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## MAC bluegrass show on Internet



Jerry and Virginia Venable check the computer to make sure the music is going to their web site (www.soldigoldbluegrass.com) during Friday night's bluegrass show at the Mountain Arts Center. (photo by Willie Elliott)

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Internet is a good place to find information on many subjects, download photos and via e-mail communicate with family and friends. But use the Internet to listen to bluegrass music? Certainly.

If you had a computer and were hooked to the Internet, you could have listened to Friday night's presentation of the Freighthoppers and 11rd Time Out at the Mountain Arts Center.

The MAC provided Jerry Venable and his wife Virginia a phone line which was connected to their computer. The Venables, by the magic of Internet, piped the sound to their web site: [www.soldigoldbluegrass.com](http://www.soldigoldbluegrass.com).

The Tennessee man said the operation is much like a radio station. He has sponsors who support his web site. But there is one difference — he has a much wider audience pool for his music. The world, in fact. He has gotten feedback from a bluegrass fan in Switzerland who stumbled on the site while net surfing.

Venable said he once thought

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## What's Inside



## Briefs

### Court approves paving projects

In a special called meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court Friday, county commissioners approved an agreement for \$67,441 to be used in repairing a couple of local county roads. Approved for resurfacing were the Bays Branch and Spradlin Branch roads.

### Drift road work starts Monday

Residents of Simpson Branch in Drift will finally get some relief from their rough thoroughfare. Judge Paul Hunt Thompson has said the crews will begin work on the road Monday morning. They are expected to grade the mining road and spread new gravel, so expect some delays while improvements take place.

### Medicare help recommended

The Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 passed the US House of Representatives Friday, according to US Rep. Hal Rogers, who backed the measure. Rogers said the act provides increased support to rural hospitals and clinics and greater help to home health care services, children's health care, and women's health programs. He also said it will improve the quality of health care for seniors and reverse proposed cuts to health care providers.

### Inez physician gets more 'time'

Final sentencing for a Martin County doctor was held Thursday by Circuit Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier by way of telephone, according to the Martin County Sun. The sentencing hearing was apparently conducted by phone from federal prison in Ashland where Dr. Gregory Wells is serving a 78-month sentence on a conviction of federal prescription drug violations. The Inez newspaper said Wells is believed to have pleaded guilty to defrauding Medicare and Medicaid of more than \$10,000, for which he was thought to have been sentenced to five years in prison, concurrent with the

## Strikers rally in Prestonsburg

Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

Wearing purple ribbons to symbolize their solidarity, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) striking workers at Highlands Regional Medical Center held a rally yesterday where various speakers urged the workers to "stay the course."

Prior to the speeches, the workers were upbeat as they ate hot dogs and chatted with friends and co-workers at the municipal parking lot in downtown Prestonsburg.

David Mott, a union representative from Washington, DC, led the

group in singing songs that promised a better day for the workers. One song was a take-off on "When the Saints Go Marching In." Mott told the workers they would be walking back into the medical center and the "bosses" would be walking out.

Kathy McCormick, hospital organizer for Kentucky and West Virginia, said the community support was tremendous. She related a story of a local woman who refused to have surgery at Highlands, saying, "I'm not going to have surgery in a scab hospital."

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Several hundred union members rallied yesterday afternoon at Prestonsburg's municipal parking lot. The members of SEIU have been on strike from Highlands Regional Medical Center since September 2. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## After two decades, journalist chooses another path

by Pam Shingler  
Editor

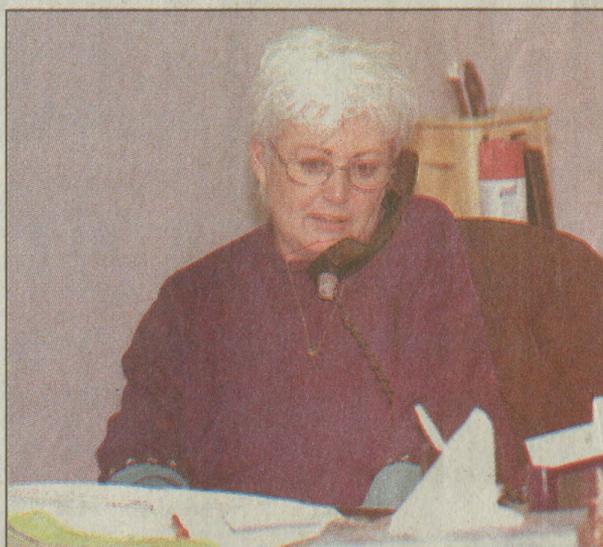
She has answered the phone and written up ads, sold subscriptions and corrected grammar, stuffed newspapers and labeled them for mailing, reported the news and assigned others to find it.

About the only thing Janice Shepherd has not done at the Floyd County Times is operate the giant printing presses.

Now after almost two decades, she's putting away her notepad and focusing on family.

With today's paper, Managing Editor Shepherd is leaving the Times to concentrate on the titles Wife, Mother, Grandmother,

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Times' managing editor Janice Shepherd is hanging up her news phone, retiring after almost two decades as a member of the newspaper staff. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Deputies 'luck' into arrest

by Randell Reno  
Staff writer

Floyd County Deputy Matt Johnson and Sgt. Shawn Roop stopped by the Frontier Lounge at Harold Friday night "to check things out" and lucked into a couple of arrests.

When the officers pulled into the parking lot and left their patrol cars, they immediately noticed Danny Newsome, 39, of Boldman, apparently attempting to hide something while he sat in his car and drank beer.

The wafting odor of marijuana burning in the air also gave the officers suspicion. The officers approached the car and asked Newsome to get out of the vehicle. They soon found the subject had been smoking the marijuana and had more to spare.

A \$25 bag of marijuana was found just under the seat, said Deputy Johnson. Newsome was placed under

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**Timbre Brass Quintet to perform**

Timbre Brass, formerly the Morehead State University Faculty quintet, will perform a concert at the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. This is the second concert of the Eastern Kentucky Concert Series season. The ensemble consists of Stacy Baker, tuba, who has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Jon Burgess, trumpet, who conducts the brass choir; Deb Eastwood,

trumpet, a visiting artist; L. Curtis Hammond, horn, who teaches and conducts the MSU Horn Choir and has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra; and Barry Hearn, trombone, a new faculty member. Season tickets are still available. Individual tickets for this concert will be \$10 adults, and \$5 for students. For tickets, call 606/789-5625 or the box office at the Mountain Arts Center, 606/886-2623 or 888-MAC-ARTS.

## Striker

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According to McCormick, the patient was transferred to Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville where the surgery was performed.

"We want to make sure we continue to have a strong voice to be a powerful advocate for patient care. We had a good relationship with the hospital until Bud Warman became CEO. Since that time, hospital administration has been at odds with our union," said Larry Daniels, SEIU/District 1199 Kentucky vice president and HRMC worker.

He went on to say that the

union wants to get the strike settled so the workers could "go back to caring for the sick in the community."

Almost every speaker used the same theme — "Let's stick together" and "We can bring the hospital to its knees."

On hand were representatives from other unions who promised continued support for the striking workers.

The workers have been on strike for 65 days, and McCormick said, "If it takes 65 more, so be it. We will be there."

## Briefs

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### Road relocation meeting set

A public meeting to review the Dam Safety Assurance Project at Dewey Dam, including a description of key features, road relocation and the construction schedule, has been scheduled for November 18, at 7 p.m.,

at May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The public will have the chance to look at the plans and voice any questions or concerns.

### Public meetings

- Prestonsburg City Council, Monday, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Floyd County Health Department Board, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

## Arrest

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arrest and was charged with drinking in public, public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

Roop maintained custody of the prisoner while Johnson took a look inside the club.

Johnson said when he approached the bar two to three subjects ran out of the side door. Roop and Johnson ran one of the

suspects down in a foot pursuit.

Charles Boyd, 39, of Harold was found hiding under a house when the officers caught up with him. Boyd was charged with alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, fleeing and evading a police officer and hindering apprehension. The other suspects got away.

## Internet

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about buying a local radio station, but said there is not enough demand for one type of music within the range that most local radio stations have.

He said as the Internet site becomes better known, he will garner more sponsors (advertisers) and increase his profit from the operation. The site, he said, generates enough income for the

Venables to break even.

Now, one can see that Venable is taken by the ability to get bluegrass music out to listeners with this medium.

The Venables said the Internet offers distinct advantages. For instance, they did not have to build a tower or obtain a license and they have a broader base of listeners.

Venable does have to pay the same fees as other broadcasters do. He must pay a licensing fee to Broadcast Music Inc. and American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for the right to record and broadcast the music featured on the site.

Venable's studio is a 10-by-15 foot space in Cleveland, Tennessee, a 45-minute drive from

Chattanooga. Next door to a Ponderosa Steak House and Barbecue Emporium, Venable sends out his music, or "netgrassing" as he calls it.

As could be expected, one of the groups that gets a lot of play time is the duo of Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs.

The big expense in getting the program started was equipment. Venable needed computers that contained the music on hard drive and he had to schedule play time.

Venable said while the Internet is not affected by censorship, he and his wife censor themselves.

To get the feed, you need a computer with access to the Internet, a sound card, speakers and Real Audio software. Most newer computers come with these installed.

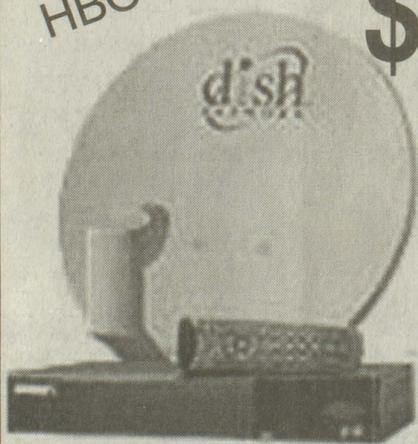
The sound that comes over the line is surprisingly good. Venable said it's 28.8 kps (kilobytes per second). He said the quality of the sound depends a great deal on the condition of the telephone line. The sound from the MAC Friday night was very clear, but the sound from home had one small glitch.

If you tune in to the site, you will be greeted by Earl and Josie, on-air names for the Venables. And, you will be joined by other bluegrass music lovers, including, Venable said, Lester Flatt, no stranger to bluegrass music.

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## Diagnostic test may speed Alzheimer's cure

(NUE) - Watching a parent, grandparent or friend deteriorate as a result of Alzheimer's disease (AD) is excruciating — mostly because there is no known cure.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain that causes a steady decline in memory and results in dementia — the loss of intellectual functions severe enough to interfere with everyday life.

More than four million Americans are believed to have AD. It is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, claiming 100,000 lives a year. Increasing age is the main risk factor; the older you grow, the greater your risk of developing the disease.

While there's no cure for AD, help is on the way. Axonyx Inc., (OTCBB: AXYX) a biotechnology firm based in New York, recently entered into a joint agreement with the pathology department at the University of Melbourne in Australia where scientists have been developing a diagnostic test for Alzheimer's.

The test involves a fingerprint-type analysis of certain markers that have potential to change in those people who have the propensity to

develop full-blown Alzheimer's. Unlike other diagnostic methods, the new method can be done rapidly and pinpoint AD.

At present, the only way of diagnosing Alzheimer's disease accurately has been by clinical examination of a patient, involving both neurological and nonneurological assessment. This lengthy and subjective examination can be stressful and time-consuming, and is only about 80 percent accurate in distinguishing Alzheimer's from other dementia-causing illnesses.

Usually, by the time AD is diagnosed, patients have already suffered serious cognitive deterioration and there is little that can be done for them.

"This new test, when fully validated in clinical trials, should represent a tremendous breakthrough in unscrambling the mysteries of Alzheimer's disease," Axonyx President and CEO Dr. Marvin S. Hausman said. "To date, no conclusive diagnosis of the disease can be made before the patient dies."

The discovery of a new diagnostic test comes at an exciting time in Alzheimer's research. Researchers have known for years that the disease is characterized by the aggregation and accumulation of a protein known as the amyloid protein in the brain. It is now known that there is a potential to reverse the process of amyloid deposition through therapeutic approaches such as those developed by Axonyx.

Axonyx is in the business of acquiring patents and licensing rights for a series of drugs that will attack neurodegenerative diseases, specifically Alzheimer's.

For more information, visit Axonyx's Web site at [www.axonyx.com](http://www.axonyx.com).



**Posted**

Several of the fire trucks in the Station One of the Prestonsburg Fire Department have signs posted in the windows that say, "Do Not Take". The signs were placed there as a joke, but just in case someone decides they like the trucks a little too much, a word to the wise should be sufficient. (photo by Randell Reno)

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**Cliffhanger**

These multi-ton boulders came crashing off the hillside early Friday morning on KY 321, just north of the Prestonsburg water treatment plant. Work crews had them pushed off the road before 8 a.m., and traffic resumed unimpeded. (photo by Pam Shingler)

**Path**

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Daughter and Sister. Shepherd first signed on with the Times in the late 1970s. While her daughter Jennifer was a student at Clark Elementary School, Shepherd became friends with the daughter-in-law of Norman Allen, the founder, publisher and editor of the Times. Pat Allen steered her friend to the entry level job as receptionist at the newspaper.

"I'm not the kind of person to sit still," says the soft-spoken journalist. "I wanted to do more."

So, she began to rewrite stories that had been submitted to the paper and to write obituaries on an "old-fashioned, heavy-duty," manual typewriter. "You had to press hard on the keys. At the end of the day, my arms ached," she says.

Before long, she added proof-reading to her list of responsibilities, reading the typeset copy for errors before it was pasted on a page.

"They didn't have to tell me to do anything," she says. "I would pick it up. I would try anything."

When the Allen family sold the newspaper to Smith Newspapers, Shepherd formally became a reporter and began learning everything she could about newswriting, editing and page layout.

She left the paper for a time to manage a competing newspaper, but came back to the Times as a part-time records compiler.

Eventually, she moved into the editorial department full-time and into management where she has worked long hours in the office and then taken work home, writ-

ing and typesetting much of what readers read in the paper, editing what other writers write, and determining how it looks on the page.

She has seen the Times through three ownerships — the Allen family, Smith Newspapers, and now cnhi, one of the country's largest newspaper companies.

Shepherd, whose shining, prematurely white hair is a trademark, shakes her head as she assures that she does not intend to slow down. She's just planning to expend her energy in different ways.

She pictures herself, for instance, spending more time in the kitchen, once again preparing gourmet meals for her husband of 30 years, Cleve Shepherd, a top manager at the local American Standard Plant.

The two began dating when they were both students at Prestonsburg High School. "The first time I saw Cleve, I said to myself, 'What would it be like to be married to him,'" she says.

They married at the end of his senior year and her junior year. She found out almost 20 years into the marriage that Cleve had turned down an art scholarship to Morehead State University to marry her.

The young wife finished high school and then followed her husband as a military wife for a few years. A coal miner's daughter who grew up poor and with limited opportunities, she gained experience and confidence traveling with her husband.

The couple lived in Alabama,

New York, Maryland and Germany, where their daughter Jennifer was born. She still remembers clearly the separation of East and West Berlin, before the Berlin Wall was torn down and the two Germanys reunited.

The retiring managing editor also expects to spend more time with her parents, Gardis and Maudie Ousley. The elderly couple raised four daughters on Buckeye and Caney Fork amid the feast and famine life of coal mining.

Shepherd says she wants to be available now to help her parents when they need her.

She also plans to devote a good deal of her time to the other man in her life — her grandson, Ethan Vanderpool, the 20-month-old son of Jennifer and Jason Vanderpool.

Already much of Shepherd's free time is spent in Lexington with the little one, who has been lavished with books by his book-loving grandmother and no doubt will be encouraged to write as soon as he's able.

"He will sit in the middle of the floor, surrounded by his books and chatter about the stories," Shepherd says, close to popping her buttons with pride.

Shepherd will also spend more time with her daughter Jennifer. The two have always been extremely close, even attending Prestonsburg Community College together in the early '90s. "I was afraid at first that Jennifer might be ashamed to have her mother in her class, but she loved it."

The non-working calendar is rapidly being filled up, but

Shepherd plans, too, to help out her sister Lisa Johnson with a new business, Bountiful Baskets and Bouquets, in Prestonsburg. She's learning to create floral arrangements for sale in the store, and she expects to help out with the store's operation.

Also looking forward to a greater share of her time are her other sisters, Janet Faye Prater and Denise Porter, as well as the members of her church, Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist, where she is an active member.

Shepherd is rightly proud of her journalistic career, which has included several writing awards. She has been in the newspaper business during rapid changes, particularly in technology. Today's newspaper relies on computers in almost every aspect. The old, heavy typewriter is now akin to a dinosaur.

The work has also become more specialized, she points out. "It would be harder today to start the way I did and work your way up," she says.

Shepherd recalls that one of her goals in high school was to become "involved in the news media." She worked on the student newspaper in high school, and one of her first jobs after graduating was with a local radio station. Her voice, however, was "too soft for radio."

Through the Times, she was able to realize her early goals. At mid-life, she has decided to set new goals, most of them personal, rather than professional. If the past is an indicator, she will succeed.

**Most teens at risk for osteoporosis**

(NUE) - Osteoporosis is a debilitating disease that affects about 28 million Americans, and it's not just people over 60.

A new report from the US Department of Agriculture reveals that 87 percent of teenage girls and 62 percent of teenage boys are actually calcium deficient.

To help combat the problem, the National Academy of Sciences recently raised the recommended daily intake (RDI) of calcium for all age groups.

However, many people are finding it difficult to meet their daily calcium requirement with the intake of food alone and often find that traditional calcium supplements are large and difficult to swallow.

Now, there is an easier way for consumers to meet the RDI of calci-

um. Nature Made, a leading manufacturer of vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements, has developed CalBurst, a soft, chewable calcium supplement that is available in chocolate and cherry flavors. Each soft chew contains 500 mg of elemental calcium and 200 I.U. of vitamin D.

"Calcium intake is a crucial factor in helping to prevent osteoporosis, but it's not the only one that consumers need to be aware of," said Carroll Reider, manager of the Consumer Education Department at Pharmavite, maker of Nature Made.

If you would like to learn more about calcium supplements, visit [www.naturemade.com](http://www.naturemade.com) or call the Nature Made Healthline at 1-800-276-2878 and speak to a nutrition expert.

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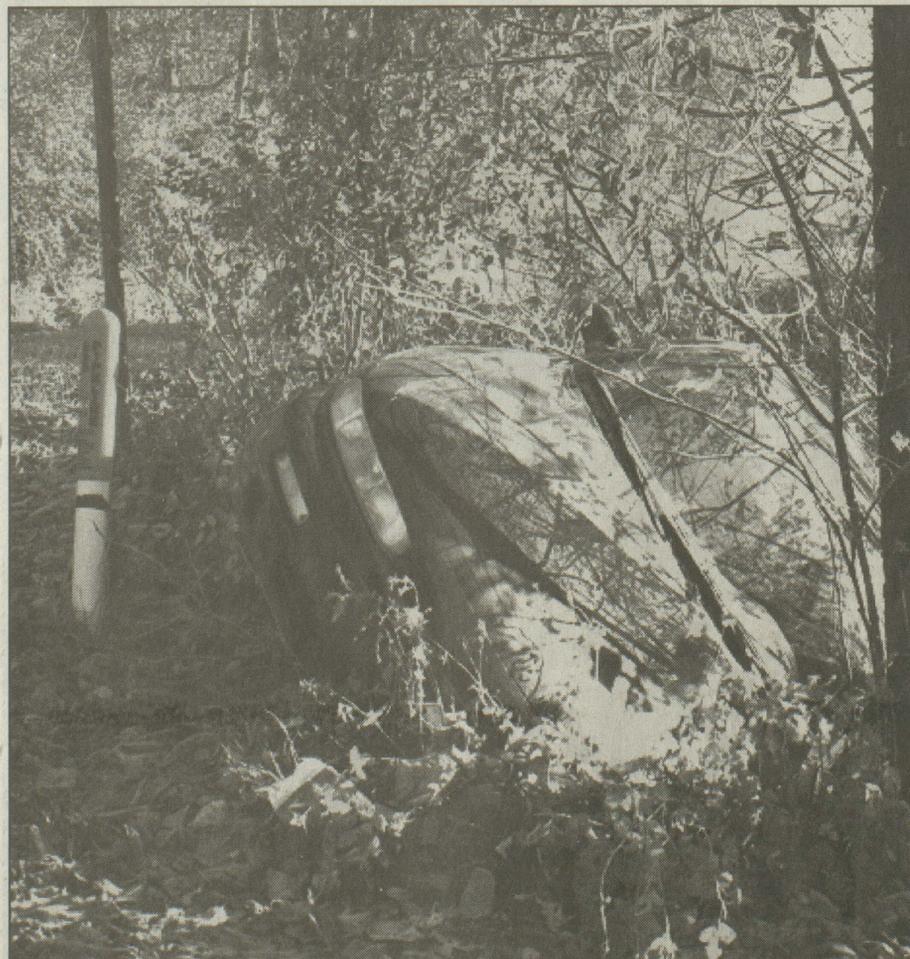
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**Wedgie**

This car found its own special parking spot early Friday morning. It apparently skidded and came to rest on its side between a fence and an embankment on Lancer-Water Gap Road. No details were available. (photo by Pam Shingler)

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# Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

You can't blame the water for finding a hole in the boat.

Kelly Graham—

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## Editorial

### Medicare's prognosis

As Congress struggled to patch up some holes in Medicare recently, the politics of health care took a curious twist. President Clinton, that big-government liberal, proposed that Washington take a page from the private sector and drive a harder bargain with doctors and hospitals. Congressional Republicans, those defenders of the free market, warned that competition could be dangerous in Medicare. The Senate Finance Committee eventually shot down Clinton's plan, partly because time is running short for Congress to wrap up the year's business. But, sooner rather than later, Congress ought to give Medicare the tools that Clinton has proposed. They would save billions of dollars for taxpayers, while almost certainly improving the quality of health care for 39 million elderly Medicare beneficiaries.

The occasion for the debate was itself curious. Congress passed a law in 1997 designed to save billions of dollars in the Medicare program, and the law has actually saved more money — much more money — than anyone intended.

The House and Senate want to restore about 10 percent of the lost money, and that's probably a good idea. The cuts of 1997 threaten a number of rural hospitals, which serve large elderly populations. They have hurt teaching hospitals, which get a federal subsidy to train doctors.

And, Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minnesota, points out that they perversely punish certain managed-care companies that have found efficient ways to serve elderly residents in nursing homes. Clinton, however, wanted the federal government to gain some Medicare efficiencies in exchange for the new money. While his proposal probably came too late in this congressional season, the ideas are smart.

He wants doctors to form "preferred provider organizations" that would offer discounts to Medicare clients. When Medicare patients need heart surgery or other complex care, he would steer them to elite hospitals known as "centers of excellence."

He would also require sellers of medical equipment, such as beds and wheelchairs, to submit competitive bids for Medicare's business. Any savings from these techniques would be shared with Medicare patients in the form of lower co-payments.

If these concepts sound familiar, it's because the private sector has been using them for years. They save money and often improve the quality of health care.

This doesn't mean that Medicare should adopt all the techniques of private-sector managed care. Elderly patients are different from younger patients, both in the way they choose doctors and in the intensity of care they need.

But Medicare, which once led the private sector in cost-saving innovations, now trails it.

Washington passed up a chance to overhaul Medicare this year, largely because the White House blocked — correctly — a plan that would have converted the system into a voucher plan.

But the nation's biggest health plan still faces daunting financial burdens as baby boomers near retirement, and it should begin gradually adopting some of the more sensible techniques of private sector managed care.

— *Minneapolis Star Tribune*



## Letters to the Editor

### Seeks lost dog

Editor:

October 31, 1999, this is the day she disappeared. What would you call your pet? I would call her a member of the family.

She is gone and we would like for her to come home. I now know what it is like for someone's animal to leave and not know where they have gone, or if they are even coming back, who has them or if someone has disposed of them.

If someone has our dog, please let her go or con-

tact us. If you have seen our beloved pet, please call and tell us. Our family needs to be complete again.

Some people would not understand the loss that is associated with losing a pet. To some people, this is just some dumb animal, but not to us.

This is her description: Solid white, medium-build and height, long hair, English setter. Our phone number is 606/874-2974.

Mary Morrison  
Endicott

### Letters make reader laugh

Editor:

I have been reading all of the letters in this section about the strike against Highlands Regional Medical Center, and I have had a laugh about many of them.

The only one that I read that made any sense was one written by an RN that said, "It is not your right to be employed, it is a privilege."

I think that says it all. I wish more people would realize this. You people on that picket line better wake up. There are many people in this community who would love to have your job, and it looks as if they may get their chance.

I also do not understand the response to that particular RN from an LPN. I believe the LPN was addressing other RNs to remain professional.

I'm sorry, but an LPN is not considered to be "professional." They are "technical" or "vocational."

Don't get me wrong, I'm not putting down LPNs, just telling it the way it is. To the LPN who hastily

responded to something she obviously knows nothing about, if you want to have a professional career, then go back to school.

People keep writing and saying that the people who keep continuing to work in the hospital will have trouble showing their face when the strike is over.

This really makes me laugh. They are not the ones standing on the picket line committing various acts of vandalism and behaving like juvenile delinquents.

How will you return to work and show your face? I doubt the people of this community will want people like you to take care of them.

I think you picketers better get back to work and feel fortunate to have a job. The yard sale business doesn't seem to be working for you.

Andrew C. West  
Beauty

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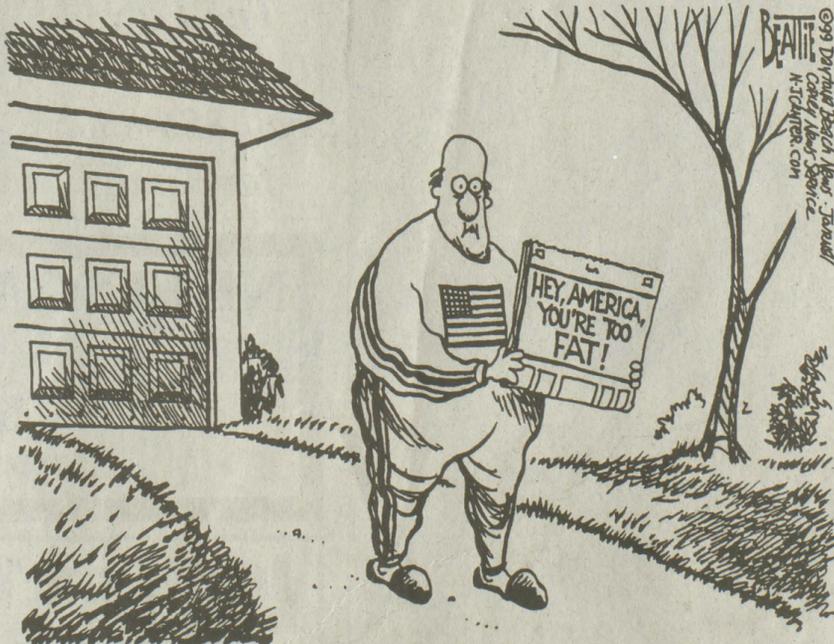
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## My Word

by Pam Shingler  
Editor



by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

Saying good-bye is hard to do. After almost 20 years in the newspaper business, I'm changing careers.

I started working at the reception desk at the Floyd County Times with the late Norman Allen. I listened and I learned and I moved up, eventually winding up serving as interim publisher for a brief period of time and then as head of the editorial department.

Working in the editorial department is similar to a roller coaster ride — and what a ride. I have met so many nice (and I must admit some not so very nice) people. Privately, I have rejoiced with them on their accomplishments and cried with them when they failed.

I have spent so many long hours at my workplace that my co-workers have become my extended family. I will miss that family, but I'm planning to spend more time with my own family — my husband, my daughter and son-in-law, and my favorite person, my grandson Ethan.

Ethan makes me forget my cares and become young again. He is a happy little fellow, and his laughter is contagious.

My fondest memories of my grandmothers are based on the love they gave me and the meals they fed me. I want to bake cupcakes and special treats for my grandson. I want him to look forward to coming to my house to taste Nana's cooking.

My eventual goal is to become a full-time homemaker. That word embodies warmth and a wonderful sense of home. I'm looking forward to the day I can don my chef's hat and discard the fast food boxes.

Before my career consumed my life, I cooked a full-course meal every evening. My husband used to tell me it was an adventure to come home and sit down to supper because, at least once a week, I prepared a surprise meal.

I collect cookbooks, and I always selected two or three recipes that we hadn't tried. Some of them we couldn't acquire a taste for, but some went into my recipe keeper's box.

Before I become a full-time homemaker, though, my sister has plans for me. My sister, Lisa Johnson, just realized her dream and opened her own business, Bountiful Baskets and Bouquets in Prestonsburg, and I'll be lending her a hand.

I've already been helping out. After I leave work every day at The Times, I stop and help. I love the shop, and I'm discovering hidden abilities that I can utilize there. In fact, my sister is sending me to floral design classes so I can help her in that aspect of the business, too.

The shop is a treasure trove of goodies, from aromatherapy products to Italian bath gel, to gourmet cooking products to incense to stuffed animals. So far, I've helped her with small floral arrangements, shrink-wrapped baskets, stocked shelves and arranged displays. It's fun.

I also enjoy talking with the customers who come into the shop late in the evening when I'm there. That was one part of my job at The Times I always looked forward to, even though I often didn't have time to chat.

Since I'll just be about a block away, I hope I will still see my extended family at The Times and the many acquaintances I've made during my years here.

I hope that my good-bye is just a "See you soon." Don't be a stranger. Come by and visit with me.



Recent graduates from the TOPS program include, from left, front row, Crystal Merking, Kamela Little, Crystal Music, Susan Burchett, Melinda Harris and Wendy Bolen and, back row, Lanora Collins, Carrie Miller, Irene Conn and Morris Gillum.

## TOPS leads to success

Through the Opportunities People Succeed (TOPS) program, a Welfare to Work initiative of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, eastern Kentucky welfare recipients are finding their way into the work force and onto the path of success.

The program is designated by the state and federal government as the welfare-to-work program for 23 counties — including Floyd — in eastern Kentucky.

TOPS is an intensive four-week job club that combines personal and career assessment, goal setting, career planning, job readiness and life skills.

During the program, every participant takes part in job search activities each day. When participants find jobs, TOPS provides help with retention and job pro-

gression.

Employment is the TOPS program's goal. Opportunities are the key that opens the door to self-sufficiency. Many people on public assistance simply need some real opportunities.

They need real opportunities to find out what today's employers want in an employee. They need opportunities to learn all the steps involved in landing and keeping a job. They need to know what job opportunities are out there for them, and they need an opportunity to believe in themselves.

People learn from people. With the right people to show the way, it is possible to break free from the habits and hopelessness that hold many people back.

The people who serve as TOPS counselors understand the barriers

to self-confidence and success. More importantly, they know that people can break through these barriers, with the help of someone who knows the way.

The counselors understand the satisfaction that comes from helping people succeed.

Success means different things to different people, but most everyone agrees that to succeed, he/she must have some control over his/her life.

To be successful is to be able to set goals and then work toward them; it is the ability to decide where you want to be and then get there. Success is the power to change "I wish" into "I will."

Recently the TOPS program graduated 11 students from the program.

## MSU students offered chance to study abroad

To further their educational experience, Morehead State University students may choose to study abroad during the summer.

The Kentucky Institute for International Studies is offering 15 summer study abroad programs for 2000. "Studying abroad gives students a look at different cultures from the inside," said Mary Jo Netherton, an associate professor of French.

New on the summer listing is a program in Costa Rica which will be directed by two MSU professors, Dr. Dean Owen, professor of education, and Dr. Victor Ballestero, assistant professor of educational administration. This program will feature advanced and graduate education courses.

A new program in Bregenz, Austria, also will offer graduate education courses, which focus on special problems in environmental education.

The remaining new summer abroad programs will be offered in Brazil and Japan. The courses in

Brazil will focus on anthropology, geography, and conservation, while those in Japan will focus on the country's language, art and culture.

Dr. Vincente Cano, professor of romance languages, will direct the Spain for Teachers program, which will be in its third year during summer 2000. Additionally, Dr. John Secor, associate professor of romance languages, and Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, assistant professor of English, will teach a summer program in France which will be directed by Netherton.

Dr. Secor will teach an intermediate-level, conversational French course and an honors course in the humanities. Dr. Henneberg will teach an introductory French culture course and a 300-level literature course on ex-patriate British and American writers.

"For language students, studying abroad gives them an opportunity to speak with natives in the native country," Netherton said. "In the United States, students are able to speak with people in their native

tongue, but the students have an advantage because they are in their own element."

Studying the language abroad is "within the cultural context so its more meaningful and more challenging," she said.

In general, studying abroad "gives students confidence and independence" because they are in a country without friends or family members on whom to lean. "Part of their learning experience is developing relationships with the people in the community (abroad)," Netherton said.

KHS also has study sites in Salzburg, Austria; China; Athens; Rome; Germany; Italy; Mexico; and Spain.

For additional information about any of the study abroad programs, contact Netherton at 606/783-2779 or by e-mail to m.nether@morehead-st.edu or contact Dr. Janet Gross, director of international education programs, 606/783-2779 or by e-mail to j.gross@morehead-st.edu.

## Local students included in the national dean's list

A total of 34 students from this area are among the approximately 120,000 students included in the 22nd Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 1998-99. The National Dean's List, published by Educational Communications Inc., is the largest recognition program, and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about The National Dean's List visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

The following is a list of students from the local area who are featured in the 22nd Annual Edition of The National Dean's

List, 1998-99:

Crystal Martin of Eastern, University of Kentucky; Leah N. Wells, of East Point, Prestonsburg Community College; Andrea D. Griffith of Allen, Prestonsburg Community College; Debra A. Collier of Auxier, Prestonsburg Community College; Sandra J. Griffith of Banner, Morehead State University; Emma Sue Johnson Rogers of Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg Community College; Crystal G. Berger of Bevinville, Prestonsburg Community College; Erica B. Johnson of Bypro, Prestonsburg Community College; Tenessa L. Fletcher of Gunlock, Prestonsburg Community College;

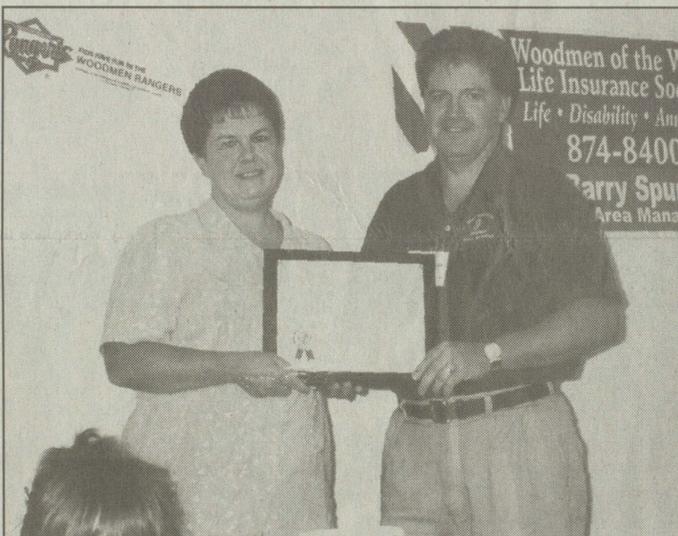
Also Margot A. Scrimager of Harold, Prestonsburg Community College; Misty Stevens of Harold, Pikeville College; Claude L. Crum of Hi Hat, Alice Lloyd College; Wesley W. Howard of Hueysville, University of Kentucky; Brandalyn C. Elkins of Ivel, Morehead State University; Belinda Carroll of Langley, Prestonsburg Community College; Jason L. Edwards of Martin, Prestonsburg Community College;

Stacey L. Adams, Prestonsburg Community College; Elizabeth D. Campbell, Prestonsburg Community College; Shonnelle D. Greer, Prestonsburg Community College; Susan D. Hamilton, Prestonsburg Community College; Christopher Hicks, Morehead State University; Michael J. Jacobs, Prestonsburg Community College; Marsha S. Johnson, Prestonsburg Community College; Janine L. Lee, University of Kentucky;

Also Stephanie A. May, Prestonsburg Community College; Christina M. McKinney, Alice Lloyd College; Kathryn R. Mullins, University of Kentucky; Tylina Jo Mullins, Morehead State University; Jack R. Sagarsee, Prestonsburg Community College; Jimmy D. Shepherd, Morehead State University; Barbara J. Spradlin, Morehead State University; Rayanna L. Spradlin, Prestonsburg Community College; Jimmy D. White, Prestonsburg Community College.

And Irene Conn of Wheelwright, Prestonsburg Community College.

Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society area manager, Barry Spurlock, recently presented a life-saving plaque to Carletta Fraley of Allen, for saving a young girl at the Prestonsburg Archer Park Pool. The presentation took place at the annual Woodmen of the World Fish Fry.



These young dancers from Dance Etc. were among several groups who recently entertained a crowd at the municipal parking lot in Prestonsburg. The group was scheduled to perform during the Jenny Wiley

Pioneer Festival, but inclement weather interfered with their plans. So the dancers did a demonstration of their abilities at a later date. (photo by Willie Elliott)

# OBITUARIES

## Zachary Tyler Howell

Zachary Tyler Howell, infant son of Angela Howell and Robbie Hall, died Sunday, November 7, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was four days old.

He was born on November 3, 1999, at the University of Kentucky Hospital.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his maternal grandparents, Robert and Juanita Howell of Toler and his paternal grandparents, Joe and Robin Hall of Galveston.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 7, at the Lower Toler Church of Christ with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial to be in the Keathley Cemetery, Keathley Fork.

## Isaac Spears Jr.

Isaac Spears Jr., 78, of McDowell, died Friday, October 29, 1999, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on October 25, 1921, in Johnson County, he was the son of the late Isaac and Mary Dutton Spears. He was a disabled miner.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta Dutton Spears; three sons, Johnny Spears of Wheelwright, and Jimmy Spears, and Jeffery Spears, both of McDowell; eight daughters, Ruby Hitchcock of Wheelwright, Mary Moore of Minnie, Mazie Hamilton, and Violet Bentley, both of McDowell, Lillie Collins of Pinetop, Emma Bentley, and Glenda Sue Stumbo, both of Price, and Melinda Mullins of Bevinville; two brothers, Orville Spears of Bevinville; and Homer Spears, of Williamson, West Virginia; two sisters, Irene Mosley of Minnie, and Georgene Mosley of Garrett, Indiana; 36 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 1, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Price, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

## Ed Parsons

Ed Parsons, 73, of Stanville died Saturday, November 6, 1999, at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born November 24, 1925, at Allen to the late Grant and Bessie Wilcox Parsons. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Stratton Parsons.

He was a retired sprayer with Davidson Enamel in Ohio and a US Army Veteran of World War II.

He is survived by three sons, Tim Parsons, Jeff Parsons and Thomas Parsons, all of Criderville, Ohio; two daughters; Pam South and Patricia Parsons Junter, both of Criderville, Ohio; four brothers, Willie Parsons of Toledo, Ohio, Raymond Parsons, Elmer Parsons and Lowell Douglas Parsons, all of Allen; three sisters, Violet McGuire of Allen, Mary Alice Foote of Waverly, New York, and Phyllis Parsons of Klamath Falls, Oregon; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 9, at 11 a.m. at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel under the direction of the Floyd Funeral Home.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, November 7, at 3 p.m. and continue after 10 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

## Claude Boling

Claude Boling, 86, of Garrett, died Friday, November 5, 1999, at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born on March 28, 1913, in Auxier, and was the son of Mance and Lula Hunt Boling. He was a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by wife Ollie (Conley) Boling.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Helen Childers and Joyce Ann Hicks, both of Garrett; three brothers, Emery Boling of Huntington, Indiana, Luther Boling and James Boling of Warren, Indiana; two sisters, Audrey Whitt and Angie Mayo, both of Garrett; four grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, November 11, 1999, at 11 a.m. at his residence on Hunter Branch at Garrett, with Ivy Point Old Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial will be made in the Boling Family Cemetery at Garrett under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

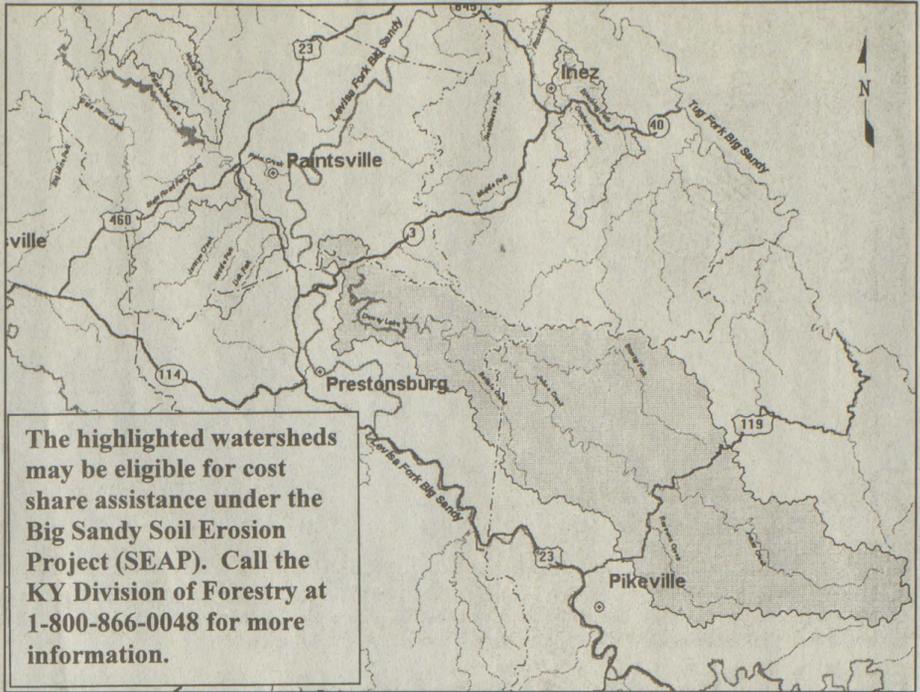
Visitation may be made at his home.

## Local teacher attends WKU summer institute

High school teachers from 19 states, Ecuador and Germany participated in the 16th Western Kentucky University Advanced Placement Summer Institute.

WKU's Center for Gifted Studies sponsors the program, which was held June 27 to July 2 and included 284 Advanced Placement teachers.

Participants included Dr. Deb Hopkins of Prestonsburg, a math, chemistry and earth sciences teacher at The Piast School.



The highlighted watersheds may be eligible for cost share assistance under the Big Sandy Soil Erosion Project (SEAP). Call the KY Division of Forestry at 1-800-866-0048 for more information.

## Erosion control funds available

Grant funds from the Kentucky Division of Water and the US Environmental Protection Agency are being targeted to selected watersheds in the Big Sandy area.

The entire John's Creek watershed in Floyd and Pike counties is included, along with Jenny's and Mud Lick creeks in Johnson County and Coldwater and Blacklog forks in Martin County.

The purpose of the funds is to

provide technical and financial assistance for planning and installing soil erosion control measures related to woodland management.

Included in this project is financial assistance to landowners for installing Best Management Practices (BMPs) as approved by the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Financial assistance to cooperators is based on a woodland plan

approved by the state Division of Forestry that will include cost estimates for prescribed BMPs and the amount of cost share.

For further information about financial assistance and woodland planning, contact Forestry's Big Sandy office at Betsy Layne at 1-800-866-0048. The program is called Big Sandy Soil Erosion Abatement Project.

## CenterNet to offer workshops

The first in a series of lunch time workshops will be broadcast via videoconference to 10 CenterNet sites from the Center for Rural Development on Tuesday, November 9.

Each one-hour session will have a central theme. The first workshop, set for noon to 1 p.m., will look at the Center's Rogers Scholars program. The program is aimed at school administrators, guidance counselors, technology

coordinators, interested parents or prospective student applicants.

Rogers Scholars stresses technological skills development, entrepreneurial training and community leadership for young people. Project manager Margaret F. Sloan will discuss program requirements and deadlines and take viewers' questions.

On Thursday, November 11, at the same time, the subject will be "Web Development & E-

Commerce: Are you ready for the World Wide Web?" Kevin Dalton will show viewers how to conquer the new frontier of business marketing. Dalton will cover selling products online, webpages and web design.

In this area, the videoconferencing is available at the Mountain Arts Center. Call 606/889-9125.

Programs are free.

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Polio	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Measles	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mumps	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
HIB	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Varicella	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
HepB****	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

\* Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations at 11-12 years only if second dose was not given at four to six years.

\*\* Tetanus-diphtheria recommended at 11-12 years if at least five years have elapsed since last DTP.

\*\*\* All children and adolescents through age 18 who have not been immunized against hepatitis B may begin the series during any visit.

\*\*\*\* Indicated in many circumstances, depending on which vaccine for H. influenzae type b infection was previously given.

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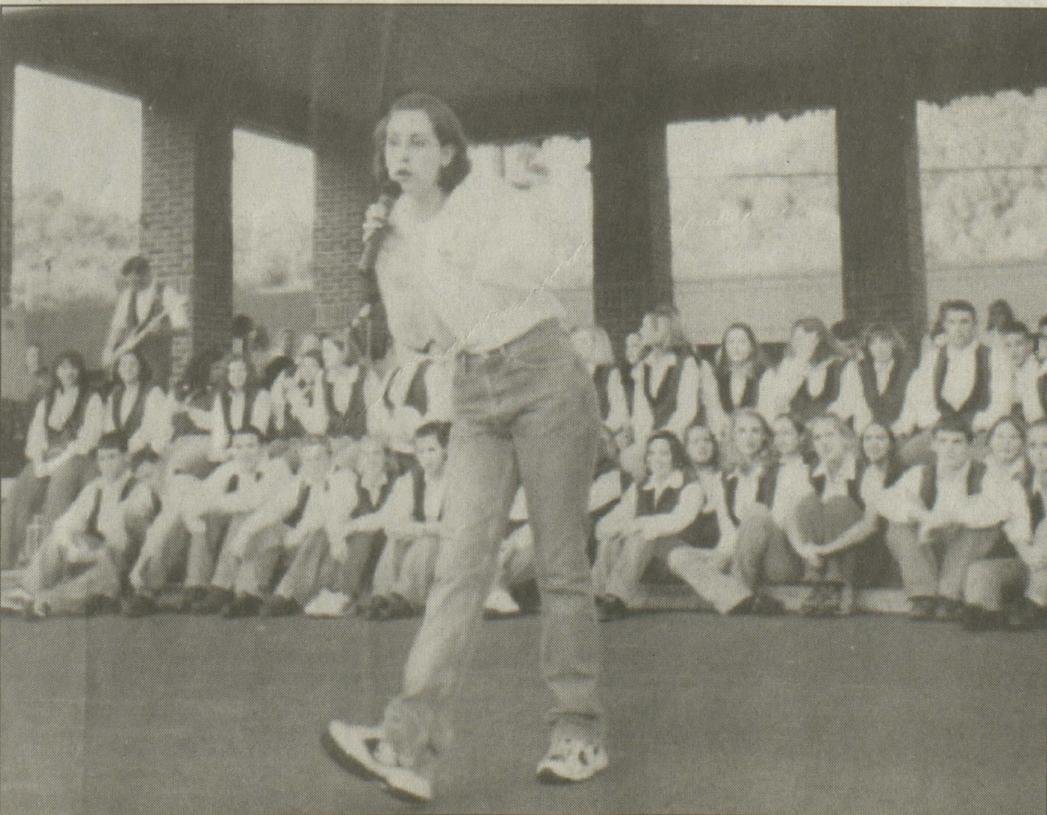
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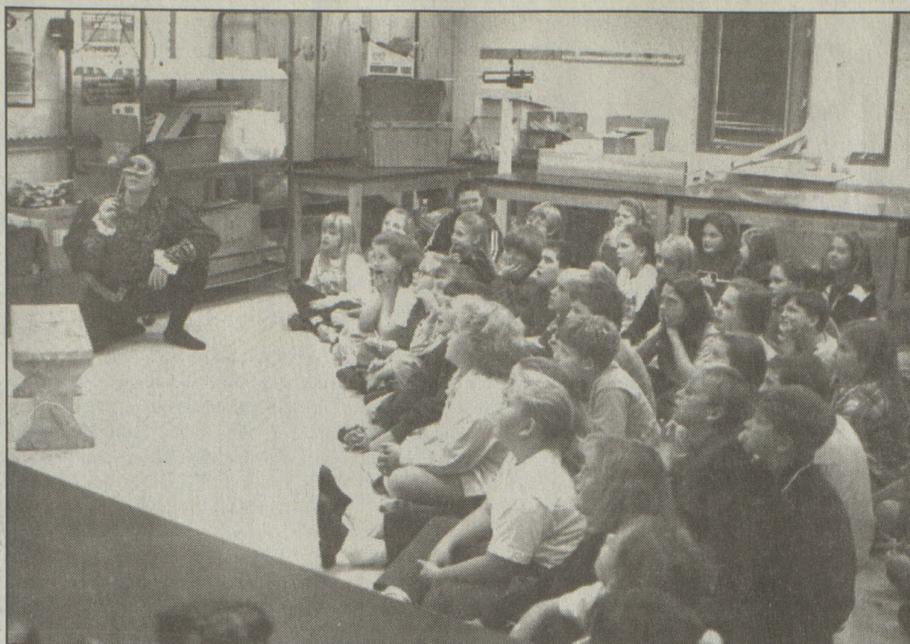
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Academy Board of Family Physicians



Winners of the Food City Halloween costume contest in the Infant (under one year) category were Hannah Jervis (pea pod), whose guardians are Misty and Robert Jervis, first place; Margaret Bowens (Happy Lion), with Tina Bowens, second place; and Karl Blackburn (pumpkin), daughter of Theresa Blackburn. (Rerun because of an error)



Paige Tussey of David and the Prestonsburg High School's honor choir entertained the crowd at opening ceremonies of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival held in early October in downtown Prestonsburg. (photo by Rita Brock)



Douglas Hary and his wife Carolan from the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival had the undivided attention of these Allen Elementary fourth graders on Monday morning as they performed skits from some of Shakespeare's most famous comedies, especially those with love scenes. Here the Harys perform the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet." The students displayed quite a bit of knowledge about the bard prior to the presentation. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

We will begin with a HOORAY! for one of our students.

This came in from Sue Garland, health services department head: "Kay Nichols, practical nursing, saved a man's life last week. An auto accident caused a man to lose control of his car and become submerged in a creek.

"No bystanders were attempting to rescue him. Kay retrieved him from the car, and he was blue and not breathing, but she did detect a pulse. A rescue person walking by told her it was too late that he was already dead.

"After reporting that he had a pulse, Kay attempted rescue breathing, he expelled water, and began breathing.

"Subsequently, the victim phoned and visited Kay, thanking her for saving his life. We have a lot of students we can be proud of - I just wanted to let everyone know how Kay is proof of this."

Interim Director Bobby McCool speaks for the faculty and staff in saying how proud we are of Kay. This is just one example of training received at Mayo that affects the whole community, not just the workplace.

We would also like to recognize the efforts of Dennis Dorton, president of Citizens National Bank for his years of service to Mayo. Dorton and his father, O.T. Dorton, have long been supporters of education in this community.

He has served on the Mayo board, committees and the foundation which funds our house building projects for many years. He works tirelessly in these and other endeavors to benefit our community.

Dennie has always made the time to work with our VICA, HOSA, and PBL students and other projects that Mayo has been a part of. Thank you, Mr. Dorton, for your advice, participation and involvement in Mayo Technical College.

President McCall's vision is that by the year 2020, KCTCS will be recognized as the nation's best comprehensive community and technical college system. The identified preliminary Five-year Goals for that objective are:

- Establish a unified system recognized nationally
- Develop programs of excellence with quality teaching
- Provide accessible and responsive student services
- Serve as Kentucky's primary provider of education for economic development
- Participate in enrichment of communities
- Build collaborative partnerships
- Infuse appropriate technology throughout the System
- Create a dynamic internal work environment
- Use assessment for continuous improvement
- Expand resources and use effectively

As we move forward with consolidations, collaborations and establishment of educational communities, these goals will be fleshed out with others and priorities will be established along with expected outcomes.

Together we will be able to achieve the goal of unity and excellence.

We are moving toward graduation. About 50 will graduate on December 21. We are in the heaviest recruitment season.

Juanita Fannin and Beverly Martin will visit every school in our region in the next couple of weeks. They are planning for a heavy blitz of recruiting. This important part of the counselors' jobs is reflected in the increase in enrollment in Mayo's shops and programs.

Advising for Mayo students is completed for this enrollment. On November 11, there will be pre-registration in the Mayo Auditorium beginning at 1 p.m.

Students will be dismissed from classes at 1 and will register on a first come, first served basis. It is important that students arrive at registration early for classes they need.

Congratulations and appreciation go to Arlene Butcher and Carla Reynolds for the rewrite of the Carl D. Perkins reports. Their valuable assistance made it possible for us to move forward on other issues as these were handled so well by them.

Kimberly Lyon has left us. She moved to Lexington because of a job move for her husband. The new secretary in Adult Education is Janet Caudill. Her email address is janet.caudill@kctcs.net <mailto:janet.caudill@kctcs.net>. Her extension is 315 (same as Kim Lyon on your list). Janet has been added to the kctcs Mayo clerical staff distribution list.

The Christian Student Union meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the auditorium at noon. Also, there will be a prayer time each Monday at 7:30 a.m. in the auditorium for faculty, staff, or anyone else who wishes to attend. This is entirely voluntary and not on school time.

## Transy reps here in November

Transylvania University will hold a "Let's Talk Transy" afternoon for prospective students, parents and alumni in the Prestonsburg area from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, November 14, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

Spend an evening talking with some of Transylvania University's students, professors, staff and graduates about one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges. On hand to tell you more about Transylvania will be President Charles L. Shearer. Learn about Transy's academic

programs, wide array of student activities and the advantages of attending a college where caring and dedicated professors inspire their students.

For more information, call the admissions office at 1-800-872-6798.

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 nation.

## Transylvania's enrollment up

Transylvania University's full-time enrollment is up this fall—from 1,060 to 1,064—making this the largest full-time enrollment in Transylvania's 219-year history. Total enrollment—including part-time students—is 1,073.

"While full-time enrollment is up, Transylvania's entering class of 308 is the smallest by design since 1995," said President Charles L. Shearer. Transylvania had enrolled around 345 freshmen the past three years but limited new student enrollment this year.

"Interest in Transylvania among academically talented students continues to increase, but we don't want our overall enrollment to grow beyond our capacity. We want to maintain our commitment to small classes and personal attention," said Shearer.

Shearer said he is extremely pleased with the academic quality of the freshman class. "The quality of this class is outstanding in every measure of academic strength." The average ACT and SAT scores are

well above the national averages, the average high school GPA is 3.5, 50 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their class, 16 are National Merit Finalists and 30 were valedictorians.

There are four students from Floyd County attending Transylvania University: Aaron Dillon, Hanna Halbert, Monica Majmundar and Ronald Tackett.

Transylvania is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country, including U.S. News & World Report, The National Review College Guide: America's 50 Top Liberal Arts Schools, Peterson's Top Colleges for Science and the Smart Parents Guide To College.

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

### 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.

### Fibromyalgia meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building. Guest speaker for the next meeting will be Keith Barton, Iridologist from Columbus, Ohio. For more information call: Phyllis at 606/874-2769 or Sharon at 606/478-5224.

### Benefit Security Card replaces food stamps

Effective November 1, there will be no paper food stamps issued in Floyd County. They will be replaced by a "Benefit Security Card" which resembles a credit card. If you want training on how to use this card, call the food

stamp office at 886-3871 for an appointment.

### Adoption Fair of the Bluegrass

Come to the Adoption Fair of the Bluegrass on November 7, at the Lexington Mall, in Lexington, located on New Circle Road and Richmond Road, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Informational workshops on Adoption and Foster Care. For more information, call (606) 246-2256, (606) 246-2678 or 1-800-432-9346.

### Tussey reunion

The descendants of Jonathan Craig Tussey and Mary Bradley Tussey will hold their second annual Tussey Reunion on November 13, (second Saturday in November) at the Pines Building of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Call Don Tussey (886-3338), Cheryl Tussey Shepherd (886-8863); Brenda Tussey Gray, (886-1249) or Bill Tussey, (358-9491).

### Social Security rep at Mud Creek

A social security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of November. He/she will assist people in filing social security claims and appeals. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers.

### Entertainment changed at FCRTA meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet in regular session on December 2 at 10 a.m. at May Lodge. The Prestonsburg High School was

scheduled to present a Christmas program. The program will be presented by Ron Vanover, director of recreation and interpretation at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A business session will follow.

### Extension council will meet

The Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will meet on Monday, November 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office.

### 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.

### Extension meeting

The Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will meet on Monday, November 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office.

### McDowell SBCM

A Site-Based council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 6 p.m., at McDowell Elementary, in the School Library. This is the regular meeting for November.

### Forest fire hazard season reminder

The Kentucky Division of Forestry reminds that the fall forest fire hazard season continues through December 15. During this time, burning is restricted to the

12-hour period between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Further, burning cannot be done within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

### May Valley Family Resource Center meeting

May Valley Family Resource Center Advisory Council Meeting will be held Monday, November 8, at 4 p.m. in the school library. Open to the public.

### Hicks reunion

The Smith Hicks reunion will be held Saturday, November 13, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Luncheon buffet will be at 1 p.m., with the meeting and social gathering at 3 p.m. For further information, call 886-3108.

### Floyd County Arts Council to hold meeting

The meeting of the Floyd County Arts Council for November 9, as listed in the Kentucky Arts Council Connections newsletter, has been transferred to November 22. The meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. The group will consider activities for the Arts Council. One topic of interest is Cultural/Heritage tourism especially related to persons tracing their genealogy, and how this relates to the study of cemeteries in the county.

### Driving course postponed

The 55-Alive Driving Course which was tentatively scheduled to be held November 15-16, by Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has had to be cancelled, and will be rescheduled in the spring.

### Bingham gathering

Grave Markers for Joshua and Mariah Hammonds Bingham and daughter Laura have been installed in the Slone Cemetery on Town Branch, Prestonsburg. A gathering will be 1 p.m. Saturday, November

13 at the Town Branch Full Gospel Church followed by a visit to the nearby cemetery.

Their cemetery and spouses Sarah and Preacher Jim Lafferty, Jefferson and Darcus Stephens, Samuel and Nettie Derrossett, Solomon and Julia Johnson, Laura and Harve Banks and Deborah and Henry Clinton Herald have in excess of two thousand one hundred descendants. Bingham Family Historian and Genealogist Stephen Bingham and Rev. W. B. Bingham, founder of Binghamton Baptist Church, will attend.

### Clark Family Resource Center Nursing services

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is the center on Fridays. Services available: Physicals for the 5th grade students entering 6th grade in the next school year; pre-school, headstart, and kindergarten physicals; physicals for any student, age birth-21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.

Advisory Council Meeting—November 10, at 4:30 p.m., at the center;

Parent Support Group Meeting—November 10, noon;

Recycling Program—Program for students, kindergarten through grade 3, November 17.

Parent/Child Lunch

Parents are encouraged to eat lunch with their children, November 18.

"Kindergarten for Parents," November 23, at 8:30 a.m.

### South Floyd SBDM meet

The South Floyd Middle School will hold its SBDM meeting on November 11, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

### Allen Central High Youth services center

There will be a meeting of the Allen Central High Youth Services

Center Advisory Council on Wednesday, November 10, at 4 p.m.

### Free clinic in Magoffin

The Philippine Medical Association of Greater Eastern Kentucky is having a free clinic for patients without medical card or insurance on Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Magoffin County Health Department. Seeing patients will be Dr. Pedro Arriola, urology; Dr. Linda Arriola, anesthesia; Dr. Bonnie Aranas, family practice; Dr. Francisco Rivera, surgery; Dr. Aida Larumbe and Dr. Corazon Chua, psychiatry; Dr. Penny Grino, obstetrics and gynecology; and Dr. Portia Canos, internal medicine.

### CAP clothing giveaway

Free clothing will be available to income-eligible families and individuals on Monday, November 15, at the Christian Appalachian Project's Outreach Services facility on KY 321 (old US 23) at Hager Hill. The giveaway will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In case of rain on Monday, the event will be on Tuesday, November 16.

### Auxier open house

An open house and dedication at the Auxier school buildings is set for Friday, November 19, at 7 p.m. The facilities have recently been refurbished, after having been purchased from the Floyd County Board of Education by Fr. Ralph Beiting. Volunteers Charlie and Sue Schaffer are seeking input from local residents about how the buildings may best serve the community.

### Conservation meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 16, at 1 p.m. in the district office. The meeting is open to the public.



Although polluted, this stream near the old Salisbury Church makes a striking scene on an autumn day. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Breathe easier this cold and flu season

(NUE) — You've tried the antihistamines, the decongestants and the zinc formulas, and you still feel lousy? Why not try more natural cold remedies?

More and more, doctors are shying away from the traditional cold medications and advising their patients to get plenty of rest and fluids, and a little chicken soup can't hurt either.

The common cold is caused by a variety of viruses and typically lasts up to two weeks.

A cold usually attacks abruptly. First, it starts with the tickling, itchy throat, followed quickly by sneezing, coughing, runny noses and, sometimes, a fever.

Preventative measures are your first step toward avoiding cold symptoms altogether. Washing your hands is one simple method of fighting off colds, especially during cold and flu season.

Since a cold is caused by a virus that is passed along from person to person, you can pick up a cold

from shaking hands or touching doorknobs. Hand sanitizers are an excellent way to stop the spread of cold viruses.

Vitamin C also has long been praised for its believed effectiveness in staving off colds. Vitamin C is essential to our immune systems and our natural balance. Drinking and eating a lot of Vitamin C-enriched juices, fruits and vegetables may be your first step in preventing a cold.

But despite your best efforts, you are still susceptible to colds. If you do get one, there are still plenty of home therapies you can try. Rest and fluids are always your tried and true methods, but there are other effective home remedies available.

One method to try is aromatherapy, which is more often associated with stress relief. Aromatic steam therapy, in particular, however, can help alleviate the congestive symptoms associated with colds, according to Hideaway Spa,

the makers of the AromaMist Home Spa. Aromatic steam allows the natural and healing essences that permeate the steam to absorb into your body internally and externally.

For its cold and flu formula, Hideaway combines the healing essential oils of pine, eucalyptus, balsam fir, cardamom, bergamot and prai. The blended fragrances provide soothing and calming properties, along with astringent and antiseptic properties that can help relieve sinus and bronchial congestion.

Using a 1,000-year-old method, the pediatrician-approved AromaMist Home Spa recreates the steam therapy found in spas into an at-home model that is compact, portable and easy to clean.

To learn more about the AromaMist Home Spa or Hideaway's other products, call 1-800-826-4560 or visit [www.hideawayusa.com](http://www.hideawayusa.com).

## Diabetics today enjoy wider range of foods

(NUE) — Just a few decades ago, recently diagnosed diabetics were simply handed a pre-printed menu listing the few foods they were allowed to eat. From then on, they were supposed to completely change their eating habits regardless of any personal food preferences or cultural traditions.

Fortunately, these days, health professionals are working to create individual diets that take personal food preferences into account. Food producers are even helping out diabetics by creating better tasting sugar-free products — even chocolate.

With the growing incidence of diabetes and other conditions requiring restricted diets, this is good news for adults and children alike, who have had to forgo their favored foods.

Chocolate intake needs to be monitored, of course. Children, in

particular, tend to sneak treats that may wreak havoc with blood sugars. Diabetics should discuss an occasional planned indulgence with a physician.

A great-tasting treat, such as a milk- or dark-chocolate bar from Guylian's No-Sugar-Added product line, offers a rich, melt-in-your-mouth treat — and it's virtually sugar free.

According to a leading consumer magazine, one no-sugar-added chocolate bar from Guylian was rated in the top five of all regular, gourmet and low-sugar milk chocolate bars.

The magazine tested 37 chocolate bars of different content and ingredients. They included three "dietetic" bars, including Guylian's No-Sugar-Added bar. The Guylian product was "one of the higher-rated milk chocolate bars," the magazine reported.

By using maltitol — a new sugar substitute derived from natural grains — Guylian created a chocolate bar that offers the flavor, taste and texture of a quality imported chocolate, and also has no cholesterol and little or no sugar.

"No one should be denied the pleasure of chocolate," says Guylian President Leslie Coopersmith, "and our No-Sugar-Added bars offer a tasteful alternative to those watching their sugar intake."

Guylian-No-Sugar-Added Chocolate Bars are available in milk and dark chocolate three-ounces. (85 g) bars at leading retailers across the United States. In addition to its No-Sugar-Added product line, Guylian offers premium boxed Belgian chocolates.

For more information on Guylian chocolates, call 1-800-803-4123.

**FLOYD COUNTY**  
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**Johnson, Little combine to lead Osborne past McDowell**

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

The Osborne fifth/sixth grade boys basketball team got their 1999-2000 season underway on a successful note as they faced rival McDowell Thursday night at Wheelwright.

Josh Johnson and Ryan Little combined for 32 points to lead the Eagles to a 54-18 win over McDowell before a nearly packed Wheelwright gym.

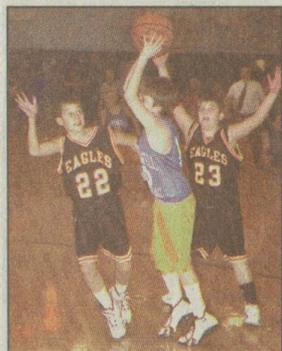
Johnson led all scorers with 18 points while Little tossed in 14. Brook Letterman and Evan Johnson netted six each and T.J. Hall scored four. Dennis Matthews and Anthony Thomsbury had two points each.

Famer Halbert led McDowell with seven points followed by Brett Spears who finished with six. Brandon Caudill netted four and Isaiah Hall scored one.

Johnson scored six first quarter points as Osborne ran out to a 18-4 first quarter lead. The Eagles used their full-court pressure defense to get several baskets off the break. Hall had four points for Osborne in the first quarter. Halbert and Hall scored two points for McDowell.

In the second quarter, Johnson scored eight points as Osborne extended their lead. Little, who had two points, in the first period, added four in the second stanza. McDowell went without a field goal in the second period as they trailed 32-7 at the half.

"We work on our press a lot," said Osborne coach Charles Hall, who was making his coaching



debut. "I think they played unselfishly as a team. Matthew Johnson didn't score for us but he had nine assists and played a great game."

"I thought we looked good on the press. We had been working on the 1-2-1-1 and I didn't think we could handle it but we did. We have a lot of players who have never played before," said Johnson.

Little scored eight of his 14 points in the final quarter. Evan Johnson had four fourth quarter points.

**Scoreboard...**

**Class 1A**  
 Harlan 28, South Floyd 20  
 Pikeville 66, Pineville 14  
 Lynn Camp 23, Hazard 7  
 Somerset 28, Bardstov 25  
 Bellevue, 55, Paris 20  
 Paintsville 61, Williamsburg 6

**Class 2A**  
 Belfry 62, Estill Co. 12  
 Breathitt Co. 55, Prestonsburg 12  
 Middlesboro 41, Whitesburg 0  
 Russell 42, Mercer 14  
 Leslie Co. 40, Shelby Valley 18

**Class 3A**  
 Sheldon Clark 51, Cawood 22  
 Lawrence Co. 68, Whitley Co. 20

**Friday's Matchups**

**Class 1A**  
 Paintsville at Pikeville  
 Lynn Camp at Harlan

**Class 2A**  
 Breathitt County at Belfry

**Class 3A**  
 Bell County at Lawrence County  
 Rockcastle County at Sheldon Clark

**Breathitt ends Blackcats season**

by Karen Joseph  
 Sports Writer

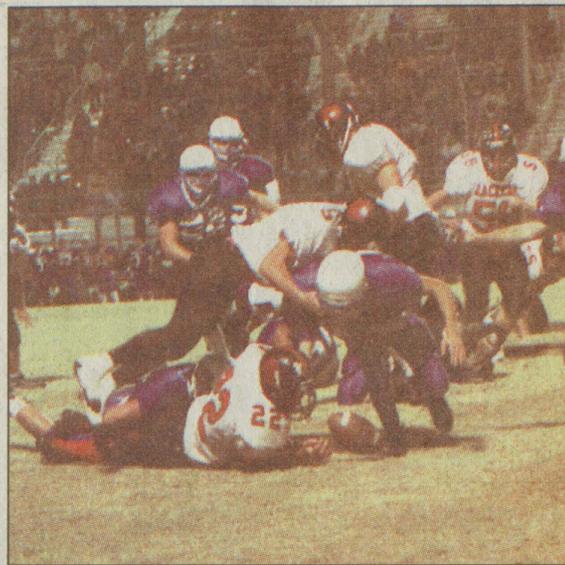
It was a long night for the Prestonsburg Blackcats when they took on the Breathitt County Bobcats at Breathitt County on Friday night. Prestonsburg went into the game on Friday night with an overall record of 3 and 7 and a district record of 3-2.

The Blackcats were hoping to keep their season alive. The Blackcats had a different plan in store for the Bobcats. The Blackcats could not stop the passing game of the Bobcats.

Alan Sperry, the quarterback for Breathitt County was too much for the Blackcats. The Bobcats defeated the Blackcats 55-12 in the opening round of the playoffs.

John Derossett changed his offense attack. Matt Slone carried the ball for the Blackcats and did a very good job. Slone had 121 yards on 20 carries. Seth Crisp had a very good game, as well. Crisp scored one of the Blackcats touchdowns on a 51-yard carry.

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Matt Slone (22) went down for the Blackcats. Slone carried the ball for a total of 121 yards for the Blackcats. The Blackcats lost to the Breathitt County Bobcats in the first round of the playoffs. (photo by Karen Joseph)



SOUTH FLOYD'S MATT TACKETT (20) broke around left end and went 20 yards for a touchdown against Harlan Friday night. South Floyd dropped a 28-20 decision to the Green Dragon in the state playoffs. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**State Football Playoffs...  
 No Dragon slayer found as South Floyd falls at Harlan**

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

What the South Floyd Raiders really needed Friday night was a "Dragon-Slayer," on the gridiron, in the state football playoffs at Harlan. The Harlan Green Dragons spotted the visiting Raiders a 14-0 lead early in the game and spit fire in roaring back to pull out a 28-20 win and advance to meet Lynn Camp in the second round Friday night.

Could the Raiders have become overconfident in the first four minutes of the game? Or did they lose sight of the task before taking the Dragons for granted?

After all, it took only 12 seconds off the stadium clock before South Floyd went up 8-0. After all, it only took one play for Harlan to put the ball back in the hands of the Raiders. It only took six plays for the Raiders to race to a 14-0 lead with less than three minutes off the clock in the first quarter.



But the Raiders found ways to let the Dragons breathe their fire. Tailback Ben Smith riddled the Raider front defensive line for 221 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns to lead the Dragons' ground game. Smith, who was hurt but still played, had runs of 85, 44 and 65 yards for touchdowns.

The Dragons totaled 272 yards on the ground and amassed 304 for the game. Quarterback Gary Greer completed five of 12 passes for 32 yards.

South Floyd quarterback Charlie Williams had nine completions for 115 yards passing. Matt Tackett had two catches for 59 yards. Kyle Tackett pulled in three for 36.

South Floyd got very little on the ground against the Dragons' defense. B.J. Bryant carried 20 times for 114 yards. Joe Platkus had nine carries for 65 yards and Matt Tackett carried 13 times

for 59 yards.

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**Pikeville rolls past Pineville**

by Rick Bentley  
 Contributing Writer

Right now, the last thing Jeremiah Akers wants to see is a basketball.

The two-sport star at Pikeville High School realizes he's playing in his final football games on this level, and he's not at all eager to take off the pads. To that end, he single-handedly destroyed the Pineville Mountain Lions Friday night in the opening round of the playoffs.

On the night he was honored for becoming the career leader in receptions and receiving yards, the senior established a new school

mark for yards receiving in a contest with 311 on only eight catches as the Panthers rolled into the second round of the Single-A playoffs with a 66-14 win.

The yardage makes Akers the first end in school history with more than 2,500 yards receiving. He now has caught 138 balls for 2,577 yards in his career.

For good measure, three of his catches were for scores, coming on plays totaling 74, 67 and 69 yards.

"Those numbers are unheard of," said Chris McNamee, coach

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**A Look At Sports**

**Charlie Collins returns to coaching**

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor



Saying he was intrigued by it all, former Prestonsburg High School girls' coach and former Prestonsburg Community College coach Charlie Collins has decided to return to the hardwood — at the helm of the Adams Middle

School boys' basketball program.

"I'm just intrigued about it, and the participation of the players," said Collins in explaining why he is returning to the game he left eight years ago as a coach.

Collins has remained close to the game by becoming a referee. But he said his work as an official is not for monetary value.

"I just enjoy being around the game," he said. "Maybe because I officiate, that got me back into coaching. I get on the floor, and it motivates me to do things with the kids."

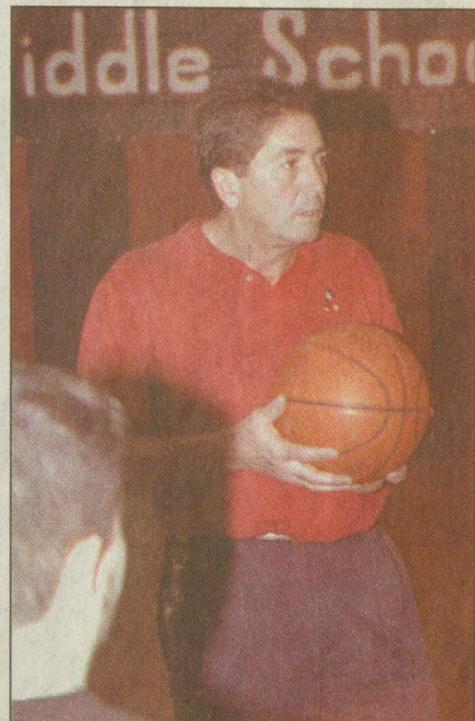
The last year Collins coached a team was in '92 when he coached the Adams Middle School girls' team.

"That was the year Heather Collins was an eighth-grader," he recalled. "I still feel good, and I just enjoy being out there."

Collins said his middle school team was going to be lacking in experience this basketball season, but he is not fretting over it.

"Sometimes that can be the most rewarding," he said. "We may not be the best team in the county, but we can be just as competitive. That's what it is all about, being competitive. It's not all winning or los-

(See Sports, page two)



CHARLIE COLLINS MAKES his return to the coaching ranks this season as he takes the helm of the Adams Middle School Blackcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

“Former PCC coach still enjoys game and kids”

# Profile...



**Dan Collins**  
SF Athletic Director

Dan Collins has been athletic director at South Floyd High School for the past five seasons and is one of the most cooperative AD's in the county. Collins takes an active interest in the students and players at the Left Beaver high school and is at all athletic events. The Times Sports Department salutes an truly nice person — Dan Collins.

## NASCAR

### Winston Cup Points (Through Sunday's Winston 500)

1. Dale Jarrett,	4602
2. Bobby Labonte,	4356
3. Mark Martin,	4283
4. Jeff Gordon,	4168
5. Tony Stewart,	4159
6. Jeff Burton,	4063
7. Dale Earnhardt,	4039
8. Rusty Wallace,	3677
9. Ward Burton,	3507
10. Mike Skinner,	3491
11. Jeremy Mayfield,	3266
12. Terry Labonte,	3262
13. Bobby Hamilton,	3114
14. Ken Schrader,	3103
15. Sterling Marlin,	3025
16. Steve Park,	3002
17. Kenny Irwin,	2974
18. Jimmy Spencer,	2952
19. Wally Dallenbach,	2951
20. Bill Elliott,	2936

### Money Leaders

1. Jeff Gordon,	\$5,022,166
2. Jeff Burton,	\$4,781,951
3. Dale Jarrett,	\$3,269,914
4. Bobby Labonte,	\$2,962,841
5. Dale Earnhardt,	\$2,497,839
6. Mark Martin,	\$2,410,196
7. Terry Labonte,	\$2,110,871
8. Tony Stewart,	\$2,067,811
9. Mike Skinner,	\$1,994,731
10. Rusty Wallace,	\$1,950,129
11. Ward Burton,	\$1,875,224
12. Kenny Irwin,	\$1,823,366
13. Jeremy Mayfield,	\$1,725,914
14. John Andretti,	\$1,629,496
15. Bobby Hamilton,	\$1,623,299
16. Ken Schrader,	\$1,613,259
17. Michael Waltrip,	\$1,546,370
18. Sterling Marlin,	\$1,477,706
19. Joe Nemechek,	\$1,456,321
20. Jimmy Spencer,	\$1,455,198

### Lap Leaders

(with number of races led in parentheses)

1. Jeff Gordon,	1316 (25)
2. Tony Stewart,	1028 (14)
3. Jeff Burton,	986 (15)
4. Rusty Wallace,	941 (10)
5. Bobby Labonte,	876 (26)
6. Dale Jarrett,	833 (18)
7. Mark Martin,	662 (21)
8. Mike Skinner,	464 (13)
9. Terry Labonte,	349 (10)
10. Dale Earnhardt,	230 (8)

### Mile Leaders

1. Jeff Gordon,	1918.06
2. Dale Jarrett,	1572.08
3. Bobby Labonte,	1243.75
4. Jeff Burton,	1176.34
5. Rusty Wallace,	944.81
6. Tony Stewart,	856.03
7. Mark Martin,	836.79
8. Mike Skinner,	618.87
9. Dale Earnhardt,	395.27
10. Ward Burton,	333.15

### Pole Winners

1. Jeff Gordon,	6
2. Bobby Labonte,	5
3. Rusty Wallace,	4
4. Joe Nemechek,	3
5. Tony Stewart,	2
6. Kenny Irwin,	2
7. Mike Skinner,	2
8. Ricky Rudd,	1
9. Ken Schrader,	1
10. Sterling Marlin,	1
11. Ward Burton,	1

### Rookie Standings

1. Tony Stewart,	301
2. Elliott Sadler,	185

### Manufacturer Standings (victories in parentheses)

1. Ford,	204 (12)
2. Chevrolet,	194 (11)
3. Pontiac,	72 (6)

### Winston Cup Career Wins (x-indicates active drivers):

1. Richard Petty,	200.
2. David Pearson,	105.
3. x-Darrell Waltrip,	84.
4. Bobby Allison,	84.
5. Cale Yarborough,	83.
6. x-Dale Earnhardt,	74.
7. Lee Petty,	55.
8. Ned Jarrett,	50.
9. Junior Johnson,	50.
10. x-Rusty Wallace,	49.
11. x-Jeff Gordon,	49.
12. Herb Thomas,	48.
13. Buck Baker,	46.
14. Tim Flock,	40.
15. x-Bill Elliott,	40.
16. Bobby Issaac,	37.
17. Fireball Roberts,	34.
18. x-Mark Martin,	31.
19. Rex White,	28.
20. Fred Lorenzen,	26.
21. Jim Paschal,	25.
22. Joe Weatherly,	24.
23. x-Dale Jarrett,	22.
24. Benny Parsons,	21.
25. Jack Smith,	21.
26. x-Terry Labonte,	21.

## Bowling News

### MIXED NUTS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Randy's Customs	25	7
Mine Rite	20	12
Lucky Strikes	20	12
Pin Zone	19	13
Noelle Trucking	19	13
The Unpredictables	18	14
R & R	17	15
Alley Cats	15.5	16.5
MRC Materials	12	20
FCF	11	21
TMC Printing	10.5	21.5

### HIGH SCRATCH GAME, TEAM

Pin Zone	908
Alley Cats	770
Randy's Custom	757

### HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, TEAM

Pin Zone	2471
Alley Cats	2171
R & R	2965

### HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM

Pin Zone	972
Mine Rite	873
Alley Cats	857

### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM

Pin Zone	2663
Mine Rite	2435
R & R	2434

### TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Win	Losses
Pin Zone	8	0
Storm Hollow Five	7	1
R/S Body	6	2
J & S Battery	5	3
M.T.S.	5	3
D&S	5	3
Music Carter Hughes	4	4
Martin Dairy Queen	4	4
X-treme Bowling	3	5
Good Ole Boys	3	5
Poe's Torch	3	5
Mine Rite	1	7
Holiday Inn	1	7

### HIGH SCRATCH GAME, TEAM

Pin Zone	1047
X-Treme Bowling	955
MCH	943

### HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, TEAM

Pin Zone	2897
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X-Treme Bowling	2823
MCH	2674

### HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM

Pin Zone	1165
D & S	1066
Storm Hollow	1056

### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM

Pin Zone	3251
X-Treme Bowling	3075
Storm Hollow	3030

### HIGH SCRATCH GAME, INDIVIDUAL

Carl Mullins	259
Larry Webb	254
Gail Campbell	254

### HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, INDIVIDUAL

Larry Webb	691
Neil Wicker	686
James Slone	622

### HIGH HANDICAP GAME, INDIVIDUAL

Carl Mullins	266
Gail Campbell	264
Juny Grino	262

### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, INDIVIDUAL

Larry Webb	712
Neil Wicker	686
Juny Grino	678

### MIXED NUTS LEAGUE

Team	Win	Lost
MRC Materials	4	0
TMC Printing	4	0
Noelle Trucking	4	0
R & R	3	1
Pin Zone	3	1
Randy's Customs	3	1
The Unpredictables	1	3
Mine Rite	1	3
Lucky Strikes	1	3
FCF	0	4
Alley Cats	0	4

### HIGH SCRATCH GAME, TEAM

Pin Zone	777
Randy's Customs	748
MRC Materials	745

### HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, TEAM

Pin Zone	2214
TMC Printing	2103
R & R	2085

### HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM

MRC Materials	874
Randy's Customs	852
R & R	851

### HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM

TMC Printing	2481
MRC Materials	2450
R & R	2442

## NFL Standings

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L
Miami	6	1
New England	6	2
Indianapolis	5	2
Buffalo	5	3
N.Y. Jets	1	6

Central	W	L
Jacksonville	6	1
Tennessee	6	1
Pittsburgh	4	3
Baltimore	2	5
Cincinnati	1	7
Cleveland	1	7

West	W	L
Kansas City	5	2
Seattle	5	2
San Diego	4	3
Oakland	4	4
Denver	2	6

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L
Washington	5	2
N.Y. Giants	5	3
Dallas	4	3
Arizona	2	5
Philadelphia	2	6

Central	W	L
Detroit	5	2
Green Bay	4	3
Minnesota	4	4
Tampa Bay	3	4
Chicago	3	5

West	W	L
St. Louis	6	1
San Francisco	3	4
Carolina	2	5
Atlanta	2	6
New Orleans	1	6

Today's Games	W	L
Arizona at New York Jets		
Baltimore at Cleveland		
Buffalo at Washington		
Chicago at Green Bay		
Jacksonville at Atlanta		
Kansas City at Indianapolis		
Philadelphia at Carolina		
St. Louis at Detroit		
Tampa Bay at New Orleans		
Cincinnati at Seattle		
Denver at San Diego		
Pittsburgh at San Francisco		
Tennessee at Miami		

### Monday Night Game Dallas at Minnesota

## NBA Standings

### Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

Boston	3	0
New York	2	0
Miami	2	1
Orlando	1	1
Washington	1	1
New Jersey	0	2
Philadelphia	0	2

### Central Division

Charlotte	2	0
Milwaukee	2	0
Cleveland	1	1
Indiana	1	1
Toronto	1	1
Chicago	0	1
Atlanta	0	2
Detroit	0	2

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Midwest Division

San Antonio	2	0
Denver	1	0
Dallas	1	1
Utah	1	1
Minnesota	0	0
Houston	0	2
Vancouver	0	2

#### Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	2	0
Portland	2	0
Seattle	2	0
Phoenix	1	1
Sacramento	0	0
Golden State	0	2
L.A. Clippers	0	2

## Game Notes

### Sheldon Clark rolls over Cawood to stay perfect

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Sheldon Clark Cardinals kept their perfect record intact by rolling over visiting Cawood 51-22 in the first round of the state football playoffs this past Friday night.

The two teams met at Cardinal Stadium where home has been good to the 11-0 Cardinals.

The only thing to be decided about this game from onset was the final score. The Cardinals scored 31 points in the first quarter as Cawood stood helpless in trying to figure out how to stop the Cards.

Ben Delong scored two touchdowns for the Cardinals in the first period on runs of 15 and 39 yards. Kendrick Damron had a 31 touchdown run in the opening quarter also. Damron also scored two TD's, the second coming on a 1-yard plunge.

The Cardinals tacked on 14 points in the second period with Cawood scoring their first TD. Brian Lovely scored on a six-yard run that made it 31-6, but two touchdowns by Moe Spradlin, on runs of 30 and five yards gave the Cardinals their 45-6 halftime lead.

Cawood scored twice in the fourth period. Matt Rhymer ran the ball into the end zone from five yards out and Charlie Campbell had a 35-yard touchdown run.

Cawood finished their season with a 2-9 record while the Cardinals advance at 11-0.

### Belfry Pirates rip Estill County 62-12

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Phillip Haywood and the Belfry Pirates ripped the Engineers of Estill County 62-12 in the first round of the state football playoffs and advanced to round two, scheduled for next Friday night at Belfry.

The Pirates dominated the game against the Engineers. They led 14-0 after the first quarter. Quarterback Jonathan Wright scored on a one-yard run, and R.P. Zipperman kicked the PAT for a 7-0 lead. Later, Matt Hale picked up a Estill County fumble and raced into the end zone with Zipperman, splitting the uprights for the PAT to make it 14-0.

In the second period, Belfry continued the onslaught with three touchdowns. Estill County got on the board in the second period on a 24 pass play from quarterback Steve Manious to Seth Newton. But Zipperman scored and kicked the extra point for Belfry for a 21-6 affair. The Pirates scored two more touchdowns and led 35-6 at the half.

# Sports Briefs...

## Baseball

### Griffey asks Mariners for trade

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. asked the Mariners to try to trade him to another ballclub after he rejected the team's offer thought to be at \$135 million for eight years. The contract would have made Griffey the highest paid player in major league baseball.

### McKeon gets AP Manager of the Year

Cincinnati Reds manager, Jack McKeon was named the Associated Press Manager of the Year in the National League after guiding the Reds to a 96 win season. McKeon recently signed a one-year contract with the Cincinnati ballclub.

McKeon received 43 votes in a nationwide balloting of writers and broadcasters.

### Nuxhall, Brenaman to return

The popular duo of Marty Brenaman and Joe Nuxhall will return to the broadcasting booth for the Cincinnati Reds after inking a new contract with the ballclub. Both have worked the last 23 seasons together and have become one of the better sportscasting crews in baseball.

### Umpires still pushing for new union

The major league umpires are desperate as they attempt to organize a new union and, at the same time, ditch union representative Richie Phillips.

The planned walkout in September of the umpires failed to unite the union and caused 22 veteran umpires to lose their jobs with major league baseball.

# Sports

(Continued from page one)

ing. How many kids are going to go on and play high school basketball? What you are trying to teach these kids are some good values and how to play as a team."

What a lot of fans don't know about Collins is that he was once head basketball coach at Prestonsburg Community College. That's right! PCC had a basketball team, and it was around for 10 or 12 years.

"The college dabbled around with it for about 12 years," he said. "I coached there several years. That was back when all the junior colleges had teams. We played at Somerset, over in Cumberland. We played a lot of college JV teams all over the state."

Collins doesn't see basketball returning to the local college.

# JB Sports

## Can the Reds get Griffey?

By Jason Blanton  
Sports Columnist

The big news from baseball this week had to be Seattle putting the best baseball player on the planet on the trading block.

Ken Griffey Jr. rejected an offer from the Mariners on Tuesday so he could play for a team closer to his home in Orlando.

Atlanta has to be the front-runner in the race to get Junior, but Cincinnati could surprise the rest of the world.

Everyone knows that Ken, Sr. was a star on the Big Red Machine of the 1970s and is a coach with the Reds.

Most in the organization think Ken Sr. will be the next manager of the Reds.

The Braves have the money and the players to add Griffey to their roster. If they can add him in centerfield in a trade then I might have to take another look at Billionaire Ted's squad and jump on the bandwagon.

Griffey would give the Braves at least one player that could hit in the postseason.

It would also TBS ratings, especially in a few boost years, when Junior starts chasing Hank Aaron's home run record.

With Cincinnati moving into a new stadium in the next few years, a Griffey would add fans and a player that could take that club into another level.

The only question is can they afford him.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden stated that it's just too early in the game to see just how interested his team is, but did say that he would do everything he could to make Cincinnati one of the teams in the hunt.

Stay tuned.

### Payton was class

It seems like the sporting world has taken more than its share of hits in the past few weeks.

Walter Jerry Payton died Monday, after a short fight with bile duct cancer that was discovered during his treatment for a rare liver disease.

One of the rare athletes, Payton was liked as well off the field as on. Mike Ditka, who coached

Payton for six years and one Super Bowl title for the Chicago Bears, called him "the best football player I've ever seen. And probably one of the best people I've ever met."

Payton was Chicago before Michael Jordan came to town.

He came from small Jackson State and ended up the NFL's all-time leading rusher with 16,726 yards. In a single game against Minnesota (Nov. 20, 1977), he gained 275 yards.

Payton retired after the 1987 season and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993, his first year of eligibility.

At the ceremony, he chose his son, Jarrett, to present him for induction.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue might have stated it best when he was quoted as saying, "Walter was an inspiration in everything he did. The tremendous grace and dignity he displayed in his final months reminded us again why 'Sweetness' was the perfect nickname for Walter Payton."

### McDowell reunion?

Johnson Central High School

will host its annual pan-o-rama Saturday, November 13, and if you were a McDowell Daredevil then it might be a treat to go.

Eagle coach Johnny Ray Turner, a Floyd County native, put together three games to give fans an early look at some hoops.

In the opener, Feds Creek will square off against Breathitt County at 6 p.m.

The middle game will have Betsy Layne taking on Sheldon Clark while in the nightcap the host Eagles will play Mercer County.

In his 25th year of coaching, Turner wanted to get all three of his former players, who are now head coaches in the event. South Floyd and coach Henry Webb were scheduled, but had to pull out when the Raiders wanted to play in another event.

Betsy Layne is led by first-year coach Brent Rose while Stacy Hall is the coach at Mercer County. Both Rose and Hall played at McDowell for Turner.

Turner should have his best Johnson Central team.

The Eagles return Tommy McKenzie and Mitchell Coleman,

both of whom were ranked among the region's top ten players in a statewide magazine.

Add to that Jimmy Burchett, Clint Hackney, Marvin Fannin, Brett Butcher, Dustin Ellis, and Adam O'Bryan, which should give the coach a very strong rotation.

### Truth in advertising

Thumbs up to the latest Nike spot.

## Karen's Korner

### Grade School Volleyball season over

By Karen Joseph



The first annual grade school volleyball tournament was held this week at Allen Central Middle School. The staff at the

Allen Middle School did a wonderful job in hosting the tournament. John M. Stumbo was crowned the first Floyd County Grade School Volleyball Champs.

### GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL SEASON

Grade school basketball season will be starting in Floyd County come Monday night when the Right Beaver Classic get underway. The tournament will feature both girls and boys teams.

The regular grade school is beginning, but the girls middle school conference schedule is finishing. The tournament was held at J.D. Adams Middle School this past week. Johnson County Middle School, Inez, Adams, Paintsville, Herald Whitaker, and Warfield all participated in the tournament. The championship game was held on Saturday (results will be in Wednesday paper). There was some very good ball played in this tournament.

### SITE BASE COUNCIL

With so many new coaches and teachers in the Floyd County School, how does a person go about getting a job in the Floyd County School System? We have had superintendents resign and board members resign, so who does someone get in touch with to be hired? Well, it is a long process.

For someone to be hired in the Floyd County school system, the principal consults with site based council to recommend that individual to the superintendent and the superintendent has the final

Belle, West Virginia, can be proud of Randy Moss and Jason Williams.

Both, however, have had their share of troubles with the law.

With the highlights of Moss in high school, college (at Marshall) and the NFL and Williams in high school, college (Florida) and the NBA with Waylon Jennings' song "Just some good ol' boys" it is the best spot running today.

say-so.

If someone is relieved of their duties, the principal and site based council have nothing to do with it. It is entirely up to the superintendent.

For instance, the situation at Prestonsburg High School that involves the termination of Jack Pack as the high school basketball coach was entirely up to the superintendent.

The site based council and the principal had nothing to do with it. A lot of people don't realize this. They think that the site base council does the hiring and firing of school personnel.

The site based council has more duties than anyone realizes. They set the school policy consistent with district board policy which shall provide an environment to enhance the students' achievement and help the school meet the goals established by KRS.

The site-based council also decides the number of people to be employed in each job classification at the school. They also decide which textbooks, instructional materials, and students support services shall be provided in the school.

So, when these elections come around every year, we need to really think about who we, as parents, want making these decisions in our schools.

### TRANSFERRING OF STUDENTS

There have been a lot of students transferring in the county to play sports in the last several years. I don't have a problem with this. (I do have my opinion, but that doesn't matter, they didn't ask me.) But the thing is, it should be done the same way with every child who is involved. They should not let some children transfer and play sports and then turn right around and tell some other child that they are ineligible to participate in sports. The KSSHA needs to adopt a policy

## Bentley's Comments

### A week in the life as well...

By Rick Bentley  
Sports Columnist

A lot of people who know me are interested in my job.

No, they don't want to replace me necessarily — and those who do need only a glimpse at the ol' check stub to be assured this business probably isn't for them. They just ask a lot of questions. Mostly, it's, "What do you do again?" and "They pay you for ... that?"

Well, the answers are, depends on the day of the week, and sort of.

Most of you probably know I'm not referring to this little gig I have writing something for your Sunday newspaper. No, while it, combined with a Friday column I write for a paper next door, offers me a lot, I'm not quite ready to quit the day job.

That job is what I do with most of the rest of my time, when I'm not spending 30 to 60 minutes a week writing this column and a few hours each Friday covering Pikeville football for my friend Mr. Taylor.

Many of you know I'm Sports Information Director at Pikeville College, my alma mater. Fewer of you probably also know I carry another title: Assistant Athletics Director.

Now, before I guide you through a typical week for me, let me tell you

I'm going to leave out a good part of it. On any given day, I'm in touch with three to 10 people from other colleges, and many of my friends in the media. Most of those media people actually inform me when our conversation turns from casual to interview, unlike that little chat I had with a Lexington writer a couple of months ago.

Anyway, aside from the phone calls, the releases, the paper work, the organization, the game notes, etc., here's what I do, or at least what I can recall doing this past week. It's the spice of my job — you could say it's the out of the ordinary stuff — and I can assure you of two other things: My superiors may be surprised at some of them, and many aren't anywhere in the job description.

But it's part of being at a small school, and I wouldn't have it any other week.

Here goes:

Monday. The week opened with a fairly uneventful day. I spent a lot of it complaining to our women's basketball coach Bill Watson that next week, we have an event each and every day — volleyball Monday, men's basketball Tuesday, women's basketball Wednesday, men again Thursday, our women's tournament Friday and Saturday,

capped off by a men's game Saturday night.

All that and our volleyball team will play its conference tournament beginning Thursday in Louisville, and, unfortunately, I won't get to be there.

I counseled a couple of our athletes, which I do from time to time. I also spent several minutes Monday afternoon boasting to the sports editor of another local paper. I'm a member of their football forecasting pool, and while he was 7-7 last week, I finished 11-3 and pulled within a game of first place. He's, well, not in first place. And he's a Bears fan, and Washington humiliated them Sunday, so I had even more fodder.

Tuesday was a big day. As part of the "other duties as assigned" clause of my contract, I'm something of a permanent member of the Hall of Fame committee. Our first meeting was Tuesday night.

I spent part of the day preparing for that, and a good part of the rest of my time with my coaches, including my volleyball coach, whose team traveled to Beckley to play College of West Virginia that night.

Now, I like traveling with my teams, so I wasn't too happy to see them leave without me. They weren't nearly as torn up about it,

but seem to enjoy having fun at my expense, so they missed me to some extent too.

I also spent part of my day complaining to our women's basketball coach that I have an event every day next week. It ended well, though, with a productive Hall of Fame meeting — while I favored the meatballs, the rest of the group seemed enamored with the chicken strips — and a great phone call from my volleyball team, which pulled off the upset.

Part of Wednesday was spent on the phone with the KHSAA, the organization which governs high school athletics. It was time to write my column for the Pikeville paper and needed some resources from them. They said they'd get right on it, and when I called back Thursday morning to see what was the deal, they waited another hour and then faxed everything I needed.

Our women's basketball team was leaving Thursday, so part of Wednesday was spent getting ready for them to leave. Then I complained to our women's basketball coach that we had an event every night next week.

I'd conservatively estimate I recounted the details of the Hall of

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Kyle Tackett (80) of South Floyd just missed his catch against Harlan Friday night. Tackett had a 25-yard touchdown catch earlier in the game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Pikeville

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of the Panthers. "What makes it even more amazing is most of his yardage comes running after the catch. He does a real good job of running the routes and has excellent hands.

"The offensive line and the receivers also deserve a lot of credit for their blocking."

Much of the credit should also go to junior signal-caller Matt Branham, who completed 18-of-27 in the air and finished with 420 yards passing. He tossed five touchdowns — the other two were strikes of eight and six yards to Chase Gibson — and only one interception.

Pikeville will face a familiar foe on Friday evening in the second round of the playoffs. Paintsville also cruised into the second round, ripping Williamsburg 61-6 Friday night.

The Panthers ended the regular season last week with a 49-11 win over the Tigers. In that game, Pikeville held a slim 14-11 lead in the early stages of the second half before scoring the game's final 35 points.

"One good thing is we just played them last week, so they're still fresh on our minds," said McNamee. "Another is that we got a big win over them. We'll come out Monday and go to work on them again."

The Panthers also dodged a bullet of sorts Friday night. Sophomore tailback Barrett Rogers had carried the ball only two times when he was taken out of the game and to the hospital with an injury.

However, by the end of the game he was back at the Hambley Athletic Complex, and it was thought he had only a bruised sternum. It was originally feared to be much worse.

"That's where all the work he does in the weight room in the off season pays off," McNamee said. "It helps you stay healthy."

Pikeville struck quick, opening with a 74-yard scoring strike from Branham to Akers on the game's first play from scrimmage. "Our coaches worked on that this week," McNamee said. "They thought they could get us started faster with that play and it worked."

That was followed only two minutes later by a seven-yard run by freshman Jarrod Frasure, for a 13-0 lead.

The teams also traded strange scores — each blocked the other's punt attempt for touchdowns. Pineville went first, as Brandon Taylor charged through the line for the block, which was recovered in the end zone by Chris Mosley.

After Pikeville scored on a 34-yard run by Rogers — his second and last carry of the night — it followed with Gibson blocking a kick, which was recovered by Chris Lee and carried into the end zone.

The lead was 26-6 with 3:53 to play in the first period. Before the quarter closed, Akers hauled in another pass from Branham and weaved 67 yards for a touchdown. Matt Walls' kick was good for a 33-6 edge.

Pikeville's next drive was keyed by Gibson, who gave his team the ball when he recovered a fumble on the Pineville 30. His eight-yard scoring pass made it 40-6. The duo combined for a six-yard scoring pass just before the half, and Walls made the halftime score 47-6.

The only third-quarter points came on Akers' third touchdown, a 69-yard pass play.

In the fourth, Pikeville scored on a six-yard run by Chase Rogers and a 15-yard gallop by Neil Fannin.

Pineville ended the scoring with a 51-yard pass from Deris Hill to Ken Overton with only 27 seconds to play. The two combined on the conversion as well.

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## 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 4,772	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 4,292	Jack Sprague, 3,747
2. Bobby Labonte, 4,526	Matt Kenseth, 4,136	Greg Biffle, 3,739
3. Mark Martin, 4,438	Jeff Green, 4,082	Dennis Setzer, 3,639
4. Jeff Gordon, 4,298	Todd Bodine, 3,819	Stacy Compton, 3,623
5. Tony Stewart, 4,286	Elton Sawyer, 3,649	Jay Sauter, 3,543
6. Jeff Burton, 4,243	Jeff Purvis, 3,446	Mike Wallace, 3,494
7. Dale Earnhardt, 4,082	Jason Keller, 3,409	Ron Hornaday, 3,488
8. Rusty Wallace, 3,837	Dave Blaney, 3,361	Andy Houston, 3,359
9. Ward Burton, 3,682	Mike McLaughlin, 3,260	Mike Bliss, 3,294
10. Mike Skinner, 3,603	Randy LaJoie, 3,191	Jimmy Hensley, 3,280

## TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. (1) <b>Dale Jarrett</b>   | Can you say "champ"?      |
| 2. (2) <b>Jeff Gordon</b>    | Wait till next year       |
| 3. (3) <b>Jeff Burton</b>    | Breakthrough year         |
| 4. (4) <b>Mark Martin</b>    | Never gives up            |
| 5. (5) <b>Bobby Labonte</b>  | Best season ever          |
| 6. (6) <b>Dale Earnhardt</b> | He can still do it        |
| 7. (7) <b>Tony Stewart</b>   | Honing his skills         |
| 8. (8) <b>Ward Burton</b>    | Hey, bro, let me go first |
| 9. (9) <b>Rusty Wallace</b>  | Can't seal the deal       |
| 10. (10) <b>Mike Skinner</b> | Always on the verge       |

## FROM LAST WEEK

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Jeff Green won both the pole and the race at Memphis Motorsports Park, but save some of the glory for runner-up Dale Earnhardt Jr.

By finishing second, well ahead of Matt Kenseth, Earnhardt built his point lead to 156 points, meaning that a second straight championship is within clear sight.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

At California Speedway, Jack Sprague pulled a second championship out of the hat, passing two other trucks on the final lap and taking the title away from Ford driver Greg Biffle.

Sprague's victory means that all five SuperTruck titles have gone to Chevrolet drivers since the series began in 1995.

## 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

### Ward Burton vs. Jeff Gordon

A frustrated Burton, who finished second to brother Jeff at Rockingham, blamed Gordon for holding up his charge in the latter stages of the Pop Secret 400 at Rockingham on Oct. 24.

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:**  
"Ward thought that since Gordon had been lapped, he should have gotten out of the way and let him chase his brother down. This, of course, is not Gordon's way. He never gives up, and several times he has come back from late deficits to win. What made Rockingham any different?"

## BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

**Coming up:** Checker Auto Parts/Dura Lube 500K  
**Where:** Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1-mile track), 312 laps/miles  
**When:** Sunday, Nov. 7  
**Defending champion:** Rusty Wallace

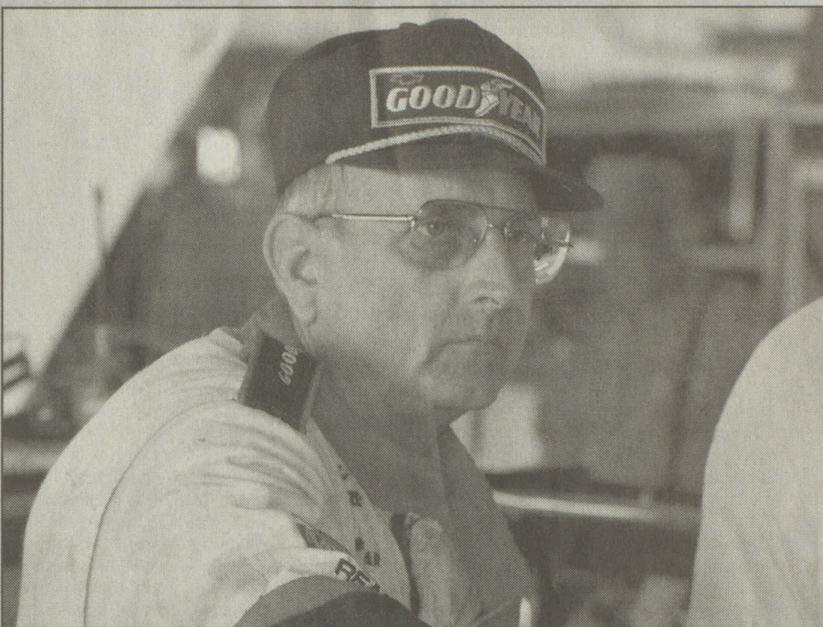
**Event qualifying record:** Bobby Hamilton, Pontiac, 131.579 mph, Oct. 31, 1997  
**Race record:** Dale Jarrett, Ford, 110.824 mph, Nov. 2, 1997  
**Notable:** The late Davey Allison remains the only driver ever to win at Phoenix twice. ... Jeff Gordon has never finished higher than fourth here.

**BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL**  
**Coming up:** Outback Steakhouse 200  
**Where:** Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1-mile track), 200 laps/miles  
**When:** Saturday, Nov. 6

**Defending champion:** None  
**Event qualifying record:** First race  
**Race record:** First race  
**Notable:** While the Busch Grand National cars have never run here, the Cup cars have been competing at Phoenix since 1988.

## PROFILE

# Dave Marcis



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

**Dave Marcis made his first start in 1968 at Daytona.**

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Dave Marcis may well be the last of a dying breed. More than 30 years after his NASCAR debut, Marcis continues to fight the good fight as a regular competitor on the Winston Cup Series. Despite only modest funding, Marcis keeps his operation in business, supplementing the team's income with development and testing work for the International Race of Champions series and Richard Childress Racing.

In 1975, Marcis had his best year, finishing second to Richard Petty in the Cup championship standings.

**AGE:** 58  
**HOMETOWN:** Born and raised in Wausau, Wis., resides in Avery's Creek, N.C.  
**WIFE:** Helen  
**CHILDREN:** Shawn Marie (29), Richard (27)  
**CAR:** No. 71 RealTree Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Marcis  
**RECORD:** 865 starts, 5 wins, 14 poles, 94

top-five finishes, 219 top-10s, more than \$6.5 million in career earnings

**FIRSTS:** Start (Feb. 25, 1968, at Daytona), pole (March 7, 1971, at Richmond), win (Sept. 28, 1975, at Martinsville)

**WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN YOU BEGAN RACING IN NASCAR?** "When I first came to NASCAR, you could be a handyman with a good head on your shoulders, put a car together and do decent with it. The cars used to not be so sensitive. You could muscle them and be successful just by using your wits. Those days are long gone."

**ARE GUYS LIKE YOU STILL APPRECIATED IN THE SPORT?** "I can't say they don't appreciate me anymore. I guess it's just that there's not as much need anymore for guys like me. NASCAR has been good to me. I've had my differences, but I've never been a burden, and I've never tried to hurt the sport."

**DO YOU STILL RACE TO WIN?** "Well, I don't just ride around. I go out there to race. I probably could finish better a lot of the time if I didn't race as hard."

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

■ **HOT:** Dale Jarrett's title run is back on track.

■ **NOT:** Mike Skinner has never finished in the top 10 at Phoenix.

## Trackside Trivia

- When Brian Whitesell won his first race as a Winston Cup crew chief (with Jeff Gordon), whose feat did he match?
- How old was Richard Petty when he began his driving career?

**ANSWERS**  
1. Todd Parrott won the 1966 Daytona 500 in his debut with Dale Jarrett; 2. In 1958, at age 21, Petty competed in nine races.

## AROUND THE GARAGE

# Martin will go another year with no title

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

**PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT IT:** Mark Martin may be the best driver who has never won a Winston Cup championship, and as the races wind down with Martin third in the current standings, that distinction will almost surely last another season.

Martin admitted the absence of a title has made him a bit contemplative.

"There's a whole lot of things, once you start to get a little older, that you reflect on that you didn't before," said Martin, 40. "I talk to

(protege) Matt Kenseth a lot, and he struggles with the same things that I struggled with, feelings and emotions, as you come along. I've had more races won in Winston Cup racing, and then had them pulled away, than I've actually won. When you think about all the ones you didn't win, that you should of, could of or might of, and didn't, it's pretty incredible. But, by the way, we have racked up a pretty good number (31).

"I never thought I was the best that ever was at this through-out my career. That's not how I view myself. What I've tried to do

is accomplish what I could accomplish. Usually, it was more than I expected."

**RIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS:** Steve Park spent the off-weekend on a motorcycle ride through the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Park, his girlfriend and two other couples drove through Hickory, N.C., to Boone, and then on to the Fontana Dam on the Tennessee-North Carolina border.

"I just want to relax a little bit," said Park, who drives the No. 1 Dale Earnhardt Inc.-owned Chevrolet. "Take a deep breath,

then come back and finish out these last few races."

**HOPE SPRINGS FROM SHOCKS:** NASCAR's testing of proposed new shock-absorber regulations last week resulted in a reduction of speeds at Talladega Superspeedway of about 10 mph. The word from Daytona is that so happy is NASCAR's Winston Cup Series Director, Gary Nelson, with the results that he is now advocating a larger opening in carburetor restrictor plates for next year's races at Talladega and Daytona.

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Ned Jarrett is an excellent broadcaster, and I look forward to his input to each race. He has every right to be proud of his son, D.J. Most of the comments about D.J.'s performance during the race are made by the other broadcasters. ... Ned goes out of his way to be unbiased.

Linda Sims  
Vicksburg, Miss.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Wouldn't it be nice if once, just once, we saw the 31 car actually TRY to pass Dale Earnhardt?  
Is Mike Skinner a race-car driver, or is his job to help run interference for the "Eliminator"? Does the guy have any pride or confidence in his own ability, or is he just another member of Earnhardt's support team?

Ray Salek  
Wilson, N.C.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Why do they have the championship banquet in New York?  
How much money do the people from New York invest in Winston Cup racing? How much do the people in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and a few other states invest in Winston Cup racing?

Please do not tell me that it is on account of not having a building big enough in any of these states.

Richard Albert  
Hillsborough, N.C.

The Winston Cup Awards Banquet is held in New York, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, because that city is the center of American business, not because of the fan interest in the sport there.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Please tell Mr. Rusty Wallace to stop taking all those coffee breaks and win, and when he does, to "smile that smile."

Diana DeGouff  
Troutman, N.C.

## Fan Tips

■ **RICH BICKLE FAN CLUB ANNUAL DUES:** \$12, family \$15 (four people at same address)  
**MAILING ADDRESS:** 7365 Elwood Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28227

## CREW OF THE WEEK

■ **Hendrick Motorsports deserves a pat on the back for its performance in the Craftsman Truck Series, where Jack Sprague stole the championship away from Greg Biffle with a spectacular victory in the season finale. The championship was Sprague's second, meaning that he joins Ron Hornaday as the series' only two-time champions.**



Osborne and McDowell elementaries got their basketball season underway this past Thursday night with the McDowell girls winning over Osborne. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Blackcats

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Kyle Shepherd, who is a senior, scored the other touchdown for the Blackcats. Shepherd just started playing football this year, and this was his first touchdown. Matt Slone recovered a fumble for the Blackcats and Michael McDonald had an interception for Prestonsburg.

The Bobcats struck early in the game. It took the Bobcats less than three minutes to put six points on the score board. The Blackcats kicked the ball to start the game and the Bobcats took over on their own 40-yard line. It only took the Bobcats five downs to move the ball down the field and Gus White ran the ball in for the first Bobcats touchdown. The kick attempt failed and the Bobcats took the early lead, 6-0.

Chris Spriggs received the ball for the Blackcats on the kickoff. The Blackcats were moving the ball down the field when they were hit with their first of many penalties. Unsportsmanlike conduct was called on the Blackcats, and this set them back 15 yards.

On the next down, a false start was called and this put them back five more yards. Slone ran the ball for 25 yards on this series of plays, but the Blackcats had to punt the ball back to the Bobcats. Again, it didn't take the Bobcats very long to add to their lead. Again, it was Gus White taking the handoff from Sperry and scoring the second touchdown for the Bobcats. The two-point conversion attempt was good and the Bobcats led 14-0 with 4:02 remaining in the first quarter.

The second quarter began with

the Blackcats having possession of the ball. Prestonsburg had the ball on the one-yard line, but the strong defense of the Breathitt County Bobcats was just too strong. The Bobcats held the Blackcats and Breathitt County took over on the their own one-yard line on a loss of downs by the Blackcats. This took the wind out of the sails for the Blackcats. They moved the ball down the field with much success to be stopped on the one-yard line.

Breathitt County had the ball once again, but on a pass from Sperry to Seth Holland, Mike McDonald intercepted the ball for the Blackcats. This put some life back into the Blackcats. They moved the ball down to the four-yard line and, on a pass from Seth Crisp to Kyle Shepherd, the Blackcats scored their first touchdown with 1:32 to go in the first half.

The extra point attempt was no good, making the score 14-6 in favor of the Bobcats.

The Bobcats would strike one more time in the first half when quarterback Alan Sperry ran the ball in on a quarterback sneak to make the score 20-6. Adam Spencer kicked the extra point to give the Bobcats a 21-6 lead going into the locker room at halftime.

The Blackcats received the ball to start the second half. They failed to move the ball and error forced to punt to the Bobcats. On the first down for the Bobcats, their quarterback was sacked by Kevin Younce.

On the next down, the Bobcats fumbled but recovered the ball. The Blackcats sacked the quarter-

back once again. This time it was Kevin Woods that nailed Sperry, but despite the two sacks and a fumble, the Bobcats still managed to score on this drive.

Sperry hit Anthony Johnson with a 17-yard pass to give the Bobcats another touchdown, adding to the Bobcats' lead 27-6. The kick was good, and this made the score 28-6 with 6:20 remaining in the third quarter.

Matt Clay received the ball for the Blackcats on the kickoff. Prestonsburg was assessed with a personal foul that set them back 15 yards, but on a pass from Austin Clark to Seth Crisp, Seth ran the ball for 51 yards to score another touchdown for the Blackcats.

The extra point attempt was unsuccessful, and the Blackcats trailed the Bobcats 28-12 with 4:56 remaining in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Bobcats scored four touchdowns. Things started to get a little messy. Both teams were assessed with penalties. Prestonsburg's coaching staff was hit with a 15-yard penalty. One of Prestonsburg's players was also called for a personal foul. This was a very rough physical game.

The Bobcats, now with a record of 11-1, will move on in the play-off to meet the Pirates of Belfry. The season ended for the Blackcats with a record of 3-8.

This is a young Blackcat team and look for them to be back next year as a much stronger team. John Derosett has a lot of good young players, so Prestonsburg will be all right next year.

## Raiders

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They had 347 yards total for the game. South Floyd rushed for 232 yards.

Fans knew it was a playoff game by the gambles the teams took — gambles such as calls on fourth down plays. The Dragons were able to tie the score on a gutsy call by South Floyd coach Donnie Daniels. His team was facing a fourth and inches at their own 40-yard line inside the final minute of the first period. On a quarterback keeper, Williams was sacked at the line of scrimmage and pushed back, giving the ball over to the Dragons with :001 on the clock.

On the snap, the clock expired and Smith raced 44 yards for the touchdown. He added the conversion to tie the game at 14.

Late in the second quarter, the Raiders faced a third and four. On a double reverse, Matt Tackett dropped the football with Bailey recovering for Harlan at the South Floyd 20-yard line. On a first down play, Frank Shope went 20 yards for the touchdown and a 20-14 lead for the Dragons.

South Floyd took the initial lead on the first play of the game, the opening kickoff. Bryant fielded the kickoff at the left sideline and raced 86 yards down the sideline with Tackett adding the conversion for an 8-0 lead.

On first play from scrimmage for the Dragons, Josh Bailey coughed up the football with the Raiders recovering. From the 15-yard line, Tackett broke around left tackle and into the end zone for a 14-0 Raider lead as the celebration began.

The turning point in the game came, according to the sideline coaches, when Bryant had picked up a South Floyd first down, but in being tackled, the officials had a very late whistle, while the players were on the ground and Harlan wrestled the ball out of the hands of Bryant for a fumble.

Harlan returned the favor and on their first play from scrimmage, Shope fumbled the football with James Walker coming up with the loose ball.

The Raiders repeatedly tried going up the middle of the Dragons defensive line only to find no holes. With 2:06 remaining in the half, and leading 14-0, the Dragons struck as Smith went to the right, cut back to the middle and jaunted 85 yards for the touchdown and a 14-6 game. The Green Dragons tied the game at 14, just before the end of the first period.

They took their first lead with 1:53 left in the second quarter on a 20-yard run by Shope to make it 20-14 at the half.

With 4:21 left in the third period,

Harlan made it a 28-14 game on a 65-yard touchdown run by Smith and the two-point conversion by Chris Felosi.

A 15-yard penalty against the Dragons and a 24-yard pickup by Platus set up the final score of the game for South Floyd. With 2:10 left to play in the third, Williams hit Kyle Tackett with a 25-yard completion to make it a 28-20 game.

After holding the Dragons entering the fourth quarter, the Raiders were knocking at the door as Williams connected with Matt Tackett for a 53-yard completion. The thing about the catch was he was all alone and headed for the end zone when he was hit from behind and fumbled the football with Harlan coming up with the loose ball.

On their last two possessions of this millennium, the Raiders were not able to move the football in falling 28-20.

South Floyd was penalized 75 yards on seven flags. Harlan was flagged for 40 yards on four penalties. The Raiders fumbled the ball away four times and Williams threw one interception. Harlan fumbled twice in the game and lost the ball both times.

South Floyd finished their season at 6-5. The Green Dragons will meet Lynn Camp this Friday night and improved to 10-1 on the season.



Austin Clark (12) quarterback for the Blackcats just threw a pass for the Blackcats. The season ended for the Blackcats on Friday night as the Bobcats defeated the Blackcats by a score of 55-12. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## Comments

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Fame meeting a dozen times to different people, and generally left out all details about meatballs and chicken strips. I watched most of our volleyball practice, and had a good conversation with our AD during most of it.

I should point out right here that I tend to watch volleyball practice a lot. You see, I hate being around something I know little about, and obviously growing up here in these mountains, my volleyball knowledge is limited. Watching helps, but asking questions helps even more.

Our coach is Missy Gragg, and she has been tremendously helpful to me. I spend 10 to 45 minutes most days asking what I deem as stupid questions about her sport. She spends 10 to 45 minutes a day trying to answer them without making me feel like an idiot.

Did I mention complaining about next week?

Thursday was a big day. Got the column fodder from the KHSAA and ripped off 20 riveting inches about the fact that other than Pikeville and Belfry, no other Pike County football team has won a single playoff game since 1975.

The women's basketball team left at 11:30 for their two-game trip to Tennessee, so I had to get in my complaints about next week early in the day. My women's basketball coach was a little stressed, partly

because he was only hours from his first game of the season, partly because of his 11 players only 10 were healthy and only three are at least juniors, and partly because his family was at the office, and when he's stressed, everybody (including me) annoys him a little. Difference is, I don't have to live with him, so I don't mind annoying him.

Then came the fun. I jumped on a van and drove to Johnson City, Tenn., with my volleyball team. Now, keep in mind that my coach and five of our players are from the Kingsport area, and Johnson City is to Kingsport what Pikeville is to Prestonsburg, so this was a big night for them. It was, so to speak, a homecoming for half the team.

And while we lost, still it was quite an evening. These ladies got to see a lot of friends and family, and then we had a nice meal where I got to dine with my coach's parents and some other fine Tennessee folks.

The day ended on a high note — news from our women's basketball team was waiting on me when I got home: Pikeville 93, Knoxville 50.

Friday was, well, interesting. We've been having problems with our shot clocks, and because our men's basketball team was opening Saturday, this was becoming something of a problem. So at 2:30, I tore out of Pikeville bound for Morehead, where our friends at

MSU loaned us some auxiliary shot clocks.

Now, because Morehead and Pikeville are only two hours apart, I didn't mind so much ... except that I had to be back in Pikeville by 7:30 to cover the Pikeville/Pineville playoff game for two local papers, one of which being the one you're now holding.

But thank God, I made it there and back fine, with only one wrong turn. It was on the way back and turned out to be just a different route from West Liberty to Salyersville, so all was fine there.

Unfortunately, my buddy Jimmy Raines, whom I travel with a lot, is in Tennessee with our basketball team; Jason Blanton, fellow columnist, whom I travel with a lot, is in Lexington covering football and cross country; and Coach Gragg, whom I travel with some, was indisposed, so I made this trip with a handful of compact discs and my wonderfully scratchy vinyl cords.

So there you go. A week in the life, so to speak. These other days, I've told you how the day ended, but now, dear reader, if I'm writing to you it can't be over just yet.

But the day, like this column, is coming down the home stretch in a hurry.

Hope you enjoyed the week, either on your job or mine. I know I did.

## From the Tackle Box

by Jim Lyon  
Sports Columnist

As I watch Monday Night Football, the baseball world series, the Grand National Bass Tournament, and other sports activities, I have noticed some sports figures who not only play the game, but stand out as exceptional.

If you notice the ones who excel in their sport, you will find some of the same characteristics in all of them — they love the sport, they are enthusiastic, and they have competitive spins.

One having all these characteristics will always play harder, take time to study their opponents and endeavor to learn how they can take advantage of their competition's weak points.

As I watch the professionals fish, I see these characteristics; they enjoy immensely what they do. They have spent long hours studying the fish in their habitat, their feeding habits, and how they react to temperature and barometer changes while a weather front is coming through.

I read an article written by one of these professionals. He stated that he had spend about as much time under the water as he had on top. He studied the fish where they live. Many of these fisherman make a lot of money, but that can't be their driving force. They first had to love fishing and spent time becoming outstanding in the sport.

I have witnessed this first hand, not with a professional, but with a man having the same love of angling. I remember fishing in Idaho, with Dave Goza, a man dedicated to catching all the trout in every lake and stream in the state. Dave was born and raised in Georgia, and began fishing at a very

early age.

When I fished with him, I often wondered how he always managed to find the best fishing hole, the right bait, and made his cast with what seemed to be perfect accuracy. At times it would appear that he would put the bait right in the fish's mouth.

What was it that made Dave excel at catching trout? If you observed him closely, you would



find that he was first of all, enjoying the challenge, with an intensity that was very noticeable. His concentration was so intense, that you could talk to him and he would never hear or answer you. He seemed to anticipate the fish striking the lure at any moment, and he was ready to set the hook.

Watching him select a fishing hole and choose a bait was another science. He taught me to select a place where the water was tumbling over a rock, how to cast upstream, and to let the bait roll with a natural motion over the rock into the ripple behind it.

He also taught me how to select

a bait that closely resembled the insect or larva which was natural to the stream. I still use most of the same techniques learned from him. Dave's talent didn't stop at the fishing hole. He also knew how to prepare a fish for the table. I have eaten many delightful barbecue fish meals at his home.

I learned a lot about fishing from my friend; however, there is one characteristic I already had, and that is the love for pursuing these beautiful scaled creatures. I have fished for a lot of years, but I never quit learning and enjoying the sport.

You may be able to identify a serious angler by the way they never seem to tire. They are first on and last off the lake, the weather conditions never seem to turn them away, and if you ask, they will say "the fishing is great," regardless of catch, or conditions at the time.

The conditions at some of the local lakes this week are as follows:

- Yatesville — the water is clear, below pool stage, 59 degrees on the surface, and 57° downstream. There will be a stocking of 600 trout in the tail waters, November 9, at 4:30 p.m..

- Dewey Lake — the water is below pool stage and steady. The water temperature is 54° on the surface and fishing is reported as good.

- Paintsville Lake — Fishing is reported as good. The water is clear, below pool stage, and the water temperature is 52°. I remind you that the Wildlife Conservation reports plans to release 2,000 trout in the tail waters of Paintsville Lake, at 2 p.m., November 9.

Teaching family members to fish can be a rewarding experience. Load up, dress for cool weather and head for the fishing hole. Remember to observe all water safety rules.

## Bass Anglers Prepare for Red Man wild care regional

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky., More than 500 anglers are expected to compete in the Red Man Tournament Trail's Chevy Trucks Wild Card Regional Bass Championship Nov. 19-20, 1999, on the Ohio River in Paducah, Ky. Each competitor will be fishing for a berth in the 2000 Red Man All-American bass tournament and a shot at winning its \$100,000 first place cash award.

Anglers from 26 states comprising 11 Red Man Tournament Trail divisions are eligible to participate in the Central Chevy Wild Card Regional the second of two wild card tournaments held this season. The top three finishers, based on two days of competition, will advance to the prestigious Red Man All-American to be held May 8-13, 2000, on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Ark. The first regional, featuring anglers from 22 eastern states, was held Oct. 2-23 on Kerr Lake in Henderson, N.C. Three anglers also advanced to the Red Man All-American from the eastern regional.

"Having two Chevy Wild Card events is a first for the Red Man Tournament Trail," says Brian

Sayner, vice-president of communications for Operation Bass, the nations' leading bass fishing organization. "The two events greatly reduce the amount of travel required for anglers and allow even more people to compete for one of the sport's most prestigious titles."

The field for the Chevy Wild Card is comprised of Red Man Tournament Trail anglers who complete in all six regular qualifying tournaments within a division but do not qualify for regular regional championship competition.

The Red Man Tournament Trail is comprised of 22 divisions, each having six one-day, weekend qualifying events. By season's end, an angler must place in one of the top 30 spots per division, based on a system of points and pounds, to qualify for a regional championship. Five regional championships bring together the top 30 anglers from four divisions (120 anglers per regional) for two days of competition, with the top eight finishers from each regional (40 total) advancing to the Red Man All-American. A sixth (western) regional pits the top 30 anglers for the Colorado River and Western divisions against one

another, with the top four finishers advancing to the All-American.

"Qualifying for the Red Man All-American is one of the most difficult challenges a tournament bass angler can face," Sayner says. "They must remain consistent on different lakes, in different weather and water conditions, and against a field of up to 400 high-caliber anglers."

Founded 20 years ago on the principle that working anglers should be able to fish competitively without interfering with jobs and family, the Red Man Tournament Trail has grown into the nation's largest competitive bass fishing series.

Sponsors of the 1999 Red Man Tournament Trail are: Evinrude Outboards, Evinrude Electrics, CITGO Petroleum, Ranger Boats, Humminbird Fishfinders, Stren Fishing Lines, Abu Gracia Rods and Reels, Chevy Trucks, Energizer Marine Batteries, Old Milwaukee NA, Black & Decker, David Seeds, Coleman Products, Land O' Lakes, BC Powder, Eveready, Wheaties, Chex Mix, Hamburger Helper, Wrangler, US Band-VISA, Powerbait and Frenzy.

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# insider golf

by t.j. tomasi

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## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I am 45, been golfing seriously for a year, and sport a 19 handicap. I have new Wilson Fat Shafts, which I really like, but I'm curious about fitted clubs. What are the pros and cons of getting clubs fitted, and what do you recommend?

— Lari,  
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

**A:** If it's done correctly, I'm a big fan of custom fitting. The person to see is your PGA golf professional or, if you don't belong to a club, call the section office of the PGA and the people there can direct you to one of their pros. The pro may not do the fitting, but he or she will know the good fitters in your area.

Usually, you'll be put through a fitting process that takes about 45 minutes, but it varies. The key specifications are lie (usually measured while you're actually hitting a ball) and shaft flex, but others such as overall weight, swing weight, and shaft and clubhead design are also important.

It's especially important that kids not use clubs that are too heavy and/or stiff for them, as hand-me-downs often are. I'd rather a junior have only four clubs that fit in the bag than 14 that don't.

But here's the most important component of the equation: You just got new irons and you say you love them, so it's my advice to stick with your sticks.

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

## DON'T MISS IT

### Executive Golf

If you're a woman and you want to enjoy and/or improve your golf game, Don't Miss the Executive Women's Golf Association, dedicated to advancing women's participation in golf. Founded in 1991 with 28 members by Nancy Oliver, the EWGA has grown to 13,000 members.

"We have a players' choice format," Oliver says, "where golfers seek out the level that best meets their needs. ... You have to have an established handicap to play stroke play, and if you have no handicap, you can play in an 18-hole scramble. If you're not ready for that, then you can participate in a two-hour clinic and a nine-hole scramble."

The home office is located in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., with 88 chapters across the country. For more information, call (800) 407-1477.



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## TEERING OFF

### There's a Fine Line Between Fair and Foul in Pin Placement

A few weeks ago I answered a question about whether it was "legal" to cut a flagstick less than 15 feet from the edge of a green. Since then I've received additional inquiries about how a cup should be positioned for local tournaments. Here's a synopsis of the recommendations of the USGA.

Keep in mind that these are not part of the Rules of Golf, but are sensible guidelines. Even if you're not involved in tournaments, it's interesting to know the thought process that goes into setting the pins.

The USGA recommends that you cut a cup at least 15 feet from the edge of the green. If the area is guarded by a bunker, or the green angles away from the edge, the distance should be greater, especially if you're coming into the pin with a medium to long iron.

Because each green is designed to accept a certain type of shot, there must be enough landing area between the hole and the front and the sides of the green for the shot. For example, five-par holes are generally designed to accept short-iron third shots, so the pins can be closer to the edges. Long

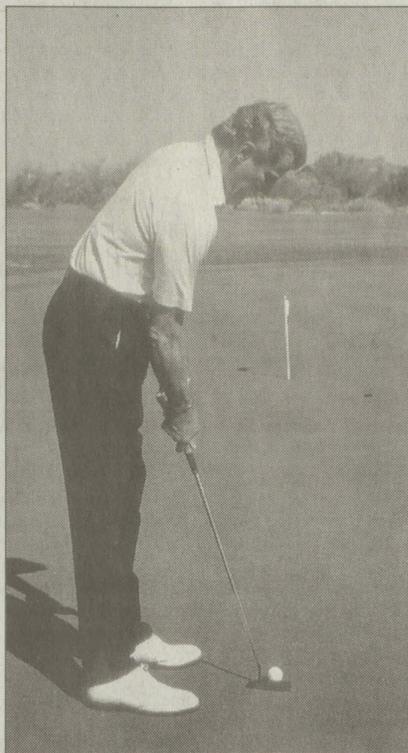
par-fours require long irons or even woods to the green, so those pins should be set, whenever feasible, with room to stop a long shot.

Setting fair pins takes common sense and a knowledge of the day's conditions. The idea is to study the design of the hole as the architect intended it to be played. Wind and sun can dry out greens in a hurry and that changes how well they hold a good shot, so you may set challenging but fair placements the night before that turn into nightmares halfway through the day if the wind blows. This is one of the concerns of

the USGA at next year's U.S. Open Championship held at Pebble Beach. It's a links course with many holes on the Pacific Ocean. The greens have subtle breaks, but are fairly flat, so with no wind you must tuck the pins and make the greens fast to provide a challenge for the best players in the world. But if the wind comes up, say, after half the field has finished, the scores will skyrocket.

To help alleviate this problem, the tour alternates tee times for the first two days so that players with an early tee time one day have a late time the next.

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



On breaking putts, you should putt to the break point instead of the cup. Once you have determined where the putt is going to begin its break to the hole, that should be your new target. If you focus on the hole, you'll either push or pull the putt because you'll subconsciously try to roll it to the hole on the target line. In the photos, I have marked the break point with a black disc. My focus is on rolling the ball over that point so that it falls in the hole.



## Change of Target Puts Breaking Putt in Hole

The target line is an imaginary straight line between the target and your ball. It's useful for a putt that's dead straight, but not so for putts that have some break to them.

On breaking putts, if the cup is your target, the tendency is to push putts that break left-to-right, or pull putts that curve right-to-left. This happens because the face of the putter instinctively turns to face toward the hole at impact.

Unfortunately, this instinct starts the ball at the hole without allowing for any break, so the ball finishes on the low side of the hole, assuming the speed is correct. It is because of this clubface manipulation during the stroke that most golfers miss on the low side even though they tell themselves before the stroke to allow for enough break.

The best way to stop pulling and pushing your putts is to forget about the hole and focus on the break point. Here's how:

Read the break then pick a spot on the curve or arc of the putt where the putt will start the major portion of its break to the hole. Once this spot is selected, it takes the place of the

hole as your target.

Then, having lined up your putter face with that spot, forget about direction (it's taken care of at address) and focus on producing the correct speed to send the ball rolling along the arc and breaking to the hole at just the right point.

Once you know the amount of curve on the putt, you need to get your brain used to putting to a spot on the arc of the putt rather than the final destination — the hole. To do this, mark your break point with an object like a coin and practice rolling your ball over it.

Here are two keys to reading the curve of the putt:

1. Always start your lineup from behind the ball to allow your eyes to take pictures of the break. Then approach the ball, set your putter face behind it in the direction you want the ball to start and align your body perpendicular to the putter face.
2. When you line up the putt, you should position yourself behind the ball on that part of the arc of the putt that extends behind the ball. Too many players try to line up a curved putt by standing on a straight line to the cup.

## ETIQUETTE

### Stay Out of Sight, Out of Mind

In consideration for other players, the rules advise that "no one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke." While the junior player on the left in the photo is not directly on the physical line of play, he is on the visual line and it could be very bothersome to the player who is putting.

Seeing someone out of the corner of your eye just before you're ready to pull the trigger can break your concentration. Basically, it's not that the other players are moving, but that they might move. The crouching player should be farther to the left so as not to appear in the putter's peripheral vision.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You can never say that I will. There are only four. Tiger Woods will win one and I am sure Sergio Garcia will too, so I am down to two already!"

—Colin Montgomery on his chances of winning his first major next year

## BIRDIES & BOGEYS

### Women Hold the Key

A recent National Golf Foundation study found that women are a key target market for the future growth of golf. The question is how golf course owners, operators and managers, and anyone else dedicated to the growth of the game, can make golf more user-friendly to the woman golfer. Any ideas? Let me know: [www.tjinsider@aol.com](mailto:www.tjinsider@aol.com).

## PGA Teacher of the Year

Mike McGetrick has been chosen the 2000 PGA Teacher of the Year, one of the most prestigious awards from the PGA of America, the largest sports organization in the world. Mike works with a number of tour professionals, including Juli Inkster and Meg Mallon,



but unlike many of the "big-time" teachers, who shunt the average golfers to their assistants, Mike teaches all levels of players on a daily basis at his golf school just outside of Denver.

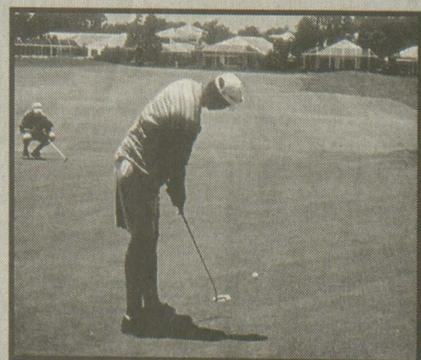
I taught with him (and learned from him) two summers ago, and in my opinion he is one of the best teachers in the world. And more important, he is one of the nicest people you'll meet. If you're interested in private lessons or his golf school, call (800) 494-1818.

## GOLF SPOKEN HERE

### Carry

How far your ball travels on the fly. When you have to hit your ball a certain distance to "carry" over a hazard or onto the green, you'll want to know how far each of your clubs "carries" in the air, or how far you need to "carry" your shot to clear the hazard.

Usually there are four degrees of loft difference between each of your irons. For example, your pitching wedge might have 48 degrees of loft and your 9-iron, 44 degrees, your 8-iron, 40 degrees, and so on. For each degree of loft, on a well-struck shot, you can count on the ball carrying 2 1/2 yards. So with four degrees between each club, that's about 10 yards of carry between each iron.



To save time, it's good that the player on the left is lining up his putt while another player is putting, but always take care not to disturb the golfer whose turn it is to play.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# 10 Pro Anglers Top \$1 Million

According to my best estimate, there are now 10 pros who have topped the \$1 million mark in career tournament winnings from all circuits combined. Most of these earnings came from Bass Anglers Sportsman Society events, although the Wal-Mart FLW Tour has certainly raised the stakes since its inception four seasons ago.



**Tim Tucker's Tour Notebook**

Here is fishing's millionaire lineup and each fisherman's estimated career earnings:

- **Denny Brauer**, \$1.65 million (\$1.5 million in BASS).
  - **Rick Clunn**, \$1.41 million (\$1.21 million in BASS).
  - **Larry Nixon**, \$1.33 million (\$1.3 million in BASS).
  - **David Fritts**, \$1.3 million (\$740,000 in BASS).
  - **Shaw Grigsby**, \$1.1 million (\$900,000 in BASS).
  - **Gary Klein**, \$1.1 million (\$875,000 in BASS).
  - **Roland Martin**, \$1 million (\$800,000 in BASS).
  - **Gary Dobyns**, \$1 million (\$40,000 in BASS).
  - **Kevin VanDam**, \$1 million (\$808,000 in BASS).
  - **Zell Rowland**, \$1 million, (\$600,000 in BASS).
- The next most likely millionaire anglers:
- **Davy Hite**, \$800,000 (in just 80 tournaments).
  - **Ron Shuffield**, \$800,000 (\$770,000 in BASS).
  - **George Cochran**, \$790,000 (\$760,000 in BASS).

**Dream Boat** Baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays knew exactly how to get to **Wade Boggs'** heart when they chose a gift to commemorate his milestone 3,000th hit on Aug. 2.

The Devil Rays presented their third baseman with a fully loaded, custom-designed 19-foot Ranger 518SVX bass boat, outfitted with a Mercury 200-horsepower Optimax Outboard. The value? Approximately \$50,000.

"The Devil Rays organization wanted to buy a one-of-a-kind boat for a one-of-a-kind event to present to the future Hall of Famer," said **Randy Hopper**, president of Ranger Boats.

The custom-built boat, which took 1,000 man-hours to complete, features carpeting in the Devil Rays' color scheme, with the team logo and Boggs' signature inlaid. The number "3,000" is emblazoned on the sides.

It's a fitting honor for Boggs, an lifelong sportsman who fishes in charity tournaments in the Tampa Bay area and owns a fish camp on Florida's Lake Lochloosa.

**Paying His Dues** The day before **Tim Horton** was to travel from his Spruce Pine, Ala., home to Maryland's Potomac River — and the first major-league bass victory of his young career — Horton participated in a kids' fishing day that he established in nearby Florence for physically and mentally challenged children.

More than 50 kids showed up on a wet Saturday to fish with volunteers on Pickwick Lake. Horton took two youngsters in his boat.

"I don't know who was the most excited, them or me," he said. "They had a good time catching fish, and I had a good time watching them catch fish. We all had a blast."

Exactly one week later, Horton's good deed was rewarded with a \$100,000 victory in the Kmart BASSMASTER Top 150 event.

## Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	20	Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Mo. <i>Runner-up in 1999 Classic; still the man to beat</i>
2	2	20	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i>
3	3	20	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals</i>
4	4	20	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; third in Md. Top 150</i>
5	5	20	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in Vermont BASS Top 150</i>
6	6	20	George Cochran, Hot Springs, Ark. <i>Made Maryland Top 150 finals</i>
7	7	20	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Michigan Top 150 finals</i>
8	8	3	Tim Horton, Spruce Creek, Ala. <i>Won Md. Top 150; leads Angler of Year race</i>
9	9	16	David Walker, Cannon, Ky. <i>FLW Tour Angler of Year; 15th in Md. Top 150</i>
10	10	20	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of Vermont BASS Top 150</i>
11	11	16	Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up</i>
12	12	3	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals in season's first three events</i>
13	13	20	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. <i>Narrowly missed Maryland Top 150 finals</i>
14	14	10	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.</i>
15	15	14	Dean Rojas, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. <i>Top Western BASS pro</i>

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

## Tips From the Pros



TIM HORTON is one of the sport's rising young stars. He lives in Spruce Pine, Ala., where he specializes in catching trophy smallmouth as a guide on Pickwick Lake — sometimes two on one bait, as shown here.

### Catching Smallmouths on Top

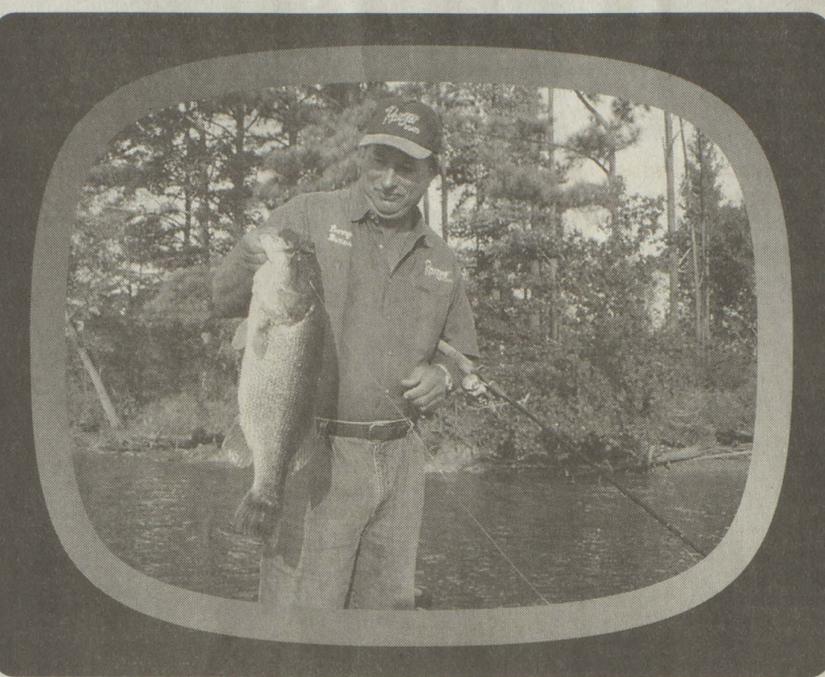
"There is nothing in all of fishing like watching the ferocious strike of a big smallmouth on a top-water lure. "Fall top-water fishing usually starts when we start having a few 40- and 50-degree nights. That's when you will find them really hammering the shad in the backs of creeks. "You'll see them attacking the shad, and they will do it all day long. It makes you wonder just how much they can eat. Sometimes you can pull up into a cove and find them feeding up on shad. You just throw right in the middle of them, and hold on and get ready! There are usually so many and they're so aggressive that you'll have a school of them following the top-water bait and trying to take it away from each other. "Throw into the commotion, and you will sometimes hook two fish on one Zara Spook or a Spit'N Image. Now that's a blast."

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## RANGER M1 MILLENNIUM TOURNAMENT



Denny Brauer is one of 10 anglers who could earn \$1 million if he wins the Ranger Millennium M1 tournament.

# Television Tunes In Potential \$1 Million Payoff Piques Fox TV's Interest

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

One of the biggest moments in the history of professional fishing will occur Sunday as Fox Sports televises the final round of the \$3.5 million Ranger Millennium M1 bass tournament from Florida's Winter Haven Chain of Lakes. It will mark the first time that a broadcast network has shown enough interest in tournament fishing to cover a competition, and only the second time that a national fishing event has been aired live (the Nashville Network televised the BASS Masters Classic live on cable in 1986). The frenzy of final-round action will be packed into a 90-minute program of taped and live action, airing amid Fox's popular NFL Sunday game coverage. "The Ranger Millennium tournament

"Fishing for \$1 million is mind-boggling."  
—Denny Brauer

will be viewed by the largest audience ever exposed to championship fishing," said Irwin Jacobs, owner of Genmar Industries (Ranger's parent company) and Operation Bass (which will stage the event). "This is, without question, the most important development in the evolution of competitive fishing." Although the event is limited to Ranger owners, Fox was apparently attracted by the possible \$1 million payoff, which would dwarf the sport's previous largest prize. The \$1 million figure is a bit misleading, though, since the winner will have to own a boat, motor and gear that matches all of the tournament sponsors to collect it all. Still, there is a guaranteed first-place prize of at least \$400,000, which would set the sport's standard and put it more in line with such major sporting events as the Daytona 500 (\$300,000 to the winner) or golf's Masters tournament (\$720,000). "Fishing for \$1 million is mind-boggling," said Denny Brauer of Missouri, one of about 10 pros with the proper sponsors to qualify for the full prize. "Just the idea of competing for that much money really elevates the sport."



## THE MILLENNIUM IS HERE

**The Event** ■ Ranger M1 Millennium bass tournament, Nov. 4-7, on the Winter Haven, Fla., Chain of Lakes. The tournament's base of operations will be Florida's Cypress Gardens.

**The Format** ■ The full field of anglers — 200 in the Professional Division and 200 in the Co-Angler Division — will compete for two days, Thursday and Friday. The top 50 anglers from each division, based on the accumulated catch weight in round one, will advance to the second round of competition on Saturday, where they will start over. The field will be cut at the end of Saturday's competition, and the top 10 professionals will move on to Sunday's championship round, again starting from zero, to determine the winner.

**The Broadcast** ■ The 90-minute broadcast will run either before or after Sunday's NFL on Fox regional coverage. The program will air from 4:30 to 6 p.m. EST in markets receiving an early NFL game, and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. EST in markets scheduled for the late NFL game. The program airing at 2:30 p.m. EST will consist of one-half hour of taped coverage and, for the first time in network history, one hour of live bass fishing tournament action.

SOURCE: OPERATION BASS

## YOUR SPORTS

# Put the Odds In Your Favor: Know the Fish

By STEVE GIBSON

There's an easy way to explain some of the so-called secrets of fishing. Imagine that you're in a grocery store, looking for steak. You wouldn't go to the produce section, would you? Nor would you head to the dairy case for apples. And you wouldn't look in the frozen food section for soft drinks. If you go into a grocery store with no idea of the layout, it can take you twice as long to complete your mission, and you may not leave with what you came in for. It's the same with fishing. If you don't know the characteristics of the body of water or the habits of the species you seek, you probably will not be as successful as planned.

You see it on every lake, river, pond or creek. Anglers line the banks or sit in boats, cast out baits and then sit back and wait for a fish — any fish — to swim by and take their offerings. Boil that approach down to its simplest form, and you understand those anglers really have no gameplan, or idea of what they're doing. They're leaving their angling success to luck.

There's a way to put the fishing odds in your favor. If you put a bait that your favorite fish likes in an area of the sort it inhabits, there's a good chance you'll tempt it to take your offering.

Have you ever marveled at those anglers who tell you they're going out to fish for bass, then return home with their limit? Or how about the neighbor who loves catfish and always returns with a stringer full?

Saltwater anglers employ the strategy, too. They'll tell you fishing the brine is great because they never know what they're going to catch, but that's not really true. When they go fishing for spotted sea trout, that's usually what they catch. When they go for tarpon, that's what they get. Ditto for channel bass and striped bass.

Why? Because they fish where their desired species are, and they do so with natural baits or artificial lures those species prefer.

When I first began fishing, my father would take me to fish for crappie in Rocky Fork Lake in southwestern Ohio. We were neophyte anglers in those days, but we knew where to mine crappie. We didn't concentrate in the deepest areas of the lake, nor did we try our luck along barren mud bottom. No, we knew crappie were structure-oriented fish that preferred to move into the shallows in the spring.



Black crappie.

So, that's where we centered our efforts. And since Rocky Fork was a man-made impoundment, there was plenty of timber standing in the shallows that made great crappie habitat.

We also knew crappie preferred live minnows, and we'd dangle baits at different depths until we figured out where they were. We'd fish a spot for five minutes, and, if we didn't have any hits, we'd move until we found them. Once we did, we'd usually catch all we wanted.

We weren't experts on bass, musky, pike or walleye, but we knew crappie. We knew where they lived and what they ate.

That put the odds in our favor.

Steve Gibson is an outdoors writer in Sarasota, Fla.

## UPCOMING PRO BASS TOURNAMENTS

- Here are the dates, locations and tour affiliations for upcoming professional bass fishing events on the BASSMASTER and FLW tours.
- Nov. 4-7, 1999, Winter Haven, Fla., Ranger Millennium M1 Tournament (Operation Bass)
- Nov. 4-6, 1999, Lake of the Ozarks, Osage Beach, Mo. (BASSMASTER Central Invitational)
- Nov. 11-13, 1999, Lake Oroville, Oroville, Calif. (BASSMASTER West Invitational)
- Dec. 2-4, 1999, Lake Martin, Alexander City, Ala. (BASSMASTER East Invitational)
- Jan. 26-29, 2000, Lake Okeechobee, Clewiston, Fla. (Wal-Mart FLW Tour)
- Jan. 12-15, 2000, Lake Tohopekaliga, Kissimmee, Fla. (BASSMASTER Top 150)
- Jan. 20-22, 2000, Lake Okeechobee, Okeechobee, Fla. (BASSMASTER East Invitational)
- Feb. 10-12, 2000, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Jasper, Texas (BASSMASTER Central Invitational)
- Feb. 16-19, 2000, Pascagoula River, Biloxi, Miss. (Wal-Mart FLW Tour)
- Feb. 24-26, 2000, Lake Seminole, Bainbridge, Ga. (BASSMASTER Top 150)
- March 9-11, 2000, Lake Powell, Page, Ariz. (BASSMASTER West Invitational)
- March 9-11, 2000, Pickwick & Wilson Lakes, Florence, Ala. (BASSMASTER East Invitational)
- March 15-18, 2000, Lake Murray, Columbia, S.C. (Wal-Mart FLW Tour)
- March 24-26, 2000, Lake Murray, Columbia, S.C. (BASSMASTER MegaBucks)
- April 6-8, 2000, Table Rock Lake, Kimberling City, Mo. (BASSMASTER Central Invitational)
- April 12-15, 2000, Beaver Lake, Bentonville, Ark. (Wal-Mart FLW Tour)
- April 13-15, 2000, Clear Lake, Clearlake, Calif. (BASSMASTER West Invitational)
- April 27-29, 2000, Fort Loudon/Tellico, Knoxville, Tenn. (BASSMASTER Federation National Championship)
- May 11-13, 2000, Lake Wheeler, Decatur, Ala. (BASSMASTER Top 150)
- May 17-20, 2000, Mississippi River, Memphis (Wal-Mart FLW Tour)
- May 18-20, 2000, Red River, Shreveport/Bossier City, La. (BASSMASTER Central Invitational)

## GEAR AND GOODIES

# Device Helps Hunters Locate Downed Game

It may not be as snazzy as a new rifle or bow, but a hunting accessory being marketed by Bonner Technologies Group could make any sportsman's life considerably easier. Perhaps more important, this item could ease the pangs of conscience that come from one of hunting's frustrations: the inability to locate downed game.

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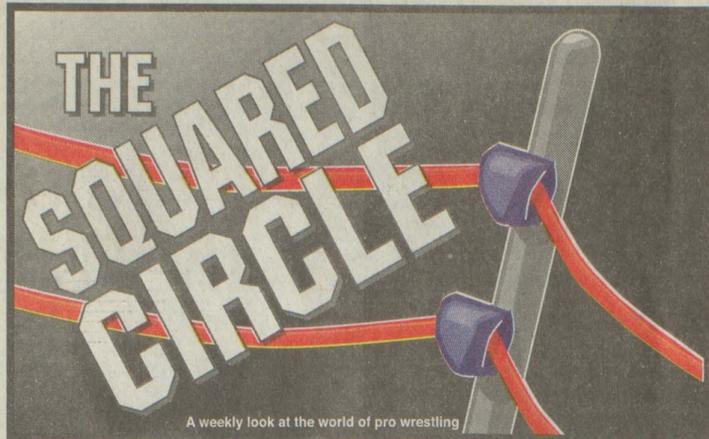
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Game Finder fits in the palm of your hand.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Bonner Technologies at (256) 382-2040.



**TOP 10**

1. Triple H, WWF
2. The Rock, WWF
3. Sting, WCW
4. Mike Awesome, ECW
5. Sid Vicious, WCW
6. Chyna, WWF
7. Buff Bagwell, WCW
8. Chris Benoit, WCW
9. Lance Storm, ECW
10. The Big Show, WWF



■ TRIPLE H



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Look for: A big push for Billy Kidman and the Filthy Animals in WCW.

**PAY-PER-VIEW**

- ECW, November to Remember, Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 7
- WWF, Survivor Series, Detroit, Nov. 14
- WCW, Mayhem, Toronto, Nov. 21

**MAILBAG**

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

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

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

Dear Squared Circle,  
I don't think that it is wrong for Hogan to wrestle, because he is probably one of the better guys in the ring. However, Hogan should look out when he has someone like Goldberg or Scott Steiner in the ring. If he doesn't, he will most likely suffer multiple injuries.

— Aaron Fincher  
Dothan, Ala.

Dear Squared Circle,  
I enjoy reading your articles every Sunday in my local paper, and really like to find out these wrestlers' real names, but there are some I still cannot find out. Could you please tell me what the real names of Christian, Matt Hardy, Jeff Hardy, D-Von Dudley, Crash Holly, and Stevie Richards are? I was also wondering if the Hardy Boyz are really brothers, and the Hollys are really cousins?

— Andy Robertson  
Mansfield, Ohio

A. Christian is Jason Reso, Matt and Jeff Hardy are their real names, D-Von is Devon Hughes, Crash is Ryan O'Grady and Stevie Richards is Michael Manna. The Hardys are related but the Hollys are not.

Dear Squared Circle,  
These are my and my brother's top 10 wrestlers:

1. The Rock
2. Stone Cold Steve Austin
3. Chris Jericho
4. Mr. Ass
5. Road Dogg
6. Mankind
7. Kane
8. Goldberg
9. Mankind
10. Edge & Christian

—Mered & Sam Roberts  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



Buff Bagwell vs. Jeff Jarrett, WCW

**CATCH PHRASES**

"You want some, come get some."  
— Rick Steiner

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



Scott Hall and Kevin Nash are a talented team that needs to wrestle again. (Photo courtesy of WOW magazine)

**WCW NEEDS THE OUTSIDERS BACK**

By Anthony Conchel  
Squared Circle Editor

Just when you thought WCW was going to bore you to tears, along come Scott Hall and Kevin Nash.

The Outsiders returned to World Championship Wrestling several weeks ago in cameo segments on Monday "Nitro." Thank goodness they're back to rescue WCW from its frightfully boring and Nielsen-dropping programming.

But it wasn't always like this. Fans will recall 1996 when the duo burst on the scene of WCW and changed "Nitro" forever. First it was Hall confronting Sting, promising "a big surprise" the following week. That surprise was big, all right. In fact, it was huge — the nearly 7-foot wrestler formerly known as Diesel in the WWF joined his real-life friend and former Razor Ramon persona and together they transformed WCW into a winner.

Monday night viewers watched Hall and Nash wreck havoc on everyone in the promotion — wrestlers, announcers and even former head honcho Eric Bischoff. Who'll ever forget Nash power-bombing Eric through that "Nitro" set?

They were big. They were bad. And they were over with the fans like no other tag team since the Four Horsemen ruled the 1980s with their collective iron fists.

The result of their intrusion:  
1. Tag team titles for the pair.  
2. Interesting storylines each week.  
3. Skyrocketing ratings that put "Nitro" ahead of rival "War" for 80 straight weeks.

After a successful reign, Hall began to have personal problems and Nash, in my opinion, simply got bored. So Hall left for home to take care of his marital life and Nash languished with a cast of nWo castoffs like Horace Hogan, Vincent and Scott Norton.

It's really quite simple. Nash needs Hall and Hall needs Nash. They work perfectly together, both in the ring and out. Now that they're back in WCW, the question is where do they go from here? Reform the nWo? Work as a tag team again and challenge Harlem Heat?

That sounds logical, but then again this is professional wrestling, where logic sometimes gives way to politics. Nash and Bischoff were close. Now that the latter is gone, we'll find out if Nash can work cohesively with Bill Busch and the new booking team.

Nash has accomplished a great deal in his career. He has held gold in both the WWF and WCW.

Wrestling fans are hoping that the tandem of Hall and Nash will do more than just drop in for a cold one at ringside every Monday night and chat with Bobby The Brain Heenan.

The Outsiders need to reform and return to the ring as permanent WCW fixtures. Bring back the fun.

Hall has it all wrong. He said The Outsiders will pop back onto the scene "when it's fun again." Hey Scott, you and Kev made it fun, remember?

Fans are clamoring for a rebirth of this formidable tag team. They can feud with anybody — face or heel — and still get over with the fans. That's what makes this team unique.

That's what makes them a much-needed commodity in WCW. If not for life — at least for a while. Its time for these two cowboys to saddle up and ride again.

Something's been missing. The interviews. The backjumping. Throwing little Rey Mysterio Jr. head-first into that trailer.

That's vintage Outsiders. And it's long overdue for a return.

**AFTER THE BELL**

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

• Kevin Nash is dating Chae of the Nitro Girls. No on-air angle is expected to spring from their off-camera relationship.

• On the same subject, Internet rumors that ECW valet Miss Congeniality (Amy Dumas) is dating Matt Hardy are untrue. Matt and Jeff helped train Amy and they remain friends.

• Several WCW wrestlers are worried about losing money because management is insisting on booking and taking a cut of autograph sessions. The wrestlers contend that if management allowed them to book their own autograph appearances, fees would be one-third of what WCW is charging them and they would still be making the same amount of money. They also say that they are losing dates to the WWF, which charges a lot less for appearance fees.

• There is an internal push by some ECW wrestlers to have Cyrus take Joel Gertner's announcing position on TNN. Apparently the wrestlers don't dislike Gertner or think he's been doing a bad job, but they think Cyrus has been very good on PPV broadcasts.



• ECW's Jerry Lynn has been nursing tender ribs. But he'll be back in time for the showcase event of the year, November to Remember. Lynn will feud with Yoshihiro Tajiri and Super Crazy in a three-way dance on Nov. 7.

• "Nitro" is now officially rated TV-14. It looks like WCW convinced Turner Network Television officials to sign the necessary papers to change the show from its G rating to this, meaning more adult-oriented storylines likely will follow.

• Paul Heyman has been pleased with Chris Candido thus far. Candido, whose contract is up in February, probably will sign an extension.

• "The Life and Death of Owen Hart," the new film by award-winning Hitman Hart. "Wrestling With Shadows" director Paul Jay and Sally Blake, will air Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. EST on A&E.

• The Rock recently told UK's Megastar publication that he is on his way to making between \$3 million and \$5 million this year. The Rock's base salary in the WWF is about \$650,000 per year for five years. The rest comes from merchandise sales.

• The Dynamite Kid, Tom Bullington, has just gotten his autobiography published. It should be out this week from www.dynamitekid.com, and most likely at all online book stores. The Rock's book is due out in about a month.

• After competing for 15 years, The Undertaker, a former three-time WWF champion, is beginning to show the effects of the ring wars. Mark Calloway, 37, has been out of WWF action for the past two months suffering from numerous physical problems — including two arthritic hips and a very badly injured groin. He is putting off surgery and plans to return to the ring by the end of the year.

**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:



- WWF...**  
Nov. 8, "Nitro," Uniondale, Long Island, N.Y.  
Nov. 9, "Smackdown," Baltimore  
Nov. 14, Survivor Series, Detroit

- WCW...**  
Nov. 21, World War III, Toronto, Canada

- ECW...**  
Nov. 11, Staten Island, N.Y.  
Nov. 12, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
Nov. 26, Trenton, N.J.

**REAL NAMES**

Jake Roberts  
Aurelian Smith Jr.  
6-5, 253  
Born: May 30, 1955  
Hometown: Stone Mountain, Ga.  
Pro debut: May 13, 1975

**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

- May 19, 1946: Andre The Giant is born in Grenoble, France.
- March 1962: Ray The Crippler Stevens does the bombs away off a ladder onto Pepper Gomez's throat, injuring Gomez at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

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



**Sid Vicious:** This huge madman bled like a pig against Goldberg two weeks ago. That's good because he needs to remain in the spotlight for WCW.

**Chris Jericho:** Feuding with Chyna is cool, but he needs to establish himself as a main-event performer. How about a match against Steve Austin?

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- www.WCW.com
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FLOYD COUNTY  
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PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
Editor



Ch-ch-change

Greetings. Never one to stay still for very long, I've moved from Friday to Sunday and from the Viewpoint section to Lifestyles. Like my recent physical move, this is a short distance, but perhaps worthy of being called a journey.

It's part of my redefinition of my role here. With the resignation of managing editor Janice Shepherd, I've had the opportunity to re-examine what I want to do, how I want to spend my productive time.

For the first time in a long time, I've decided to focus on what I like most to do and what I think I do best — and that is to write.

I've opted to leave the news and opinions to others, others who are more excited, enthusiastic and, perhaps, less jaded than I. It's not that I haven't often enjoyed the challenge of interpreting issues for readers, of picking out the important kernel in a meeting, or of helping another writer make a story better.

What I prefer, however, is to focus more consistently on the positive, to write about people, places and projects that are uplifting and are adding to the quality of our lives.

In doing so, I hope to uplift myself. Goodness knows, I need it.

Specifically, I will put together the Lifestyles section. In addition to the regular elements of this section, I want us to have more people feature stories and more focus on families, reunions, genealogies, health and the like.

My plan, too, is to beef up the Business pages and to make that section more local. I want more feature stories about local businesses, what they're about, how they started, where they're going. Inherent in these stories is the sharing of information about people with ideas and drive.

We also need to be more active in reporting day-to-day movements of local businesses: promotions, new hires, reorganizations, physical changes, awards, new products, etc.

I'll continue to work with Leisure Times, attempting to make it a showcase of arts and culture and your source of entertainment news in the region. I also hope to find time again to get back on the road for the "Day Trip" feature, which I love doing. I've missed this and I believe strongly in our becoming more familiar with what there is to see close to home.

I'll also be working closely with the newspaper's advertising department to produce special sections for the paper. For instance, as the holidays near, we'll be doing a section on holiday recipes and one on gift-giving. My role will be to decide the editorial content and to write local stories for each piece. If you have suggestions, please call.

And then to my true passion, education. I will try to revive the Times' Newspapers in Education project. We'll be looking for ways to interest young people in reading and, in particular, in reading the newspaper. We'll also be looking for businesses and individuals to help us put newspapers in selected classrooms across the county. If you can help, call.

I'm excited about this new role. Not having to be responsible for the news is actually the lifting of a burden. I look forward to the change — and the challenge.



After 65 years, the E.P. Grigsby store in Martin is still selling goods. E.P. Grigsby lives nearby and walks to the store six days per week. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

The first E.P. Grigsby store was located in a small chicken house in Martin. Sixty-five years later, the store is still in operation, but in a much larger facility adjacent to its original site.

Back then, founder Elhanan Pete (E.P.) Grigsby was a young man with a young family taking a logical step to become a store owner. He is the son of the late Liza Combs and Luke Grigsby, also an entrepreneur.

Luke Grigsby, who lived in Hazard and Frankfort, was a wholesale meat distributor, grocery store owner, teacher, security guard, and "small-time" politician, E.P. Grigsby said.

When Luke Grigsby moved from the family home in Hazard, E.P. didn't. He was on Hazard High School's basketball and football teams and was in his last year at the school. He found a place to stay and a job at a drugstore in the mornings before he went to school.

He went to Morehead State University on a football scholarship. He met and married Marena Hayes, whose family lived at Martin. Marena was attending college on a music scholarship. Because both of them were students and no housing was available for married couples, they had to live in separate dorms.

"We had weekends together," E.P. said Wednesday. Marena got a job as a teacher at Wheelwright High School, and she stayed in the former Wheelwright Hotel. E.P. lived with his parents in Hazard until a teacher at the school left for Texas and E.P. was hired to fill his spot.

The couple lived in an apartment over a store at the junction of Wheelwright. E.P.'s job as a teacher didn't last long. The school had four married couples working there, and the school board eventually decided that was against policy, so E.P. was laid off work.

He got a job at the Inland Steel company store in Wheelwright and learned the groundwork for business management. The couple moved to Martin when Marena was hired as a teacher in that community and E.P. decided it was time for him to go into business for himself.

His wife's family had a small building that housed "laying" chickens. E.P. cleaned out the building, and he and his wife moved into the back and opened a variety store in the front.

He borrowed \$200 from a local bank and had relatives co-



The E.P. Grigsby store sells a variety of goods, including material, notions, school supplies, flowers, and clothing. Grigsby said people from surrounding counties come to his store to buy the hospital gowns and the polyester dresses he stocks. He also has Tommy Jeans, Wheelwright area and took on a partner. He later sold his interest in that business.

sign for the loan. He borrowed another \$200 from a bank in Hazard and had his father co-sign. He started out with \$400 and a building.

At first, the building had no indoor plumbing. "Marena had to take the boys to the neighbors and give them baths. (One time) she came running back and said 'Something's wrong with the boys. They're laying on the floor.'"

"I beat it down there and got them out. I called Dr. Claude Allen. He came down. They were lucky. Charlie (the younger brother) was worse than Pete," he said.

The boys would have died if E.P. hadn't gotten there as quickly as he did and removed the boys from the room to the fresh air outdoors. A faulty valve had caused gas to fill the room where the boys were bathing, and they became unconscious



Craft items, such as material, yarn, and sundries, take up a large portion of the E.P. Grigsby Store. Grigsby said his supply of flowers are hot sellers around Memorial Day. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

from the fumes.

As E.P.'s family expanded — he's the father of eight children — he improved the store and his home. He later purchased property adjacent to his store to build a bigger facility. He constructed a two-story building with apartments over the store.

He moved his family into a nearby house, but he moved his business again, building on another adjacent lot. At one time in his building phase, he had a building within a building when his new store was put up around his old store. At that time, he moved his merchandise to a temporary location and sold goods from that facility for about six months.

The E.P. Grigsby store also became affiliated with the Ben Franklin franchise for many years, but the franchise went out of business.

"Back then, we didn't have much competition. There were no (big discount stores)," he said.

Toys were hot sellers, and he had to hire extra help at Christmas time to assemble the bicycles and larger items for the customers. He often hears from grown-ups about their trips as a youngster to the E.P. Grigsby Store to look at the toys.

In his early years as an entrepreneur, E.P. opened a business again, building on another adjacent lot. At one time in his building phase, he had a building within a building when his new store was put up around his old store. At that time, he moved his merchandise to a temporary location and sold goods from that facility for about six months.

Grigsby was a visionary and knew that ownership of property meant money. He purchased land, sold some and leased some. He leases land to SuperAmerica at Martin. He also owns rental property in Martin, as well as townhouses in Lexington.

E.P. also got into the motel business. When he put the word out that he wanted to buy a motel, he was informed that Harlan Sanders had a restaurant and motel for sale in the Corbin area. "That was before KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken)," E.P. said.

He and Marena paid a visit to Corbin and looked the place over, but E.P. decided he didn't want to invest. Later, Col. Sanders came to Martin to again talk with E.P. about the prop-

(See Grigsby, page two)

This Town  
That World

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

That much-advertised split seems to have been a solo performance. Nobody stuck around to see if "Happy" would get back on his feet again.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

THE TIMES congratulates Bert Combs on his great victory. We are happy for him and for this forgotten part of Kentucky. The dogged persistence with which he stuck to the campaign trail, month after long month, is something to look back upon and to admire.

No man ever worked harder to win the governorship of a state. And now ahead lie four trying years. This office of Governor, I am convinced—partially by the jibes I myself have taken at Governors—is a task that will try all the resources of any man. The late Ed Morrow once described the Governor's office as "Kentucky's whipping post."

We have every confidence in the ability and character of Bert Combs. We believe that when the lash falls he will take it without flinching.

And we hope that he kicks out his office any man, friend or foe, who asks him to do anything but the right thing.

IN THE MAIL

We get some of the oddest pieces of mail. Maybe they would not seem so odd to some folks, but on us they are completely lost.

There was, for instance, the booklet the University of Kentucky sent us, the other day. Its title was, "Graphical Solution of Linear-Integro Differential Equations." And it discussed such matters as "The Pole-Zero Method," "Sinusoidal Steady State Analysis from Pole-Zero Configuration," "The Spirule," etcetera.

The author? Muhammadi Sisrosudarmo.

To Your  
Good Health

BY JUDITH SHELDON

A recently published study in the October edition of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition indicates that mothers of children with Down syndrome, which is a genetic disorder that causes mental retardation, often have problems in metabolizing folic acid. This B vitamin, which has been shown as essential in helping to prevent spina bifida and other tubal conditions in the fetus, is now seen as potentially essential in helping to prevent Down syndrome, a condition which affects some one out of every 600 children.

Dr. Jill James, the biochemist who led the study at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research, calls the findings "...a door-opener." She says the research needs to be conducted on an expanded scale to assure that folic acid is, indeed, involved in Down syndrome.

The findings in the study showed that some 60 percent of the mothers of children with Down syndrome had a mutation in an enzyme that helps the body metabolize folic acid. Only 44 percent of mothers with the same mutation did not have children with the syndrome. (The mutation causes a slow-down in the enzyme's activity which can lead to a problem with chromosome separation during egg production. This "maternal non-disjunction," occurs before conception and is responsible for 95 percent of Down syndrome cases.)

When folic acid was shown to help prevent spinal cord defects, the FDA required adding it to many grains and cereals. With the new study showing folic acid in a test tube can reverse the effects of the mutation, women with the mutated enzyme who plan to become pregnant may one day be given folic acid supplements.

NOTE: There are several books on the market advocating methods for pain relief. Some of these procedures may be safe and effective for some people. But pain is often a sign that something is wrong in the body and needs to be discussed and diagnosed with a doctor before attempting any self-treatment.

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# SOCIETY NEWS

## Visited California

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lyon of David, returned recently from a week of visiting with Mrs. Lyon's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hackworth of Cupertino, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hackworth of Saratoga, California.

They were given a personal tour of the Hackworth IMAX Dome Theater and Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, California.

A tour of the Redwoods, Yosemite National Park, Monterey, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Alcatraz Island, Golden Gate Bridge, Telegraph Hill, Lombardi Street, Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square were just some of the other highlights of their visit.

While there, they stayed in the home of Mrs. Lyon's late uncle, Homer Hackworth, a former resident of Granny Fitz Branch in Floyd County.

## WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



### Hyden-Kinzer to wed

Joe and Laura Hyden of Martin, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Moriah Mayo Hyden, to James Brandon Kinzer, son of Jerry and Debbie Kinzer of Allen. Miss Moriah is a 1996 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is attending Prestonsburg Community College. Kinzer is a '96 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. The reception will be held November 13, at 4 p.m. at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg. Wilkinson Stumbo Conference Center.



## Layne, Hyden exchange vows

Apryl Chantal Layne and Keith Hyden exchanged vows on Saturday, October 2, with a lawn wedding at the home of Eliza Sisco, grandmother of the bride.

Crystal Layne, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Maribeth Allen and Lori Watts. Elizabeth Slone was the flower girl and Naythan Honeycutt was the ring bearer.

Bill Hyden, brother of the groom, was the best man. Jason Layne, brother of the bride, and Gaylen Stone were the groomsmen. Zechariah Stone and Naythan Honeycutt were ushers.

The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jimmy Brown. Many friends and relatives attended.

An outdoor reception followed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Shirley Sisco of Prestonsburg, and Carl Layne of Martin. The groom is the son of the late Alex and Ruby Hyden of Blue River. The couple now resides in Prestonsburg.



### The Flanery Family

Flora Bartrum, P. Bryan Flanery, Mavis Blair, Emma Lois Pigman, Doris Porter, Mrs. Parley Grace Ousley Flanery, Nora Sue Tomberlin, Jesse Joe, Eunice Hall and Bill J. Flanery.

## Flanery-Ousley reunion

The children of Parley and Grace Ousley hosted a family reunion on Saturday, July 17, at Archer Park. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the food and fellowship, despite the extremely hot weather.

Those attending were: William Russell Hughes, Auxier; Paul and Lourinda Anderson, Bill and Judy Flanery from Jackson, Michigan; P. Bryan and Joan Flanery, Kimberly and Sara Flanery, Nathan Warnock, and their friend, Hawken, from Ashland; Bartley (Bat) and Flo Bartrum, Jessica, Casey, Bret, and Brian Bartrum, and Colby

Hunter from St. Louis, Missouri; Charles and Doris Porter, Barbara and Gary Berry, and Patty Porter from Unicoi, Tennessee; Doug and Ruth Porter, Meredith, Jacob, Ashley, Angela and Shelby Porter from Olney, Maryland; and Mike and Amy Mulberry, Jonathon, Ronald and Michael Mulberry from Inman, South Carolina.

Also, Gerald and Nora Sue Tomberlin, Weaverville, North Carolina; Christine and Ronald Cutshall, Allen and Cindy Whitt, Tasha, Lacey, and James Whitt, Jon and Kahea Tomberlin and Kanoe Tomberlin, and friend

from Mars Hill, North Carolina; Bill and Sherrie Tomberlin, Joel and Jared Tomberlin from Ashville, North Carolina; Ross and Michaela Tomberlin from Charlotte, North Carolina; Mavis and Elman Blair, Matthew and Jessica Blair, Sawyer and Sara Blair, from Lexington; Monica and Garrett Woods, from Orem, Utah; Melanie and Jaden Hall from Lehi, Utah; and Darrell Greer from Jeremiah.

Others were Emma Lois and Alger Pigman, Blake and Ezalee Pigman, Debra and Emily Rose, Diane and Oscar Fargosa, Brittany and B.J. Young from

Hindman; Eunice and Arnold Hall, George and Dee Hall, Justin Hall, Jennifer and Mike Crum, Jenna and Joeanna Crum, Sanford Baca, Jonathon Baca, Jessica Patton, Jeffery Hall, Grace Flanery, Geraldine Bartrum, and Brittany Bartrum from Martin; Jesse Lafferty from Allen; Joe and Barbara Flanery from Scott's Depot, West Virginia; Tammy Ratliff from Salyersville; and Willard Ousley, Orville and Alva Ousley, Dewey and Winnie Ousley, Mallory Ousley and Brittany Ousley, from Prestonsburg.

# THINGS TO PONDER

by Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

"A good day begins with a good night's sleep. Nothing is more essential for starting off at your best."

But, according to past discussions, everyone does not always have that ideal, relaxed night of sleep. Such conditions as sleep apnea, insomnia, bruxism, narcolepsy, and episodes of parasomnias can interrupt one's trip through dreamland. Yet—would you believe—there are still more conditions that can contribute to daytime sleepiness.

Emotional distress can really interfere with a night's sleep. The changes in sleeping patterns can be a tell-tale sign that one's psyche is not in its best form. A history of sleep and energy levels is an important portion of the clinical interview, when investigating mental health issues.

In depressed people, an overwhelming feeling of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness, or guilt can be associated with abnormal sleep patterns. The depressed person often awakens early and cannot return to sleep.

At other times, just the opposite is true. Some depressed people find relief in sleep and use it as the great escape. Usually, when the depression is treated, the accompanying sleep problems disappear.

In addition, stress and sleeplessness feed on each other, i.e., the more stressed you are, the more difficulty you have sleeping. The more tired you are, the less likely you are to cope with stress and life's more upsetting events.

The warriors of the wear and tear battle of

modern life may not even realize that they are being caught in a no-win, no rest cycle, yet, they may not even realize that stress is sabotaging their sleep.

Remember the Exxon Valdez disaster several years ago? All of that damage to the environment and its animals occurred because of navigational errors made by a third mate who had gotten only six hours of rest after two exhausting days of loading cargo. It sure would have saved a lot for everybody and everything, if only more men had been hired, so everyone could have had more adequate sleep.

Believe it. There are still more conditions that decrease sleep. Just plain trying too hard to go to sleep can also contribute to a poor night's sleep. Trouble going to sleep may be created by going to bed too early. Sleep cannot be forced.

Ideally, you should not go to bed and try to sleep until you are sleepy. Going to bed too early—even if you do fall asleep—could lead to a disturbed night's rest or the risk of waking up early without feeling refreshed.

If you find you cannot fall asleep, do not stay in bed brooding about being awake. It is best to get out of bed. Leave the bedroom. Do what helps you to relax—read, sew, take a warm bath, watch TV, etc. Return to bed only when you are sleepy.

Although it has been highly suggested to use a small amount of wine at bedtime, the effect of alcohol is deceiving. It may induce sleep, but chances are that alcohol will fragment sleep. Often the sleeper will wake up in the middle of the night when the alcohol's

relaxing effect wears off.

As a result of all these various sleep disorders, people are working more and sleeping less. It is hard to believe that our average nightly total sleep time has been decreased by more than 20 percent over the last century. Daytime energy has been undermined. Fragmented sleep can have as devastating an impact as no sleep at all.

Recall how disturbing it was to get up and feed the young baby, night-after-night? Even more serious is falling asleep at the wheel; this is second only to alcohol as a leading cause of car accidents. Reportedly, 200,000 sleep-related accidents claim more than 5,000 lives, cause hundreds of thousands of injuries and incur billions in indirect costs.

Well, by this time, you should be able to count fewer sheep and drift off to dreamland or you realize that you really do have a sleep problem. If you do have difficulties getting sufficient rest at night, never fear. Next time's discussion will focus on ways that you can be in more soothing control of your night's rest.

Also, keep in mind that most sleep disorders, whether caused by physical or mental factors, can be treated or managed effectively once they are properly diagnosed. So, here's to a good night's sleep.

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg. Suggestions for topics and comments are sought and appreciated; they can be sent to the Floyd County Times.

## Grigsby

(Continued from page one)

erty sale.

"Marena had fried chicken for supper, and I asked the Colonel to have supper with us. He told Marena that was the best fried chicken he had ever tasted," E.P. said, chuckling. "But that was the Colonel for you."

The Martin businessman learned about a piece of property in Lexington and when he visited it, he bought it and built the Catalina Motel. He started small, but built with the vision of adding on rooms. He took on partners and the motel kept growing, and he kept building on to it.

E.P. also became involved in politics. He was Martin's first elected mayor, and he served 16 years, at various times, as mayor. He also served on the council for 10 years.

The achievement that he's most proud of as mayor is that he "didn't raise taxes."

"I'm conservative," he said.

He obtained the city's first fire truck, without "costing the city a dime." He raised the money through donations.

"We didn't have a place to put it, and I owned a tin building, so we put (the fire truck) in that," he said.

He also built a city hall and a jail through donations. He's worked on getting clean water and sewage treatment to the city.

He doesn't seem concerned about a proposal to take dirt from a hillside and raise the current city out of the flood plain. If that happens and he hasn't retired, he'll just rebuild.

E.P. won't say how old he is — he still works at his store every day — but he says he'll "have to retire sometime."

Until then, he'll continue to work and continue to do business his way. He said his son Charlie (Dr. Charles) Grigsby has been offering him some unwanted advice.

"I told him that he knows (as much about business as I know) about doctoring," E.P. said, laughing.

"After so long a time, you learn a few things. I grew up in the business. I learned it myself. There's an old saying, 'Save the pennies, and the dimes take care of themselves.' I had \$400 to start a business. I bought small stuff. After I was in business and the business looked good, I borrowed \$2,000. As time went on, I borrowed \$5,000 and then \$10,000. When I paid off one, I borrowed more.

"I had a friend who had a variety store (in Hazard). I thought that sounds pretty good for Martin ... Everything I made I put back in. You have to build your business. You have to keep your overhead no matter what you do," he said.

To remind this generation that they have to work for what they want to achieve, E.P. has a limited supply of 65th anniversary commemorative that he's distributing — mainly to family members.

"I hand them out to the kids, and I tell them 'what little we've got, I've worked 65 years for it.'"

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# FOR THE RECORD

## District Court

Adrian Edward Semartz, 35, Minnie, assault, 4th, spouse abuse, 30 days in jail, \$103.50 in fines.

Sarah L. Lemartz, 36, Minnie, 10 days in jail, \$103.50 in fines.

Keith D. Sullivan, 27, prescription in an improper container, 30 days in jail, \$93.50 in fines.

Shelly Gregory, 24, McDowell, alcohol intoxication, 1st/2nd, \$108.50 in fines.

Tony Walters, 40, Minnie, alcohol intoxication, 1st/2nd, disorderly conduct, 10 days in jail, \$128.50 in fines.

Robert D. Gregory, 25, Martin, no operator's license, \$168.50 in fines.

Audry L. Hamilton, 42, failure to wear a seatbelt/ child restraints, \$118.50 in fines.

Bruce Tilley, 43, Ransom, no KY registration plates, \$78.50 suspended fines.

Paul D. Crider, 31, Betsy Layne, failure to wear a seatbelt, \$93.50 in fines.

Feremy N. Rice, 18, Blue River,

improper start from a parked position, \$103.50 in fines.

Mark Frasure, 32, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, no insurance, carrying a concealed weapon, must forfeit weapon, 2 days public service, license suspended for 90 days, alcohol/ drug education, \$340.50 in fines.

Tonya Walters, 19, Minnie, alcohol intoxication, 1st/2nd, disorderly conduct, recommend abuse program, 7 days probated, no violations for 1 year, \$208.50 in fines.

Ralph L. Jacobs, 30, Hueysville, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, operation on a suspended license, 2 days public service, alcohol/ drug education, lost license for 90 days, \$601 in fines.

Donna L. Case, 39, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, domestic violence and abuse, 7 days jail, 30 days probated, \$108.50 in fines.

Eddie Baker Jr., 30, Awawam, shoplifting, 2 days jail, probated 30 days, \$183.50 in fines.

Bryan Sparkman, 28, Hueysville, operation of a motor vehicle under

the influence of an intoxicant, 2 days public service, alcohol/ drug education, lost license for 90 days, \$501 in fines.

Terry L. Campbell, 32, Clay City, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence, 2nd, no operator's license, 7 days in jail on weekends, 2 days public service, alcohol/ drug education, \$740.50 in fines.

Clay E. Crum, 38, Paintsville, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, no operator's license, 2 days public service, alcohol/ drug education, lost license for 6 months, \$601 in fines.

David Ferrell, 33, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, 1st/2nd, \$98.50 in fines.

Teddy B. Tackett, 49, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, 3rd or more, 30 days in jail, \$203 in fines.

Jeffery C. Damron, 25, Garrett, alcohol intoxication, 3rd or more, 7 days in jail, \$193.50 in fines.

Brian Bertram, 29, Prestonsburg, assault, 4th degree, alcohol intoxication, 3rd or more, alcohol treatment program, 30 days in jail, 90 days probated, \$203.50 in fines.

Michael R. Keens, 30, Langley, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence, 2nd, operating on a suspended license, alcohol/ drug education, lost license for 6 months, 7 days in jail, 30 days probated, \$740.50 in fines.

Vernon D. Sturgill, 41, Harold, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence, 2nd, alcohol/ drug education, lost license for 1 year, 7 days in jail, \$640.50 in fines.

## Suits Filed

Commonwealth of KY VS Timothy M. Mosley of McDowell, petition for health care insurance.

Clarence Stephen Woods of Hippo VS Dana Louise Stumbo Woods of Hueysville, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Arlene Brown of Betsy Layne VS Andrew Brown of North Charleston, SC, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Della Dawn Steward of Harold VS James Steward Jr. of Tram, peti-

tion for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of KY VS Gilford Osborne of Grethel, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Jeff Goble of Dwale, petition for health care insurance.

FirStar Bank, NA VS Kenneth Ray Conley of Allen, et. al., collection of debts.

Kenneth and Zellie Akers of Galveston VS Silas Paul George of Van Lear, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about Dec. 29, 1999.

Providian National Bank VS Mike E. Conn of Betsy Layne, collection of debts.

Cheryl A. and Harry Johnson of Bypro VS Omni Indemnity Company of Frankfort and Scottie Branham of Melvin, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about June 20, 1999.

Creditors Law Center Inc of Jeffersonville, IN VS Harry A. Ranier of Jeffersonville, collection of debts.

Sharon and Earl Ray Slone of McDowell VS Wade Frasure of McDowell, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about June 29, 1999.

Commonwealth of KY, et. al., VS Tyger Energy Inc of Hazard, collection of ad valorem tax debts.

Elster Bowen of Ulysses, et. al., VS Carol Gottleid of Big Pine Key, FL, et. al., compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about May 14, 1999.

Preferred Auto Sales of Lexington VS Terry Howard of Langley, collection of debts.

Community Trust Bank VS Amy Sue Fyffe of Auxier, et. al., collection of debts.

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## Briefs

### Bingham gathering

Grave markers for Joshua and Mariah Hammonds Bingham and daughter Laura have been installed in the Stone Cemetery on Town Branch, Prestonsburg. A gathering will be 1 p.m. Saturday, November 13, at the Town Branch Full Gospel Church followed by a visit to the nearby cemetery.

Their children and spouses Sarah and Jim Lafferty, Jefferson and Darcus Stephens, Samuel and Nettie DeRossett, Solomon and Julia Johnson, Laura and Harve Banks and Deborah and Henry Clinton Herald have in excess of 2,100 descendants. Bingham family historian and genealogist Stephen Bingham will attend.

### Free poetry contest open to Prestonsburg residents

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Prestonsburg area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is January 15, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, contest director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Ely.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19907, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owing Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be post-marked or sent via the Internet by January 15, 2000. You may also enter online at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com)

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

## 13 time pageant winner

Peyton Clifton Lee Akers, three-year-old son of Chester Akers Jr. and Tina Mullins of Dana, won numerous awards in October.

Some of latest awards and titles included 1999 Tiny Mr. Jenny Wiley, 1999 Little Mr. Patriotic, Mid Eastern Pageant Systems Fall Harvest Beauty King and October Fantasy Beauty King held by the Dream Factory at the Carriage House at Paintsville.

Other awards he won during these pageants included most handsome, Little Mr. Photogenic Overall Photogenic, Best Dressed, Prettiest Eyes, Prettiest Hair and Smile.

He is a five-time winner in costume. During the month of October. He also won the costume contest at Wal-art on Halloween.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mullins of Galveston; Chester Akers of Dana; and the late Glenda Sue Lawson Akers. He is the great-grandson of Green Lawson Jr. of Harold.



# Women at Work

BY TAMARA JONES

Okay, female pugilism is now a fully recognized sport and some people have asked me how I feel about it.

Here goes — and I do hope I hear from you with your comments.

I am against boxing. It's a brutal confrontation (I don't even call it a sport) not far removed from its gladiator antecedents. The excuse that it's an opportunity for poor boys to earn a living is not an excuse but a feeble explanation for perpetuating a spectacle for those who don't get pummeled, killed, or turned into human vegetables. (Interestingly, many of the women involved in amateur and professional boxing are not economical-

ly deprived. Muhammad Ali's daughter is one example.) In other sports, the goal is to achieve excellence. You want to be better than the other guy. In boxing, the goal is to batter the other guy, or now, gal

That being said, I will support the right of women to get into the ring. Perhaps showing the world that they can fight like a man will make all women seem like less likely targets for abuse by people who don't reward them with a paycheck at the end of the ordeal.

Perhaps this move of women into the boxing arena is a way for this generation to say, I'm here, and I can do anything. It may also be a warning to the world out there that we women are not your natural victims. We can fight back, and

we will.

As for women's physiology, a college football coach once told me, "My guys are probably more prone to serious injury than most women. For one thing, my guys have to wear a cup. For another, they don't have the natural soft padding you ladies have to cushion some of the blows that come with contact sports."

Maybe so. But I do hope our sparring sisters are getting the best advice from their doctors and trainers before they climb through the ropes.

Please send your comments to me c/o King Features Syndicate, 235 East 45 Street, New York, NY 10017.

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# Household Help

by John Amantea

Have you ever thought of the dangers that might be hiding in your home's walls? Probably not, but you should. Wiring, outlets and electrical systems are things we usually take for granted. They are supposed to offer convenience, but left unchecked, they could also offer peril. It is important to check your home's electrical system regularly, especially when planning the addition of new electrical equipment.

- Weatherproof. If you have outdoor outlets that are submerged in rainfall or snow, make sure they are extra-weatherproof.

- Upgrade to a circuit breaker box from the older fuse box. The circuit breaker box is safer and more convenient. Consider an upgrade of electrical service at the same time. If your home is like most people's, the 100 amp service you have is insufficient for your microwave, computer, stereo, and other appliances.

- Add Ground Fault Circuit

Interrupter (GFCI) circuit breakers. They automatically shut off power in case of a short, as regular circuit breakers do, and they also provide ground-fault protection for circuits with outlets, as well as for larger loads, like hot tubs and spas.

- Test circuit breakers once a month. Press the "test" button located on the breaker to make sure it trips or turns off the power. Remember to reset the breaker by moving the handle to "off" and then back to "on."

- Install Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) receptacles in the bath, kitchen and basement to prevent electrocution. They combine the function of a regular outlet with ground-fault protection. Once-a-month testing: Most receptacles will have a "test" but-

ton; if not, check the manual.

This is a good time of year to test the batteries in your smoke detectors. Replace dead batteries with new ones. Test again to be sure the detectors are working properly. Remember that smoke detectors can malfunction in a few years. Replace them with new ones.

If you're thinking about getting a generator, be sure to have a licensed electrician help you with the installation. It's more complicated than you think, and I don't recommend it as a do-it-yourself job.

Send Household Help questions to John Amantea, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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# Dear Diane

by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

I was wondering if you could help me. I lost my uncle last April. His death caught us all by surprise.

My uncle had been ill, but he had been like that all his life. He needed a kidney transplant, and we had one they thought would be a match. It turned out it wasn't. After that, he was in and out of the hospital.

His fiancée was going to give him her kidney. I thought that was very kind of her. They had been dating seven years, and she was willing to do this for him. However, her kidney didn't match. Finally, they switched hospitals, but he died.

What I am trying to get at is, is it normal to still be missing someone as much as if they'd just passed away yesterday? I miss my uncle more and more every day. I would also like to thank my aunt for her thoughtfulness.

GRIEVING

DEAR GRIEVING:

I offer my sincere condolences for your loss. Having said that, I can't comment on what's "normal" when it comes to mourning. It is difficult for all of us to deal with the loss of a loved one. Each of us grieves in our own way. However, there is help. Contact the hospital he was in and ask them if they have a support group for people who have lost loved ones. Chances are good that they have. The support group can help you tremendously during this difficult time. Just knowing you're not alone is a big help, trust me.

As for your uncle's fiancée, be all means, get in touch with her. It's bad enough she's lost him. She shouldn't have to feel cut off from the family because he died. Include her in gatherings and go out of your way to call her from time to time. Visit as often as you can. It'll help both of you.

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Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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# Remember to recycle plastic soft drink bottles

(NUE) - Did you know there are seven different types of plastic resin, and that the one used to make soft drink bottles is called polyethylene terephthalate (PET)?

The popularity of PET plastic is on the rise as consumers opt for products packaged in this versatile and environmentally friendly material.

PET plastic, light, hard to break and safe, is used to make packaging for hundreds of products from shampoo bottles and tennis ball containers to mustard and soft drinks bottles. And, best of all, it is 100 percent recyclable.

Clothing, carpeting, toys, car parts and housewares are just a few of the more than 1,300 products and packages made from recycled PET. Since 1992, Americans have recycled more than 11 billion pounds of PET.

And roughly 24 percent of all PET bottles manufactured last year were recycled. That equals more than 1,000 pounds every minute.

But, more PET needs to be recycled to keep up with the demand. Too often, consumers simply put these containers in the trash, instead of including them in the recycling system. Today, most of the 9,349 curbside recycling programs and 15,000 community drop-off and buy-back programs collect and recycle PET along with glass, steel, aluminum and paper.

To help increase PET recycling, the soft drink industry is challenging Americans to "Enjoy a refreshing soft drink and remember to recycle the container when you are done." That way, soft drink containers will remain America's most recycled packaging.

# Bridge

## All's swell that ends well

One of the first principles a beginner learns is the value of the holdup play, especially at notrump. For example, if declarer has only the A-x-x in a suit that has been led by the opponents and dummy has three or fewer small cards in the suit, it is standard procedure in most cases to refuse to take the ace until the third round. In this way, declarer frequently disrupts enemy communications in the suit, which may prove decisive later in the play.

So valuable is the holdup play that it can sometimes prove advantageous even when declarer has two stoppers in the suit. An unusual application of this can be seen in today's hand.

West led a heart, dummy followed low, and when East produced the ten, South allowed him to win the trick! This odd-looking play had the desired effect, as the contract could no longer be defeated.

In practice, East returned a heart, covered by the Q-K-A. Diamonds were then led until East took the ace, but since he

didn't have a heart to return, he shifted to a spade. Declarer won and simply conceded a trick to the ace of clubs to set up his ninth trick.

Observe what would have happened had South won the first trick. His normal play at this stage would be to attack diamonds to develop three tricks in that suit. After taking the ace, East would return his remaining heart and regardless of how declarer played to that trick, West's remaining hearts would become established. When South eventually tried for his ninth trick by leading a club, West would take the ace and cash his hearts to set the contract.

Thus, by treating the Q-J of hearts as the equivalent of a king, South's first-round holdup play worked to perfection, effectively neutralizing the threat of the opponents' heart suit. Note that the play would have worked equally well if the minor suit aces were switched, failing only in the unlikely event that West held both missing aces as well as five hearts.

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# Allowance or job: what's a family to choose?

When it comes to children and money, teaching responsibility can be a tough job. Many times it can mean choosing between a job and allowances. But which one is right for a family?

"Children's jobs are a real mixed situation for families," said Celia Hayhoe, assistant professor of family studies in the University of Kentucky College of Human Environmental Sciences. "If the children aren't contributing to a fund or saving for something special, they will have a lot of money to spend. Often they spend their money on wants, not needs, and that doesn't always help."

Teaching children financial

responsibility may be a tough part of parenting, but it is essential for children's beneficial development and for the strengthening of families, something Gov. Paul Patton recently recognized by declaring November 15-19, Family Week in Kentucky.

Having a job can teach children responsibility to others and discipline, but sometimes it can divert their attention from important things, Hayhoe said.

"If they are working, their school work could begin to suffer and they could be missing out on some extracurricular activities that will be important for college and life," she said. "You just have

to look at all this and determine what is doable and within reason for your child."

Many things can be done around the house or nearby that can earn children money. Babysitting, mowing lawns, and doing extraordinary chores are typical children's vocations that steer clear of being out late or a mandated schedule.

"Just make sure that jobs around the house are not part of the usual family duties," Hayhoe said. "We all have to do our part within the family. Things above and beyond that are good paying chores."

Sometimes, if parents want to keep children at home as much as

possible and maintain focus on academics or other activities, allowances may be a better option, Hayhoe said. A set amount given regularly should be based on age and never tied to odd jobs. Rather odd jobs should earn the child extra money.

Regardless of how children earn money, opening a checking account for them can be a great way to teach them to manage their money and encourage saving. Often it is vital for teenagers who will soon be on their way to college or out of the home. Under the watchful eye of parents, children can learn the mechanics of the checkbook, Hayhoe said. With an even more

watchful eye, parents may want to open a credit card account so children can learn to manage a card and their ability to pay in the future. To safeguard the learning experience, keep the credit limit low and make this a joint account with a parent.

"We all have to manage credit in the world, and children need to learn that," she said. "They also need to see how to manage credit lines and the problems they can cause."

And a very important rule no matter what the situation—don't let the children borrow against future earnings or give them additional monies for no reason.

"If you do let them borrow,

make sure their next allowance or pay is less than that amount," Hayhoe said. "That's what would happen in the real world. That's what they have to learn."

Hayhoe said teaching children to manage money may be tough on parents—seeing a child desperately wanting something they don't have enough for or wasting it on something trivial. But she encouraged parents to stand by rules and wait for the end product.

"You have to give them the option to succeed and to fail," she said. "Let them see the consequences of their actions. The only way they will learn is if you let them."

## National Arbor Day Foundation introduces new program

The National Arbor Day Foundation is introducing a program that helps replant national forests while letting people commemorate important events with the gift of trees.

Through the Trees In Celebration program, 10 trees will be planted in the Targhee National Forest for every \$10 donated to the Arbor Day Foundation. The program is designed to reforest areas that have been destroyed by fire, disease, and other natural causes. The Foundation will also send a gift certificate to the person being honored or to the donor for personal presentation.

"Trees In Celebration allows people today to benefit the lives of future generations," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. Events commemorated can include birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, promotions, retirements, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs and holidays.

Additional information is available by writing The National Arbor Day Foundation, Attn: Trees In Celebration, 211 N. 12th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, or by calling the Foundation at 402-474-5655. The Foundation is a nonprofit education organization dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship.

## Beat the holiday pounds with a low-fat, thanksgiving dinner

During the holiday season, from Labor Day to New Year's Day, the average person will pack on about eight pounds. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you can ward off a few pounds through better food preparation and making better choices in your own eating.

"The thing to do is cut as much fat, especially saturated fat, and cholesterol out of the meal as you can," said Sandra Bastin, a nutritionist with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. "If you stick with foods that are high in color and texture, you will be eating much better."

Bastin suggested choosing foods such as fruits, vegetables and breads to complement the traditional turkey or ham. Low-fat items and sugar substitutes should be used wherever possible to cut down on fat and calorie gain. In a healthy diet, fat should make up only 30 percent or less of calorie content. And remember, low-fat doesn't mean always mean low calorie.

"Sometimes the fat has been replaced with something that is the same in calorie content—it just isn't fat," Bastin said.

A new product on the market that may help make a more healthy Thanksgiving feast is Beuecol. This margarine product helps reduce cholesterol.

Another way to control calorie intake and weight gain is by looking at eating patterns over a three-day period. If you know you are going to a dinner in the evening, eat lighter during the day. Don't skip meals, though. That will only make you more inclined to eat more later.

Taking a walk after dinner or increasing your regular exercise during the holiday season also will counter some pounds. But be sure to drink a lot of water, and stay away from sodas and alcohol.

"The holiday season is a stressful time," Bastin said. "We need to drink more water and juice to prevent dehydration and help our bodies handle increased amounts of food."

Bastin said a sure way to cut back on eating too much at dinners and parties is to attend in groups.

"It is easy to not eat too much if you are having a good conversation," she said.

If you find yourself in the

kitchen for the holidays, be sure not to overextend yourself. Take advantage of local deli's turkey dinner specials and make your signature pie to personalize the meal. Borrow additional plates and utensils from family and friends to avoid washing dishes constantly.

"When we try to do too much, especially in the kitchen, and we end up eating too much," Bastin said. "Tasting foods, picking as you go by. It adds up."

Bastin also recommended leaving the food in the kitchen. After finishing the first plate, diners will be less likely to return to the kitchen for a second plate and will not have the urge to pick at a plate directly in front of them.

Properly preparing a meal also is vital to a happy holiday season. Tips on proper preparation include:

- Defrost turkeys in the refrigerator, allowing 24 hours for each 5 pounds.
- Cook fresh turkeys within two days.

- Mix stuffing before it is placed in the turkey. Never place a stuffed turkey in the refrigerator.

- Cook turkey to 325 degrees, and use a thermometer to be sure the temperature in the thigh reaches 180 degrees and the stuffing 165 degrees. Be sure not to hit bone, as this will skew the reading.

- Research shows pop-up devices in turkeys are mostly accurate in birds under 20 pounds. If your bird is larger, use another method to determine doneness of the bird.

- Ham should reach in internal temperature of 140 degrees.

- No food should be left out at room temperature for more than two hours. When reheating, food should reach 165 degrees. To allow it to properly cool, meats should be taken off the bone.

- Leftovers should be used within four days after cooking; stuffing and gravy should be used within one day.

- Wild game should be cooked as soon as possible at an internal temperature of 170 degrees or frozen for at least 20 days to kill harmful bacteria.

For more information or other questions, contact the USDA meat and poultry hotline at 1-800-535-4555, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST.



Robertson reunion

The family of Branch and May Robertson, formerly of Lackey, held their family reunion on October 2, at Dewey Dam. The Robertson children and their families who were in attendance were Bernice Hayes, Anderson, Indiana; Denver Robertson, Lexington; America Nichols and Gladys Boling, both of Lackey; Joanne Knowles, Scioto, Ohio; and Reed Robertson, Boots Daniels, Yvonne Anderson, Jan Robertson, Stanton Robertson, and Mary Lou VanHoose, all of Waverly, Ohio. More than 100 friends and relatives attended the reunion.

## Baby boomers help boost escorted tour market

(NUE) — As they have in other areas of the economy, today's baby boomers are influencing the way people travel. The 50-and-over segment of the population still likes the traditional escorted tour, but they want more than just sightseeing.

Today's baby boomers want more flexibility and free time to really experience the places they visit. The National Tour Association (NTA) is calling this new trend "lifeseeing": allowing travelers an opportunity to meet the people and soak up the culture for a truly authentic experience.

Escorted tour companies, such as Rhode Island-based Collette Tours, have taken notice of the trend and have created itineraries to meet the changing needs.

For example, Collette has added tours that fall into what's called "Hub & Spoke" tours. These are full-length escorted tours that incorporate longer hotel stays in one or two locations and "spoke" out to nearby attractions. At the end of the day, travelers return to their hotel instead of moving on to another venue.

Traditional escorted tours move at a quick pace with a one- or two-night stay in each hotel, a popular format for many since it enables them to cover more ground and see more than they could if they planned their trip themselves.

For those who prefer to unpack and stay a while, the "Hub & Spoke" concept is more to their liking.

One of the oldest and largest escort-tour operators in North America, Collette takes travelers to the four corners of the world, from the Australian Outback to scenic New England. Collette has a team of product managers who create and change itineraries to meet consumer demands and to ensure that travelers enjoy a vacation experience, not just a trip.

On a moonlit beach in Melbourne, Australia, for instance, hundreds of penguins can be seen waddling out of the dark waters, heading for their burrows in the dunes, a spectacle that has occurred for thousands of years. Collette makes sure you don't miss this experience because they include it in the price of the tour.

Costa Rica is another destination that

Collette offers in a "Hub & Spoke" format. The eight-day tour features a three-night stay at the luxurious Melia Resorts in both San Jose and Guanacaste.

In Guanacaste, travelers stay at the Melia Playa Conchal where they enjoy two days of leisure to relax on the sprawling 900 landscaped acres located on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Complete with an 18 hole, Robert Trent Jones II golf course, this resort is the epitome of luxury.

Soft adventure activities include a soft water rafting ride on the Corobici River, and a rain forest aerial tram ride in Braulio Carrillo National Park. Optional day excursions to the Santa Rosa or Palo Verde National Parks are available.

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To learn more, call 1-888-344-5576 or write Collette Tours, 162 Middle St., Pawtucket, RI 02860, or visit their Web site at [www.collette-tours.com](http://www.collette-tours.com).

## Accessorize your way to a million-dollar look

(NUE) - 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.

## Clearcut: Not the monster we expected

This is a test. It's a word association. What images or feelings come to mind when you read this word: clearcut? For most of the landowners I work with, this is not a word they want anywhere near their property. With all the bad publicity that clearcuts have gotten over the years, it's easy to understand why people think negatively about them.

Many landowners, then, are quite surprised if we recommend a clearcut in their forest. After all, isn't it our job to protect the forest resource? Aren't we supposed to teach the landowners how to improve the health and value of the timber they own? The answer to both of these questions is an enthusiastic yes. And in order to do this to the best of our ability, clearcuts sometimes need to be recommended.

A clearcut is an excellent forest management tool if done properly.

(The emphasis is on the done properly and the problems arise when this done properly is ignored.)

Since before the turn of the century, the forests in the southeastern United States have endured a series of high-grades. A high-grade occurs when the high quality timber is harvested and the trees of lesser value are left behind.

A high-grade can also result when a diameter limit cut is practiced. This type of harvest involves cutting trees of a certain diameter and larger (16 inches, for example) and leaving the smaller trees behind. The assumption made here is that the smaller trees are younger and will become good sawtimber in a few years. Unfortunately, though, the smaller trees are often the same age as the larger ones, so what's left behind after a diameter limit cut is a forest

of stunted trees.

Either of these two high-grade methods generally led to a forest that will never produce the same quality of timber as was present in the original stand, unless the slate is wiped clean and the forest is started from scratch. Clearcutting is the foresters' method of wiping the slate clean.

Sadly, a typical forest in East Kentucky is made up of poorly-formed trees, stunted trees, fire-scarred trees and low-value tree species. A properly planned clearcut can begin to reverse the processes that have led to this poor condition.

Most of the time, a clearcut is beneficial to the health of the East Kentucky forest. Bear in mind, though, that several factors should be considered to optimize its effectiveness. It might be necessary to put some forest management techniques into play a few years prior to the harvest so that the more valuable species will have a competitive edge when the forest canopy is removed. Furthermore, timing of the cut, layout of the harvest roads and so forth should all be planned to get the best possible results.

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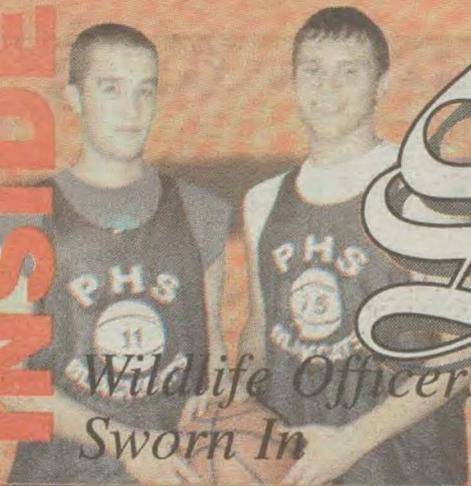
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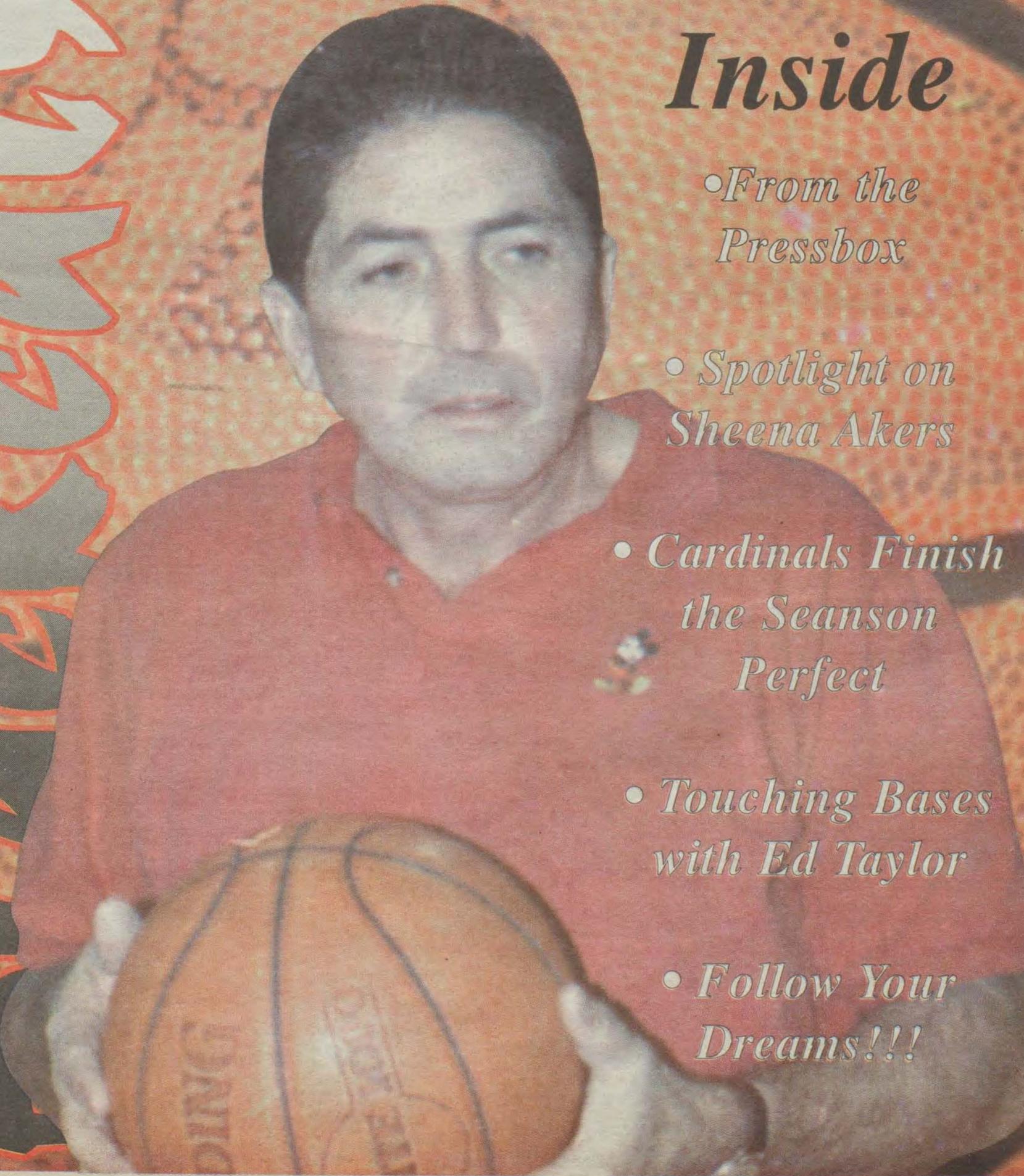
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## From the Pressbox...

# Media set for long basketball campaign

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The pressbox!

There's not much room in one around the gymnasiums we have in Floyd County, but at least what is there is being used.

This high school basketball season promises to be a good one around the 15th Region, both boys and girls.

So, it is that time of year to get the schedules out, make plans and look for a long season in coverage of

high school basketball.

WQHY-FM will air regional games this season with Rick Hughes, Don Compton, and at times, Randy Tincher behind the mike.

Hughes and Compton, along with Bobby Hackworth, joined forces and produced the state tournament over the local station. This year they will cover the entire 15th Region through the airwaves.

The good folks at WPRG-TV and the Double

X will air regional games and will include both boys and girls games.

"We haven't got our schedule completed yet," said Wanda Hatfield, advertising director for WPRG, "and we have about 32 games scheduled so far."

Linda James, director of LJ Productions, said her station would carry some Prestonsburg games.

"We will do some of the boys and girls games," she said. "I really haven't seen a basketball yet, but we defi-

nately plan to carry some games."

James will air games on a tape delay basis over CableVision here in Prestonsburg.

WPRG will team with the Double X in Harold with most games simulcast over WXLN/WXKZ and on a tape delay basis on channel five.

"We will do both girls and boys games," said Hatfield at WPRG. "We will do girls' games on Monday night and boys' on both Tuesdays and Fridays."

WPRG will cover the entire region with Barry Boyd, Ken Hall, P.D. Gearheart, Adam Gearheart, Danny Vanhooose and Pete Grigsby Jr. doing the play by play.

"We really, right now, don't know how much P.D., Adam and Pete will do this year. We are still trying to finalize things," said Hatfield.

"I know that I will have a crew," said Boyd, "but who they will be I don't know right now."

At Q-95, Hughes said the local station will air most of the top games in the region.

"We are looking forward to the season," he said.

"There are going to be some top games and it should be a good year for high school basketball."

WSIP in Paintsville is the self-proclaimed number one sports station in the area and will have games every night of the week, according to Sports Director Spike Berkhiemer.

"We take pride in being a strong sports station," he said. "When you get out and get involved in the community and with youth, it has to help your station."

Berkhiemer said WSIP will air not only high school games but college as well.

"We will carry Kentucky games and the Big Blue Line," said Berkhiemer "We have 10 girls games scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday nights. We want to give good coverage to the area teams."

WSIP will air Marshall University basketball on the AM station and four games will be carried over FM.

"We have J.R. Vanhooose and the Thundering Herd on air," said the station manager. "It seems we have some sport show every night."

Berkhiemer said Sheldon Clark basketball will be aired on a delay basis over

the FM part, with Johnson Central games on the FM station live.

"We will carry the Paintsville games over AM, but looking at our schedule, Paintsville will end up having about 12 games over FM and Sheldon Clark about eight live games."

WSIP will air the football playoffs this Friday night, again it will be Sheldon Clark on delay, while the Paintsville/Williamsburg game will be on AM, Johnson Central/Madison Central on FM.

For those who think all this is easy and glamorous, you only need to be part of the process that it takes to put a program on. There is set-up time, hoping the phone lines are there, and if they are there, that they work.

A lot of work goes into setting all this up. You know when you listen to these announcers how nice and informative they sound. Behind the scenes, the frustration often shows, but they are professionals and dedicated men who put forth a strong effort to provide the best of coverage of local teams.



SOUTH FLOYD ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DAN COLLINS carried refreshments to football officials on the last game of the regular season at South Floyd. The AD job is more than just an office job. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Thirteen wildlife and boating officers to be sworn in

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) will swear in 13 wildlife and boating officers on Friday, November 5, at 11 a.m. in the Dr. James C. Salato Wildlife Education Center, Frankfort.

The cadets attended 16 weeks of Basic Law Enforcement at the Department of Criminal Justice Training at Eastern Kentucky University and six weeks of Fish and Wildlife specialized training. On Friday, November 5, they will take the oath of office and receive their certificates and commissions as Kentucky wildlife and boating officers.

Following is a list of the cadet-officers and the county they will work: Richard Adkins, Jackson;

Marcus Bowling, Todd; Stacey Bryant, Clay; James Heady, Warren; Raymond Lawson, Bell; A.J. Mullins, Boone; James Nason, Hopkins; Patrick Payton, Breckinridge; Charles Phillips, Campbell; Homer Pigman, Owsley; Ronnie Reynolds, Metcalfe; William Snow, Marshall; Gregg Watts, Wolfe. Directions to the Dr. James C. Salato Wildlife Education Center:

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# Betsy Layne will look to Shenna Akers for leadership

By Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The Betsy Layne High School Lady Bobcats are hoping for a better season this year — and if Shenna Akers has anything to do with it, this will be a better season.

Akers is one of the two seniors on the team. Heather Hamilton is the other Lady Bobcat senior.

The combination of those two plus the leadership of Coach Cassandra Akers should prove dynamic for the Bobcats.

Coach Akers is in her second year as head coach of the Lady Bobcats, and she is very excited about her team.

"I think we will do very

well this year. I have a young team, but a very talented team. I am just really excited about this team."

Shenna is very optimistic about the upcoming basketball season.

"I think we are going to be very good this season. We have a great shot at the district and a good shot at the regional title. We have a very young team, and I guess we will just have to wait and see, but I think we will be all right," says Akers.

The Bobcats will be looking to Shenna Akers for leadership this year. "Shenna is a leader on the team. She always has a good attitude and plays with a lot of heart. Shenna is just a joy to coach," said coach Akers.

"Shenna gives the Bobcats a lot of strength in the inside. She is very good at rebounding, and we will be going to her often this season in the inside," the coach added.

Shenna thinks that the Bobcats have a lot of key players.

"Jenny Parsons will be a big player for us this year. She can take it inside or shoot from the outside. Jenny can do anything that needs to be done," the Lady Bobcat added.

The other leader on the team is Heather Hamilton.

"Heather and I have played basketball together since the fourth grade. We know how each other thinks on the ball court. Heather is very good with the outside

shot and will contribute a great deal to our team this year."

The Betsy Layne Bobcats are a young team, but they are a team with depth.

"We have several young players who will see a lot of time on the court, but we also have older players that we can go to on the bench. We have some very good sophomores.

Devon Reynolds is a very talented basketball player who can get the ball up and down the floor against the tough defense. We also have an eighth grader, Whitney Lykens, who will help us out a lot this year.

"Whitney is a very good player. She knows the floor and has the mind to play basketball. She will really help us out this year," says

the senior center.

Shenna is a very active athlete. When basketball season is over, Shenna will begin to practice for softball.

"I have played basketball since I was in the fourth grade. I played at John M. Stumbo and then in the seventh grade, I played on the junior varsity team at Betsy Layne. In the eighth grade, I played on the varsity. I also play softball. This will be my fourth year on the softball team.

"I enjoy softball and basketball. I played volleyball last year, but I was afraid to play this year due to an ankle injury. I am scheduled to have surgery at the end of basketball season, and I didn't want to take a chance on hurting it before the basketball season began," com-

mented Shenna.

The opening of the girls' high school basketball season is just around the corner. The annual blue-white games were held on Friday night at Betsy Layne. The Lady Bobcats will participate in the Johnson Central panorama on November 20 and will host their own panorama on the following Saturday with the regular season beginning the first week in December.

"I think we will surprise a lot of people this year in the district and in the region. I really hope we have a winning season. This is my senior year, and I am going to play my very best. I think we will be at the regional tournament come March and, hopefully, the state," the Bobcat senior said.



*Shenna Akers*

## Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles Basketball 1999/2000 Pre-season

Alice Lloyd Lady Eagles plan to use senior leadership and experience to challenge the Tennessee, Virginia Athletic Conference for the conference title.

Coming off a 16-17 season, the Lady Eagles plan to up the level of play after the loss of only one senior. The Lady Eagles are ranked sixth in pre-season poll in the T.V.A.C.

Head Coach Denise Campbell is very confident about the season as she leads 10 returning players and four freshmen on a mission in the new millennium.

The Lady Eagles return four starters, including All-Conference player Karrah Sampson (12.4 ppg and 114 assists), Nola Jackson (5.2 ppg and averaged 4.3 rebs. pg), Dena Smith (7.0 ppg and 53 steals), and Stephanie Edwards (averaged 10.5 ppg).

Newcomers Necha Combs, Melissa Anderson (Whitesburg High School), Janie

Oliver (Breathitt Co. High School), and Amanda Hall (Betsy Layne High School) will enhance the tempo for the Lady Eagles and strengthen the level of play on the perimeter and in the paint.

The Lady Eagles open with a road series, beginning with Transylvania University on November 5. The following weekend the Lady Eagles travel to Pikeville College. Looking to defend their title in the Rax Invitational Tournament during the Christmas break, the team continues playing and will focus on January.

Conference play fires up in January and the Lady Eagles plan to use strong senior leadership and experience, and earn the team their first trip to the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa.

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## Jury's in on Boss, Rose

by Dave Kindred

Two questions: 1) The Yankees, how good are they? 2) Pete Rose, how bad is he?

First, the Yankees . . .

To find another team as professional, as sound, as overpowering, as brilliant in every little bit of the craft, need we go back to the

Big Red Machine? The Oakland A's of the early 1970s? This much we know: These Yankees left Atlanta in ashes, again, and now can be measured best by standing them against themselves. And it says here that these

Yankees are better than the '98 Yankees who won more games than any other team ever.

What these Yankees did, stretching a World Series winning streak to 12 games, had never been done.

A team for the ages, these Yankees, and if those words make your hair hurt, join the club. For much of three decades, there was reason to wish the Yankees ill. That reason was the presence of the Cleveland ship-builder, George Steinbrenner, who in 1973 bought the Yankees from CBS television

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# Rose

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folks eager to escape the wreckage they'd created.

Steinbrenner imagined himself as Caesar or Patton or, for heaven's sake, as he confirmed by posing astraddle a pale horse, Napoleon.

Success came so quickly he might well have posed next as Elvis, except that, all eaten up with egomania, the Yankees collapsed in the 1980s. Oh, the joy of it.

But then a very strange thing happened. I missed the damned Yankees. And in 1996 Steinbrenner hired Joe Torre as his manager. This was egomania hiring humility. This was good. A reasonable person then could root for the Yankees. Even that very season, the Yankees came to reflect Torre's personality. "George asked me

once, 'Can we go 162-0?'" Torre said. With a smile: "He was kidding. I think."

Three world championships in four seasons, and now Steinbrenner is a teddy bear. He had the Series trophy in his hands when he said, "We did this for New York." And if Caesar never cried, if Patton never cried, let it be recorded that Steinbrenner's voice cracked and his eyes got all sparkly/teary in the television lights, and if he keeps this up, there will come a day, in honor of his resurrection of the Yankee dynasty, when Steinbrenner is elected to the Hall of Fame.

Which brings us to Pete Rose...

Let's begin with the famously buck-skinned trial

lawyer Gerry Spence.

He believes in the wisdom of a jury. He says 12 people with the life experience of schoolteachers and janitors and truck drivers and farmers have a collective intelligence that "would put to shame the pinched-up brain-stuff that so enralls those who have a paper hanging on the wall announcing to the world that they are lawyers."

What, then, should we make of the decision reached by 50,000 jurors, who looked upon Pete Rose before Game 2 of the World Series and declared him to be a hero worthy of clamorous celebration?

What to make of the outrage expressed by television viewers who saw an NBC

Sports reporter ask Rose a series of prosecutorial questions based on the assumption that Rose has been lying about betting on baseball and that he ought, right now right here, confess his sins and get on with his life?

The Gerry Spence answer to those questions would be that the jury of baseball fans, exercising their collective wisdom, has decided that whatever Pete Rose did is an offense to be forgiven if not forgotten.

Since the August day 10 years ago when the righteous commissioner Bart Giamatti cast Rose into baseball's outer darkness, I've believed that baseball fans as a whole feel Rose has been mistreated. Public opinion surveys show as much. But major

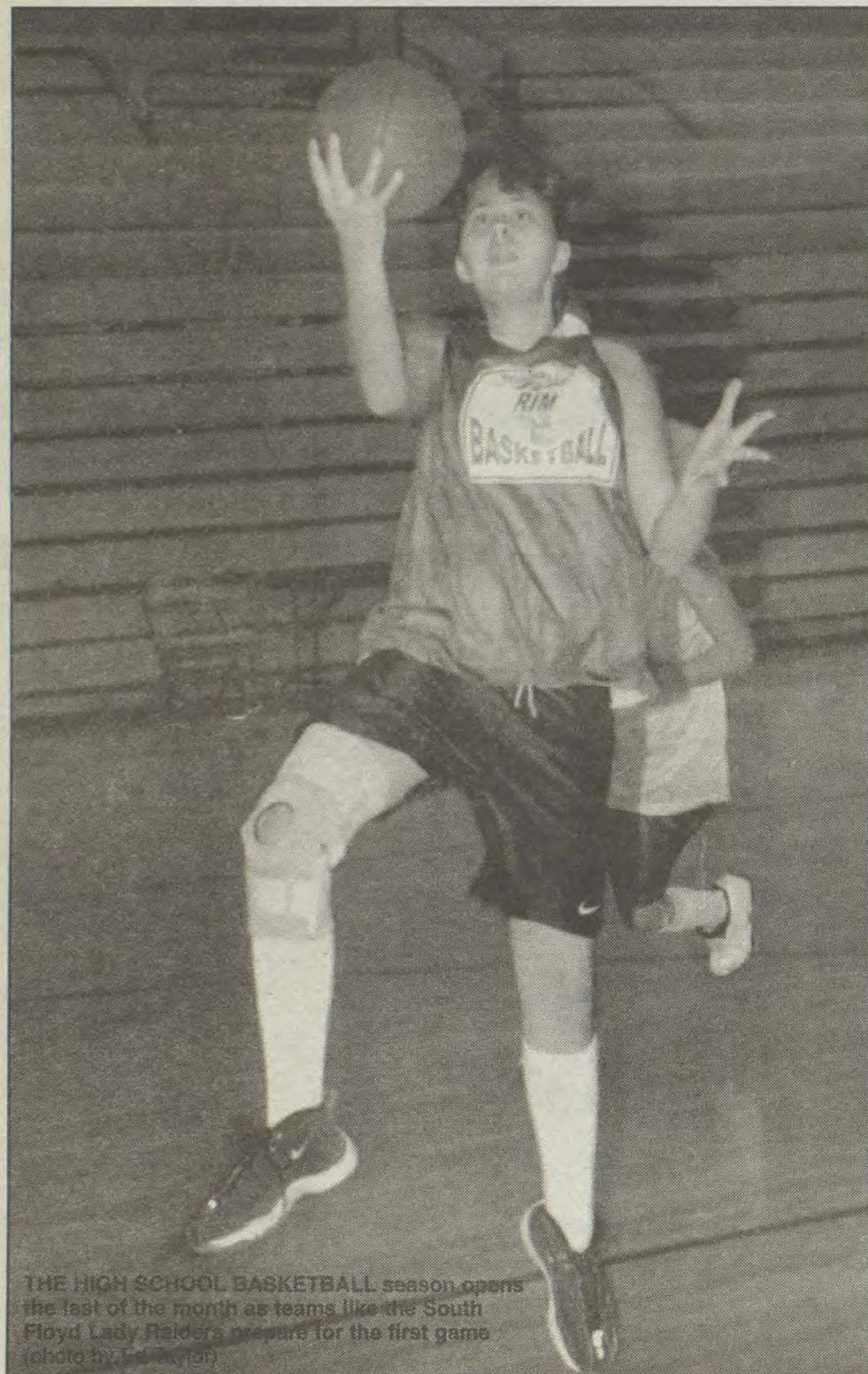
league baseball's leaders choose to ignore the public's opinion. When asked about the enthusiastic ovation given Rose on his introduction as a member of the All-Century team (another jury decision), baseball commissioner Bud Selig dismissed the celebration as irrelevant to any discussion of Rose's place in the game.

One here might ask, "Why not?" Maybe the collective wisdom of 50,000 jurors interested enough to be at a World Series game is worth some study. What, for instance, do those jurors know that baseball doesn't?

Maybe they know, from their life experiences, that Rose didn't get a fair hearing from a commissioner whose actions indicated he had pre-

judged Rose's case. Maybe they know the evidence against Rose is so tainted it would never stand up in a real trial; so they dismiss it. Maybe they feel certain Rose bet on games, but they know he denies it and they also know he has never been accused of betting against his team.

So, maybe they think the punishment far exceeds the transgression, if transgression there be. And they certainly know that the America of 1999, with the government's betting parlors on every street corner, is not the America of 1919 when gambling was a sure ticket to hell.



THE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL season opens the last of the month as teams like the South Floyd Lady Raiders prepare for the first game (photo by Ed Taylor)

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13	WARREN WILSON	HOME	4:00
16	JOHNSON BIBLE COLLEGE	HOME	6:30
18	PIKEVILLE COLLEGE	AWAY	7:30
20	BRYAN COLLEGE	HOME	4:00
23	BLUE FIELD	AWAY	7:30
30	MONTREAT-ANDERSON	HOME	7:30
DECEMBER			
4	TENNESSEE WESLEYAN	AWAY	4:00
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# Sports In Perspective

by Dennis Harrington

One of the most famous props in all of sporting history is a cigar. The one that belongs to Arnold "Red" Auerbach.

Some years ago the rusty tint to Auerbach's hair gave way to a bleached thatch, which steadily lost the battle with naked flesh until now it comprises just a snowy fringe that embraces the ears.

But the cigar yet remains. A stogie of thick prominence that fronts the face at a still provocative jut.

"I always smoked cigars," he said with a chuckle. "But I had never lit up while I was coaching. That is not until we were playing Philadelphia one night. We had something like a 30 or 40 point lead. So I was feel-

ing kind of relaxed and just took out a cigar and smoked it. Right away, the sportswriters began talking about the victory cigar. From that point on I decided to stay with it."

Auerbach, now 81, savored an outsize and pungent cigar, the extremities of his generous lips curled in an impish grin.

"Not everybody on the (Boston) Celtics appreciated me lighting up," he said. "But I kept at it because of the effect on the other teams in the league."

Frank Ramsey, a premier Celtics swing man, definitely didn't like the ritual.

"I'd see Red take out that cigar and I'd cringe," he recalled. "And I'd say, 'Not yet. Not yet.' He'd just shake his head and say, 'Naw, we got this one.' Then I'd say, 'But what if

we lose?' He'd give a wave of his hand and say, 'We're not gonna lose.' I never liked it."

Bob Cousy, Boston's Hall of Fame playmaking guard, couldn't agree more.

"That cigar thing bothered me," he said of late. "Everybody thought we (Celtics) approved when Arnold lit up. Only it was just the opposite. We all hated to see him take out that cigar. But he didn't care. And the thing was he never got burned. Not once did we blow a game after he lit up."

Added Ramsey, "On the road that cigar would really infuriate the home team fans, and they'd give it to us big time."

John Havlicek, a great scorer and rebounder for the Celtics, said, "In the early days of the National

Basketball Association, coaches were allowed to smoke cigarettes during a game. The first time Red lit up a cigar he got a call from the commissioner (of the league). He was going to fine Red for smoking on the bench, Red reminded him that all the coaches smoked on the bench. But the commissioner figured a cigar was taking things a bit too far. Red kept right on lighting up and never did draw a fine."

Members of the Celtics' loyal opposition did a slow burn at the sight of Auerbach with a stogie in his mouth.

Richie Guerin, the New York Knicks' backcourt ace, said, "When Red lit up that cigar it was like he blew smoke in your face. It was almost as if he had made himself the focal

point of the game, stealing the spotlight from the players."

One-time Syracuse Nats and St. Louis Hawks head coach Paul Seymour expressed his sentiments in more graphic terms.

"I always wanted to see the Celtics lose a game after Red had lit up that cigar," he said. "I would have gone over to the Boston bench and stuffed it right in his face."

Equally vocal was Alex Hannum, also a coaching contemporary of Auerbach.

"My biggest wish was to shove that cigar down Red's throat," he said.

Nate Thurmond, a stand-out pivot man for the Golden State Warriors, was less vindictive.

"Personally, I like Red Auerbach," he said. "But that cigar, it didn't show

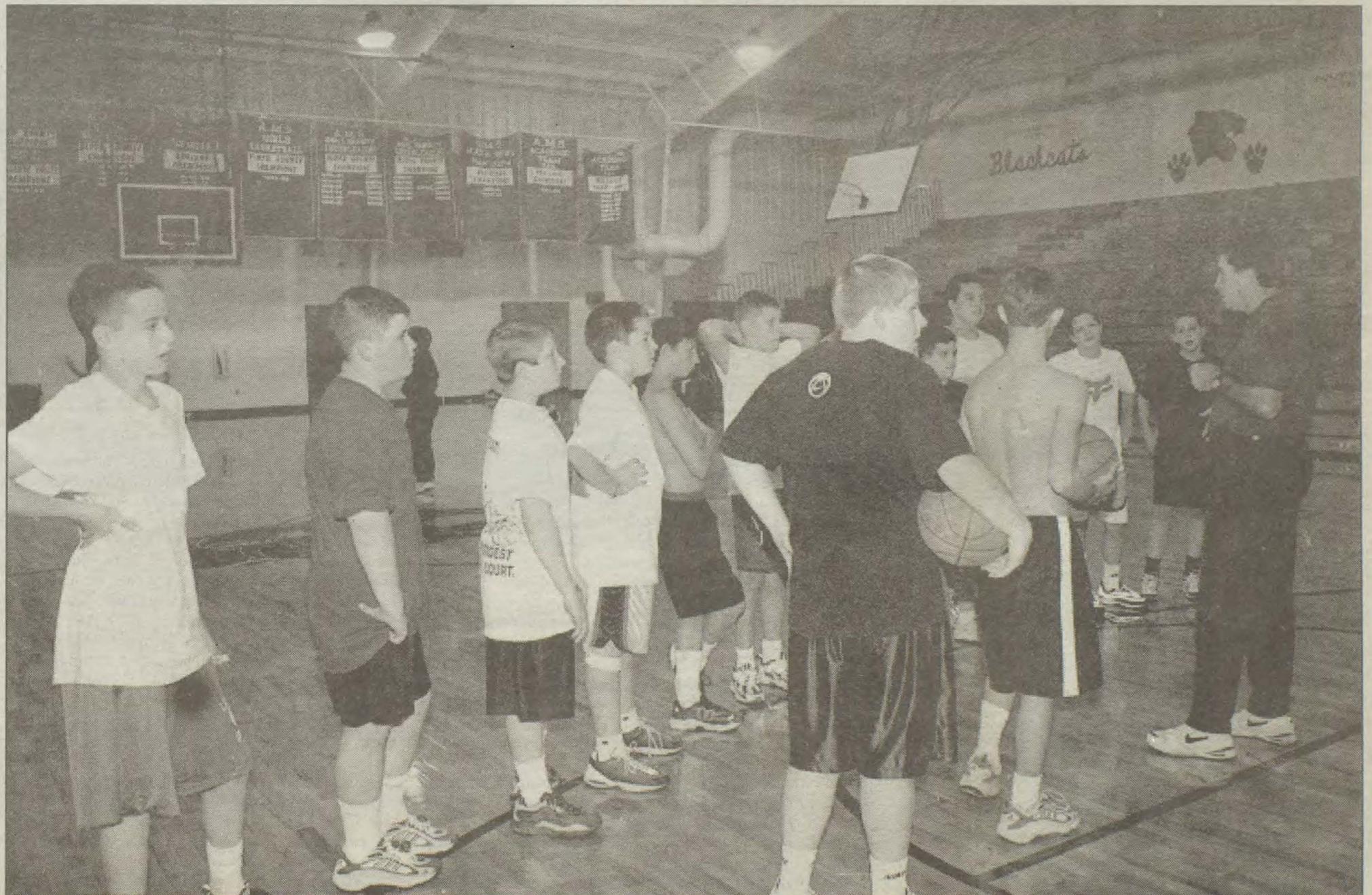
much class."

Observed former Philadelphia ace Tom Meschery, "Red was like a vaudeville character and the cigar was his shtick. Boston Garden was the perfect setting for him, full of cigar smoke and fans threatening to kick your butt."

After Auerbach had left the bench for the Celtics front office a winter storm provided him with one more chance to smoke a victory cigar.

Remember erstwhile Celtics center Wayne Embry, "Bill Russell was coaching then and a heavy snow kept him from getting to a home game. So Red came down from the stands and took his place. We won and he lit up one last time."

Auerbach still smiles about that one-with a cigar in hand.



COACH CHARLIE COLLINS gave instructions to his ballclub just before practice last Wednesday evening. The grade school basketball season begins this week (photo by Ed Taylor)

# FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS



by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Dreams! What you want to do in life and with life. We all have them. A young couple may dream of a home or the beginning of their family. A new adventure in life. Life is full of many dreams, but those who have big dreams live only to find that tragedy can sometimes spoil those dreams or caused them to disappear all together.

Donna Thompson and Linda Holbrook emphasized that tragedy does not have to detour one from their dreams but when adversity comes, just pick yourself up and continue to "follow your dream!"

That was the theme and encouragement fans, who filled the old Wheelwright Gym Thursday night, found when a dedication celebration was held with many local dignitaries on hand.

The old Wheelwright gym never looked so good, even when it was used for the Wheelwright Trojan basketball team.

"The whole idea came about through the idea of Donna Thompson and Linda Holbrook," explained Osborne Elementary Principal Paul David Tackett. "The 'rainbow' on the gym wall was in dedication to Linda's son, Brandon, she lost several years ago. She wanted to state 'You can follow your dreams even when something tragic happens.'"

The Floyd County Fiscal Court renovated the gym and leased the facility to the board of education, according to Tackett.

"We (board of education) have a 25-year-lease on the gym through the fiscal court," he said. "They are renovating the downstairs area for community use.

Judge Paul Hunt Thompson has been cooperating with the board of education in order for all this to come about."

Wheelwright Mayor Marlee Samons and Roger Webb (Floyd County Jailer) had some inmates from the county facility and inmates from the correctional facility help with the work.

"We really appreciate all the inmates who helped with the project," said Tackett. "I think Rob Wohlford and Brian Bowling did the painting."

The painting included a blue sky on all the walls that feature clouds and soaring eagles. The bottom part of the wall was a darker blue and set the gym off. The gym floor was stripped to the wood with the old maroon that had been part so long, and

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# Our Dream



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# Dreams

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the floor refinished.

Webb, said the hard work and cost was worth the new look.

"The gym looks very good," he said. "It took a lot of hard work to get it where it is now. A lot of people put a lot of work into this. It is a very impressive facility.

"Anyone, like myself, who played basketball here, realizes what kind of shape it was really in. It is good that a lot of people came in and did a lot of work on it."

Perry Jones, who has been a big part of the old gym for many years, said it was a great achievement.

"I think it is a very nice facility to come back to," said Jones. "I have been

around the gym all my life, and it is a very nice place to come back to. It is just an outstanding facility for the kids to play basketball in."

The school spirit was evident in the packed gymnasium at Osborne Elementary, but Tackett said the parents and fans have been very supportive.

"We have a lot of school spirit at Osborne," he said. "This whole area comes out in droves to watch their children play basketball. They support the school and the team. They always acted very nice to the fans. We try to treat everyone as nice as possible. Now we have an excellent facility for the kids to play basketball."

Osborne Elementary will be in its third season of fifth and sixth grade basketball, something Roger Johnson started when Osborne and Melvin grade students consolidated into South Floyd Middle School.

"The gym looked great when you think we came close to losing the place," said Johnson. "It was good to see, and I think it was appropriate, that our neighbor, McDowell, was there to play the first game.

"I have said this before and I still say it is the best floor in Floyd County. We are proud of it. It also got the community of Wheelwright involved. People are excited. The

mayor, Marlee (Samons) did the PA work for us.

"I enjoyed watching Nikki (Mullins) coach her first game. I enjoy watching all young coaches."

The first game won on the new floor was taken by the McDowell girls' fifth and sixth grade team. Their coach: Nikki Mullins, a former McDowell Lady Daredevil.

"The gym looks real good," she said. "It looks better than when we used to play here."

Mullins teaches first grade at McDowell, as well as coaching the girls' basketball team.

"I'm still at home. McDowell is where my

heart is. That's where I hope to stay," said Mullins.

Mullins said entering the high school coaching ranks is not her dream right now, but it could happen some day.

"I'm satisfied where I am. I just want to stay here and coach these girls," she said.

Mullins was a mirror of former McDowell coach, Cassandra (Keathley) Akers, who used to roam the sidelines coaching her players. Mullins played under Coach Akers at McDowell.

The old Wheelwright gym is full of memories of some great basketball players who came through the doors. Players like Jeff

Riley, Bruce Belcher and many, many others.

"There are a lot of memories in this old gym," said Tackett. "If you noticed when you came into the entrance and up the stairs, there are names of all the Wheelwright alumni on the wall."

Follow your dream! Don't let anyone, anything, or even tragedy keep you from achieving what you have set out to do. That is the message when you enter the old Wheelwright High School gym. Memories will always live on. Brandon Holbrook is one of those who will always be remembered for the smile he had for everyone.



## Drill time

Three South Floyd Lady Raider basketball players take their turn at running drills during practice last Tuesday. The Lady Raiders will be a much improved team this year. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Parsons will be back for the Lady Bobcats, Stronger than Ever

by: Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The girls varsity basketball team at Betsy Layne had a short season last year losing in the district to Prestonsburg. They finished with a 11-16 season. But look for a different team this year. Coach Cassandra Akers is in her second year behind the reigns of the Bobcats. And the Bobcats have improved so much since last year. One of the bright spots on the Bobcats basketball team this year will be Jenny Parsons.

Jenny is a junior this year at Betsy Layne, and was one of the star players last year for the Bobcats. Jenny led most statistics last year for the Bobcats and was only a sophomore. She was the leading scorer and the lead-

ing rebounder and led in assists. Coach Akers expects Jenny to lead most statistics this year as well.

"Jenny is a very coachable player. She can do anything that needs to be done. She is a team leader," says Jenny's coach.

Jenny has played basketball since she was in sixth grade. She played basketball at John M. Stumbo Elementary and also played on the high school team when she was in the eighth grade.

Jenny says she is "looking forward to this year. I think we will have a very good team. We have a lot of young players, but they are good young players. We only have two seniors on our team, so we should have a very good team next year as well. I think we will do very well

this year because everyone is wanting to win."

Jenny enjoys playing basketball.

"I have always liked basketball. I am going to play softball this year. I haven't played in the past, but I am going to this year. But my first love is basketball."

Jenny says the Bobcats had a very successful summer.

"We attended a camp at Sheldon Clark and finished in first place. We also attended a week-long camp at Transylvania this summer, and I think this camp helped us a great deal".

Jenny and Devon Reynolds attended a camp in Tennessee this summer for individual skills.

Coach Akers is excited about this year.

"I have a lot of good girls.

They can play basketball, plus they are great kids. They have worked hard all summer and they really get along. I can coach them, not discipline them. And this makes a big difference in coaching. If you have to spend most of your time disciplining, there is very little time left for coaching," says the Bobcat coach.

It is a sister duo at Betsy Layne. Coach Akers' sister, Raquel Lawson is the assistant coach for the Lady Bobcats. She coaches the junior varsity and the freshman team.

"This is Raquel's first year as my assistant, and I

am looking forward to coaching beside her," says, Coach Akers.

Jenny Parsons is not only a great basketball player, but she also maintains a 4.172 grade point average at Betsy Layne High School. "I take my academics very seriously," says Parsons.

Jenny thinks that they will make it to the regional tournament, hopefully even the state this year.

"I think Prestonsburg will be our strongest competition in the county this year, but don't ever count Allen Central and South Floyd out. Allen Central only lost one senior last year, and they

should be strong this year," says Jenny.

The Bobcats, along with all other basketball teams have been practicing since October 15. The Bobcats will participate in a panorama at Johnson Central on the November 20. Betsy Layne will host its own panorama the following Saturday at Betsy Layne.

During this girls basketball season, expect to see some very good basketball games among the county teams and, hopefully, we will have a county team make it to the state tournament. And, if it goes Jenny Parsons' way, it will be Betsy Layne.

## Touching Bases

# Thanks to county officials and others

By Ed Taylor

A few days ago I received a phone call from Roger Johnson, Osborne Elementary, and later in the week an invitation to attend the dedication ceremony of the Wheelwright gym.

Now the old gym has been around for many, many basketball seasons and has seen bunches of great basketball players enter the doorway.

So, I picked myself up and got in my old Bronco and headed toward Wheelwright, where some of the greatest people in Floyd County reside. I suppose the main attraction was a fifth and sixth grade basketball game between Osborne and McDowell Elementary. Some would think, "No big deal!"

But for the folks up Left Beaver, it was a big deal. You see, the place was filled with parents and kids. I mean, it was just good to see the excitement that was there. It seemed to take an eternity to play the girls game, but still the fans were cheering.

I like the atmosphere

and the way things came together. There was not one negative thing said about the evening's events and everyone seemed to wear their smiles like they needed it.

All this was made possible by the work of our County Judge/Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and the board of education. Their working together kept the old school gym intact when it appeared the facility would be lost.

Roger Johnson said, "It just shows what can be done when two organizations are working together."

The gym was painted blue and the gym floor has to be one of the best, if not the best, in Floyd County. What a place to play basketball!

I am glad the folks up Left Beaver thought of me and issued an invitation so I could share that moment with them. There are a lot of events I have attended and been part of and those events will be part of my memories when I leave this job.

I have said this before, more than once, I will

always remember a young man by the name of Brandon Holbrook, who I got to know through coverage of football and track and field. Brandon was one of the nicest young people you want to meet. He had a smile for everyone and I will always remember him for that.

It was in memory of Brandon that the gym was "decorated" the way it was. And I loved the theme: "Follow your dream!" To all the county officials, school officials, and parents who made all this possible, I think I speak for everyone — thank you. You are helping to make a difference in young boys and girls lives. You are making it possible for them to truly, "follow their dream!"

It was good to Dr. Fannin, superintendent of Floyd County schools, present at the ceremonies. I have always been one who likes to see our administrative leaders present at sporting events. I know they have a lot to do, but to take time to be in attendance, I think it is commendable.



*Jenny Parsons*

*Playoff overview...***Cardinals finished season perfect**

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There has been a lot of excitement in Inez and Martin County with the success the Cardinal football team found this year.

The Cardinals finished the regular season with an unblemished 10-0 record but their unbeaten season happened back on September 24 when coach Jim Matney and his team traveled to Lawrence County and faced one of the states top Class AA teams, the Bulldogs, who had been making life miserable for other opponents. But on this date in time, it would be the Cardinals who would make things wrong for Lawrence County with an overtime win.

If there was one game on the Cardinal schedule where Sheldon Clark was "expected" to lose, it was to Lawrence County. But with the win, a perfect season was

not impossible.

The Cardinals opened with a easy win over Knott County Central, out of Hindman and then handled Grundy (Va.) to improve to 2-0. It was on to Prestonsburg where the Cardinals would meet one of their top rivals of by-gone years.

But Prestonsburg proved no match for the powerful Cardinals as they rolled 48-6.

After an open date, the Cardinals had one team in front of them before their match up with Lawrence County. Greenup County, a district foe, would have to be considered a formidable opponent. But the Cardinals, in Matney style, put away Greenup to improve to 4-0.

Then it was the Bulldogs in a much publicized game that would bring in one of the larger crowds in Lawrence County history. The 18-12 overtime win made the Cardinals 5-0 on the season as they entered the second

half of the season, knowing that a perfect finish was possible.

Three of the last five games would be on the home turf for the Cardinals and Paul Blazer loomed as a team that could pull off the upset of the Cardinals and spoil a perfect finish.

Sheldon Clark disposed of East Carter and Pike County Central to go 7-0 on the year as excitement mounted with all Cardinal fans. Paul Blazer put the Cardinals to the test before Sheldon Clark pulled out the win and went 8-0 on the year

Wins over Magoffin County and Rowan County wrapped up the regular season for the Cardinals and now the state playoffs loomed on the horizon.

No matter the result of Friday night's state playoff game, the Cardinals have had an unexpected tremendous season and we wish them well in the future.

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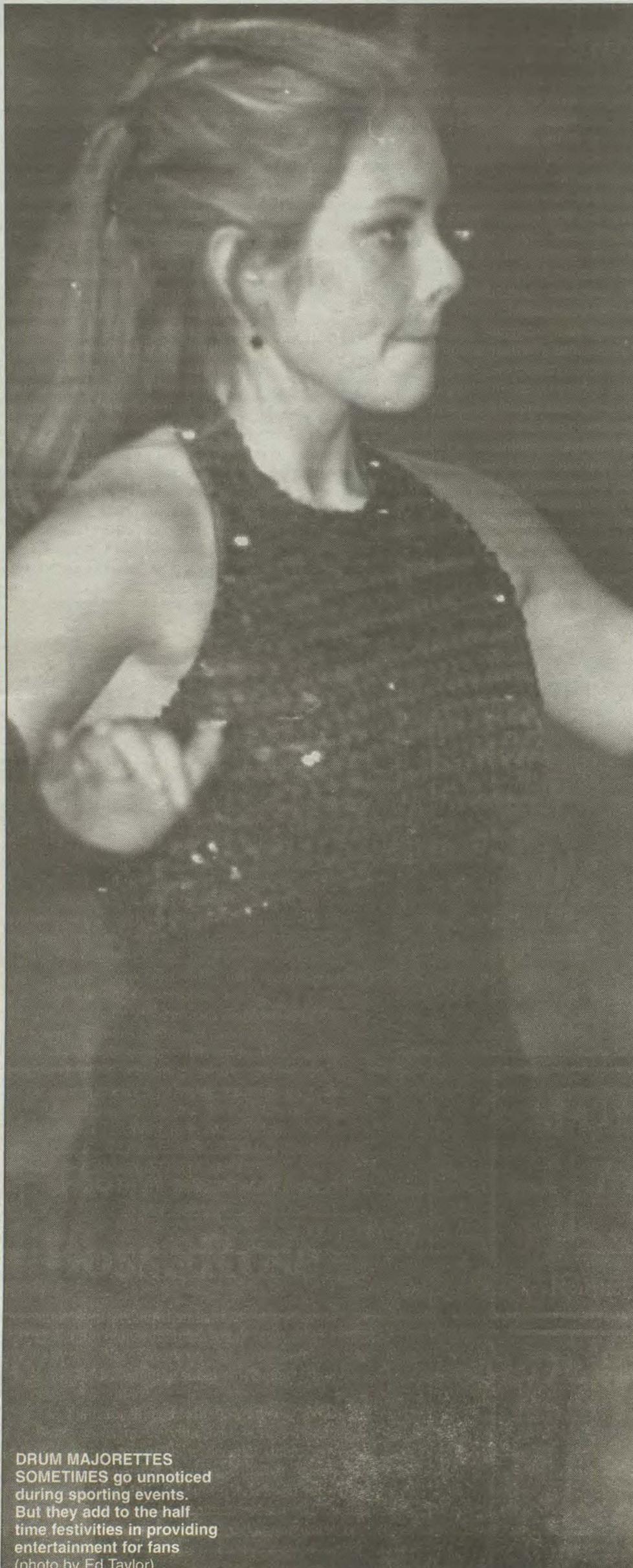
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DRUM MAJORETTES  
SOMETIMES go unnoticed during sporting events. But they add to the half time festivities in providing entertainment for fans (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Williamson: Man who brought basketball to the mountains

In 1926, Russell Williamson began a tradition in Eastern Kentucky that is still rivaled today. He is considered one of the most successful coaches in the history of Kentucky high school basketball and has been compared to the famous Adolph Rupp, coach of the Kentucky Wildcats.

During his 27 years of coaching the Inez Indians, he boasted a record of 892 wins to only 108 losses. Strange thing about Williamson, he was never hired by the Martin County board of education and was never paid for it.

His accomplishments are listed in Kentucky Sports by John McGill, which is considered to be the most comprehensive col-

lection of statistics accumulated on high school basketball. Some of his achievements included:

- Seven regional championships in an eight-year span; four in succession.

- A winning percentage of .720 in state tournament action.

- Twice went undefeated in regular season play; compiled season records against statewide competition such as 36-2, 39-1, 40-1, and 44-4.

- Won the Louisville Invitational in 1954, playing four games in less than 36 hours.

- Placed five starters on the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star team in 1941 after Inez won its first state tournament; four of these players made the state all-tournament team.

"All things considered," wrote McGill, "It was an era unmatched in the annals of Kentucky schoolboy basketball."

Williamson graduated from Morehead State University in 1927 (the university now claims him to be its first graduate). He began his teaching career in a one room school house in the Head of Stafford, which is in the western end of Martin County.

He later moved to Inez, the county seat. He brought with him two goals, with nets, and a ball. He nailed himself two backboards and began to build a dynasty. Since the school didn't have a room large enough indoors, the goals were erected outside.

"We used to rake the snow off and then carry sand from the creekbank to dry up the mud-holes," said Bob Allen, a guard on the Inez team that won the school's first 15th Region tournament in 1934 and now a retired school administrator. "We became used to practicing outside with ear muffs and gloves. It wasn't all that bad, your see, if you didn't know anything else, it was all right."

Williamson became principal of Inez High School in 1930 and during his first semester at the helm, the school became accredited. He stressed discipline, as many of his former students will testify. He never allowed horseplay and smoking wasn't allowed on school property. His players were not allowed to eat candy or drink soda pop. You couldn't buy a piece of candy in town if you played ball," Bob Allen recalled. "The merchants wouldn't sell it to you."

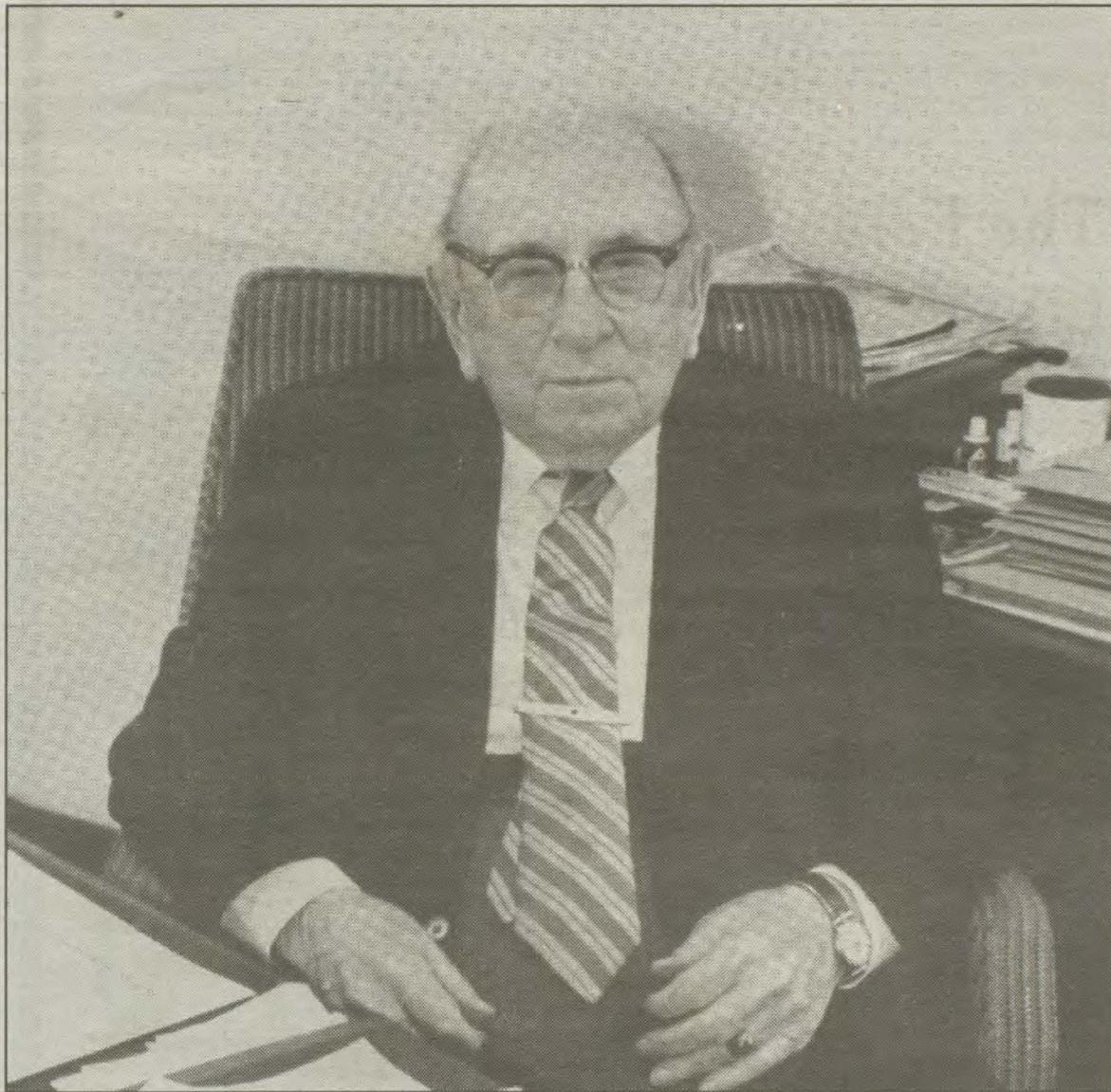
Williamson placed a big emphasis on sportsmanship. He wanted to win games, but he wanted it to be fair. Once, while playing Cannel City in Paintsville, the visiting team had only four players eligible to play because the rest had fouled out. Williamson tried to take one of his players off the floor to make it even when the referee said no. He called a time out and told one of his players to go down to a far

corner and sit down and not move. It was this kind of demonstration that has made Russell Williamson famous. In 1956, Williamson retired from coaching to turn his attention to business. He served as president of the Inez Deposit Bank until 1986. He served on various boards throughout Kentucky. He was chairman of the Big Sandy Area Development District during the late 1970s. He served as chairman of the ADD board's transportation committee, was a member of Governor Julian Carroll's legislative committee, served on the advisory board of Harry Lee Waterfield's insurance company, served as a member of the board of trustees of Highlands Regional Hospital and was a deacon in the Inez First Baptist Church. He was president of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (1955-1960) and spent 13 years on the KHSAA board of control.

In 1990, a new stretch of highway was named in his honor. The Russell Williamson By-Pass extends around the small town of Inez, keeping coal trucks and other heavy vehicles off the town streets. It was a fitting honor to a man who once made the statement, "We've got three roads leading out of Martin County and any way you go, you'll wish you had gone the other way."

Williamson passed away in 1993. His funeral was held in the gymnasium of the old Inez High School, which now stands empty except for the ghosts of many great basketball teams and fans. Since Williamson retired from sitting the bench, no school has produced a sports program that can rival the basketball times of the Inez High School. Maybe if coaches take a long hard look at the way Russell did things, they might find their programs getting stronger.

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