robert Caudill charged Newsome with first-degree possession of a forged prescription,

theft of a prescription blank, and first-degree forgery of a prescription.

Newsome was arraigned Thursday morning and placed under a \$25,000 cash bond.

Rocky Newsome has been indicted in another case and has a trial pending in Floyd Circuit Court. In that case, he is charged with second-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking, second-degree criminal mischief and fraudulent use of a credit card.

# Council

future. We all have to take the pride out of it. It has to be a joint effort. I feel like we are shortchanging ourselves."

Mayor Fannin told the council that if the city doesn't help with the project, "We won't get a running track."

While ready and willing to help the board, some council members were quick to remind one another of the lack of charity the board has showed to Prestonsburg High.

In 43 years of existence, the board has given to the school a building and that's all, said Bill Collins and Ralph Davis.

"This is a county high school that has never had any money given to it except by the city. The people of Prestonsburg have paid for the gym and the football field," said Collins.

"If we are interested in uniting Prestonsburg and Floyd County on a sign, we ought to do our best to unite it in practical application," said Carter.

Both Collins and Cooley were upset with the division of the money granted to Prestonsburg and South Floyd for complexes. SFHS was awarded \$2.5 million, while PHS received \$1.8 million.

"We have one of the prettiest high schools in the state, but to go with a complex and not expand with a facility that is appropriate, then we would be shortchanging the students," said Cooley.

In either scenario the council had no concrete answers and a shortage of money exists in both ideas.

"We need to know how much

money it would take," said Carter of turning the field.

Trent Nairn had estimated the parking lot alone at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Finding a lack of answers, Fannin attempted to put urgency on the council's shoulders.

"We've got one shot to see a nice facility," Fannin said. "If it doesn't get done right now, I don't foresee it getting done."

With money questions on their minds, the council decided to explore the option of retrieving more funds for the complex and/or the recreational area on top of the mountain and to meet again as soon as they had some answers.

In another matter, Carter brought to the table problems the Mountain Arts Center continues to have with its sign. The expensive sign, which includes a moving lights marquee, has never worked properly, said Carter.

Purchased by UniSign, the sign has been in need of repairs for some time, but UniSign has not fixed it, said Carter, explaining that the marquee and the lighted part of the sign have rarely worked as they should. The marquee could be used to help promote the goings on at the MAC if it worked properly, said Carter.

The council voted to file suit against UniSign in order to get the needed repairs.

# Four injured in accident at Beaver

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

A severe accident in the Beaver area left one man with severe injuries and a family of three shaken Friday afternoon.

The Left Beaver Rescue Squad and the Mud Creek Fire Department responded to the scene of a two vehicle accident about 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

A possible diesel slick in the road could have contributed to the

accident, but it is not known in which direction either vehicle was traveling, said Left Beaver Rescue Squad member Shannon Hall.

The near head-on collision of two vehicles left Devon Newsome trapped inside of his vehicle.

EMS workers from the Left Beaver fought feverishly to extricate Newsome from the vehicle. Using the jaws of life to pry open the door and cut away the steering wheel, rescue workers freed him from the car and readied him for

transport to the hospital.

The other vehicle contained a man, woman and a small child. The extent of their injuries is not known.

All of the victims were transported to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where Newsome was treated and transferred to Saint Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

The accident is under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.



Pastor J. M. Sloce and members of the Praise Assembly of God and its outreach program, Good News Evangelistic Outreach, Inc. were at the Wal-Mart parking lot on Thursday to distribute food to needy families. Families received a basket that contained a turkey, green beans, sweet potatoes and rolls. The kids received toys and a treat bag. The group had originally planned for 110 families, but the number had grown to 125 by the time distribution started. Praise of Assembly of God is located near Rt. 23 and 80 at Watergap. (photo by Willie Elliott)

# Winter weather chills blood donations

Recently 244 volunteer donors gave blood to kick off Central Kentucky Blood Center's annual holiday blood drive, Donorama '99. However donations fell short of the daily goal of 400 for the five-day effort.

"The threat of winter weather may have prevented many donors from coming out," said Marsha Berry, CKBC spokeswoman. "And we're still competing with holiday activities like travel and shopping."

Donors are urged to give blood at the following CKBC donor centers:

Lexington, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; New Year's Eve, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Somerset, Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10

a.m.-7 p.m.; New Year's Eve, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Hazard, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; New Year's Eve, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Pikeville and Prestonsburg, Monday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; New Year's Eve, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 100 pounds or more and be in good general health to donate blood. For more information, call 606-276-2534, 1-800-775-2522 or visit CKBC's web site www.ckbc.org.

# Bogus

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The fraudulent money could be used in the future to educate banks and grocers on the fine art of forgery inside the counterfeiter's world.

Sergeant Mike Omerod of the Prestonsburg Police Department is in charge of the investigation.



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Applications to serve as a youth delegate or adult advisor to the MADD National Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking 2000 may be found at www.madd.org/nys.

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# Home Owners CORNER



by **Stan Stumbo & Vonceil Thacker**  
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When installing drywall, homeowners now have an alternative treatment to the traditional right-angled corner bead. A rounded, or bullnose, corner gives drywall corners a rounded edge. All it takes is the selection of rounded corner beads for the project. However, preparing the wall to take the bead requires a bit of foresight. Sheets of drywall must be cut so that they will not overlap at the corners. Otherwise, they will force the rounded corner bead away from the corner so that it projects further than necessary. Rounded corner bead can be applied much like its angled counterpart. It comes in an all-metal, nail-on version, or metal with a paper face. Rounded corners impart a soft look to corners.

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**HINT:** Rounded corner bead made of metal with a paper face is applied in much the same way ordinary dry-wall tape is applied.

# Registration set at MSU

Morehead State University will hold registration for the spring 2000 semester, Wednesday through Friday, January 5-7, on the campus.

The first day of registration will be a business day only for advanced scheduled freshmen and transfer students. Tuition and fees may be paid in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Class scheduling in academic departments will be available on January 6 and 7, beginning at 8 a.m., both days.

For advanced registered sophomore and junior students January 6 has been designated as a business day, and January 7, for senior and graduate students. Entry to area for business days will be based on an alphabetical system by last name, which may be found on page 11 of MSU's Course Directory and Business Guide.

Those students who have not yet declared a major will schedule classes in 233 Allie Young Hall. Undergraduates, who have not previously been admitted or were not enrolled this fall, will begin the registration process in the Office of Admissions, 301 H o w e l l - M e d o w e l l Administration Building.

Graduate students who were not previously enrolled may begin the registration process in 701 Ginger Hall.

All fees must be paid in full by 6 p.m., on January 7.

Schedule changes will be made at no charge in the student's major department until January 18. After that time, adjustments will be handled in the registrar's office and a \$10 fee will be assessed.

All classes, at on-and-off-campus locations, will begin Monday, January 10.

Students who want to take classes at one of the MSU's off-campus locations also may register during these days. Registration will be held, January 6, and 7, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Ashland Area Extended Campus Center, Licking Valley Extended Campus Center in West Liberty, at Prestonsburg Community College and Pike County Central High School.

Registration will be held on January 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Simons Middle School in Flemingsburg, McNabb Middle School in Mt. Sterling, Maysville Community College and Hazard Community College-Knott County Branch for classes in Hindman.

Students may register on January 6, and 7, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Louisa Middle School, Magoffin County High School in Salyersville, Raceland Independent High School, Bath County High School in Owingsville and Lewis County High School in Vanceburg.

Registration will be held at Hazard Community College-Lees College Campus in Jackson, on January 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and January 7, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Course directories with a complete list of classes and registration information are available online at [www.morehead-st.edu/units/registrar](http://www.morehead-st.edu/units/registrar). Additional information is available from the Office of the Registrar at 606/793-2008.

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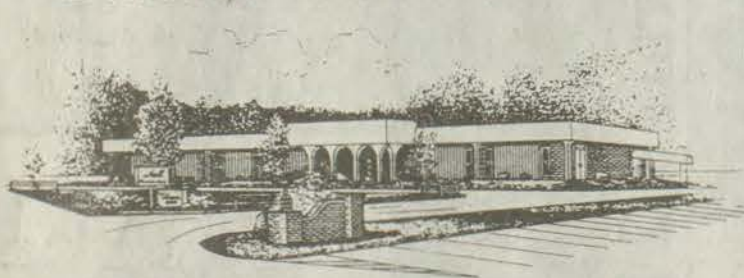
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# OBITUARIES

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## REGIONAL OBITUARIES

### Magoffin County

Beckham Howard, 81, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 17. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 20, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

J.B. Williams, 66, of Salyersville, died Monday, December 20. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 23, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Roy Reed, 77, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, December 14. He was a retired government employee. He is survived by his wife, Lou Ann Gibson Reed. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 18, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Viola Stevens, 86, of Lucasville, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Tuesday, December 7. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, at the Outreach Ministries Church on Big Bear Creek Road, Lucasville. Burial was in Rushtown Cemetery.

Austin Minix, 72, of

Salyersville, died Saturday, December 18. He was a retired railroad worker. He is survived by his wife, Mornie Allen Minix. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 21, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Jesse Lee Adams, 59, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 15. He is survived by his wife, Carla Sue Collinsworth Adams. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 18, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

### Johnson County

James Long Sr., 81, of Beach Grove, Indiana, formerly of Johnson County, died Wednesday, October 20. He is survived by his wife, Mary Maxine Jackson Long. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 23, under the direction of Little & Sons Funeral Home.

Lora Thelma Chandler Walter, 91, of Ashland, died Monday, December 20. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 23, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home, of Ashland.

### Margie Osborne

Margie Osborne, 92, of Martin, died Friday, December 24, 1999, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following an extended illness.

Born on November 5, 1907, in Carter County, she was the daughter of the late Robert (Hat) Hall and Francis Martin Hall.

She was a member of Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny M. Osborne. Survivors include two sons, Don Osborne of Middletown, Indiana, Gary Osborne of Louisville; one daughter, Noma Jean Crisp of Martin; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr. and Ersel Huff officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

### Sylvia June Elliott

Sylvia June Elliott, 73, of Harold, died Friday, December 24, 1999, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on June 15, 1926, in Jenkins, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Flora Swindae Rife. She was a retired nurse at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and a member of the Church of Christ at Weeksbury.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie (Bill) Elliott.

Survivors include one son, Fred Rife of Harold; one brother, George Russell Rife of Akron, Ohio; and one sister, Elizabeth Wilson of Melvin.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Michael Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Rife Family Cemetery, Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## 2000 general assembly coverage on KET

An important KET tradition continues this year with nightly highlights of the Kentucky General Assembly, beginning Tuesday, January 4. KET will also have live coverage of the Governor's State of the Commonwealth Address and his Budget Address to the General Assembly.

"The 2000 Kentucky General Assembly in Regular Session" airs on KET Monday through Friday, at 11 p.m. each day the legislature is in session, beginning Tuesday, January 4.

On evenings when PBS national programming runs later than 11 p.m., legislative coverage will begin immediately following the last program.

Each night's legislative coverage re-airs the following day, Tuesday through Friday, at 10 a.m. on KET, beginning Wednesday, January 5. Each Friday night program re-airs on Saturdays at 5 p.m. on KET.

Additionally, live coverage of Gov. Paul Patton's address to the General Assembly, "The State of the Commonwealth Address" is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4 at 7 p.m. on KET. "The Governor's Budget Address" is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. on KET.

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### Harold L. Mullins

Harold Lloyd Mullins, 73, of Aurora, Illinois, formerly of Ceresco, died Wednesday, December 22, 1999, in Illinois, following a long illness.

He was born January 18, 1926, in Wayland, the son of the late George Herbert and Sophia (Pennington) Mullins. He had been a resident of the Ceresco/Marshall areas most of his life.

He had been employed by the Eaton Corporation in Marshall working at the Specialty Castings plant, and retired in 1981.

In 1994, he moved to Round Rock Texas and then to Aurora, Illinois in 1995. During World War II, he served in the United States Marines. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post in Albion and the Marshall D.A.V.

He is survived by his wife, Alverta Bartley Mullins.

Other survivors include two daughters, Loretta Blanton of Aurora, Illinois, Diana Morgan of Round Rock, Texas; two sons, Douglas Mullins of Wayland, Ronald Mullins of Battle Creek; one sister, Cora Click of Martin; one brother, Burnis Mullins of Lexington; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, 1:30 p.m., at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, in Marshall, Michigan.

Interment was in the Floral Lawn Memorial Garden, under the direction of Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home.

### Thelma Frasure

Thelma Frasure, 76, of Hueysville, died Thursday, December 23, 1999, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following an extended illness.

Born on December 16, 1923, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Adkins and Gracie Ratliff Adkins.

She was a retired custodian for Allen Central High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Frasure.

Survivors include one son, Phil Roy Frasure of Hueysville; two sisters, Ocie Ratliff of New Albany, Indiana, Edna Bailey of Hueysville; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, at 11 a.m., at the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie, with ministers of Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Bob Adkins Cemetery, Hueysville, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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The crew at Regency School of Hair Design took time out to spend some time with the jolly fellow. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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# Review

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State transportation officials kicked off an effort to renew interest in the Adopt-A-Highway program April 7, saying many of the highway pledges had expired. The program allows groups and individuals to "adopt" portions of highways in order to clean them of litter.

Beverly Goble, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lake project assistant at Dewey Lake, was recognized for her volunteer efforts in Puerto Rico to help that island province clean up from damages caused by Hurricane George.

The effort to map addresses for the county's 911 system took an expensive turn when the 911 Executive Board was forced to hire two new people to do the job, after the company previously handling the mapping aborted the project the previous autumn.

After working in the county clerk's office 28 years, the last 16 as county clerk, Carla Robinson Boyd stepped down from her post April 15. Boyd had been under fire since being indicted November 17, 1998, of theft in regard to her duties in the office. While saying that the investigation had been trying, Boyd insisted she was innocent of the

charge against her. By April 28, however, Boyd had changed her tune and pleaded guilty to the charge in Floyd Circuit Court.

Prestonsburg attorney Sheridan Martin announced his intentions to sue the Fiscal Court after commissioners voted to adopt Martin Drive Road into the county road system. Martin said his family owns the road and did not want the county to assume control of it.

Fired Prestonsburg English teacher Jerry Lafferty filed a lawsuit against the Floyd County Board of Education, interim superintendent Woodrow Carter, the Cabinet for Education, Arts and Humanities, the Department of Education and the commonwealth of Kentucky in response to his dismissal over alleged inappropriate conversations and acts with his students. Lafferty alleged in his lawsuit that he was denied due process during a tribunal hearing earlier in the year which ultimately ruled that the firing was justified. Lafferty's complaint sought reinstatement at his position, as well as back pay.

A second county officeholder — Circuit Clerk Frank DeRossett Jr. — announced he was leaving his

post. DeRossett left the position to fulfill his appointment to the Kentucky Parole Board by Gov. Paul Patton, effective July 1.

Chris Waugh took over as county clerk April 16, replacing the resigning Carla Robinson Boyd. Waugh previously served as deputy judge-executive. His appointment to Boyd's former position was to last until a special election could be held in November.

The city of Wheelwright received a \$100,000 grant April 16 to renovate the Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center.

Prestonsburg's downtown post office closed its doors for the last time April 22, as the agency moved to its new location at Franklin Corner, adjacent to U.S. 23 and the Glynview Plaza and Prestonsburg Village shopping centers.

In the wake of the Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colorado, three Floyd County schools reported incidents April 21. Bomb threats were reported at South Floyd High School and a Prestonsburg High School student was arrested after bringing a stun gun to class. At Adams Middle

School, an 11-year-old brought bomb instructions to school and another student threatened a teacher. Threats, alarms and evacuations continued at schools throughout the following week, as school officials held meetings to calm parents.

The name was familiar, but the business was different as a "First Guaranty Bank" sign once again hung over the city of Martin. Although the name of the bank is the same as another which first opened its doors in 1946, it has no ties to that bank, which changed its name following a merger with Transfinancial Bank in 1994.

Connie Carroll, 32, of Craynor, was killed in a three-vehicle wreck along U.S. 23 at Harold.

A 49-year-old Wayland man was found guilty of three counts of first-degree sexual abuse with a child under the age of 12. The jury recommended that Luther Edwards receive the maximum sentence of five years on each count.

Criminal charges against the founder of the David School were dismissed in district court after it was ruled there was insufficient evidence to proceed. Daniel J. Green,

of David, was arrested along with Richard Webb, 31, of Langley, in the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Martin. Both men had been charged with disorderly conduct and third-degree trespassing. In addition, Greene had been charged with indecent exposure, while Webb had been charged with possession of marijuana.

Brett Davis, who had been assistant commonwealth's attorney,

was appointed to fill the slot of deputy judge-executive, which had been vacated when former deputy judge Chris Waugh accepted an appointment to serve as interim county clerk. Jeffrey Damron and Jimmy Webb were picked to fill Davis' former role in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Former Martin mayor Raymond Griffith died April 28 at the age of 79.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Nellie Marie Ward Foster wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergymen, Ted Shannon and Ersel Huff, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Nellie Marie Ward Foster

## Card of Thanks

The family of Ruth Alice Pack Francis would like to thank everyone for the support shown to us during the six weeks of our mother's illness and at the time of her passing. The prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards and phone calls are appreciated more than you will ever know. A special thank-you to Dr. Ken R. Lemaster, minister; Dr. Robert D. Marshall; Marena Nelson; The Ladies Quartet (Pat, Carol Jo, Marena, and Billie); and the Allen Christ United Methodist Choir for the wonderful job they all did to make our mother's funeral so beautiful. Thanks also to Dr. Blake Burchett and staff, Hospice, Allen City Policemen Clyde Woods and Virgil Conn. The Floyd Co. Sheriff's Department; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for their kindness and respect shown to our family. All acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

The Family of Ruth Alice Pack Francis

## Card of Thanks

The family of Mary Beth Fraley Stephens wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words.

We are especially grateful to Rev. Larry Adams and Rev. Randy Osborne for their love and support, and the preparation and participation in the celebration of Mary Beth's life. A special thanks to Kenny, of Kenny's Florist, for his cooperation with the family and preparing the beautiful flower arrangements.

Thanks to the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and efficiency.

The Fred Fraley Family  
The Gene Mullins Family

## Card of Thanks

The family of Lona Slone Ferguson would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Dr. Adrian Roberts for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Lona Slone Ferguson

## Card of Thanks

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

The Family of Virdle Conn

## Card of Thanks

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

The Family of Stella Perry Martin

## Card of Thanks

The family of Kenny Isaac would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and kindness during the time of our sorrow. We especially thank those who sent flowers, cards, food and your comforting words. A special thanks to the Wheelwright Methodist Church, Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, Pastor Bobby Isaac, Pastor Louis Ferrari, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and Floyd County Sheriff Department. Your services were deeply appreciated. We thank the Big Sandy Hospice, Kentucky Cancer Clinic and the staff of Hazard ARH, especially 4th floor nursing for the human touch. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Pastor Bobby Isaac; Bobby you were with us from the first day to the last day. We love you.

The Family of Kenny Isaac



Betty Price, financial development and fund raising chair for the American Red Cross of the Big Sandy Area, recently spoke at the Rotary Club in Prestonsburg. Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Shown above is Mike Vance, interim Rotary president, presenting a gift to Price. (photo by H. Allen Bolling)

# Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

Mayo Technical College held the last graduation of this century on December 21, 1999.

Students graduating included:

- Accounting: Charlotte Caldwell, Tommie Fox, Linda Shannon and Judy Frame;
- Air Conditioning: James Blanton Jr. and Timothy Cool;
- Auto body repair: Dwayne Damron, Jeremy Elkins, Jonathan Matney and Tracy Tackett;
- Carpentry: Earl Akers, Jr. and Charles Manuel;
- Cosmetology: Carolyn Booth and Wanda George;
- Data processing: Bridgett Brook, Lisa Gillum and Gregory Kilgore;

- Diesel technology: Steven Woolwine and Stephen Shutt;
- Drafting: Robert Arms, Tony Cole II, Jason Little and Roscoe Spaulding;
- Industrial electrical/electronics/ manufacturing systems: Alvin Coburn, Brian Daniels, Aaron Davis, Jason Fyffe, Ginger Groce, Jerry Hopkins, Young Kim, Thadeus King, Jeffery McGuire, Dewey Osborn, Kevin Pinson, Kevin Thacker, Patrick Tucke and Michael Welch;
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- Mapping and surveying technology: Jerry Newsome;
- Office technology: Sandra

- Kaye Barker, Gwendolyn Cade, Anna Dillon, Selena Goff, Chandra Keathley, Elizabeth Music, Royce Ratliff, Lisa Salkmons, Teresa VanHoose, Miranda Wright, Brandy Yates;
  - Practical nurse: Donna Akers, Susan Back, Victoria Beck, Wanda Brown, Crystal Cantrell, Kim Daniel, Jennifer Howard, Melissa Howard, Abigale Jude, Anna Jude, Kay Nichols, Crystal Plummer, Tara Suttles, Pamela Whitaker and Judy Williams;
  - Welding: Bryan Blair and Michael Bolt.
- Students receiving honors included:
- High grade point average in a program: Timothy William Cook, Tommie L. Fox, Charles Brandon

- Manuel, Carolyn Booth, Gregory Shawn Kilgore, Lisa Michelle Gillum, Robert Douglas Arms, Jerry J. Hopkins, Alvin Brian Coburn, Young Kil Kim, Jason Alan Gayheart, Lisa Dawn Salmons, Royce Ann Ratliff, Elizabeth Renea Music and Crystal Witten Cantrell;
- Perfect attendance: Young K. Kim, Judy Williams, Anna Jude and Abigail Jude;
- Who's Who in American Junior Colleges for 1999-2000 school year: Sandra Barker, Royce Ann Ratliff, Brandy Yates and Elizabeth Music;
- Good Samaritan Award: Kay Nichols;
- and the Nightingale Award went to Pam Whitaker.

# The Millennium CD leads CNB customers into the 21st century

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Americans are spending more money and saving less as we head into the new millennium.

Statistics from the federal government indicate that consumers are saving only 21 percent of their total disposable income, leaving many ill-prepared for retirement and unexpected expenses.

However, in our country's growing economy, and in a society that seems to have an insatiable desire to spend money, it is becoming extremely important to prepare financially for the future.

Citizens National Bank, with locations in Floyd, Magoffin and Johnson counties, is encouraging consumers to save money by offering the Millennium CD, a savings product that will produce economically rewarding results early in the new century.

The Millennium Certificate of Deposit (CD) is a limited-time only

interest bearing opportunity for those who wish to commit some of their money to savings for a short period. With a 6.03 annual percentage yield (APY) for a 13-month period, the new Millennium CD provides a good financial return on the investment.

With only a \$2,000 minimum deposit, customers can head into the new century with an account that maintains a projected competitive interest rate throughout the 13-month period.

"The Millennium CD is a secure and beneficial way to save money," said Kathy Castle, vice-president of marketing for Citizens National Bank. "By guaranteeing a competitive interest rate, customers can be certain they are earning a good return."

"Nearly one half of all Americans have less than \$10,000 in savings," said Randy Reynolds, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Citizens National Corporation.

"The need to set aside funds for the future has never been greater. Citizens National Bank hopes to help people to learn about the advantages of saving on a regular basis and the magic of compound interest. As community bankers, we will take time to help every individual with a savings plan that is right for them, so they can reach their financial goals."

The Millennium CD offer is available to customers through January 31, 2000 and carries with it a special bonus package that provides instant gratification to those who apply. Customers who purchase a Millennium CD will receive six months of free on-line banking service, which will allow them to benefit from 24-hour full-service banking at www.cnbonline.com.

As an extra incentive, purchasing a Millennium CD automatically registers the customer to win a brand new computer. A new PC will be helpful to get started banking online. Each additional \$1,000 in new

money not currently on deposit with CNB, deposited into the CD, earns another opportunity to win the computer. The name of the winner of the computer will be drawn on January 31.

"The Millennium CD prize offer is another indication of our commitment to serve the people of this community," Reynolds said. "As always, we want to make local banking easier and more rewarding for our customers. Providing new avenues of doing so, such as online banking, is just one more way that Citizens National Bank is the bank for your life."

For more information on the Millennium CD, talk to a customer service representative at any Citizens National Bank location. Citizens National Corporation is the second largest locally owned independent banking company in the Big Sandy Region, with 11 full-service locations in Floyd, Magoffin and Johnson counties.

# MSHA directs mines to replace or retrofit self-rescue devices after 10 defective units

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is requiring that mine operators immediately arrange to replace or retrofit certain self-contained self-rescue breathing

units. Ten CSE SR-100 self-rescue units manufactured before June 1994 have been found to have deteriorated breathing hoses, a critical safety defect.

"Every underground coal miner knows that these devices may make the difference between life and death in a mine fire or explosion," said Davitt McAteer, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "A unit with a bad hose will not

function in an emergency. We have found 10 deteriorated hoses in older units. Operators need to replace these older units as fast as possible."

Defective units identified by MSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and CSE Corporation were all manufactured in 1990 through 1993 and had hoses made of natural rubber. Starting on June 7, 1994, CSE used a silicon rubber breathing nose in its SCSRs. No deterioration has been detected in the silicon rubber hoses. More than 400 units have been examined with manufacture dates from 1990 to 1997.

MSHA inspectors will visit all underground coal mines where CSE SR-100 devices are used to make sure the operators know about the problem and are taking immediate action. Mine operators will need to obtain a purchase order to secure an adequate number of retrofitted or replacement devices. All affected CSE SR-100 devices must be replaced or retrofitted by January 31, 2000.

Mine operators will also need to immediately inform all underground miners about the problem and explain the actions being taken at the mine to make sure miners have adequate SCSR protection in the interim.

"We're working cooperatively with industry and labor to deal with this problem," McAteer said.

MSHA advises that mine opera-

tors using SR-100 SCSRs dated before June 1994 should make sure miners have as many additional devices available to them as soon as possible. Mine operators should give special attention to ensuring that miners who have to travel throughout the mine have SCSRs not in the affected group.

An MSHA coordinator will collect and share information about which mines need replacement SCSRs and where extra units are available.

MSHA will allow co-mingling of different manufacturers' SCSR models if miners are trained to use all the different devices deployed at their mine.

"We are in the midst of the Winter Alert season when, historically, mine fires and explosions have been more numerous," McAteer said. "Every miner needs to know that the SCSR unit at hand will provide protection in an emergency. The mining community needs to take quick action to replace self-rescuers that might be defective."

MSHA began its investigation into the CSE units after a miner opened a SCSR unit during a recent fire and found holes in the breathing hose.

Federal mining regulations require that all underground coal miners be supplied with a breathing device that will provide at least one hour of oxygen in a mine emergency such as a fire or explosion.



Left to right, Mark McLemore, park manager at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park; Betty Price, financial development and fund raising chair for the American Red Cross of the Big Sandy Area; and Judy Goble, group sales coordinator for Jenny Wiley. (photo by H. Allen Bolling)

## Red Cross invites public to millennium celebration

The American Red Cross of the Big Sandy Area, in association with Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, invites the public to attend a millennium celebration at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center on December 31.

Prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.,

with a dinner followed by dancing and celebration activities.

Lodging and child care services will be available upon request. Call 886-8330 for details.

The American Red Cross of the Big Sandy reminds everyone that they will also be available for emergencies that may arise from any Y2K crisis.

## Stream levels are falling again

Following recent rains, the Bluegrass region of the state has improved from extreme to severe drought according to the Palmer Drought Severity Index.

The central and western regions on the state have also improved, moving from severe to join the eastern region, which includes Floyd County, in the moderate drought category. The state is now in its best condition since mid-October.

However, stream levels statewide have peaked following the rains and are declining rapidly. Currently, 38 percent of streams are at or below 10 percent of normal. Seventy-three percent are at or below 25 percent of normal. Only eight percent of streams are above 75 percent of normal.

Even those low percentages are better than the single digits of a few weeks ago. However, no significant precipitation is forecast for the near future. Without more rain, many streams may fall below the 10 percent category within the next week or so.

In some cases, flows are maintained only because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releases water

to reduce pools at its reservoirs down to winter levels. These excess flows will decrease soon, and all reservoirs will reach scheduled winter pools on or about January 15. The Corps will be holding winter pools at its reservoirs at five percent above normal as extra water supply in case it is needed.

Some examples of how stream flows have declined in the past week include:

- The Kentucky River Lock 10 in Winchester is flowing at 19 percent of normal for this time of year, down 73 percent from last week.

- Floyds Fork near Pewee Valley is at one percent of normal, down 99 percent from last week.

- The Green River at Munfordville is 26 percent of normal, down 25 percent from a week ago

Some stream flows are actually higher, as they continue to feel the influence of the rains. They include the following:

- The Barren River at Bowling Green is flowing at 110 percent of normal, but down 25 percent from last week.

- Martins Fork near Smith is

flowing at 89 percent of normal, up 17 percent from last week.

Meanwhile, five water systems are operating under the critical phase of their water shortage response plans. They are Beech Fork Water Commission, Clay City Distribution System, Powell Valley Distribution System, Stanton Distribution System and Olive Hill Municipal Water Works.

Five more systems lifted their advisories or alerts, including the South Anderson Water District, South Elkhorn Water District, Berea College Water District, Nicholas County Water District and South Madison Water District.

Another 92 systems are operating under the alert phase of the water shortage plans, under which non-essential water use is banned, for a total of 97 operating under water shortage response plans. This is the first time in months that there have been fewer than 100 systems under water usage restrictions.

This year's drought has been worse than the 1987-88 drought, but water systems have managed by using their water shortage response plans, and citizens have responded by conserving water.

## Farm Bureau announces its demands to legislature

Kentucky Farm Bureau convention delegates have set a strong message to Kentucky's legislature, approving resolutions which call for major funding of agricultural development projects through the state's share of national tobacco settlement funds.

The call for new ag investments, following a year of bad weather and low prices for farmers, anchored several hundred policy resolutions for the year 2000. The resolutions were adopted during the December 8 closing session of the Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville.

The farm group wants to spend just over 60 percent of the estimated \$138 million first-year share of the settlement to stimulate growth in farm income spanning a broad cross-section of crop and livestock sectors.

Farm Bureau President Sam Moore told the group that competition for the dollars will be fierce in Frankfort, and he urged the leaders of the 120 county Farm Bureaus to become personally involved in lobbying state lawmakers.

"I plead with you to make the contacts and get your neighbors to call their representatives and senators on behalf of our package," Moore told the delegates. "This is a one-time opportunity to set agriculture on a path for future growth. It may not come our way again."

Called the "Unified Plan for Agricultural Investment," the blueprint for spending includes new programs boosting cattle pro-

duction, horticulture, biotechnology, marketing and farmer education.

The plan was developed and approved by Farm Bureau and most other major Kentucky farm and commodity organizations.

In other areas, the Farm Bureau delegates called for changes in laws governing health care pricing, held a neutral stance on proposed changes in tobacco leasing regulations and requested modifications to simplify and streamline federal laws governing use of migrant workers on farms.

Health care providers should be permitted to set rates for their services, the Farm Bureau resolution states, but new legislation is needed to require providers to charge consistent fees for like services to all patients.

Farm Bureau will continue to

oppose annual regular session of the state legislature, but delegates declared their support for a constitutional amendment allowing to meet in off years with an agenda limited to regulatory oversight, approval of appointments and budget revisions.

The organization will also continue its opposition to mandatory collective bargaining for public employees, as well as any relaxation of statutory limits on property tax increases.

Farm Bureau will support legislation requiring state-level environmental regulations to be no more stringent than federal requirements. The group will also continue its support for container deposit legislation to fight roadside litter and reduce the chance of injury to livestock.

## KET to provide live, hourly Y2K updates

KET will play a crucial role in the statewide Y2K preparedness plan developed by the state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Officials do not anticipate major problems with the year 2000 rollover but will be prepared, according to EOC Director W.R. Padgett.

KET will keep the public informed by airing live Y2K updates hourly beginning at 11:28

p.m. on December 31. Hosted by Bill Goodman, the updates will originate at the offices of EOC in Frankfort. The statewide network will also provide an array of services to commercial television media.

Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

### McDowell SBDM/PTA

McDowell Elementary holds its monthly SBDM meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. PTA monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The January meetings are rescheduled as follows: SBDM will meet January 18 at 6 p.m. in the school library. PTA will meet January 17 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

### Join Alice Lloyd College in the new millennium

It's not too late. Classes for the 2000 Spring Semester at Alice Lloyd College will begin on Wednesday, January 19. Registration for upcoming classes at ALC will begin Tuesday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the June Buchanan Alumni Center. Call 1-888-280-4ALC or come by for a tour.

### JBS to resume classes

The June Buchanan School will resume classes on Monday, January 3, on the campus of Alice Lloyd College. For more information, call the director's office at 606-368-6108.

### Sullivan College's Registration

Winter registration for classes beginning January 3 at Sullivan College's extended campus location at Prestonsburg Community College for the 2+2 Bachelor of Business Administration degree program currently open. The application deadline has been extended, so there is still time to enroll. Student financial aid is also still available to those who qualify. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday evenings on the PCC campus. To speak with an academic advisor or for registration information, contact Kimberly Coleman at Sullivan College at (800) 467-6281.

### County Pictorial History 2000 calendar available

The Floyd County Pictorial History 2000 Calendar containing 18 pictures of various county locations and scenes is available from any member of the Floyd County Historical Society. The cost is \$8.

### County Pictorial History Book has been delayed

The publisher has delayed delivery of the Floyd County Pictorial History Book. When the books arrive, notification will be published in this paper.

Additional sales of the book

after December 15, are \$42.50 plus KY tax of \$2.55. Shipping costs \$6, or books can be picked up at the Samuel May House. Additional orders can be mailed to the Friends of the Samuel May House, PO Box 1460, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

### McDowell High School alumni association

The McDowell High School Alumni Association will hold its monthly meeting at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center Monday, January 3, at 6 p.m. All graduates and friends of the McDowell High School are encouraged to attend.

### Pikeville Methodist Hospital January 2000

January 4: Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

January 18: So you're going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

January 19: A Sibling Class will be offered from 6-7 p.m., at PMH. Participants meet in the lobby. Pre-register at 437-3938.

For a complete listing of hospital-sponsored events, call the Events Line at 437-2003.

### You or someone you know can't stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019.

Al Anon: For support and understanding of the disease—meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

### Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

### G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of The David School will teach G.E.D. classes at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

### SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite, available to the community as well as to the students. Stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult

Education should contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

### Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

### McDowell Family Resource Center Activities

G.E.D. classes are each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., free of charge for those interested in earning their G.E.D.

The Floyd County Health Departments Nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients needing immunizations, T.B. Skin tests, pre-natal W.I.C., W.I.C., and school physicals (head start, kindergarten, 6th grade).

Call to schedule an appointment, 377-2678.

A Mountain Comprehensive Care counselor is at the Center each Tuesday to see students in need of counseling services. If you feel your child is in need of counseling services, call the Center for more information, 377-2678.

If you would like more information on any of the above programs or services contact the Center, 377-2678.

### Veterans rep.

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Call 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

### Apples for the students

James A. Duff is collecting Food City receipts that will help us to get free computers and other items that we can use in our school. Help us by saving your receipts and either send them to school with your child or dropping them off at the Family Resource Center. You may also drop them off at the front office of our school. We would appreciate any help you could give our school with this project.

### Veterans affairs

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War. U.S. and North Korean governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is, please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at 606/886-7920.

### Big Sandy Abuse Center

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abuser is responsible for his/her behavior. If there is no intervention, the abuse will only get worse over time. Break the cycle of abuse; call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center's 24-hour crisis line to find a way out of victimization. Call 886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. Remember: Love doesn't have to hurt!

### 4-H has Wildcat calendars — but wait

The 4-H has University of Kentucky Wildcat calendars on sale for \$7, while they last. But the Floyd County Extension Office, where they are available, will be closed until Monday, January 3. On that date or after, you can pick up a calendar at the office, 921 S. Lake Dr. in Prestonsburg.



The staff at the Times arranged food items for delivery to a local food pantry. The items were brought in by employees of the paper. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## red7e develops pro bono campaign for KET's Workplace Essential Skills series

What does a fish out of water have to do with getting a job? The "fish" is a character in a pro bono media campaign that resulted from a chance meeting at the races.

It was at Churchill Downs last spring that Jacqueline Korengel, KET's director of Training and Workforce Development, happened to meet Jim Garry, vice president and COO for Louisville's award-winning advertising agency, red7e.

Korengel happened to tell Garry about KET's groundbreaking new series, "Workplace Essential Skills," and how she was trying to get the word out to adults who need to improve their prospects in the workplace.

"Do you think red7e could help us?" Korengel asked casually. "Pro bono, of course."

The hilarious spots that the creative team at red7e developed for KET are now running on television around the state. The ads feature a frustrated man in a fish costume holding a sign that says "Eat at Gill's" as traffic speeds by the restaurant, and he falls and helplessly flops on the sidewalk.

"What kind of job do you qualify for?" the ads ask viewers. The agency also designed posters and newspaper PSAs on the same theme.

"We want to show people that they don't have to be unemployed or stuck in a "dead-end job," says Dr. Korengel. "The series is aimed particularly at those whose education and job experience, or lack of it, put them at a disadvantage in the workplace."

"When we saw 'Workplace Essential Skills,' we knew we could help KET reach the people who need this training," said Garry. "It was a great opportunity for us to make a difference—to contribute in a way that can improve the prospects of unemployed and underemployed Kentuckians."

The campaign materials offer a toll-free number (800-228-3382) to call for information about the series, which airs in three time slots on KET (Fridays at 9 a.m., and again at 6 p.m.), and on KET2 (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.). Callers will be informed about the airdates and offered workbooks that accompany the series.

"Workplace Essential Skills" was produced by KET with the PBS Adult Learning Service, the National Center on Adult Literacy

of the University of Pennsylvania and the Kentucky Department of Education in collaboration with the Workforce Development Cabinet's Department for Adult Education and Literacy. Nancy Carpenter is executive producer.

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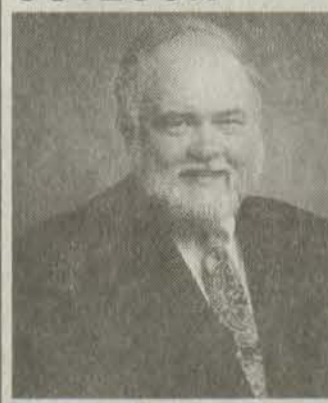
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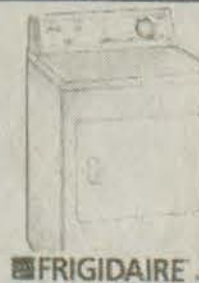
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## Ladycats win over Cawood



BETSY LAYNE'S HEATHER HAMILTON (10) appeared to be in the land of giants when the Ladycats squared off against Cawood last Monday evening at Sheldon Clark. Betsy Layne posted a 61-51 win over Cawood (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Lykens scores 13 in tourney win

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It was not a thing of beauty, but it was a win and that is the way Betsy Layne Ladycat Coach Cassandra Akers will take it after her team struggled early, righted itself and went on to post a 61-51 win over the Cawood Lady Trojans.

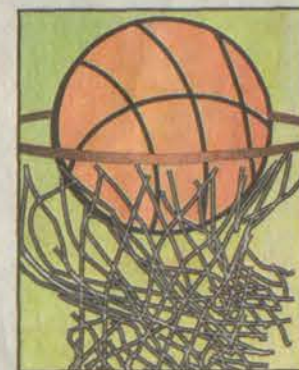
The two teams squared off at the Sheldon Clark gym in an opening round game of the Lady Cardinals Holiday Classic Monday evening.

Early foul trouble by the Ladycats forced Coach Akers to go to her bench early and the move paid off as Whitney Lykens, an eighth-grader, led Betsy Layne with 13 points.

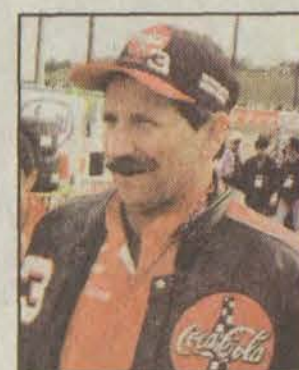
Natasha Stratton came off the Betsy Layne bench and sparked a second half rally that saw the Ladycats open up as much as a 16-point lead. Stratton scored 11 points for the game while point guard Devon Reynolds hit two three-point baskets and finished with 11. Jenny Parson just missed double figures with nine points but pulled down 11 rebounds.

Rebounding was a problem for the

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## Martin, Howell lead Allen Central

### Risner hits three treys in 66-38 romp

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Jessica Martin and Shanna Howell combined for 33 points in leading the Allen Central Lady Rebels to a convincing 66-38 win over the Magoffin

County Lady Hornets in an opening round game of the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinal Classic at Luc Monday night.

It was a complete effort by the Lady Rebels, with Martin finishing with 17 points and Howell scoring a season-high 16 points. Jennifer Risner hit three three-point baskets and finished with 11 points. Shannon Sizemore added seven, Barb Prater netted six and Kari Osborne finished with five.

Game scoring honors went to Magoffin County's Nikki Love with 22 points. Love hit five three-point baskets, but was slow getting started from the three-point arc. Kelli Montgomery buried two

Kari Osborne

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JENNIFER RISNER, ALLEN CENTRAL, HIT THREE three-point baskets and scored 11 points to help lead the Lady Rebels to a 66-38 win over Magoffin County Monday night. The two teams met in the first round of the Lady Cardinal Invitational. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Coleman, Music and Conley score in double figures

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

Bobby Hamilton and his Lady Blackcats have had a tough December.

After winning the Pike County Central Lady Hawks Tip-off at the first of December, the Lady Blackcats have not had a win. They came into the Lady Eagles Holiday Classic hoping to change their luck.

After a week off and the Christmas holiday, the Lady Blackcats played much better ball. Behind the scoring of Brooke Coleman, Ramanda Music and Amelia Conley, Prestonsburg defeated the Lady Cardinals of Scott County, 71-66, in the opening game of the tournament.

Ramanda Music led both teams in scoring with 23. Brooke Coleman had 16 and Amelia Conley helped the Blackcat cause with 11.

It was a very hard played ball game by both teams. The Blackcats led by six at the half and finished the game with a six-point margin.

The Lady Blackcats outscored the Lady Cardinals by four points in the first quarter. Ramanda Music scored six points for the Lady Blackcats in the first quarter of play.

The Lady Cardinals outrebounded the Lady Blackcats, but Prestonsburg hit better from the floor to hold on to a four-point lead at the end of

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Senior Lady Blackcat Brandi Wells (10) goes in for a layup in the game against Scott County. Prestonsburg and Scott County opened up the Lady Eagles Holiday Classic at Johnson Central on Monday. Prestonsburg defeated the Lady Cardinals 71-66. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## A Look At Sports: A lot of basketball



The Australian National Girls touring team played in the Sheldon Clark Invitational this past Monday night, facing Laverne, Tennessee in the first game. The group is on tour in the USA. (photo by Ed Taylor)

I attended the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinal tournament this past Monday night, a night four games were played. That is a lot of high school basketball.

I caught the first game between the Australian National Team and Laverne, Tennessee. Two very, very nice teams. They each played hard, hit the floor for loose balls, took care of the basketball and executed well on offense.

I was surprised to learn that in Australia they play by the NBA rules. So basketball here in the States was different for this team. The team, I learned, was a group of high school young ladies who come from different schools in Australia. The group tours the States each year



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## THE SCORE BOARD

### ■ Girls

Betsy Layne 61,	Cawood 51
Allen Central 66,	Magoffin Co. 38
Sheldon Clark 82,	Fairview 46
Laverne, TN 72,	Australian Nat'l 58
Clay Co. 56,	Madison Cen. 44

### ■ Boys

Sheldon Clark 70,	Paris 58
Highlands 57,	JCHS 49
Ashland 78,	Pike Central 48
St. Xavier 68,	Lawrence Co. 57
Holmes 58,	Australian Nat. 53
Elizabethtown 92,	West Carter 80
Anderson Co. 64,	East Carter 38
South Laurel 78,	Cordia 39
Clay Co 67,	Tates Creek 60
Bellevue 61,	Red Bird 38

### Games on tap

#### ■ Girls

Wed., Dec. 29  
Finals of the Sheldon Clark Invitational, 7:30

Finals of the Johnson Central Lady Eagles Invitational, 7:30

#### ■ Boys

Wed., Dec. 29  
South Floyd Invitational  
First round  
Feds Creek vs Wolfe Co, 6 p.m.  
Whitesburg vs South Floyd, 8 p.m.

### South Floyd to host first invitational

The South Floyd Raiders will host their first annual South Floyd Classic tonight with the finals scheduled for tomorrow night.

The opening game will pit Feds Creek, out of the 15th Region, against 5th Region Wolfe County at 6 p.m.

Game two will match host South Floyd (7-2) against Whitesburg (1-4) in a 8 p.m. tip-off.

Admission to the two day tournament is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

# Sports

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and they are a pleasure to watch. Sometimes we need to be refreshed ourselves with someone different in their style of play and it is good to know that basketball is a big sport in Australia. The team consists of eight players and all eight can play. But that is natural when you pick players from all over. I also was told that the players were housed in homes with the players from the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals. Laverge was no slouch and, of course, they defeated the national team, but not without a battle to the final two minutes. Laverge is also a very quick team and a disciplined team. I noticed the ability of the Tennessee team in handling the basketball, how they protect the ball by putting their bodies between the ball and defender. I also noticed that our players want to dribble the basketball timidly and out front where it

can be taken away from them. Both Allen Central and Betsy Layne won their opening games and Betsy Layne will face the winner of Tolsia, W. Va., and Laverge game today at 10 a.m. Allen Central faces the winner of the Sheldon Clark-South Floyd game at 11:30. If both Allen Central and Betsy Layne win, they would meet in the championship game tonight at 7:30. Should both lose, they still would meet each other in the losers bracket at 6 p.m. tonight. Coach Robin Newsome and her staff have put on a first-class tournament and the hospitality was great. The folks over in Martin County go all out when they put on an event. It is always good to make it to Inez. The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats were a big winner over at Johnson Central in a first round game, edging Scott County to advance. The win snapped a five game skid for the Lady Blackcats,

who I feel have yet to play their best basketball. Pres onsburg is the tournament's defending champion. Kentucky's win over Alaska wasn't a pretty one, but I suppose the Cats are just glad to get another win and improve to 7-4 on the year. This team seems to play up to the competition they face. It is a good thing the Sea Wolves did not have their best player. It could have been a major upset. I see where the football Wildcats are a three-point favorite over Syracuse in the Music City bowl this afternoon. The game will be televised by ESPN at 4 p.m. Ever try to figure out much it costs a college team to attend a bowl game, participate in the bowl game, and have to stay so many nights before the bowl game? The cost has to be astronomical with hotel, food and all the extra bills. I realize the school gets so

much for their participation, but it has to be up there to stay that many days in Nashville. Television today has a huge influence on sports nationally. The Lady Cardinals regained the lead for the last time early in the fourth quarter. Scott County scored the first four points of the fourth quarter, but the Blackcats would not go away. Amelia Conley scored two baskets, while Ramanda Music and Brooke Coleman each had a basket on an 8-0 run by the Blackcats. Prestonsburg regained the lead at 59-54 with 4:33 to go in the game. Scott County outbounded the Lady Blackcats, but again had a cold streak from the floor. Brooke Coleman hit four free throws, on two one-and-one attempts, to help the Lady Blackcats hold on for the victory. The Lady Blackcats improved their record to 5-5, while the Lady Cardinals of Scott County fell to 2-8. The Lady Cats of Prestonsburg will take on the Tigers of Paintsville on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., in the second round of the Lady Eagles Holiday Classic.

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Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Two days left in the year 1999 and I hope the new year will find you well and happy. Until then, happy new year everyone!

## Coleman

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The first quarter. In the second quarter, Brandi Wells got hot for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg would get the fast break and get the ball to Brandi under the basket. Brandi scored seven points in the second period of play, including a three-pointer. Brooke Coleman also had a three-point basket in the period. Twice in the second quarter, the Lady Cardinals came within two points of the Lady Blackcats, but they could not get even with them. With three minutes to go in the first half, LaKeita Washington hit a two-point basket to bring the Lady Cardinals within two, but Brandi Wells would answer for the Blackcats. The two teams traded baskets for the next two minutes. Amelia Conley hit a two-point basket and then Brandi Wells hit a three-point to give the Blackcats a six-point advantage at the end of the first half, 39-33. In the second half, the Lady Cardinals came out ready to play ball. Laundra Hawkins hit a three-point basket to start the second half for the Lady Cardinals to bring them within three. But again, Ramanda Music answered for the Lady Blackcats. The Lady Cardinals tied the score when LaKeita Washington hit one of two free throws, after she was fouled by Brooke Coleman. Then the Lady Cardinals took their first lead of the game when Stacy Tackett hit a two-point basket with a little over five minutes to play in the third period. The Lady Cardinals would increase their lead to five before the Lady Blackcats would score again. Again it was senior Brandi Wells, hitting a key shot for the Blackcats to bring them back to within three, 48-45. Megan Hyden completed an old-fashioned three-point play with a little over a minute remaining to tie the score. Prestonsburg was able to regain the lead at the end of the third quarter when Ramanda Music was fouled when she attempted a shot from Scott County's end of the floor, as the buzzer sounded. Music hit one of three free throws to give the Blackcats a 51-50 lead.

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### Team Scoring

Player	fg	3-pt	fta-m	tp
Prestonsburg				
Music	11	0	6-1	23
Wells	3	1	0-0	9
Hyden	3	0	3-3	9
Conley	5	0	2-1	11
Coleman	4	1	6-5	16
Adams	0	0	4-3	3
Scott County				
Garrett	1	0	5-4	6
Scott	3	0	6-4	10
Tackett	5	1	2-0	13
Washington	4	0	6-2	10
Gilen	2	0	0-0	4
Jones	2	0	6-1	5
Hawkins	1	4	0-0	14
Staklen	2	0	0-0	4
Prestonsburg . . .	15	24	12	20—71
Scott County . . .	11	22	17	16—66



Lone player

Allen Central's Kari Osborne (32) was all alone for two points against Magoffin County Monday night. Allen Central defeated the Lady Hornets 66-38 in tournament play at Inez. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Martin

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treys and had seven points. Martin set the tone for the game from the onset, completing an old-fashioned three-point play, then Risner hit back-to-back three-pointers and the Lady Rebels were on a roll. Risner hit her third trey of the first quarter to give Allen Central a 16-2 lead with 2:22 on the clock. Allen Central led 20-4 after the first quarter. Magoffin County turned the ball over five times in the opening quarter but the Lady Rebels had seven miscues. Both teams settled down in the second quarter and it was Howell and Martin who took charge for Allen Central. Coach Anthony Moore had his ballclub switching at point guard on each possession, allowing Howell to get more involved in the offense. Risner and Howell ran the point guard slot and the two spot seemed more suited for Howell, who had six points in the second quarter. Martin, who had 15 rebounds in

the game, was all over the paint area and scored 10 points in the second period on some strong moves in the middle. Allen Central went to the locker room holding a 39-20 lead. Magoffin County made a mild run at the Lady Rebels behind the three-point shooting of Love and Montgomery. Both players hit two treys each in the period to keep the score respectable. Love scored eight points for Magoffin in the period. The Lady Hornets pulled to within 13 points but Howell completed an old-fashioned three point play, Martin had a put-back. Howell scored the next three and Osborne's free throw gave Allen Central a 39-17 cushion. Montgomery's trey just before the half cut the lead to 19 points. Allen Central came out in the third period appearing sluggish. Howell gave the Lady Rebels a quick 43-20 lead on a layup and steal, but Magoffin County mount-

ed a comeback, outscoring the Lady Rebels 7-0 to pull to within 14 points, 44-30. But a basket by Sizemore and two Osborne free throws extended the margin back to 18 points. Love hit two more treys for the Lady Hornets in the period, scoring nine points in the period. Howell showed a lot of quickness on the court and displayed some outside shooting from midrange in scoring 16 points. She looked comfortable at the two side of the floor. The biggest lead for Allen Central was the final 28-point margin, as the junior varsity played most of the fourth quarter. For Magoffin County, La Rhonda Poe finished with four points. Wittney Lovely had three, a three-point basket. Jessica Powers scored two points. Allen Central improves to 5-3 on the season. Allen Central plays at Elkhorn City on Monday, January 3.

## Lykens

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Ladycats in the first two quarters — that and solving the tight man-to-man defense of the Lady Trojans. After a fast start in the first quarter, Cawood went to their man-to-man defense and held Betsy Layne to just two second-quarter field goals. "We came out and played a real good first quarter," said Coach Akers. "Then he went to a little man-to-man that really pushed our offense out. They were bumping Devon, but she is going have to handle pressure a little bit better than that." Coach Akers made some offensive changes at the half and one was to start running the offense at mid-court. "The inside was wide open and we wanted to know that," said the Betsy Layne coach. "We wanted them to be a little more aggressive on offense and that would give them more scoring opportunities and they did that." Betsy Layne was clinging to a one-point lead at the half, 21-20, after letting a good lead evaporate. The Ladycats came out and went in front 11-2 and held a 14-6 lead after the first period, but the man-to-man defense appeared foreign to Betsy Layne and they could not execute on offense. "It was the pressure getting to us and we weren't handling it very well," said Akers. "We needed to handle the pressure a lot better and felt we did in the second half." Heather Hamilton, who finished with six points for the Ladycats, opened the third period with a basket and Reynolds buried a jumper

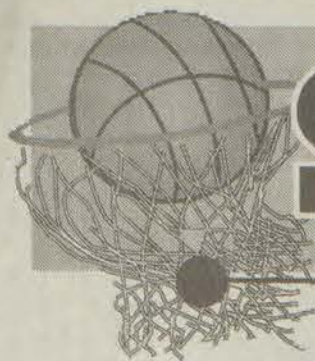
for a 26-23 Betsy Layne lead. Lori Parsons, who had missed all night from the three-point circle, finally connected outside and tied the game at 26 with 5:41 to play in the third. But over the next two-and-a-half minutes, it would be all Betsy Layne as Lykens took charge and the ball to the basket in scoring seven of the next nine Betsy Layne points that gave the Ladycats a 35-27 lead. Parsons kept her team close with her second trey, but Stratton, on a strong move inside, scored, was fouled and hit the free throw to give Betsy Layne a 42-34 lead after three quarters. Coach Akers like the aggressiveness that Lykens showed. "We talked with Whitney over the break," she said. "She had been standing and then starting up and looking for just the three-point shot and wasn't doing much of anything else. This game was an opportunity to for her to go a little one-on-one. She did it and it worked in the second half." Betsy Layne's lead in the fourth quarter went to 14 points at 53-39 on the strength of Stratton's play. Back-to-back baskets by Stratton and an Amber Roberts free throw gave the Ladycats their biggest lead. Stratton's free throw with 1:35 left gave Betsy Layne a 15-point advantage at 61-46, their largest lead of the game. A contributing factor, also, in the second half was the ability of the Ladycats to hit the boards harder — something Coach Akers also addressed at the half.

"The first half they beat us on the boards bad," she said. "They were getting three, four and five shots at the basket and we were just getting one. I thought they were outscraping us." "Another thing I was disappointed in was they had three players going to the boards while we just stood around and watched." The 15-point lead for the Lady Cats was not the final margin as Cawood cut into it, outscoring Betsy Layne 10-3 over the final two minutes. Coach Akers said her team has played that way all season. "We get a team down and we can't keep them down," she said. "We just don't have that killer instinct that I talked about before. We got out front in the first quarter and let them back in it. In the third period, we ran out to another lead and they got back into the game. It was a sloppy game and a very physical game." Betsy Layne seems to be prone to these kind of games as Cawood attempted 37 free throws and Betsy Layne shot 41. "There were a lot of fouls called but it is a win and we will take it," said the Betsy Layne coach. For Betsy Layne, Kim Tackett scored six points and had eight rebounds. Tabatha Mitchell added five points. Sheena Akers did not play, out with a ACL tear. Amy Osborne led Cawood with 13 points. Amanda Turner netted 10 and Parsons finished with eight. Betsy Layne improved to 6-4 on the season and it was the fifth straight win for the Ladycats.

# 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



# Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

## C.M. Newton will be lionized as college hoops' patron saint

When pluses and minuses are tallied, C.M. Newton's scorecard will be heavy left.

By itself this is supreme praise for the man who said last week he will retire as director of athletics at the University of Kentucky next spring.

I expect — and this is no exaggeration — when Newton's bust in College Basketball's Hall of Fame has collected a little dust, he will have been lionized, put on a pedestal alongside James A. Naismith, Phog Allen and nobody else.

Like no personality I can remember in 28 years in sports writing, C.M. Newton has enjoyed more laudable adjectives attached to his name than all the others put together. Of course that says a little about the media explosion the last 25 years.

Even much revered John Wooden had his time at UCLA put to scrutiny a time or two. But Newton? A century from now when basketball is a galaxy business, it will be no surprise if he is memorialized as the game's patron saint. Seldom has one of his decisions been questioned or criticized. A remarkable accomplishment, to be held in such awe. He is the epitome of charisma. A teflon man.

When Newton coached (Transy, Alabama and Vandy), he dressed tweedy, was distinguished, like a professor on his way to Chemistry 620. A tall, calm fellow who stood out as the antithesis of say, quarrelsome Joe B. Hall, frenetic Wimp Sanderson, his successor at Alabama, stormy Bob Knight, or combative Al McGuire. Newton's vitriol consisted of a "hell" or "damn" now-and-then. He would stand near his bench and applaud quietly. The model for self control.

A Newton explosion at a referee's call might be a head-shake or nod. A "you blew that one, didn't you?" smile. Maybe pleading open hands reaching to the heavens. His composure endeared him to those of us who sometimes feel divine intervention is our only hope.

Off-court, his pleasant manner made Newton a media favorite. He has always been approachable and available. He smiles like favorite uncle So-and-So, and interviewing him was like an Andy Hardy conversation with the Judge.

I will always hold dear occasions sitting in Newton's office at UK. He would insist on sitting at a conference table for interviews with a soft drink can in hand instead of offering me a chair and parking imperially behind an oaken desk. He allotted his time generously instead of dispensing wisdom like a pope.

Newton is college basketball's professor. A man who knew how to get out his message to panting media types. With a soft smile, a pause and

never a shrill voice. When he became AD at UK, my favorite was Vicar of Athletics. He reigned with quiet strength, open-collar and no compromise convictions to winning within the rules.

Amazing and heartening, the long list of praises accorded C.M. Newton in recent days. I am among those who believe adamantly that he did not always do things in the best interests of amateur athletics at UK. But Newton's tenure at Kentucky's flagship university, earns him supreme praise from people of all stations and he should be swept into College Basketball's Hall of Fame with haste and appreciation.

### DIS 'N DATA

• All those who did "not" telephone a radio call-in show, please raise your hands. Hmmm, a state-full huh?

• Just wondering ... all those who raised your hands, do you expect to get as much newspaper noise as those who called in?

• Say, didn't you used to be the one whining about UK "wasting" a scholarship on J.P. Blevins?

• UK's Music City Bowl game is about three things. Money, recruiting and party down.

• Is the only noun not used with C.M. Newton's name yet, the word pontiff?

• So, which UofL team is the real deal, the one that gave North Carolina a clinic or the one at Rupp Arena?

• Just wondering ... I didn't read the city papers that day: After the UofL-UK game, did anybody call a radio station asking for Reece Gaines' head on a platter and Denny Crum's pink slip?

### LIKE TO SEE "EARLY" IN NEW CENTURY

• C.M. Newton voted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame at Springfield, Mass., forthwith.

• C.M. Newton discussing college athletics and UK on CBS's 60 Minutes.

• Formation of a profitable minor league for basketball so high schoolers can stop pretending to be college student-athletes.

• David Stern applies for unemployment. The NBA in its present form does a crash and burn.

• Western Kentucky University applies for and is invited into Conference-USA.

• Never ... never ... ever, an NBA franchise in Kentucky.

• Wes Strader, radio voice of Western Kentucky Hilltoppers basketball and football the last 34 years, voted into the Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame.

• More voice: A search committee

to find and hire a new radio broadcast team for University of Kentucky basketball, headed by Cawood Ledford.

• Clem Haskins speaks out. ... Dick Vitale speaks not at all.

• Chris Redman drafted onto an NFL team where he isn't forced to run for his life the first two years.

• No more press conferences necessary to "reassure" black community leaders that UK supports its men's basketball coach.

• Telephone callers to radio shows don't need a sports columnist to remind them Tubby Smith's skin color is the same as it was two years ago when the Wildcats ran up a new NCAA title banner in Rupp Arena.

• Phrase: "The next Michael Jordan" is heard no more.

• A college football or basketball coach makes the statement: "I've been offered a job with another school for twice as much money as I'm making now, but I intend to honor my present contract."

• Dick Vitale is signed by NBC and put alongside Marv Albert on NBA telecasts.

• Rae Caruth gets a fair trial. But found hiding in a car trunk hundreds of miles from where he was supposed to turn himself in to law enforcement makes it hard to presume innocence before being proven otherwise.

• Tim Couch have a Peyton Manning-type second season.

• Pete Rose say "I lied and I'm sorry," be nominated and voted into Baseball's Hall of Fame ... along with Shoeless Joe Jackson.

### READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

• About "looking back" column... Bill Hargis, Huntsville, Ala. (E-mail): Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed reading last week's column ... how many places...people you talked about being able to visit/talk to in your past I could closely relate to similar instances in my life. I guess the old saying is very true...you need to stop and smell the roses along the way...where has the time gone?"

• About UK basketball and grumbling at Tubby Smith...

H.B. Quinn, Cadiz (E-Mail): I meant to write you before the UK-UofL game but didn't. I had thought how short our memories are. Not about Tubby Smith winning a championship only two years ago or anything like that. I was thinking of how awful it was going through the last of the Eddie Sutton era and the first few months of Pitino's reign. We were the scapegoats for the national and local media, perhaps deserved, perhaps not, but nevertheless, we were reviled throughout the land. It was a hard time being a UK fan. Now, we

have a program that appears to be totally compliant with the NCAA, we do win, we are not considered racist, we even get some positive press from the national media. I'll certainly take that over the way things used to be. I liked Pitino but his most important contribution, in my opinion, was that this game was just that, it was not life and death, the sun would rise if we lost and that we should enjoy the moment. I was one of those fans, before Pitino, who lived and died with every game. If we lost, I replayed all the mistakes and was miserable for the next several days. No win was big enough and no loss was tolerable. I am glad I have been able to accept this season for what it is, a year where this team will improve and may be lucky to reach the Sweet 16, not too long ago, I would have pulled what little hair I have out and not enjoyed anything, not even a 30-point win over UofL."

### MORE LISTS

• The Sporting News. TSN rated John Wooden No. 52 and Adolph Rupp at No. 68 as the only two college basketball coaches on the magazine's Most Influential 100 people of the century.

Comment: Finally, Rupp gets his due. Sort of.

• USA Today. Not much argument here with the newspaper's picks for Top Five Athletes of the Century in Kentucky: 1. Muhammad Ali, 2. Dave Cowens, 3. Wes Unseld, 4. Paul Hornung, 5. Jim Bunning. Impact player 2000: Tim Couch.

Comment: In place of Cowens and Unseld I would have chosen

Man-O-War and Citation. But they won't mind.

And so it goes.

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# Kentucky Sportline

by: Tom Leach



I'm no big fan of the Bowl Championship Series because of the way it encourages teams to run up the score on hopelessly beaten opponents, but don't count me among those folks clamoring for a playoff system.

At this week's Music City Bowl, thousands of Kentucky fans will follow their team to Nashville to root for their team and partake of the festivities that surround these kinds of games. It's great fun for them and the Cats may get to be one of almost two dozen teams that get to finish the season with a victory.

Playoff proponents think it's so simple to fix a perceived problem in college football. Incorporate the bowls into the tournament, they say, and start it in early December, to culminate on New Year's week-end.

Well, the latter argument might not be as feasible as you think, considering the NFL has laid claim to Saturday afternoons in December and the pros won't have any interest in giving it up. Furthermore, no TV network would be likely to pay top dollar to go head-to-head against the NFL either.

It's also worth noting that many schools conduct final semester exams during the middle of December.

As for incorporating the bowls into the playoff system, well imagine you're a UK fan trying to clear vacation time and raise funds to travel to bowl game sites on three successive weekends. If a playoff tournament comes about, it would almost surely end up being played at campus sites until the final game. It's easy for media members who don't have to pay their own way to games to lobby so hard for a 16-team tournament.

If you've ever attended a bowl game, then you know there's much more to it than just the game. There are parties and pep rallies and parades and even things like visits to hospitals for children by the

teams. And players have the chance to enjoy some special treatment and get a variety of "freebies". None of that will happen in a playoff tournament.

In that scenario, only the final game would have any hoopla surrounding it. The other 14 games in a 16-team tournament would get no special treatment.

Personally, I'd like to see some changes, but nothing that drastic. My ideal format would return to the days when bowls did more wheeling and dealing and only a few of the spots were committed to certain conferences. The bowl games would play out and then a selection committee would choose two or four teams for a playoff to determine the national champion.

In lieu of that, I'd support a four- or eight-team playoff that starts in January, preferably four, culminating with a title game on the weekend before the Super Bowl. Then, the bowl system simply stays as it is, minus those teams in the tournament.

The BCS has done a good job of putting a legitimate national championship matchup on the field, but it also renders traditional holiday fixtures like this year's Fiesta and Orange Bowls as consolation games that no one cares much about. Imagine the interest in all of the major bowls if the teams knew they were jockeying for a possible spot in a four or eight-team playoff. Tennessee fans, for instance, aren't buying many tickets for the Fiesta Bowl, but that might be a different situation if they knew the Vols could play themselves into a four-team championship playoff by beating Nebraska.

I love the NCAA basketball tournament but a big part of its charm is the size of the field and the Cinderella stories of the first and second rounds. That cannot be replicated in football. And the current system does the best job of any college sport in legitimizing the regular season. Yes, you could lose a game in September and cost yourself a chance at the national title. But in basketball, you can lose a bunch of games throughout the season, and yet get hot at the right time, as Villanova did in 1985, and win the national title over teams that were clearly better over the course of the whole season.

It's something to think about.

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### BOWL PICKS

Southeastern Conference teams didn't fare too well in the bowls last season, but I expect a reversal in that form this time around.

Outback: Georgia quarterback Quincy Carter versus Purdue's Drew Brees provides — one of the best matchups of the bowl season. UK's Dusty Bonner didn't get the chance to test a suspect Georgia secondary because of the pass rush, but if Brees gets more time, Georgia will have to win a shootout to prevail. It says here that the Bulldogs will do just that, with a 37-34 victory.

Cotton: For traditionalists, Texas against Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl stirs memories of that memorable game of 30 seasons ago. At their best, these two teams were sensational, beating Nebraska and Tennessee respectively. But each also had forgettable outings, against the likes of N.C. State and LSU. Look for Hogs' freshman runner Cedric Cobbs to finally have a breakout game and look for Arkansas to win, 27-24.

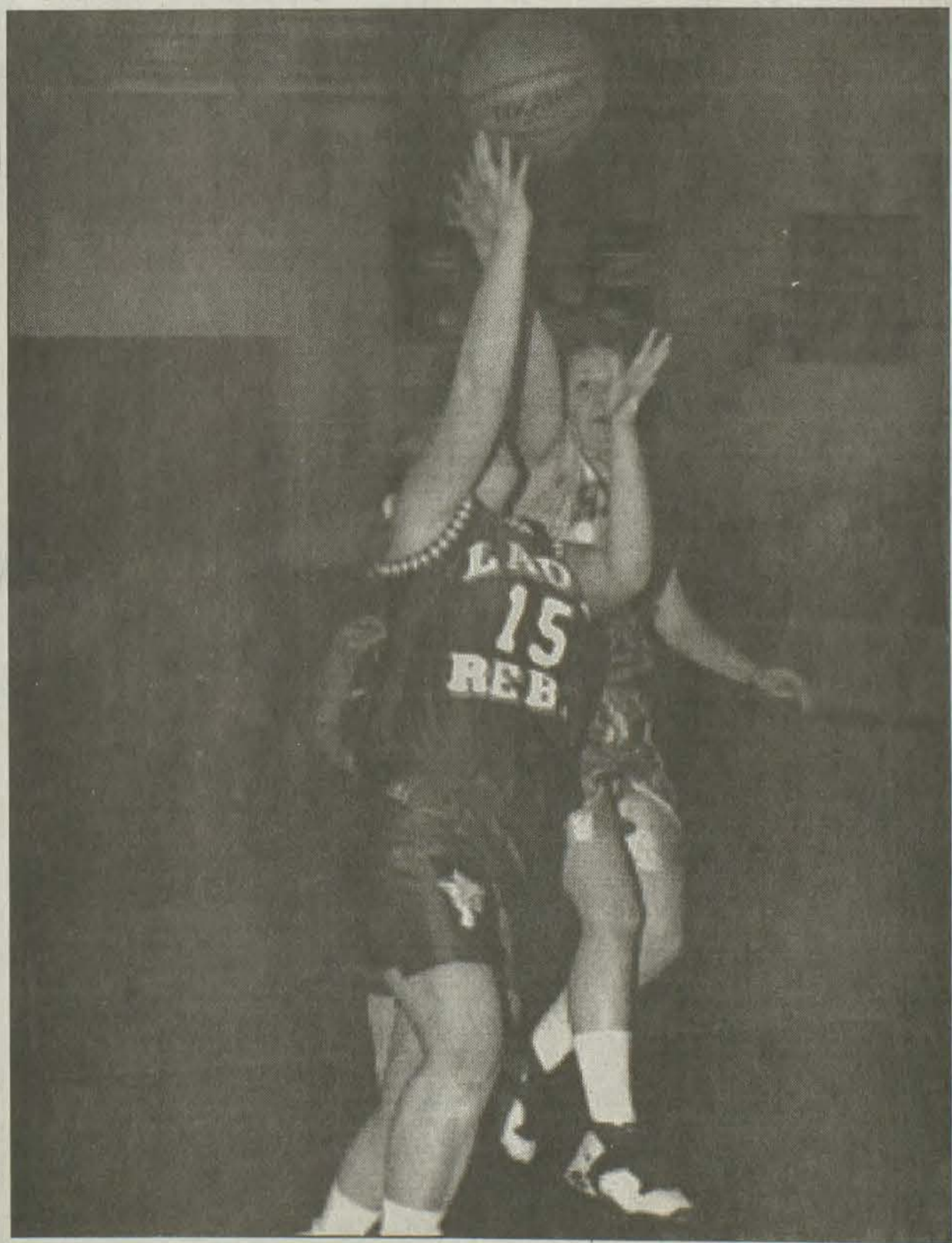
Orange: In a playoff system, Alabama might just have made a strong run at the national title by the way it was playing at the end of the season. If the Crimson Tide did not lose its edge with the break, Michigan is in trouble. Bama wins, 28-17.

Fiesta: At last count, UT fans had bought only about half of the tickets available to them for a second straight trip to Tempe, Ariz. If the Vols adopt a similar attitude, Nebraska will romp, but I'm guessing there are enough UT players still around to remember that thrashing the Vols took at the hands of the Cornhuskers two seasons ago and they'll come ready to play. Tennessee wins, 31-27.

That covers the major bowls involving the SEC this weekend. As for the other biggies, I'll take Georgia Tech in the Gator because of Joe Hamilton. And I'll take Wisconsin in the Rose on the notion that Ron Dayne will finish his career with a bang.

As for the Sugar Bowl, some question Virginia Tech because it didn't play the schedule of a team in the Big Ten or the SEC. But neither did Florida State. I think Tech's defense will put the clamps on Peter Warrick the way Tennessee did last season and the VPI defense will carry the day, and the national title back to tiny Blacksburg, VA. Make it Tech 24, FSU 21.

Happy New Year.



Allen Central's Barb Prater (15) scored on this solo to the basket. The Lady Rebels defeated a good Magoffin County team 66-38 in the opening round of the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinal Invitational. (photo by Ed Taylor)





# NASCAR Connection

## Searching for a level playing field

With a new millennium only a few days away, it couldn't be better time for Ford and General Motors to introduce their newly redesigned models. Both the Ford Taurus and the General Motors Monte Carlo will have a new look when the green flag drops at Daytona in February, signaling the beginning of the 2000 season.

The Pontiac Grand Prix that races in the series isn't really scheduled for any major changes this year in body design, but because of its recent on-track success, it may face some mandated changes from NASCAR. The last couple of years on the circuit have found the Grand Prix somewhat of a step child on the circuit, as it rarely ever found its way into victory lane.

All of that changed this year with Pontiac teammates Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart winning the final three races of the season. Although Ford won 13 races, which was one more than the Chevy camp, it was the nine wins posted by the Grand Prix that really caught everyone by surprise.

The win total was fairly close, but a deeper look into the season long numbers show that the playing field that NASCAR prides itself in being level, was just that. The season produced 11 different race winners, 15 different pole winners and 45 different lap leaders.

The question that everyone is now asking themselves is just how long the playing field will remain level with the introduction of the two new models to go against a proven race winner in the Grand Prix. Fears of not being able to be competitive have the Ford and Chevrolet teams beating on NASCAR's door asking that it reduce the height of the rear spoiler and front air dam of the Grand Prix in an effort to slow the car down.

Last season NASCAR allowed the Grand Prix a little more rear spoiler and a lower front air dam than the Monte Carlo and Taurus. Pontiac was given these concessions as a way of trying to make the Grand Prix more competitive with the other two makes of race cars. The added spoiler and lower air dam no doubt

really helped to make a difference, but you also have to look at the quality of the teams that now campaign the Pontiac as compared to a few years ago.

Every year in which a new model car is going to be introduced has everybody involved in the process screaming trying to get the sanctioning body to give it some concessions to make it competitive right out of the gate. Just go back two years and think about the concession that NASCAR gave to the Blue Oval boys when they were trying to get the Taurus approved for competition.

NASCAR allowed Ford to campaign the two-door Taurus in the series when the actual street version of the car had four doors. The spirit of the rule says that the car must be like the model that the fan can walk in and buy out of any dealership's showroom. You need to remember that Ford had stopped making the Thunderbird and NASCAR knew that it needed Ford on the circuit to make sure that the playing field would remain level.

This time around, Ford teams

may be a little ahead of the Chevrolet teams because the changes to the Taurus were not as extensive as those to the Monte Carlo. The new Taurus retains its basic shape but will feature several minor, cosmetic changes, including a new nose, tail and hood. From the stands, the only visible change will be the rear window, which will be square this year, replacing the oval shape from last year.

The Monte Carlo has been totally retooled with enough changes to make every Bow Tie team worried that they won't have a handle on the new make when the season opens. Testing gets underway next month and Chevrolet wants NASCAR to look at the data from these tests to compare them with the numbers that the Grand Prix is putting up in hopes of getting some help in the form of concessions.

NASCAR's popularity has been built on the high level of competition that exists within the series. No sanctioning body has been able to keep the competition as level as NASCAR, and that is due to the

close eye that it keeps on data gathered from testing and wind tunnel time.

The one scenario that is really being circulated among the Winston Cup community is that NASCAR may mandate that all three manufacturers use the same rear spoiler and front air dam height. This may just

be the easiest way to at least start the season until enough races have been held to see just what model is dominating.

It may or may not happen when the engines come to life at Daytona, but it won't be long after until, as NASCAR like to say, "The series is once again on a level playing field."

## The Racing Reporter

### Is NASCAR losing its individuality

Is NASCAR moving away from racing and more into the field of entertainment? Are they following the lead of the World Wrestling Federation?

NASCAR is wholly-owned by the France family. They've done a fabulous job of promoting the sport for over 50 seasons. But it seems like over the past decade, the organization has changed from race-oriented to money-oriented. Maybe it's the money that's become involved through the licensing and promoting of NASCAR products, or maybe it's the spectacle of NASCAR racing itself that has become so big.

In the past, NASCAR allowed individual tracks and promoters to sign their own television contracts. That will all change with the end of the 2000 season. In 1999, NASCAR declared they would take over the rights to television coverage, and they signed a deal with NBC that will bring in roughly four times more than the old contracts negotiated by individual track owners. CBS, ABC, and TNN, were given the boot.

NASCAR says the money formula of 65 percent to tracks, 25 percent to teams, and 10 percent to NASCAR would remain the same. Sounds pretty good, doesn't it, but with all the actual purses go up and what will the bottom line be for the smaller teams?

Elton Sawyer, a Busch Series driver, said it looks like a win-win situation for everyone from the outside. "But on the other hand, it's kinda like drivers, race teams and sponsors. You're able to step up and meet the demands of the sport, or you're kinda left by the wayside. That's the unfortunate side of it, but the positive is that I think it'll be good for everybody."

A few years ago, many teams were worried that NASCAR was heading to some type of split, like what occurred in Indy-Car racing several years back when the series split into two separate organizations (Indy Racing League and CART Fed-Ex series). Burton Smith was the fly in the ointment because he owned five tracks that ran NASCAR events. He now owns or controls six. Racing teams were afraid he might start his own series and in effect, divide the Winston Cup drivers.

This didn't happen, mainly because Smith didn't have the gall to do so, or wasn't willing to buck NASCAR. Maybe that was a mistake.

NASCAR, thought ICS has now gained a solid grip on racing facilities throughout the country. They don't have to worry about what Smith does. They own enough tracks to promote their own series no matter what Smith or any other track promoter proposes.

NASCAR has opened several offices around the country with over 100 marketing people. These public relations and marketing specialists are not only promoting NASCAR racing through the media, but they are helping secure sponsors for teams that run Winston Cup, Busch and other NASCAR series.

In December, NASCAR announced they are exploring the pos-

sibilities of creating a joint marketing and licensing program with drivers and team owners beginning with the 2002 rookie class.

The goal, says NASCAR, is to maximize marketing and licensing opportunities for each of its drivers, team owners by working more closely with them.

Basically, my interpretation of these statements is that soon NASCAR will help those drivers and teams it considers good for NASCAR. The others will be left out. It also means NASCAR could reach a point where they license sponsors and decide which company is represented by which driver and team. If a driver or team fits in well with NASCAR, then they may be promoted more to a big time sponsor. Those drivers NASCAR deems as having less than a perfect marketing appearance for the series, wouldn't be as heavily promoted to potential sponsors.

You can bet if any type driver comes along that isn't squeaky clean or fit in with what NASCAR considers their All-American boy image, he isn't going to be promoted. It is my opinion that the powers that be are going to help promote those drivers who promote NASCAR's perceived public image.

And I think that is wrong. I believe it will undermine the individual drivers and single car teams. It will give the have's more and the have-not's less.

We all know the sport of racing like every other sport is changing. All tracks have headaches getting fans and teams in and out of the tracks. Sears Point Raceway is a prime example. They must get approval from the State of California for the number of fans who attend their events and dates they now run, a year in advance. It's called preventing environmental noise pollution.

Sears Point officials have agreed to cap attendance at future spectator events with specific limits incorporated into the facility's use permit. Tracks can only hold so many fans. As the sport continues to grow in popularity, the next best means of promotion is through television. The way I interpret NASCAR's future marketing strategy, is for them to use the actual races on Sunday to put on television spectacles.

The average race track can only hold about 125,000 fans. But through television, several million more can view it. To capture and hold millions of people for over three hours every Sunday, is going to require a whale of a show. NASCAR has some of the best marketing and public relations people of any organization. They know what they're doing I believe they will succeed. But at what price?

NASCAR must change because the world around them is changing. Do you think the direction NASCAR racing is headed will improve the sport, or will it result in more and bigger spectacles for television, with lots of hype like the WWF puts on?

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#### SCHRADER FAMILY AND FRIENDS CONTINUE CHRISTMAS TRADITION

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, Schrader's were stirring getting ready to go out. When what to their wonderful eyes did appear but a motor coach full of friends spreading good cheer. So down to McAdenville the group did go, to view the Christmas lights in a bright holiday show. The night was complete with Dorothy and Sheldon, tucked in with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Throughout the rush of holiday parties, the Schrader's have one special night when they load up their motorhome with family and friends for a rolling Christmas party takes them to McAdenville, NC, a tiny little famous for its Christmas decorations.

So there was no need to ask the Schrader's what their plans were for Christmas Eve. For the 10th year in a row the Schrader's spent the night before Christmas 'oohing and ahing' while driving through the most famous Christmas lights display in the Carolinas.

With the crazy schedule that comes with Winston Cup racing, Ann and Kenny Schrader, driver of the M&M's Pontiac in the Winston Cup Series, understand the importance of spending quality time at home with their children. Dorothy Schrader turns 10 on New Year's Eve and Sheldon will be four this month. With the kids growing up and Santa needing the same address to visit each year, the Schrader's elected to spend Christmas in North Carolina away from their families in Missouri. To Ann, Christmas Eve was a time to be around family and friends so she and Kenny started their own celebration: a yearly trip to Christmastown, USA in their motor home. "The trip all got started the year I was pregnant with Dorothy (1989)," said Ann Schrader. "Somebody told me of a town nearby that was all lit up, so I asked all season to go see the lights. We finally went out he 26th or 27th but they were already turned off. So the next year Kenny and I put it on our calendars to visit McAdenville and we've gone back every year since."

Dorothy was bout to celebrate her first birthday when the Schrader's made their first trip to McAdenville. The trip has changed a little each year, but it has grown as well. Each year the group does something different before heading south. Ann's church used to do a special Christmas Eve service that was part of the trip, but now they all gather at a friend's house for dinner.

The Schrader's settled on Christmas Eve to crank up the motor home for a three hour tour because it seemed like the best time for everyone.

"Since we have Dorothy and

Sheldon, we don't go back home for the holidays and it just didn't seem right to not be part of something big on Christmas Eve," Ann said. "There are a lot of people in this business that I call orphans because they are away from their families at Christmas, so we round them all up and take them with us. We even make the Scrooges go with us, and they always have a good time."

Kenny Schrader may not be a big fan of the Christmas music, but he does enjoy the camaraderie of the trip.

"We don't really do anything elaborate on the trip, but we always have a good time and I wouldn't miss it for the world," Kenny said. "Dorothy and Sheldon enjoy seeing all the lights, but by the end of the night they are pretty wiped out and ready for bed. Then we all head home and get ready for Santa."

"It seems like every year we have some new faces, but there is a crowd that goes with us every year. Benny and Terry Parsons went with us one year and Sam and Denise Bass have gone with us before. It is just a good time for everyone and a great way to spend Christmas Eve."

With Christmas music in the background, an occasional Christmas carol from the group and a menu filled with eggnog and M&M's, a good time is had by all. The Schrader's trip to McAdenville is a way to make the Christmas season a little brighter for everyone — literally and figuratively — and a holiday tradition they intend to keep for a very long time.


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## Courtside with Ed

I love basketball. Basketball is my favorite sport. I love watching the game, it doesn't matter what age. I am a college basketball junkie who has the Dish and watches Full-Court whenever I am home.

My wife, Nancy, has learned through the years that basketball is a fun sport for me and she used to track around with me when I used to play in the leagues while living in Indiana.

Those days are gone and rarely will you see me pick up a basketball and shoot a basket. I would like to, but problems with my right shoulder make it difficult to do.

At the games, I love to talk with folks. I love to discuss basketball or any other sport. Some sporting events I don't keep up on as much as I do others.

I love to talk with the old-timers who have been around the game a long time and saw a lot of changes to the game of basketball. I remember when four fouls and you were out of the game. The only way you got two free throws was being fouled in the act of shooting. Then, after a certain number of fouls, you were awarded a bonus shot. Anything else was just a one-shot foul.

I love to hear them tell of the old outdoor courts where high schools used to play their games, until someone decided to build a gymnasium just for the sport.

Coaches, who went to college to learn the game, were hired for the sole reason of building a winning program.

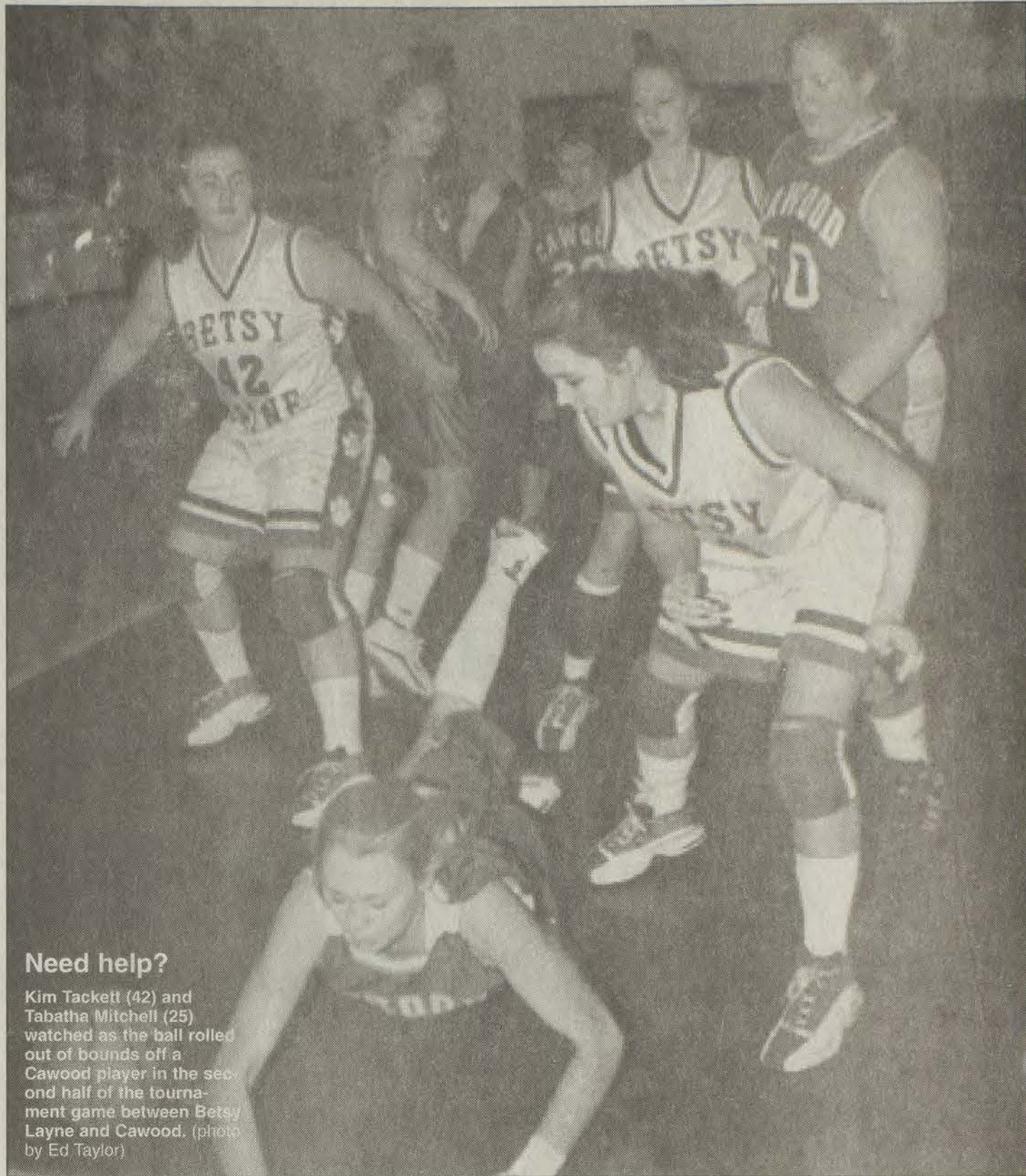
Folks like Herschel Conn, Roy Martin, John Wohlford and others make very interesting conversations.

I love looking at old photographs of past teams. To look and be astonished at how the uniforms have changed, let alone the game. Remember the basketball shorts that were actually short and didn't look like Bermuda shorts? Now they hang below the knees and look sloppy.

I love the friends that I have made over the past years because of the game of basketball. Folks that you can meet anywhere and they are ready to talk a "good talk" about the game they too love.

Well, I guess you can see that I love the game of basketball. But you know, I love the kids who play the game. I love the effort they put forth and I love to applaud a good play, a good pass, a good defense.

Kids today are not as dedicated as I remember when I was younger and around the game. But still I enjoy being around them. I enjoy the fellowship I can have with parents of players who appreciate the coverage the paper gives.



### Need help?

Kim Tackett (42) and Tabatha Mitchell (25) watched as the ball rolled out of bounds off a Caywood player in the second half of the tournament game between Betsy Layne and Caywood. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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### They start early being a Blackcat

Three-year-old Jessica Hall helps cheer on the Lady Blackcats. Jessica is the mascot on the cheerleading squad at Prestonsburg. (photo by Karen Joseph)





# Lifestyles



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## It's about time

### Calendars guide us through the new year into new millennium

by Pam Shingler

It's time to throw out the old and bring on the new. That includes calendars — a must-have for everybody in these time-conscious days.

But calendars are not just for counting days anymore. Many are household decorations. Some are instructive. Some are inspiring. Some are funny. Others feed our hobbies and interests. Others solicit our support, and still others promote pride.

To while away the days, there's literally something for everyone.

What's more, you can support local organizations and get your day tracker right here in Floyd County.

The Floyd County Historical Society, for instance, is selling a calendar that looks forward and backward at the same time. Besides the monthly grids, the calendar features historic pictures from across the county.

There's the Kennas F. Hatcher Store at Harold, caught forever in time on a summer day in 1908. Two rows of company houses seem to merge at the old railroad bridge on what was East Main Street in Auxier, almost a century ago. Rows of double outhouses line up behind the miners' duplex residences in 1914 Wayland. Lee Hall Jr.'s General Store sports Coca-Cola and Witt's Shoes signs on the roof and a delivery van in front, in a Wheelwright shot from the Depression era.

The calendar's graphs have reminders of meeting dates of the county history group, as well as the Auxier

Historical Society, Martin County Historical Society, the tri-state Big Sandy Valley Historical Society, Friends of the May House, and the Jenny Wiley Association.

The calendar costs \$8 and is available from society members. If you're not sure who's a member, contact Jim Daniels at 886-2865 or Sam Hatcher at 432-3528 or e-mail shatcher@kymtnet.org.

For people who want a daily dose of University of Kentucky sports, the local 4-H group is hawking the UK "Sports Champions" calendars.

On slick paper with dazzling blue, the calendar features championship teams and athletes. Representing January, for instance, is UK's first NCAA Championship team from 1948. That's followed by February and the Wildcats' second national championship in 1949, and so on.

But, it's not all basketball. Accompanying the July girl is a mid-air shot of Jenny Hansen, the 1994-95 NCAA gymnastics champion. Every other month is appropriately represented.

You can get your copy at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office, 921 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. It's \$7, and it supports a good cause — 4-H.

Another good cause calendar is put out by Forward in the Fifth, an education association headquartered in Berea, but serving most all of eastern Kentucky. (The "Fifth" refers to the congressional district.)

The page facing each monthly calendar graph tells about the organization and the important work it does in promoting education, from training teachers to assisting libraries to helping parents improve their parenting skills.

The organization exists through grants and donations. If you care enough about education in this region to contribute, you can probably get a free calendar. Write Forward in the Fifth, 433 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403.

(See Time, page two)

#### Finishing Touch

Fred Hall, who grew up at Banner, served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he became a barber and had a shop at Stanville. He died in 1975.

He had a loyal clientele as customers would return again and again for another haircut and to observe his colorful personality. According to his mood, he would sing, hum, talk about the Bible, or recount some story that had amused him. Sometimes there would be a small group gathered as some of the guys would come early, or they'd linger a while to participate in the conversations.

Fred kept a bottle of Jeris hair tonic at his disposal. It had a nice clean smell and came in a shaker bottle that could be dispensed sparingly. As a finishing touch to a haircut, he would shake a few drops of tonic on the head and give the customer a final shaping with a comb.

One of his congenial customers came in on a slow afternoon for the regular haircut and conversation. The bantering was pleasant and the time passed quickly.

Fred reached for the tonic, but, instead, came up with a

bottle of Pepsi he had been sipping. Instead of a few drops of the good smelling Jeris tonic, the man got a royal dose of a soft drink that covered his head and splattered all the way to his shoes.

## SMALL WORLD

by Aileen Hall

#### Creason Story



One of Fred Hall's favorite writers was Joe Creason who did a regular column for the Louisville Courier-Journal. He wrote human interest stories about Kentucky and the people who lived here. Fred bought the paper to read Creason.

He got a lot of mileage out of a story that involved a funeral service in our end of the state. It seems a large man had died and the family cemetery was on a point some dis-

tance up a hill.

The incline was too steep for a vehicle to travel, so the pallbearers would have to carry the coffin up the hill. The weather was terribly hot and they became so exhausted that, after delivering the casket to the appointed spot, they had to sit on the ground for the final service and prayer.

They could hear the minister as he prayed, "Dear Lord, we thank you for Brother Whoever and we believe he is in Heaven with you now."

A lady standing near one of the weary pallbearers heard him mutter, "I sure hope so. We've carried him halfway there."

#### Bumper Sticker

I'm sure we've all seen those bumper stickers some cars bear that read something like: "Baby On Board," "Wildcat Fan On Board," or some similar sentiment.

But I saw a truck in the Food World parking lot a few days ago that bore a message with a little different slant. It read: "No Money On Board—I'm Married."



UK champions are featured on calendars sold by 4-H, above. Kennas Hatcher's store at Harold in 1908, left, is among photos in calendar published by the Floyd County Historical Society. Norfolk Southern's 2000 calendar presents — what else — trains, like the one below.



## I prefer laughing

All this Y2K stuff we've been hearing has caused many of us to forget some of the really important things we need to be thinking about as we begin a new year. Things like the fact that our cars will be depreciating another couple of thousand dollars worth.

If that's not bad enough, the same thing's happening to our bodies.

I guess we need to develop an attitude like the lady I heard about who, while admitting she was getting older, looked on the bright side and boasted that she now keeps company with five different gentlemen every day.

She says that as soon as she wakes up every morning, Will Power helps her get out of bed. Then, she says, she goes to see John, and pretty soon Charley Horse comes along and takes up some of her time.

When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and spends the rest of the day. The problem with Charley, she says, is that he doesn't like to stay in one place, and takes her from one joint to another.

At the end of the day, she says that she's so worn out, she finally just goes to bed with Ben Gay.

I guess aging is something you can either cry about or laugh about. Personally, I think I prefer laughing.

There's the story about another lady who was in the basement preparing to do the weekly laundry when she suffered some sort of seizure and fell to the floor, totally unconscious.

Her husband saw her fall, and when he realized that he couldn't revive her, he called 911. While waiting for the ambulance, he grabbed an old throw rug and covered her so she wouldn't get a chill.

She hadn't said a word nor otherwise shown any evidence of consciousness when the EMTs arrived and went to work on her.

"How old is your wife?" the paramedic asked.

"She's 65," the husband answered.

From the until-now-silent, carpet-covered figure lying on the floor, came a barely audible correction: "Am not. I'm 63."

But if you have to grow old, isn't it great to be able to do it in a small town?

I read where a newspaper editor in Shelton, Nebraska, population 1,030, said that his town was so small that the first New Year's baby wasn't born until June 13.

The observations about his town that sort of reminded me of mine, included the following:

- You can't sleep so you get up at 4 a.m. to read. Word spreads that lights are seen in your house and people start calling to see if you're sick.

- If you want to complain to the mayor, you just stop him on the street and tell him off.

- You don't need to use your turn signals in town, because everybody knows your car and already knows where you're going to turn.

- If you were called Jughead, Stinky or Fatsy when you were in the sixth grade, you'll still be called Jughead, Stinky and Fatsy.

- The outcome of last night's high school basketball game is a hotter topic of conversation than anything going on in Washington, D.C.

Keep smiling, and maybe 2000 will be your best year yet.

## Crutches, another opinion advised for Morton's Neuroma sufferer

Question: I had my first foot operation to cure pain from a neuroma in 1990. Since then I have had three additional surgeries. My pain is certainly no better, and some days it is definitely worse.

On most days I can only wear slippers because of the increase in pain that shoes cause. My orthopedic specialist now tells me that there is nothing else he can do. The pain specialist doesn't even have any help for me. I've taken about 20 different medicines without relief. I'm devastated by the pain and loss of my ability to go places and to do things that require walking or standing. Can you help?

Answer: Although I answered a question about Morton's neuroma from another reader last spring, your question deserves a response because of the extreme difficulty you're having finding a helpful treatment. As I stated in the previous column, a neuroma is a relatively common fibrous, non-cancerous growth originating from a nerve. These growths develop most often just behind the third and fourth toes, and they are also most common in women between the ages of 30 and 60. A neuroma, like yours, that's on the foot is called a Morton's neuroma. The specific cause of Morton's neuroma isn't known, but many doctors believe that repeated minor injury to the arch and toe area of the foot from wearing poorly fitting shoes can — over time — lead to the development of this condition. Women's fashionable dress shoes are often prime suspects. Flat feet also predispose one to this problem.

The foot pain of Morton's neuroma is much like what you



## Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.  
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experience when you are walking barefoot and step on a stone — especially if the stone presses on the joint just behind one of the toes. Individuals with Morton's neuroma have this experience without stepping on a stone. In the worst cases, just standing is enough to make the person experience this unpleasant sensation.

Surgery to remove the neuroma is often effective at relieving the pain of this condition, but as you know, it doesn't always work. Different studies report quite a range of success. When groups of similar individuals were questioned five years after surgery, as high as 95 percent and as low as 57 percent said that they were now free of pain.

Wow! That is quite a big difference, isn't it? This discrepancy between studies could originate from many things, and the most important of them is probably the skill of the surgeon. Similarly, the success of a second surgery for the same neuroma varies from 80 to 45 percent.

Any problem for which four previous surgeries have been done — whether it's your foot, another person's bad back, or someone's unhealing bone —

probably will not get better with additional surgery. That "wobble" word "probably" is important because each situation is special. You should certainly seek the opinion of an orthopedic or podiatric surgeon who only takes care of people who have previously had unsuccessful Morton's neuroma surgery. You will probably need to travel quite a few miles to a large medical center to see this specialist. He or she can tell you if surgery can help you.

I have an additional concern. You said that the foot pain keeps you from getting out of the house. Change your thinking. The pain obviously isn't going to wonderfully vanish overnight. Therefore, use crutches or a wheelchair to take the pressure off your foot. I know that both options are less desirable than a cure for your pain, but they are also better than choosing to be an invalid.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

## Tips for planning a great family reunion

(NU) - If you're like most people, you probably don't see your relatives as much as you'd like. The holidays always seem like the perfect time to catch up with everyone, but inevitably a few family members have to work or visit in-laws who live out of state.

That's why family reunions are a great way to gather everyone together. But how do you plan such an event?

MyFamily.com, the leading service that helps families keep in touch through free, private Web sites, has some tips to make your family reunion fun and easy to coordinate.

- Start early. Begin planning six to 12 months in advance to work out all the details. Encourage people to attend by creating invitations and mailing them out early enough to give everyone plenty of notice. Save time and money by following up with relatives using e-mail whenever possible.

- Be consistent. Keep attendance up by scheduling your family reunion for the same weekend and at the same location every year. Or at the close of your reunion, have a family member volunteer to host the next one and begin planning the date and costs for each family soon after. This way, relatives who must pick their vacation time early can plan for it.

- Timing. Organize the reunion for the spring or summer since people tend to have more vacation time and the weather is warmer, so you can plan outdoor activities.

- Use the Web. Creating a Web site before the event is an easy way for family members to learn all about the reunion weekend. Also, relatives who have questions can just e-mail the site. After the reunion, have everyone post photos, feedback and a recap of the weekend on it.

- Involve everyone. Family reunions are for all generations, so be sure to plan activities that everyone can participate in. Give the children an assignment, such as passing out tickets for door prizes or helping with the guest

registry. Have the older generation construct the family tree.

- Breaking the ice. Seeing long lost family members for the first time can be nerve racking, but there are activities to help everyone get to know each other. Pair up family members from different generations and have them ask each other questions and then tell

the group what they learned. Or, bring old photographs and have everyone try to guess when and where the photo was taken.

For more information on planning reunions or to create your own family Web site, visit MyFamily.com on the Internet at [www.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com).

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## OUR YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10 years ago.)

### Ten Years Ago (December 27 & 29, 1989)

A period of freezing and subzero temperatures, extending over the past six days, has left Floyd County residents wondering if they're living in eastern Kentucky or the North Pole... Temperatures have caused a water crisis throughout the county and much of the surrounding region. In response to water cutoffs, members of the local National Guard were activated to bring in water to residents of Mud Creek and Little Mud Creek areas... Since its Dec. 14 showing, the broadcast of "48 Hours" on CBS, which focused national attention on Floyd County's economic and social ills, has caused a statewide uproar, from Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's office to the average Floyd County citizen... The Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department has received notice that on Jan. 1 its classification will be upgraded to 4/9, meaning its performance has resulted in lower insurance costs for district residents... Capt. Greg Hall, 30, was named Chief of Police for the City of Prestonsburg Thursday, replacing the late Dickie Campbell who died of a heart attack in October. Patrolman Roy Roberts, 45, was named assistant chief. There died: James Edward Bailey, 24, of Eastern, December 19, at McDowell from injuries suffered in a traffic accident; Della Mae Cochran, 82, of Hunter, December 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Aileen Estep McCoy, 64, of Bypro, December 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ethel Mae Horn Patton, 72, of Augusta, Georgia, formerly of Prestonsburg, December 23, at Humana Hospital in Augusta; Mary Ellen Frasure Ratliff, 83, of Wayland, December 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Evaline Wallen Rose, 59, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Weeksbury, December 22, at the University Hospital at Ann Arbor; Willard "Lightning" Smith, 72, of Prestonsburg, December 21, at Hyden Manor Nursing Home; Andrew Stephens, 73, of Prestonsburg, December 22, at HRMC; Fonzo Turner, 72, of Garrett, December 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wallen, 89, of Prestonsburg, December 25, at HRMC; Douglas Stephens Williams, 70, of Prestonsburg, December 24, at her residence; Columbus Jervis, 77, of Cow Creek, December 27, at his residence; Annie Mae Ramey, 73, of Prestonsburg, December 27, at her home; Will Ward, 80, of Buckingham, December 27, at his residence.

Editor's note: Prior to 10 years ago, the Times did not publish around the holidays, so there is no edition 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years ago.

## Time—(Continued from page one)

Community Trust Bank publishes a calendar each year with historic pictures from the region, but they're already gone this year.

Just in the mail this week is a calendar from the United Mine Workers Association (UMWA). It features photographs of union members from Wyoming to West Virginia, including the one that accompanies November of Local 105 members who work at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville.

The UMWA calendar also highlights important dates in the union movement, such as the November 30, 1930, death of organizer Mother Jones at the age of 100, along with the December 6, 1907, explosion in Monongah, West Virginia, which killed 361 miners.

Many other organizations and businesses give away calendars for advertising. Their business logo and address are presented prominently, so that you are reminded throughout the year of why you should buy their products or use their services — a pretty fair exchange.

Some businesses even include coupons that give you something to look forward to — a free chicken dinner in May, for instance, or 20 percent off shampoo in September.

Many calendars are beautiful enough to merit a place on the wall, like a prized painting. Some, in fact, feature paintings, the works of Old Masters, such as Rembrandt, Renoir or Matisse, or newer masters, such as Andrew Wyeth, Normal Rockwell or Georgia O'Keefe.

Among the most consistently popular calendars at Readmore Books in Glyn View Plaza are the annual editions of Ansel Adams' photographs.

Both the desk calendars and wall calendars are best sellers for people who appreciate the starkly beautiful, black and white photos of western mountains, deserts and shores by the late master.

Bookstore owner Elliott Fraim adds that, though it might not be on the walls of many formal living rooms, the Harley Davidson calendars, laced with leather and steel, are hot items.

If you haven't already selected your stock of calendars for 2000, just remember that time's a-wasting.

## Birth announcements

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## Newsome-McKay

An open reception will follow the wedding, Friday, December 31, 1999, of Candy Newsome and Benji McKay.

The reception is planned for May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., for family and friends of the couple.

The two are to be married at 7 p.m. that day at the residence of Paula Mitchell at Grethel.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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# SOCIETY NEWS



The GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club celebrated the holidays through service to the community. The Woman's Club's December meeting was devoted to decorating treat bags which were given to children at the Christmas in the Park program at Archer Park Skating Rink. Activities for the children included face painting, ornament making, a visit with Santa Claus and a ride on the fire engine. Small gifts were given to all children who attended. Drawings were held for larger gifts, and refreshments were served. The event was sponsored by the City of Prestonsburg, Archer Park, and the Prestonsburg Woman's Club. About 150 families attended.



## FC Retired Teachers Celebrate Christmas with special program

by Roberta Fugate

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association met in regular session, December 2, at May Lodge, Roberta Fugate, president, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Opening prayer was offered by Leo Watts, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The president then gave an emotional welcome, expressing deep appreciation for everyone's prayers for her ailing family members and especially for her 2-month-old grandson, Nicholas Frazier Castle, who was hospitalized in critical condition with RSV. The baby is recuperating slowly.

Senator Benny Ray Bailey, guest speaker, addressed the group enthusiastically concerning the special area we call home—Appalachia. Sen. Bailey gave a history of the area including its earliest settlers, why this area was settled, and much more information that spoke directly to the proud heritage we, eastern Kentuckians, share.

He verbally walked his audience through progress and growth in Appalachia and gave an overview of some projects on the agenda for the future in our area. His discussion of Appalachia was delivered with strong conviction, commitment, and unquestionable pride in his heritage.

An inspirational Christmas program was presented by Ron Vanover, director of recreation and interpretation at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. He discussed the origin of many of the customs of the season.

He praised the residents of eastern Kentucky for their uniqueness and the "special flavor" found only in the people of Appalachia.

He read a song, singing only one verse of it. Then his beautiful voice captivated the group as he sang "O Holy Night." What a special gift he is blessed with. He has

shared his talents with the Floyd County RTA and the Big Sandy District RTA this year.

Door prizes were presented by Judy Music to Lloyd Wells, Leo Watts, Patty Jones, Ruby Akers, and Thomas Tackett.

Vice-president Dan Branson reported on KRTA's proposed legislative program and other items of concern to retired teachers.

A called business meeting is scheduled for February 3. The vice-president then offered a closing prayer.

In attendance were Leo Watts, Lonzo Lafferty, Joyce N. Johnson, Virginia Jamerson, Etta C. Scott, Syrdla Martin, Doris Robinson, Annis Clark, Margaret Tackett, Bessie R. Conley, Marsella Bradley, Marie Mullins, Bert Layne, Sarah Laven, Judy Burchell, Pauline Conley, Lloyd Wells, Thomas Tackett, Jimmy Reynolds, Andrew Crider, Ruby Akers, Judith Music, Patty Jones, Willie Elliott, Dan Branson, and Roberta Fugate, members.

Leo's wife, Pearle, who was also in attendance, served as receptionist. We extend thanks and appreciation to her for her help.

The Floyd County RTA wishes to offer special thanks to the staff of the following: The Floyd County Times, for the superb coverage given to activities of our association; Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for special attention given to us; the radio stations of Floyd County; WYMT-TV; WPRG-TV 5; the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for printing services; and the many individuals who contributed to the successful year we feel 1999 has been.

This December meeting is very special because:

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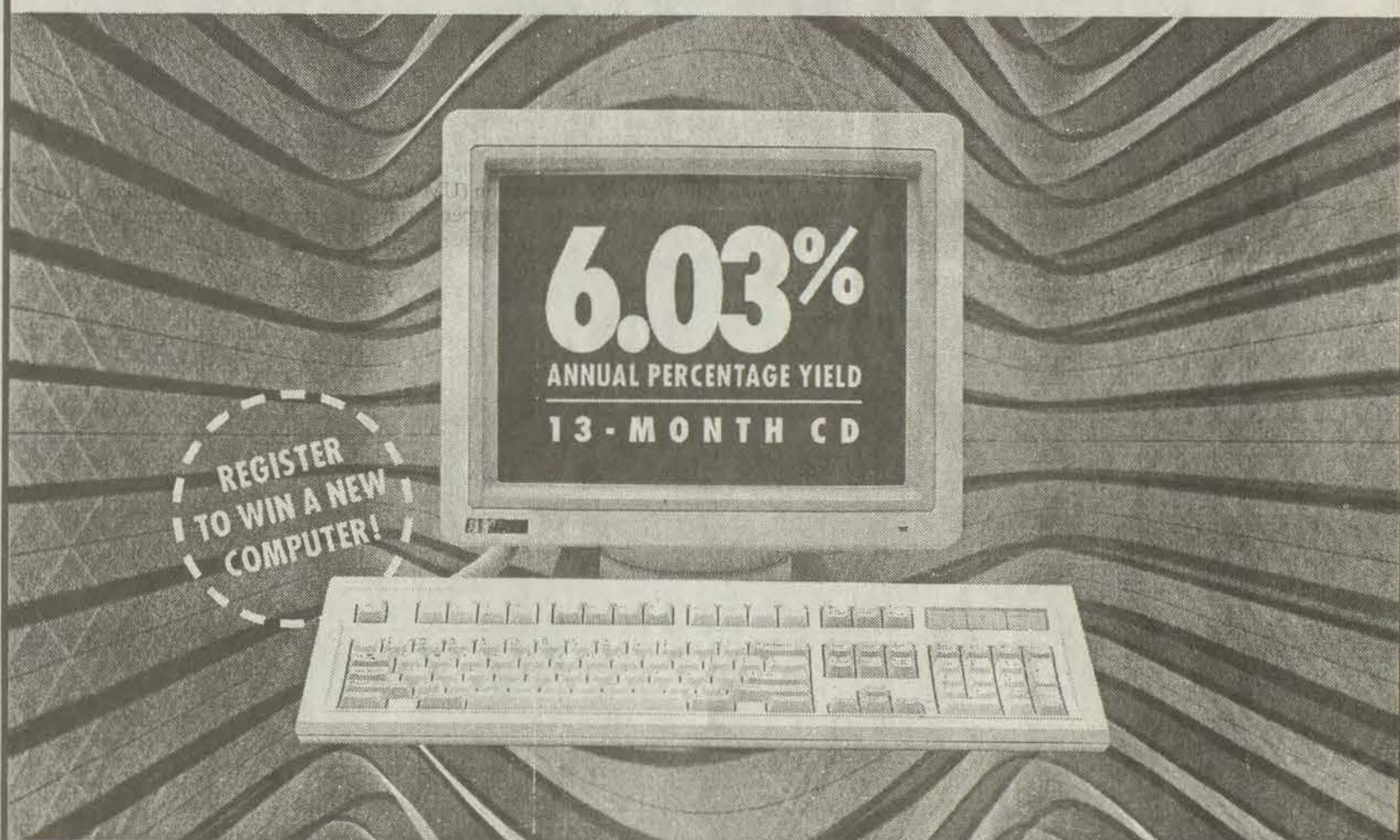
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## Shorter days and more to do: Surviving the holidays

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We all experience increased seasonal demands from November into January each year.

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It's final exam time. And, more school events. Students, parents, and communities swing from high activity levels to the low intensity of winter break.

Disciplined school days are replaced by periods of unstructured time. Families are challenged to fill the days with meaningful activities.

There are countless advertisements and commercials featuring ideal settings. Cozy fireside gatherings. Children nestled in grandparents' laps. Cheery parties.

But in reality the elderly may be alone. The teenagers are bickering and the young ones have pent-up energy, while moms and dads attempt to keep everyone happy and occupied.

A strategy to minimize stress is needed. First, delegate whenever possible. "To do" lists can be help-

ful. Try to eliminate items. Plan ahead and do ahead. Some of us work best under pressure, however it's no use adding more stress in this pressure-packed season. Try not to be a perfectionist.

It's logical to assume that events will not always happen exactly as planned. And yet during the holidays, we may become discouraged, and even depressed, when our experiences are not like the commercials.

Almost all of us experience some symptoms of depression at some time in our lives. People with five or more symptoms lasting two weeks or longer should see a physician.

- Signs of depression are:
- Depressed mood
  - Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities
  - Significant weight loss or weight gain
  - Sleeping too much or not enough
  - Lack of energy and motivation
  - Agitation or intense anxiety
  - Excessive feelings of guilt
  - Difficulty concentrating

• Complaints of memory problems

• Thoughts or statements about wanting to die

Treatment may include medication, counseling, or a combination of therapies.

If you recognize one or two of these symptoms in yourself or others, it may just be a simple case of the "holiday blues." Sadness is often triggered by a memory of past times.

Probably no medical treatment is needed—just understanding and compassion.

Still, there are groups needing special attention during this season. Elders may be uncertain of their roles. Holidays are a time for reunion, a time to reconnect with loved ones. Recent widows and

widowers need to redefine relationships and at the same time remember their lost partners.

The seriously ill have special concerns during the holidays, especially as they contemplate the future. For caregivers, demands escalate during this season. They may need more assistance than usual as they struggle for extra time to participate in the season's events.

Young married couples frequently report extraordinary stress. Families may compete for their participation as everyone struggles to develop new traditions.

For more information, contact Three Rivers Medical Center Mental Health Unit at 1-800-249-3602.

## EXTENSION NEWS

by Ray Tackett  
County Extension Agent for  
Agriculture and Natural  
Resources

### There's a hole in my sweater!

With the onset of colder weather, there have been some calls about "bugs" infesting clothing and other items unpacked from storage. These are probably clothes moths or carpet beetles.

Besides damaging fabric, these insects will feed on any item composed of animal fibers, i.e., wool, fur, silk, feathers, felt and leather. Items commonly infested include wool sweaters, coats, blankets, carpets, down pillows and comforters, upholstered furniture, toys and animal trophies.

Synthetic fabrics such as polyester and rayon are rarely attacked unless blended with wool, or if they are heavily soiled with food stains or body oils.

Serious infestations of clothes moths and carpet beetles can develop undetected in a home, often causing irreparable damage to clothing, bedding, rugs, and other articles.

### The Culprits

Carpet beetles — Developing larvae are about 1/8 to 1/4-inch long, tan to brownish in coloration, and densely covered with hairs or bristles. This is the life stage likely to be encountered now, since only the larvae feed on fabrics and cause damage. The adults feed primarily on flowers and are usually discovered indoors during the spring.

Adult carpet beetles are very small (1/16 to 1/8-inch), oval-shaped beetles, ranging in color from black- to various patterns of white, brown, yellow and orange. Large numbers may be spotted around light fixtures and windows, indicating that an infestation is present somewhere within the home.

Clothes moths — Clothes moths are small (1/2-inch), buff-colored moths with narrow wings fringed with hairs. Like carpet beetles, they damage fabric only in the larvae stage.

Adult clothes moths are seldom seen because they avoid light, preferring to hide in dark places such as the backs of closets. Clients who report seeing tiny moths in the kitchen and other well-lighted areas are probably seeing grain moths originating from stored foods, e.g., cereal, dried fruit, nuts, or pet food.

The larvae of clothes moths spin silken feeding tubes or patches of webbing as they move about on the surface of fabrics. They also deposit tiny fecal pellets similar in color to the fabric.

### The Solution

Current infestations — Controlling an existing fabric pest problems requires diligence and a thorough inspection to locate all infested items and areas of infestation. The source may be an old woolen scarf at the back of a closet, a fur hat in a box, and unused remnant of wool carpeting, or an abandoned bird or squirrel nest up in the attic.

Larvae prefer to feed in dark, undisturbed areas where susceptible items are stored for long periods. Larvae also may be found living beneath the edges of carpeting (pull up the tack strip along the baseboard to inspect), underneath and within unholstered furniture, or inside heat ducts and floor vents, feeding on accumulations of lint, pet hair and other bits of debris.

Occasionally, infestations may originate from bird or animal nests or carcasses present in an attic, chimney or wall void. Carpet beetles, in particular, will also feed on



pet food, bird seed, and cereal products associated with the kitchen or pantry.

Infested items should be laundered, dry cleaned or thrown out. Laundering (hot cycle) or dry cleaning kills any eggs or larvae that may be present. Vacuuming floors, carpets, and heating vents effectively removes larvae, as well as hair and lint which could support future infestations.

Be sure to vacuum the edges of carpets, along baseboards, underneath furniture and stored items, and inside closets and "quiet" areas where carpet beetles and clothes moths prefer to feed.

Insecticides applied to infested areas may be helpful as a supplement to good housekeeping. Products containing active ingredients labeled for flea control (e.g., permethrin) are effective. Sprays may be applied to carpets (especially along and beneath edges adjacent to baseboards), underneath furniture, and other likely areas of infestation where prolonged contact with humans is unlikely.

Clothing and bedding should not be sprayed with household insecticides and should be removed before treatment.

Avoiding future problems — The best way to avoid future problems with fabric pests is through prevention. Woolens and other susceptible fabrics should be dry cleaned or laundered before being stored for long periods. Cleaning kills any eggs or larvae that may be present and also removes perspiration odors that are attractive to the pests.

Articles to be stored should then be packed in tight-fitting containers with moth balls or flakes containing paradichlorobenzene (PDB) or naphthalene. The vapors from these materials are only effective if maintained at sufficient concentrations. Effective concentrations can best be achieved by sealing susceptible items (with the manufacturers' recommended dosage of moth crystals) in large plastic bags, and then storing the bagged articles in tight-fitting trunks, boxes or chests.

Contrary to popular belief, cedar closets or chests are seldom effective by themselves because the seal is insufficient to maintain lethal or repellent concentrations of the volatile oil of cedar.

Conventional household insecticides should not be used to treat clothing; however, mothproofing solutions may be applied to susceptible clothing by professional dry cleaners. Valuable garments such as furs can also be protected from these pests by storing them in cold vaults — a service offered by some furriers and department stores.

Additional tips on fabric pest prevention, control, and repair of damage can be found in our Extension publication IP-50, Fabric Insect Pests. You can call me at the Floyd County Extension office at 606/886-2668 and request your free copy of this publication.

Elimination of widespread, persistent infestations of carpet beetles and clothes moths in a home or commercial establishment may require the services of a professional pest control operator.

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## WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



### Couple wed at Banner church

Crystal McCown and Adam Lafferty were united in marriage on December 11, 1999, at Daniel's Creek Baptist Freewill Church of God at Banner. The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Barbara Wright of Prestonsburg, and the late Curtis McCown. The groom is the son of Rex and Sandy Lafferty of McDowell. Pastor Gregory Dixon officiated at the ceremony. Ringbearer was the couple's son, Curtis Leslie. William Henager was the best man, and maid of honor was Michelle Conn.



Steven Michael Brown and Emily Anne Sabo

### Couple plan evening wedding

Drift Pentecostal Church is to be the scene of the wedding of Emily Anne Sabo and Steven Michael Brown, Friday, December 31, 1999, at 6 p.m.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Tackett of Weeksbury and of Laurence A. Sabo of New Boston, Michigan. She is a senior at South Floyd High School.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Tackett of Melvin and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sabo of Palm Harbor, Florida.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown of McDowell. He is a 1997 graduate of SFHS. He is the grandson of Earl and Eleanor Brown of McDowell and of the late Earl and Tora Slone.

The bride will be given in marriage by Ronnie Tackett. Her maid of honor will be Regina Lawson, and bridesmaids will be Tammy Cantrell, Lisa Newman and Tiffany Tackett.

Amber Tackett will be the flower girl and Cory Tackett the ringbearer. The groom's best man will be Nick Evans, with Rodney Tackett, Larry Sabo and Kyle Brown serving as ushers.

A reception is planned at the Wheelwright High School Cafeteria, immediately following the wedding ceremony.

## Accessorize your way to a million dollar look

(NU) - With fashions ever-changing and trends hard to follow, smart women today are investing wisely in accessories to make them look like a million bucks. In fact, in 1998, women spent more than \$3.5 billion on accessories — an industry that's growing every year.

"Accessories are the style definers of today's fashion," says TV personality, author, magazine contributor and stylist to the stars Christine Schwab. "Bank on the items that look updated and stylish now, but will continue to look that way for years. Accessorizing can be a dramatic and cost-effective way to achieve a new million dollar personality for your wardrobe."

There are a few accessories that the millennium woman won't want to be without and Schwab suggests looking at them as an investment. "Rather than spending a fortune on new accessories every season,

invest in a few timeless pieces that will enhance your existing wardrobe," she says.

The newest watch from Patek Philippe is a beautiful example of a contemporary woman's timepiece that is at once fashionable and an enduring classic. It's called Twenty-4 — aptly named for the 24 hours in a woman's day — and it's designed to complement jeans, a business suit or a party dress. The thin bracelet of polished steel and the use of diamonds around the watch face result in a practical but beautiful accessory.

Other excellent investment accessories include good quality shoes that make the right impression, a well-shaped handbag, a classic Filofax that says you are organized and a sleek cell phone that implies technology won't eradicate style. Don't forget items like a beautiful scarf, which will enhance not only your outfit but also your mood.

## Are you at risk for Alzheimer's Disease?

(NU) - We're all getting older, there's nothing we can do about that, and with advancing age comes the risk of falling prey to Alzheimer's disease (AD) — a dreaded neurological disease that ranks as the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.

More than 4-million Americans are believed to have AD, an illness that claims more than 100,000 lives each year. That number is growing and, worse yet, there is no known cure for the disorder.

The disease impairs its victim's intellectual capacity and social functioning. Increasing age is the main risk factor in Alzheimer's. The older you grow, the greater your risk of developing the disease. The statistics are startling:

- From age 65 to 74, about 3 percent of the population has Alzheimer's.

- From age 75 to 84, the figure rises to 19 percent.

- And for those 85 and older, AD afflicts 47 percent.

- For some unknown reason, women at any age have a higher risk of AD than men. According to one study, by age 93, a woman's risk is 13 percent higher than a man's. (However, the study found women's use of post-

menopausal estrogen could help prevent and treat the disease.)

- How do you know if you have a predisposition to Alzheimer's? Here are some warning signs of early AD from the Alzheimer's Association:

- Recent memory loss. It's normal to forget people's names from time to time, but frequent forgetfulness is cause for worry.

- Language problems. From time to time, anyone can have difficulty finding the right word. But when simple words present problems, or when sentences become incomprehensible, that might signal Alzheimer's.

- Time and place disorientation. It's normal to forget the date or a destination. But people with Alzheimer's often feel lost standing across the street from their homes.

- Misplacing things. Anyone can misplace a wallet or keys, but when someone puts a wallet in the refrigerator, or keys in the sink, that's cause for concern.

- Changes in personality. People often become more set in their ways as they age, but Alzheimer's often makes people paranoid, very confused, or fearful.

There is hope on the horizon. Axonyx Inc., (OTCBB: AXYY) a

biotechnology firm based in New York, along with the University of Melbourne in Australia, is developing a more reliable diagnostic test. The company also has many novel approaches to treat

and possibly cure Alzheimer's disease.

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## Closing school for bad weather

Now that winter is here, it's time to start thinking about inclement weather and its effect on area schools. The safety of our children is the primary concern in reaching decisions.

The Superintendent of the Floyd County School System is the only person who can close schools because of bad weather. He relies on others to provide correct information concerning the weather and road conditions.

The school district staff carefully watches the weather conditions during the snow season and obtains information from local media, as well as the National Weather Service in Jackson. They must give careful consideration to the most dangerous bus routes in the district. Although your travel

route may be clear, dangerous conditions may exist in other parts of the district.

An advisory team consisting of nine bus drivers begin checking the road conditions starting at 4:30 a.m. The advisory members are strategically placed throughout the county; three in the northern section, three in the central section and three in the southern section.

If inclement weather is forecast, team members must contact the school bus garage no later than 5:15 a.m., and provide an update on road conditions in their area.

After the director of pupil transportation receives the weather information from the advisors, the superintendent is notified and given the same information. The

superintendent will then decide whether to close all of the schools or one or more divisions within the county.

After the superintendent makes the decision concerning school closings, the following television and radio stations are notified, starting at about 6 a.m. WYMT, WLEX, WQHY, WXLN, WKYT, WTVQ, WSIP, WLSX, WSAZ, WMDJ, WDHR, WZLX.

Radio is the official medium for notifying all students and parents as to whether or not schools are closed. All citizens are advised to listen to the above stations for up-to-date information on school closings. This information is given in a timely manner for your convenience.

Please do not call the offices of

the superintendent, transportation or school unless it is an emergency. These telephone lines are needed to communicate with media stations, bus drivers and staff.

After schools have been closed, a team from the Department of Pupil Transportation will check roads, bridges and hollows to ensure it is safe for a bus to transport students. The Department of Facilities will also check the building conditions (e.g. whether we have power and heat) and the parking lot conditions.

Listen to the following stations for the announcements concerning the reopening of schools after inclement weather: WMDJ, WQHY, WPRG.



Music has always been an important part of Allen Elementary School — general music, band, junior chorus and primary chorus. Now, teacher Valerie Coburn has added violin instruction to the music curriculum. The class has 11 members and includes students from first to eighth grade. Posing with their violins are, first row, from left, Rossi Clark, Miranda Lawrence, Sabrina Mullins, Marissa Roe and Destiny Spurlock; second row, from left, Amanda Coburn, Kristin Bentley, Stephanie Calhoun, Evan Spears and Jaden Spurlock. Not pictured is Katina Spurlock.

## Transylvania to host science camp

Transylvania University is offering a science and technology camp for outstanding high school students in grades 10-12, from June 25-30.

The five-day camp will enhance student's knowledge of all fields of science as well as help students learn about the preparation for different careers in the ever-changing world of science.

Through participation in a variety of laboratory experiments and field trips, students will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of science as an integral part of their everyday experiences.

Transylvania faculty and guest scientists will serve as instructors. The cost is \$300 per camper and enrollment in this unique program is limited to 50 students. There is no deadline to apply, however, applications will not be accepted once the limit has been reached.

For more information or an application, contact Donna Ellis at 606/233-8228.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's 16th oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.



### Passes audition

Sara Shafer, sophomore at Paintsville Independent High School, will represent the Marching Showmen at the state jazz band festival in February in Louisville. She qualified on the piano at a December 4 audition. Everett Wendlan is Shafer's band director, and Terri Wells is her piano teacher.



The Student Government Association of Mountain Christian Academy sponsored a food drive for Thanksgiving and a toy drive for Christmas. The food was delivered to the Drift Presbyterian Church food bank. The toys were to be delivered to needy children in Martin.



Brittany Stone and Latasha Whitaker worked hard making noodle necklaces while studying the letter Nn. They are students in Lisa Thornsberrry's class at May Valley Elementary.

## Local student helps Centre College field hockey team to a strong season

Lesley Stout of Prestonsburg helped the Centre College field hockey team to an outstanding season this fall.

The Centre women tied a school record for most wins in a season, with a 10-7 record, and a sophomore player, Beth Moses, set a school record with six goals in a single game.

Stout plays offense for the Colonels. Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg, and is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Centre has a comprehensive athletic program affiliated with Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The college sponsors nine varsity athletic teams for men and nine for women.



### MCA-preschool

Preschool students at Mountain Christian Academy presented a Thanksgiving program for their parents. After the program, the children enjoyed dinner with their families.



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Story and photos by Pam Shingler

"Oriental style with an American smile" is the motto of the Golden Harvest restaurant in Glyn View Plaza in Prestonsburg.

Lena Fleming, who has more than 16 years experience in the food business, took over what had been China Garden in September.

Fleming had worked at China Garden for three years when she decided to buy it out. "I knew the business that was in here and I knew it could be better," she said recently.

She added that "business has been really good."

Although Fleming is the owner, the business is truly a family affair. Her husband, Jeff, helps out and provides loads of moral support, she said. His primary job, however, is managing the Pizza Hut restaurant in Prestonsburg.

In addition, the Flemings' two children, Eric, 18, and Andrea, 16, are on the payroll. They wait tables, operate the cash register, host and do some bookkeeping.

"We know where they are, and they are learning about work and responsibility," said father Jeff of his and Lena's offspring.

Lena Fleming brings solid experience to her new role as a proprietor. Prior to working at the

Oriental restaurant, she was a manager at Little Caesar's for three years and an assistant manager at the Pizza Hut in Williamson, West Virginia, for two years. She also has several years of experience in steak houses.

Her experience ranges to all phases of the eatery business, from cooking to serving to seating to cleaning up.

At Golden Harvest, Fleming can cook many of the Oriental dishes, but she relies primarily on John Lee, a native of Korea, to cook the bulk of the traditional entrees.

Lee specializes in the pork and chicken entrees with savory sauces, rice and vegetables. Most of the desserts are of American origin.

Lee is assisted by brothers George and Greg Heredia, who are originally from Mexico.

The food is served buffet-style, making it easy to overeat. The luncheon buffet, priced at \$5.25, is available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily. The dinner buffet, at \$6.95, is served from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Chinese and seafood cuisine is on the \$8.95 buffet on Friday and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. The restaurant has been closed on Sundays, but not any more. Starting with the first Sunday in the new millennium, Golden Harvest will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Lena Fleming is the new owner of Golden Harvest restaurant in Glyn View Plaza, with support from her husband Jeff, who is also in the restaurant business.

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**HONAKER** - If you are a handyman, then this fixer-upper is for you! Previously a grocery with living quarters above. Call today! \$19,900 (104287) Call Lisa.



The Golden Harvest staff posed for a picture shortly after the restaurant opened last fall. Working then were George and Greg Heredia, chef John Lee, Lena Fleming and her husband Jeff Fleming. The staff now includes the Flemings' children Eric and Andrea, as well as Samantha Ellis and Anna Spears.

## Memo

### Lawyers lauded

Beverly Carroll, senior pro bono coordinator for Appalachian Research and Defense Fund (Appalred), has tallied the cases handled for free — pro bono — by attorneys in the region between January 2 and September 30, 1999, under the auspices of Volunteer Lawyers for Appalachian Kentucky (VLAK).

The list from Prestonsburg includes John Howard II, 3 cases; Clyde Johnson, 2; Jerry Patton, 4; Phillip Damron, Jimmy Webb, Sheridan Martin, Gerald DeRossett, Jerry Wicker, B.D. Nunnery and Jay Callis, 7 each.

### Flatwoods minister to head foundation

The new executive director of the IOLTA Fund and Bar Foundation is A. Scott Coburn of Flatwoods, former minister of involvement for Russell Christian Church. He is also a former law clerk to US District Court Judge Joseph M. Hood in Pikeville.

Coburn is a 1985 graduate of Morehead State University and 1988 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law.

The foundation is the charitable giving arm of the Kentucky Bar Association. It has awarded \$400,000 in grants since 1988. IOLTA — Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts — gives grants for legal services for the poor, among other purposes. IOLTA has granted more than \$4.3 million since 1988.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a Phase II & III bond release on permit number 436-0044 which was last issued on January 30, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 319.9 acres located 1 mile southwest of Ivel in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.5 miles southeast from KY 1426's junction with Cecil Branch County Road, and located 0.4 miles south of Cecil Branch. The latitude is 37°34'58". The longitude is 82°40'48".

The bond now in effect for permit number 436-0044 is a surety bond in the amount of four hundred fifty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$450,800.00). Approximately forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount of one million one hundred twenty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,127,200.00) is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching completed in the spring of 1991. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 4, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III bond releases on Increments No. 3, and 6, of permit No. 836-0205 which was last issued on Oct. 13, 1995. The increments cover approximate surface and underground areas as follows:

Increment No. 3 - Surface area 17.27; Underground area 215.32;

Increment No. 6 - Surface area 6.30; Underground area 0.0.

The operation is located at Grethel in Floyd County, and is 0.15 miles northwest from KY 979's junction with KY 1426.

The operation is located on the McDowell quadrangle map.

The original performance bonds and bonds (surety) now in effect for the two increments are as follows:

Increment No. 3 - Original bond \$36,100.00; Current bond \$17,500.00;

Increment No. 6 - Original bond \$22,800.00; Current bond \$3,300.00. 100% of the original bond amounts are included in this request for release of Increments No. 3 and 6.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in spring of 1993. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation, and the post mining land use in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by February 11, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 14, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 11, 2000.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a Phase II and III bond release on Increment No. 1 of permit number 836-0208 which was last issued on January 27, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 95.40 acres located 1 mile west of Tram, Ky. in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 3 miles southeast from State Route 1426's junction with U.S. 23, and located 1/4 mile west of Stratton Branch. The latitude is 37°34'34". The longitude is 82°40'55".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 of permit number 836-0208 is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred ten thousand seven hundred dollars (\$110,700.00). Approximately forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1990. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 4, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2000, at

9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

**INVITATION FOR BID**

The Big Sandy Health Care will receive sealed bids for the construction of addition to existing Hope Family Medical Clinic, Salyersville, Kentucky. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be received on or before 2:00 p.m., January 4, 2000, at the office of the Owner, Big Sandy Health Care, Auxier Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. Bids shall be opened and read at that time.

Copies of Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents, and Form of Proposal must be ordered from and deposit checks sent to the office of the Architect, Randall Burchett, 416 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, 606 886-3929. Plans will be distributed from the office of the architect. Deposit must be received by Architect before Contract Documents can be obtained. A complete set of plans and specifications require a

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General Contractors shall be required to purchase complete Contract Documents which include Project Manual, Technical Specifications and Drawings. All bids shall be submitted only on the Form prepared by the Architect. The proposal Envelope will have the Project and respective bidder. Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the architect and office of the owner:

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**INVITATION TO BID**

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**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT AND SUMMARY OF BOND ORDINANCE**

Ordinance of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of \$270,000 principal amount of City of Prestonsburg water, sewer and natural gas system revenue bonds, series 1999 for the purpose of financing the cost (not otherwise provided of the construction of extensions, additions and improvements to the combined and

consolidated water, sewer and natural gas of said city; setting forth terms and conditions upon which said bonds may be issued and outstanding; providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of said combined and consolidated water, sewer and natural gas; and providing for an advertised, public, competitive sale of said bonds.

As required by KRS 83A.060(9), I hereby certify that an Ordinance bearing the above title was given first reading (by Title and Summary) by the City Council of the City of Prestonsburg Kentucky, at a duly convened meeting of said City Council held on December 14, 1999, and was given second reading (by Title and Summary) and enacted by said City Council at a duly convened meeting held on December 17, 1999, and that the following is a Summary of such Ordinance prepared by W. Randall Jones, of the firm of Rubin & Hays, Attorneys at Law, Louisville, Kentucky. (Signed W. Randall Jones)

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

Said Ordinance authorizes the issuance of \$270,000 of City of Prestonsburg Water, Sewer and Natural Gas System Revenue Bonds, Series 1999 (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of financing the cost (not other-

wise provided of the construction of the Project referred to in said title; authorizes interim financing to pay the costs of said Project pending the issuance of the Bonds; designates Engineers for the Project and the depository bank of the proceeds of the Bonds and of certain funds to be maintained in connection with the Bonds; provides for a Sinking Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, an Operation and Maintenance Fund, and a Depreciation Fund; provides that said Bonds are secured by a pledge of the gross revenues of the System; establishes the method of payment of the principal of and interests on the Bonds, and the conditions and restrictions for the issuance of bonds ranking on a parity with the Bonds; provides certain covenants of the City for the further protection of the holders of the Bonds, including covenants as to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code; and prescribes terms and conditions upon which bids will be received for the purchase of the Bonds.

A copy of the full text of said Ordinance is available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. (Signed) Sue Webb, City Clerk, City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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