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Feud boils between city, firefighters

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Prestonsburg firefighters upset with recent and upcoming changes in their department have taken their quarrels public, distributing leaflets blasting the city's mayor and seeking support in their fight from citizens.

Led by Bruce W. Roberts, state president of the Kentucky Professional Fire Fighters Union, the group took their message to local doorsteps and shopping centers Saturday.

Roberts and the firefighters distributed red, holiday-themed fliers warning of "danger."

"The lights may be on in the fire station, but is anybody home to protect you?" the front of the pamphlets ask.

Inside, the fliers describe "gifts" from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin which they say have "put you in danger this Christmas." Among these are:

■ "A fire department that can't protect you," in reference to three laid-off firefighters. The flier also alleges that at times the only firefighter on duty is "an untrained part-timer."

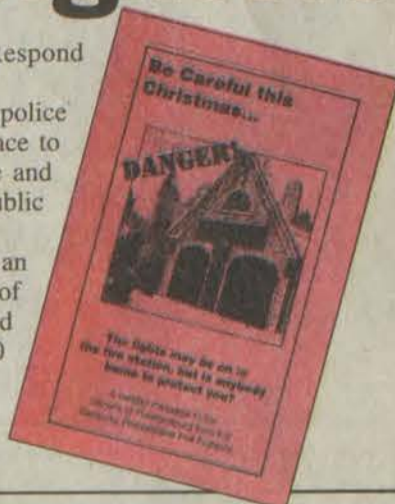
■ "Ambulance service that will cost you more," in reference to the city's decision to fold its ambulance service and award a franchise to offer ambulance ser-

vice in Prestonsburg to Respond Ambulance Service.

■ "A scheme to damage police and fire protection," in reference to city plans to merge the police and fire departments into one public safety department.

■ "Huge overtime costs," an allegation that a restructuring of the fire department has resulted in some firefighters working 80 hours a week.

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Briefs

New digital coal atlas for Kentucky released

The Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) at the University of Kentucky has released the Kentucky digital coal atlas consisting of 12 maps and charts showing original and remaining coal resources in eastern and western Kentucky for six historically important coals.

Nine of the new maps and charts pertain to resources in Eastern Kentucky and three show resources in western Kentucky. Additional maps for western Kentucky will be published in the future. The atlas is unique because it was produced using state-of-the-art computer technology for creating digital geologic maps and very detailed information about coal resources in Kentucky. The atlas will be available as computer files on a CD-ROM or as traditional paper maps.

The detailed assessment of coal resources required for the completion of the new maps and charts has been underway since 1996, with partial funding from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) as part of a national program to assess remaining coal resources available for mining.

"This work is a significant accomplishment for Kentucky and the USGS," said Bonnie McGregor, USGS Eastern Regional Director. "The digital maps provide valuable information that is accurate, unbiased, and current to decision makers in government and industry," said McGregor. "This project exemplifies the positive outcome that can arise from federal-state cooperation."

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Two Day Forecast...



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A big prize ...



photos by Pam Shingler

Tom Marsillett (right) of Prestonsburg accepts the keys to the "18 Wheels of Justice" truck from Terry Dotson, head of Worldwide Equipment, where the trucker picked up an entry blank and entered the national sweepstakes. With them is Ted Scherzinger, the Kenworth engineer who helped design the truck, which includes a navigation system, big screen TV, computer, rearview cameras, microwave and refrigerator. The truck has been featured on the TNN adventure series, "18 Wheels of Justice."

Local trucker wins supertruck in '18 Wheels of Justice' Sweepstakes

(But will it haul coal?)

by JEFF PARIETTI
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

This is a December to remember for Tom Marsillett, a truck driver from Prestonsburg. First, he became the father of a healthy 7-pound 8-ounce boy on December 6. A week later, the 28-year-old took

delivery of a very special Kenworth T2000 — winning the Kenworth "18 Wheels of Justice" Sweepstakes.

Marsillett will soon be driving the sleek, dark blue, television co-star used by actor Lucky Vanous in his role as trucker Chance Bowman in TNN's hit show, "18 Wheels of Justice."

"It doesn't get much better than this," said Marsillett, who began driving off-road heavy trucks when he was a teen-ager. "When I got the call from Kenworth, I thought it

was a joke — I thought someone was pulling a prank on me.

"They said they'd send an overnight package with all the information, but the next day, it never came. I thought to myself, 'they got me pretty good.' But then that evening I got a call from Fed Ex and they said they'd been looking for my house all day. I arranged to meet them, got the package, and then got pretty excited. I had won the '18 Wheels of Justice' truck."

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City moves ahead with police, fire merger

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The times, they are a-changin' and no one knows this better than the city fire and police departments.

A special called personnel committee meeting was held on Friday afternoon to discuss a plan to implement change within the two departments.

Coming out of executive session, Mayor Jerry Fannin announced that effective immediately, Sgt. Michael Omerod of the Prestonsburg Police Department is to be named administrator of a newly-formed Department of Public Safety. Gary Dotson has been named as assistant administrator.

Fannin said that the decision to name Omerod and Dotson as acting administrators came about due to the fact that a great deal of paperwork has to be done in order to coordinate the changeover and he could not expect the current police and fire chiefs to take on the responsibilities

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Fiscal court hears rural roads plan

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Several county roads are slated to receive attention next year as the state Transportation Cabinet submitted its list of road priorities to the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Friday.

The work is performed as part of the state's Rural Secondary Road Program, funded by 22.2 percent of the state fuel tax. Floyd County's share of the program for the 2001-2002 fiscal year is \$1,024,575.

Transportation officials presented the plan for the court's approval on Friday. The plan must now be approved by officials in Frankfort.

In addition to routine maintenance of Floyd County 126 miles of rural secondary roads, the plan calls for:

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Auxier center students get hooked up to computers

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

As you enter the doors of the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, you seem to sense that this is a place where not only adult education takes place, but that it is also a place of rejuvenation.

Perhaps that comes from the fact that the old Auxier Grade School building has been freshly painted and cleared of clutter. Perhaps also it comes from the friendly smile and exuberantly offered outstretched hand of Charlie Schafer.

Schafer, like the building itself, has been around for a few years, but, also like the aging structure, is holding up pretty well. He has a spring in his step and a joyfulness to his character that belies the graying, thinning hair atop his head.

He sends a message that it is never too late to initiate change and that it is absolutely never too late to learn something new. It is a message that is coming across loud and clear in the Auxier community; and also a message that is being heard via the internet throughout various parts of our country.

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center opened its doors on January 16, with, according to Schafer, "nothing."

Nothing but dogged determination that is.

Through determination and a desire to make a difference, the mission of the Auxier center is "finally starting to work," says Schafer. "Between the literacy training, the GED classes and the computer classes, the program is finally coming together," he went on to say.

Schafer just graduated 38 students from his "pilot" computer program. He says that the response to the program has been tremendous and that the computer classes will continue throughout the winter months at the center. An intermediate class in computers will also be offered, as well as an advanced class in computer hardware.

In the hardware class, Schafer says that students will learn to build a computer "from scratch." They will learn how to identify and install such things as "motherboards" and "memory drives."

Schafer, along with about three Prestonsburg Community College faculty members, teach the courses. He says that he has talked with another instructor who will help out during the winter sessions if his schedule so permits.

Schafer says that their goal is to enable adults in the area to become more "computer literate." He says that his courses are for those within the community who feel, for one reason or another, uncomfortable in a traditional college setting.

All students who meet the necessary requirements receive a computer to take home with them free of charge. Eligibility requirements include completion of the course and financial need. Of the 38 students who signed up for the course, 23 met approval to receive computers. Schafer says that those students with lower incomes have precedence over those with higher incomes.

According to Schafer, the computers are donated to the center and have, in most part, come from a company in Indiana. He says that through the use of inter-

net e-mail services, he has been able to correspond with individuals throughout the country who have sent, or are planning to send, donations of computers, money, and even coats.

Schafer says that the winter session will continue in January, and that along with computer and GED classes, classes focusing on crafts, sewing, photography, knitting, crochet, weight loss, line dancing and art will be taught.

In addition to the continuing education courses offered by the center, Schafer is also working in conjunction with the LINKS (Low Income Housing Coalition of Floyd County) program. During the past summer, he worked with youth volunteer programs in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Approximately

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- Route 680, McDowell-Mud Creek Road, 5.441 miles
- Route 2030, Spurlock-Little Mud Road, 7.801 miles
- Route 3385, Buffalo-Endicott Road, 4.373 miles
- Route 194, Cow Creek-Johns Creek Road, 12.155 miles
- Route 1750, Bonanza-Whitaker Road, 3.455 miles

Culvert Replacement

- Route 194, Johns Creek Road at mile point 5.6

Guardrail Installation

- Route 850, Brush Creek Mountain, 1.44 miles
- Route 3379, Branham Creek Road, 6.986 miles
- Route 1427, State Road Fork-Abbott, 9.082 miles
- Route 1750, Bonanza-Whitaker Road, .7 miles
- Route 466 at Weeksbury, .284 miles

miles

- Route 1086, Sizemore Mountain, 2.57 miles
- Route 1100, Little Paint, 2.548 miles
- Route 2030, Little Mud Creek Road, 2.767 miles
- Route 1929, Fraziers Creek Road, 4.528 miles

Bridge Replacement

- Route 466 at Weeksbury, mile point 2.576

In addition, the plan also calls for spot widening along curves on Abbott Creek and Spurlock Creek roads, as well as raising portions of Bucks Branch Road and Abbott Creek Road out the floodplain.

In other news, commissioners: ■ Gave final approval to an \$88,244 budget amendment to reflect unanticipated receipts from the Department of Transportation.

■ Authorized County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson to enter two memorandums of agreement with the state Department for Local Government. One will allow the county to receive a \$100,000 grant to fund renovations to the courthouse, including roof work, pipe work and insulation. The other

will provide the county with \$50,000 in assistance to close the Garth Landfill.

■ Voted to make a \$63,626.25 bond payment for Thunder Ridge.

■ Approved the payment of \$17,000 to COEX, \$28,250 to Hamilton Construction and \$8,120.80 to Alchemy Engineering for road work performed at Calf Creek.

■ Voted to pay a \$50,563.44 invoice for 70 fire hydrants.

■ Authorized paying \$12,500 to Branham Enterprises, \$920 to Abbott Engineering, \$15,924 to DFM Inc., \$9,275 to Williams Construction, \$4,140 to COEX and \$2,000 to Johns Construction for rehabilitative work performed on Left Beaver Creek and its tributaries.

■ Approved a \$706.02 in incentive pay to Jailer Roger Webb for completing state-required training.

■ Hired Gregory S. Johnson as deputy jailer, Johnny Campbell as assistant janitor, and Brandon Jarrell, Edford Owens and Mark Sanders as county road workers.

■ Appointed Lorraine Neeley to the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Board and reappointed Donald Hicks and Dorothy Harris to three-

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year terms on the Floyd County Extension Service Board.

■ Accepted Sheriff John K. Blackburn's budget for 2001 and a \$175,536 amendment to his 2000 budget. In addition, the court set Blackburn's salary cap at \$655,931, purchased a \$200,000 surety bond for his department and approved a \$132,000 surety bond to enable the sheriff's department to receive money to defray startup costs for the upcoming year.

■ Accepted budgets from the Left Beaver, Auxier and Cow Creek fire protection districts.

■ Adopted Slone's Road at Blue River (800 feet), Tandy Drive of Spurlock at Printer (97 feet), Big Bridge Road at McDowell (14 feet) and Kenny Lane at Minnie (200 feet) into the county road system.

■ Agreed to pay each of the county's seven senior citizen centers \$100 to defray the cost of Christmas dinners.

■ Gave Thompson permission to enter into an agreement with Randall Burchett for architectural work on the Floyd County Community Center to be located at Martin.

All members were present for Friday's meeting.

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Feud

The pamphlet also details two "gifts" given to firefighters — "three pink slips," and "threats of more firings." In the second claim, the pamphlet says that the union produced the fliers because firefighters "have been told to keep their mouths shut, or else."

The pamphlet wraps up by saying that all of the changes in the fire department are because "some politicians are upset that they lost an election" and urges citizens to call Fannin to demand a reversal of the changes.

Roberts reiterated the claims of retaliation, saying "this is the first time this union has been politically active, out there endorsing candidates, and look what happened." He accused the city of enacting an eight-hour shift schedule and laying off the three firefighters as a way to get back at the firefighters.

Roberts said that the state union had been urging the local chapter to endorse candidates in the city council race. Because the firefighters are now suffering for that order, Roberts said,

the union's state and international offices feel compelled to step in.

"We're the ones that really got them into it," Roberts said. "We always told them, 'You've got to endorse candidates.' ... Since we're the ones who really pushed them to get out and endorse, we've got to lend a hand."

And the tactics apparently got the city's attention. In an unusual Saturday press conference aired on Prestonsburg's public access channel, Fannin, Fire Chief Mike Wells and Police Chief Darrell Conley dismissed to the union's claims.

Fannin said that the allegations against the city are being made by disgruntled firefighters upset with the changes being made.

"We have good police officers and we have good firefighters," Fannin said. "We have some firefighters who are mad. Hopefully, we'll get through this."

All three men said that the status of emergency services in Prestonsburg is better than at any time in the past and that the changes

being made are intended as improvements.

Fannin said the decision to shut down the city's ambulance service, which in turn necessitated the layoff of the three firefighters, was in no way political. He said, in the long run, the decision is best for the community because the service was losing money and also jeopardizing two private ambulance services. Shutting down the service, he said, strengthened the private services and stopped a drain on city finances.

"We were losing money that belongs to the taxpayer," Fannin said.

Outgoing council member Trent Naim, who attended the press conference but did not take part, echoed the mayor's statements, saying the city's finance committee had discussed shutting down the service for "months" before doing so, rather than acting out of anger at election results.

Fannin and Wells also said that claims that firefighters are working longer hours and that fewer people are available during the night are

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false and that instead the reverse is true.

Still, the impasse between the city and its firefighters appears far from resolution. Roberts said Saturday that he expects the union's attorney to file a lawsuit against the city in federal court this week.

When asked about the potential lawsuit, Fannin shrugged off the threat.

"When we looked at the layoffs, we said in the meeting that whether we laid them off now or six months in the future, we were going to get sued, so we might as well do it now and stop losing money," Fannin said.



Dear Santa

My name is Taylor Berger. I am 18 months old. My parents are Eddie and Kris Berger. I live at Bevinville, Ky. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a new baby doll that cries and a musical potty chair. Would you please bring sissy Tab a digital camera. She's been pretty good, too. We will leave you some hot cookies fresh from the oven. I love you, Santa.

Taylor

Center

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200 high school and college age young people, both male and female, volunteered a week of their summer to assist in housing repairs throughout Floyd County. The students were housed in the dormitory section of the center. The repair work was done throughout the entire summer beginning in July, with the students alternating their one-week stays. Schafer says that most all of the students who attended the work program last summer signed up to return again this com-

ing summer.

Schafer says that he is very pleased with what has been accomplished during the past year and looks forward to ever increasing growth and opportunities.

For more information about the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center and the classes offered there, you may call 886-0709.

The classes are offered at a minimal cost to all adults over the age of 18, and vacancies still exist in the upcoming winter computer classes.

Circle of Love provides holiday cheer



Dana Holland, Sonya Slone and Jean Rosenberg display gifts for the Education Pay\$ Career Development Center at PCC.

The Prestonsburg Community College Alpha Nu Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has again coordinated the collection and distribution of about 425 gifts for 280 area children.

Two PTK officers, public relations officer Suzanne Johnston and secretary Helen Moore, continued the PTK tradition through the organization's participation in the 2000 Circle of Love annual gift drive.

The Circle of Love project provides PCC faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to buy a gift or gifts for area children and bring the wrapped presents to PTK for storage and final distribution. Social service agencies in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Martin counties, as well as the PCC Education Pay\$ Program, assist in identifying children who benefit from the campus-wide endeavor.

This undertaking is made successful through the efforts of PTK advisors and professors, Hassan Saffari and Dr. William Loftus; PTK officers managing the Circle of Love table; maintenance staff members, Bill Fitzwater and Randy Lemaster; technology personnel John Dove and Darrell Newsome, members of the organization, as well as all the volunteers who brought gifts.



Hassan Saffari, Darrell Newsome, Bill Fitzwater, Christine Perkins, Shauna Taylor, Suzanne Johnston and Helen Moore are among PCC students and staff who helped with the Circle of Love.



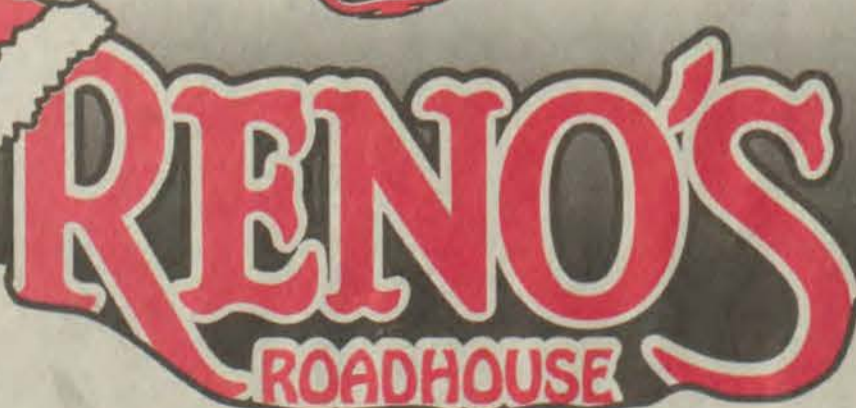
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Court News

MARRIAGES

Tamatha Kay Tackett, 27, East Point to Jeffrey Dean Ratliff, 33, Prestonsburg.
Misty Magnolia Harris, 27, to Bishop Jackson Newsome Jr., 31, both of Harold.

LAWSUITS

Hamilton, John, et al vs. Jackson, Guy, et al.
Short, Norsie, et al vs. Moore, Georgetown, et al.
Sword, Shelia Faye vs. Sword, Tony E.
Grigsby, Georgia Sammons, et al vs. Roe, Diana, et al.
Harrison, Barbara vs. Harrison, Edgar.
Wright, Jacqueline vs. Wright, William
Clay, Alice vs. Mullins, Shelia.
Nelson, Ina Jean vs. Nelson, Rebel.
Prater, Crystal vs. Prater, Brian.
Allen, Kelly G. vs. The Estate of Ralph G. Reynolds, et al.
Providian National Bank vs. McNamee, Patrick.
Salisbury, Darryl, et al vs. Blevins, Ricky A.
Howard, Nettie vs. Spradlin, Steven.
County of Floyd vs. Pine Mountain Realty.
Inez Deposit Bank vs. Slone, Serena, et al.
Crum, Mary E. vs. Porter, Terry.
Lykins, Jonathan vs. Meade, Rickey.
Hill, Billy vs. Hall, Johnny.
Bartley, Judy vs. Tackett, Scott.
Castle, Tyann vs. Blair, Donald G., et al.
Moore, Daniel vs. Moore, Deanna.
Goble, Glen vs. Oropeza, Karen.
Ousley, Rudolph vs. Ousley, Teresa.
Jacobs, Betty J. vs. Tackett, Virginia.
Spears, Rebecca vs. Spears, Donnie.
Ramey, Scott vs. Ramey, Cassandra.

CHARGES FILED

Michael D. Case, 40, Harold, two counts of fourth-degree assault.
Jerry A. Rowe, 43, Langley, third-degree criminal trespass, possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia.
Chester Stone, 56, Martin, alcohol intoxication.
Jean Bates, 50, Auxier, harassment.
Melanie Barnett, age unlisted, Langley, terroristic threatening.
James Westley Lafferty, 23, Dwale, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, fleeing/evading police.

Eddie L. Slone, 44, Ivel, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle.
Larry Scott Hall, age unlisted, Stanville, harassing communications.
Kathy Adkins, age unlisted, Printer, third-degree criminal trespass.
Herman Endicott Jr., 29, Inez, theft by unlawful taking.
Jason W. Clauson, 23, Banner, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, failure to surrender revoked license.
Shane Mosley, 19, Minnie, fourth-degree assault.
Chester Dean Marlowe, 32, Harold, violation of EPO.
Burnis L. Mullins, 27, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
Jimmy Patrick, 33, Martin, fourth-degree assault.
Ernestine Ward, 62, Martin, third-degree criminal trespass.
Bobby D. Ward, 38, Martin, third-degree criminal trespass.
Brock Boyd, age unlisted, Dana, third-degree criminal mischief.
Lisa L. Slone, 23, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.
David W. Hall, 29, Lexington, alcohol intoxication.
Norman Eugene Lewis, 22, Prestonsburg, disorderly conduct.
Robin D. Little, 37, Melvin, theft by failure to make required dispensation of property.
Donnie Jones, 52, Tram, operating motor vehicle under influence, fourth offense, license to be in possession, no insurance, refuse breath test.
Randy D. Yates, 37, Falcon, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs .08, driving on a DUI-suspended license, no insurance.
Chadwick Conn, age unlisted, Grethel, theft by unlawful taking.
Brent Allen Clark, 33, Paintsville, flagrant non-support.

BANKRUPTCIES Pikeville District

Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.
Larry Douglas Slone, Harold.
Karen Sue Whitt and Roger Allen Whitt, Inez.
Goldie M. Holbrook and Walter L. Holbrook, Slemp.
Linda M. Boggs, Blue River.
Christine Hamilton Akers, Pikeville.
Johnny Ray Campbell Sr., Hazard.
Teresa A. Brewer, Jackson.
David Gordon Thacker and Teresa Lynn Thacker, Raccoon.
Nancy Connie Jean Potter, Elkhorn

City.
Jennifer Renee Lawson and Tommy Joe Lawson, Harold.
Paul Winford Belcher Jr., Feds Creek.
Woodrow New, Freeburn.
Kathleen Esther Moore and Larry Gene Moore Jr., Pikeville.
Ida M. Butcher, Boons Camp.
Bountiful Basket, Bouquets and Balloons, Beaver.
Billy Ray Blanton and Tracy Lynn Blanton, Oil Springs.
Jeffrey Paul Salyer and Willa Denise Salyer, Flat Gap.
Avonelle Dawn Harris and Kerry Ryan Harris, Pikeville.
Edward J. VanHoose and Jewell R. VanHoose, River.
Steve E. Baker, Neon.

Chapter 13
Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
Steve Pinson, Pikeville.
Nancy K. Bieger and Robert G. Bieger, David.
Connie Sue Collins and Gary Dean Collins, Tram.
Doris Ann Hackworth, Prestonsburg.
Arnold J. Dials and Betsy Dials, Inez.
Ollie K. Jarvis and Sandra Denise Jarvis, Inez.
Herbert Collins and Shirley Kay Collins, Shelbiana.
Donna K. Lawson and Don R. Lawson, Slemp.
Danny R. Smith, Happy.
James D. Cornett and Robin G. Cornett, Letcher.

INSPECTIONS

Wesley School Cafeteria, regular inspection. Violations noted: None. Note: This is a very clean and well-managed kitchen. Score: 100.
Action Mart, #14, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Containers observed in under counter refrigerator with no proper label, hot wings and small, individualized pizzas observed in display unit out of temperature range compliance — hot wings at 123-degrees and pizza at 130-degrees — note: products were destroyed and discarded in presence of Inspector, follow-up will be conducted within 10 days to observe holding temperatures on hot foods display unit, not all refrigerator units have conspicuous thermometers, gaskets on large upright freezer in bad repair, racks of upright refrigerator unit are rusted, wiping cloth use not restricted, single service items (cups) observed stored on the floor in storage area, storage area walls in bad repair. Score: 87.
Christ United Methodist Church Wesley School, regular inspection. Violations noted: Noted that cracks in walls around blocks that surround steel beams, windowsills in art room have some accumulation of dead bugs. Score: 95.
South Floyd High School/Middle School, regular inspection. Violations noted: Various water fountains do not extend water above the mouth guard by the one inch minimum, toilet paper dispenser in both girls' and boys' restrooms in disrepair—more so in high school and gymnasium, ceiling tiles in boys' restroom located near the front foyer in disrepair and in need of dusting, paint is peeling off walls due to moisture build-up in both the girls' and boys' visitor's locker rooms, some handrails on bleachers noted to be loose, in most, if not all, girls' restrooms, there were no covers on the waste receptacles. Score: 87.
Slone's Market, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all coolers have conspicuous thermometers, food stored on floor (in boxes) in the walk-in refrigeration unit, freezer located in back storage area is rusted inside, no chemical test kits provided to check sanitizing water for chlorine levels, various coolers noted to have sliding door grooves soiled, light fixtures not shielded over food in reach-in cooler located on right side of store. Score: 92.
Compton's Market, regular inspection. Violations noted: Stand-up cooler units in need of repair, cooler units have heavy build-up residue, lights inside of cooler units need to be shielded. Score: 96.
Vito's, regular inspection. Seals in reach-in coolers in disrepair, hair restraint not in use during food preparation, ice scoops being stored on absorbent material (towels), women's toilet rooms not having covered waste receptacle, men's toilet room door needs to be closed at all times, outside waste receptacles need covers, ceiling in kitchen area needs repair. Score: 91.
Bubba Gump's, regular inspection. Violations noted: No hair restraints being worn, inside of microwave has food residue build-up, meat slicer has food residue build-up, outside of some cooking equipment and cooling units soiled, fish in upright freezer stored uncovered. Score: 94.
Yate's Mobile Home Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Porches/outbuildings not meeting the required 15-foot separation between homes, otherwise, park free of debris and refuse. Score: 98.
Burke's Trailer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: All outside structures such as outbuildings

and other constructed structures do not meet the minimum 15-foot separation from other trailers. Score: 98.

Dillon's Mobile Home Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots are not clearly numbered systematically—if numbers are present, they are not easily seen or noticed, unpaved or ungraveled spaces are used for parking—all parking spaces need to be protected by gravel or better. Score: 96.

Blackburn's Trailer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: All outbuildings not meeting the minimum 15-foot separation distance between homes (this includes porches and outbuildings), some lots contain stored refuse such as piles of boards and other construction material. Note: Park not labeled making it hard to find, need to post trailer court sign. Score: 96.

McGuire's Trailer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: All lots are not numbered systematically, if numbers are present, they are not easily visible, secondary structures found to be less than 15-foot from all other structures—this includes porches and outbuildings. Score: 96.

Crider Grocery, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer broken in soda cooler, dog food being stored on floor—should be no less than 6 inches from floor, area around cooler units have build-up of dust and residue, floors near shelves in disrepair. Note: Chemicals may be stored close to food items. Score: 95.

Heiner's Bakery Supplies, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bread items need to be a minimum of 6 inches from floor. Score: 98.

K.O.R.C. Country Store, complaint inspection. Violations noted: Inspection was conducted due to public complaint about a questionable sewage smell, also notice given by D.O.W. After dyeing system with yellow-green dye, no dye found draining from system, continued investigation on December 7, dye found in road side ditch and exiting from structures pipe. This is a critical item, left notice for owner or representative to contact this department as soon as possible, must be corrected within 10 days.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dennis G. Martin and Tammy Martin to Priscilla Martin, property located in Floyd County.
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Editorial

A dubious record

It's a sad statement that the two most expensive legislative races in Kentucky history have both occurred in a Senate district where poverty abounds. It's unfortunate that those who give so generously to elect a senator cannot make a similar investment in raising the income levels of the people that senator represents.

Democrat Ray S. Jones II and Republican state Rep. Chris Ratliff, both lawyers in Pikeville, spent a combined \$917,000 for the opportunity to replace Gary Johnson as one of 38 members of the Kentucky Senate.

Ironically, that broke the old record of \$638,000 Johnson and then-incumbent Sen. Kelsey Friend Sr. spent for the same seat in the 1996 Democratic primary. Johnson upset Friend, a long-time senator who had the active support of Gov. Paul Patton, but he chose not to seek a second four-year term.

The 31st District includes Pike and Letcher counties. Democrat Jones, who was elected to the seat on Nov. 7, spent \$514,000, while Ratliff spent \$403,000. With 33,000 votes cast, the cost was nearly \$28 per vote. That's a lot to spend for a Senate seat that pays a modest salary and offers freshmen senators little real power or influence.

The spending spree is largely a result of the GOP's narrow 20-18 majority in the Senate. Democrats hoped to use the November election to regain control of the Senate, while Republicans hoped to increase their majority. With no incumbent running in the 31st District, both parties saw this race as an opportunity to achieve their goals.

The Kentucky Republican Party gave Ratliff \$180,100, while the Democratic Party gave \$194,000 to Jones' campaign.

Jones' campaign report listed payments totaling \$61,250 to hundreds of people for "vote hauling" — paying someone to drive voters to the polls. Ratliff's campaign reported spending \$27,980 for vote hauling. It also reported doling out \$1,600 to people for "putting up signs."

Ratliff said "it's for others to decide" whether the practice is ethical. "I didn't make the political system up here. I attempted to survive in the political system up here."

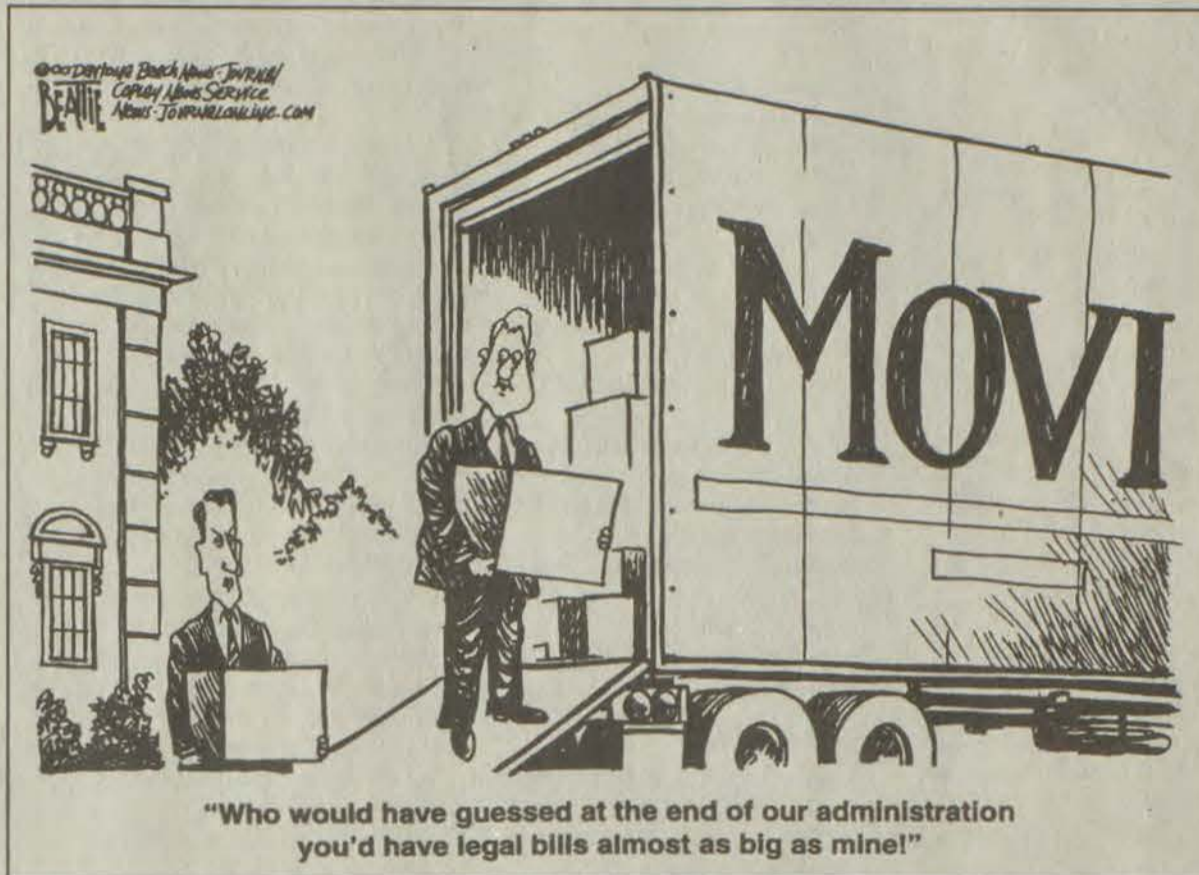
Jones defended vote hauling. "This is a poor county, and a lot of people don't have cars."

Well, it is a poor county, and maybe some don't have transportation to the polls — although we suspect that many who were transported by paid campaign workers could have made it to the polls on their own.

But the two counties are not so poor that candidates for office are forced to raise and spend an obscene amount of money to get elected.

Which leads to another question: Just who are the candidates who raise so much money beholden to? The people who elected them or those who gave so generously to their campaigns? Surely, the donors expect something in return for their investment.

—Ashland Daily Independent



Guest Column

Justice denied: Supreme Court reverses an election

by Robert L. Borosage
CAMPAIGN FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

In a brazen decision, a partisan majority of five Supreme Court justices trampled precedent, law and common sense to reach the result that they wanted — blocking a fair count of the votes in Florida.

As Mr. Justice Scalia indicated in his revealing opinion justifying the five when they stopped the count, the five partisans assumed that if the votes were counted Al Gore would win Florida and the election. This would do "irreparable harm." Justice Scalia said in an understatement, to the "legitimacy" of George W. Bush taking office. Losing generally has that effect. And so, the five partisan conservative activists chose instead to sacrifice the Court's reputation and besmirch its tradition in order to protect Gov. Bush's usurpation.

It is particularly outrageous that the five conservative activists summoned up a newfound concern for equal protection to justify their lawless decision. Somehow the common sense standard that election officials should count ballots by hand — looking to see if there is a mark that would indicate how the voter cast his or her vote, a standard that has sufficed in handcounts determining elections for years — raised equal protection concerns. The court was in essence ruling that if a machine did not count a ballot — for whatever idiosyncratic reason — that ballot need not be counted.

But the reality of Florida — and many other states — is that precincts with poor and minority voters get the oldest and least accurate machines. If you were wealthy and white in Florida, you voted on machines that rejected far fewer ballots than if you were poor or black.

This was not "voter error," or more offensively, Republican claims of voter ignorance. It was machine error, and institutionalized discrimination against black and poor voters. This was the true equal protection concern that the Supreme Court should have been focused on.

It is understandable why George Bush did not want these rejected votes counted: The poor and minorities tend to vote against him. But it is inconceivable that the Supreme Court would block the counting of votes, given the discriminatory distribution of modern as against outmoded machines.

There was ample precedent to order a full count and ample time to do so. Instead the Court elevated an arbitrary deadline that made a count impossible. It stopped the count to avoid "irreparable harm" to George W. Bush. And then it ruled that its stay had done irreparable harm not just to Al Gore, but to the voters whose votes were never counted.

Justice Stevens was surely right that a big loser in this case was the society's confidence in the judge as a neutral arbiter above politics. But the bigger loser was our democracy itself. A candidate who lost across the country and in Florida will capture the office of the presidency by having employed every means necessary — from a partisan election official, to Republican paid demonstrators, to backstage threats, to a partisan legislature, to a partisan five-person majority on the Supreme Court — to block a fair count of the votes.

This will be remembered. It will be remembered by African Americans whose voting rights were trampled by a Court that once prided itself on defending them. It will be remembered by Democrats who had the election stolen from them.

But the true danger is that it will be remembered by the Bush crowd themselves. Aware that they lost, they will work tirelessly to weaken the coalition against them, even as they seek to expand their own. We are likely to witness a desperate return to race bait, class-based wedge politics with the vicious edge that was displayed in Florida. And it is clear that there is no law, no rule, no standard of decency which they will allow to limit them in their pursuits.

Progressives must insure that this injustice does not stand. An immediate reform drive should be launched to challenge the institutionalized discrimination against working people and minorities in the election system.

In January, a massive voter registration drive should be launched, fueled by the outrage of Florida. Al Gore may be forced to concede, but we should not. Bush should be challenged from day one, his political machinations revealed, his class and racial politics exposed.

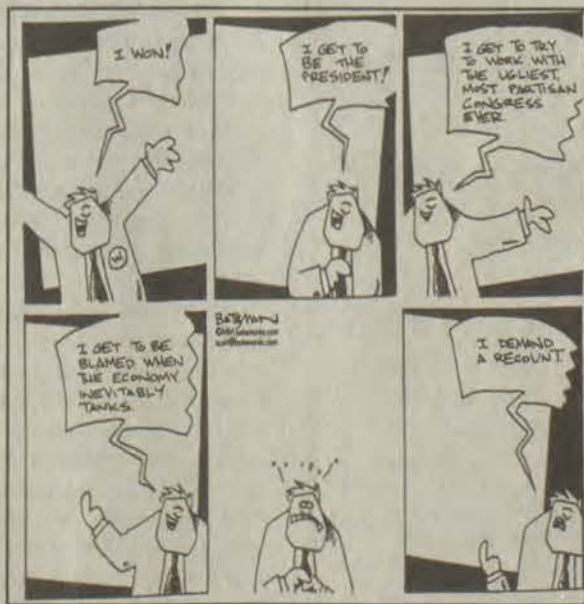
The Florida vote should be investigated — particularly the detailed allegations of purposeful suppression of the black vote. Democrats should stand up against any attempt of Bush to institutionalize this conservative usurpation through judicial or regulatory appointments.

Democratic Hall of Shame

Whatever you thought of Al Gore as a candidate or a leader, he deserved support as he fought to have the votes counted.

It is truly unforgivable that some Democratic politicians did not have the basic decency or simple courtesy to allow him to digest the Court's opinion and make his own strategic choices before scrambling to get press attention by calling for him to concede. Wanting to look like statesmen, they acted like knaves.

The most visible nominees to this hall of infamy were Senator Robert Torricelli, Rep. James Moran, and Ed Rendell, former mayor of Philadelphia.



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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



What did we learn?

Just a couple of days separate us from the end of this year's long-running presidential campaign, so it is difficult to say what history will finally have to say about the whole episode. But this year's election has certainly brought several lessons into crystal-clear focus.

For many folks, the most obvious lesson concerns just how partisan our electoral process is.

We all expect our campaigns to be rambunctious affairs. That's the whole point of campaigns — to highlight the differences between parties and candidates.

However, it's probably safe to say that most of us, prior to the fiasco in Florida, naively believed the process of counting votes to be above petty party politics. A vote is a vote is a vote, right?

Not so, we've learned, especially in areas which cling to woefully outdated paper ballots. It turns out that a vote isn't just simply there or not, but that there can be infinite levels of gray between the two, open to interpretation by biased human beings.

Even more disturbing are the machinations surrounding the vote-counting process. Which votes will be counted and which ones will be tossed aside? Just how thorough are we to be in counting the ballots? Who is to say when an election is over and which vote tally will be official?

The fact is, all of these questions are answered by people whose parties quite clearly have a stake in the elections they judge. And while the problem was more than evident this year in Florida, it is not limited to this election or that state.

Another important lesson in this election is that it is high time to update voting machines all across the country. While some may quarrel over the cost involved in making such a comprehensive upgrade, nothing could be more important. We spend billions each year on weapons to protect our country. Surely we should be able to spend the money it takes to preserve the legitimacy of our government.

All in all, these problems speak to one thing — we have taken our system of government for granted for far too long. From falling voting rates to long-ignored voting machines, there is ample evidence that we have become largely unconcerned about elections. Rather than doing the small things required to preserve our system of government, we have expected it to run on its own.

The fallacy of that notion should be well-proved by now, and hopefully this year's election will serve as a wake up call for Americans to take an active interest in politics once more.

If not, the inconvenience of this year's wait for a victor will be greatly overshadowed by the tyranny which thrives on such cynicism and disinterest.

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County awarded emergency food and shelter funds

Floyd County has been awarded \$26,516 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program for use during 2001.

A newly convened local board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among Floyd County agencies that provide emergency food and shelter. Members of the board include the Floyd County judge-executive or his designee, local representatives of national social service agencies and interested citizens.

Persons interested in serving on the board should contact Gwen Hall at 874-9170 to volunteer.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demon-

strated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

An assessment of local needs conducted by the Phase 18 Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board determined that 92 percent of the funds will be spent on food, six percent on shelter and two percent on administration.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply by contacting Gwen Hall, 874-9170, for an application packet. Completed applications are due by 9 a.m., on Tuesday, December 26, and may be dropped off or mailed to the Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office at 60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Awards will be determined by the board at a public meeting held Thursday, December 28, at 10:30

a.m., at St. Martha Church, Prestonsburg, off KY 302, near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Last year's recipients of emergency food and shelter funds were St. Vincent's Mission, Mud Creek Community Health Corporation, Christian Service Ministry, Wayland United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Middle Creek Community Development Club, the Floyd County/Prestonsburg Ministerial Association, Betsy Layne Church of God Bread of Life Food Pantry, the Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office, Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry of St. James Episcopal Church, Voice of Victory Food Pantry, Prestonsburg Food Pantry, Martin Church of Christ Food Pantry, and Heaven's Harvest.

Phase 19 funds for 2001 have been increased by \$8,624 over funding awarded for Phase 18 which ends December 31.

Faculty member presents results of studies



■ Dr. John Shiber

Dr. John G. Shiber, biology professor at Prestonsburg Community College, presented three papers at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science in Lexington.

The University of Kentucky hosted the conference at the Hyatt Regency on December 7-9.

Shiber and more than 100 of his biology students conducted a research study to determine the lead and copper concentrations in tap water taken from the students' homes in "Lead (& copper) in Tap Water of Eastern Kentucky Homes: A Pilot Study."

The second paper, "Student Survey on Violence," reported the responses of more than 300 students to weapons in the home, media violence and violence in schools.

The third, "Fear of Algebra," a year-long study of more than 1,000 regional high school seniors and community college students reflected the math and science courses they most fear, why they fear the courses, and what can be done to help students overcome these fears. "Fear of Algebra" was also given national recognition in the "Nontraditional Students Report."

Shiber said he has presented

about 15 papers at the Kentucky Academy of Science since his arrival at PCC in 1990. His involvement in the various studies is the result of his curiosity and interest as well as his wanting student input.

"There are important issues directly related to education," he said. "We have committees to discuss curriculum and other matters dealing with education. We then give the solutions as a menu to students. Many times we do not tap students for their preferences and opinions. I have attempted to get the students input for the studies I have done."

Abstracts of the papers will be presented in the spring 2001 Journal of the Kentucky Academy of Science. Shiber has also placed copies of the three studies on reserve in the PCC library. For more information, email "mailto:john.shiber@kctcs.net" or phone 606/886-3863, ext. 302.



Jan Smith was sworn in as postmaster at the Stanville Post Office on December 12, by Bill Johnson, manager of post office operations for this region. Smith has filled the post since September, transferring after 13 years at the Pikeville Post Office.

Swearing In Ceremony



At Jan Smith's swearing in, three former Stanville postmasters — John McIntosh, left, Leonard Sturgill and Aileen Hall, right — were recognized, along with long-time postal clerk Virginia Jones, center.

Court News

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Alma Land Company, certain properties in Floyd County.

Reba T. Martin and Harry A. Martin, Tommy Martin and Malinda Martin, Teresa Leslie and Keith Leslie, Mickey Martin and Carolyn Martin to Alma Land Company, certain mineral properties in Floyd County.

Mabel Clark Kinney to Melissa Meade, a parcel of land lying in Floyd County, on the west side of the Big Sandy River.

Vernal Shepherd and Sandra Shepherd to Truman Shepherd, land lying in Floyd County.

Keith Humble to Keith Humble and Paula Humble, property in the Dewey Lake View, Inc. Subdivision.

Inez Deposit Bank to Maryland Jervis, property lying in Floyd County.

Dave Blakenship and Sheila Blakenship to Curt Blakenship and Geraldine Blakenship, land lying in Galveston.

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., SBMT America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff vs. Sally Leigh Justice and unlisted Defendant, Occupant, Defendants, by order of the Master Commissioner, property sold to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., SBMT America's Wholesale Lender, upon which Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., SBMT America's Wholesale Lender assigned its bid to Washington Mutual Bank, property in Floyd County.

Shiloh Land Corporation to Ronald McCoy and Tammy McCoy, a certain housing unit and lot located at 148 Cecil Branch, Banner.

Mary Gladys DeRossett to Damon DeRossett, Lot No. 28 in the Keathley Sub-Division.

Bernice Scott to Brenda Watkins, property on Stone Coal Creek of Right Beaver Creek.

Elizabeth Cook to Jeanice Johnson, property in Floyd County.

Lyle E. Neal and Debra Ann Neal to the Board of Education of Floyd County, property on the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

Minerva Mayo Davis to Betty Carr Richard, property on Beaver Creek.

Cosetta Jones Newsome to Mack Tackett and Elizabeth Tackett, an easement for a private road.

Charles R. Rogers to Melton Rogers and Lori Rogers, property in Floyd County.

Lloyd Meade and Ethel Meade to Rita Faye Meade Ridgeway, property on Frasure's Creek.

Roberta Luxmore to David Dwayne Dawson, property in Floyd County.

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PMH to open new tower

Pikeville Methodist Hospital's new 11-story, 332,000-square foot tower will be dedicated on Monday, December 18. The ceremony begins at the hospital's main entrance at 3 p.m., with guest speakers US Cong. Hal Rogers and Gov. Paul Patton. Shuttle bus service will be available to the Riverfill parking lot. Tours will begin immediately following the program and continue until 6 p.m. WYMT-TV will broadcast its 6 p.m. news from the second floor atrium.

Center to host special day

The McDowell Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring its Craft and Homemade Baked Goods Day on Wednesday, December 20, beginning at 10 a.m. It is open to the public.

Theatre audition workshop set

Young people in grades 7-12 who are interested in learning how to audition for community or regional theatre productions may attend a Theatre Audition Workshop on December 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. The free workshop is sponsored by the Floyd County 4-H program and the MAC. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper at 606/886-2668.

Conservation meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at 10 a.m. at the District Office. The public is invited to attend. If anyone has any questions, or is interested in attending, call 606/889-9800.

Vet rep available

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. Contact him at

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The "Word" for the Week

by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW
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Pike County

Maxine F. Dickerson, 79, of San Francisco, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 13, at the home of her son, in San Francisco. Arrangements were under the direction of Pacific Interment Service in San Francisco.

Kermit Flanery, 76, of Robinson Creek, died Thursday, December 14, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 16, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Glady Jenkins Sollazzo, 64, of Trace Creek, West Virginia, died Wednesday, December 13, at her home. She is survived by her husband, John Sallazzo. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 15, under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home.

Ada Gibson, 83, of Charleston, West Virginia, died Monday, December 11, in Charleston. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 14, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home, Matewan, West Virginia.

Paul E. Phillips, 74, of Greenfield, Indiana, died Tuesday, December 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Thomas Phillips. Funeral services

Regional Obituaries

were conducted Saturday, December 16, under the direction of Pasco Memorial Mortuary.

Lou Ellen Potter, 42, of Shebiana, died Tuesday, December 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 15, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Victor Hess, 85, of Kimper, died Wednesday, December 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dixie Leedy Hess. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Hattie Goff, 89, of Jackson, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, December 12, in Jackson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 16, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

William Thomas Fraley, 93, of Hatfield, died Wednesday, December 13, at Williamson

Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 16, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Cody Dwayne Fletcher, infant son of Faye Perkins and Daniel Fletcher of Salyersville, died Tuesday, December 13, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Jesse D. Wireman, 19, died December 9, following complications of an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Cassie Arnett, 65, of Bayes, died Saturday, December 9, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Mitchell Arnett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Archie Jackson, 95, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Betty Jane Patton, 73, of Prestonsburg, died December 8, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Roscoe Mullins, 93, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 6, at Mary Chiles

Hospital in Mt. Sterling. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 9, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Lottie Perkins, 76, of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 7, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Sammy Perkins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Beecher Howard, 89, of Royalton, died Tuesday, December 5, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 8, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

George Jones, 83, of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 2, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Fannie Francis Jones. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ireland Rose, 77, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 8, at the Sevier County Health Care Center, in Sevierville, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Helen Howard Rose. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Vada "Alice" Ewing, 76, of Inverness, Florida, died Tuesday, December 5. She is survived by her husband, Richard E. Ewing. Hooper Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Hattie B. Hall

Hattie B. Hall, 82, of Hindman, died Thursday, December 14, 2000, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born on August 6, 1918, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Ben and Dinah Martin Bentley. She was a member of the Hindman First Baptist Church.

She was twice married. First to John C. Amburgey, and later to Noah Hall. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Ben W. Amburgey of Hindman; two daughters, Martha V. Butts of Lexington, Anna Bea Adams of Isom; one brother, Vinson Bentley of Mallie; four sisters, Attie Foley of Gallipolis, Ohio, Fannie Parks of Litt Carr, Della Goodman of Lexington, Maquies Bentley of Lexington; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 17, at 1 p.m., at the Hindman United Baptist Church, with Ricky Smith and Bill Kirby officiating.

Burial will be in the Bentley Family Cemetery, at Mallie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Active pallbearers will be Joseph Butts, Nathaniel Adams, Ben W. Amburgey and Shelby Bentley.

Mary Mullins

Mary Mullins, 53, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, December 14, 2000, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following a brief illness.

Born on February 10, 1947, in Bevinville, she was the daughter of Melvin and Martha Hall Mullins of Hi Hat. She was a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors, other than her parents, include two sons, Billy Mullins of Hi Hat, John Mullins of Printer; four sisters, Daisy Tackett and Liz Sparkman, both of Hi Hat, Ruby Adams of Wayland, and Shelia Johnson of Beaver.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 17, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Mullins Family Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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in addition to the responsibilities already before them.

Fannin said that beginning in January, the current city police force will begin cross-training as firefighters. A great deal of this training will be able to be conducted "in-house," said Fannin.

The policemen will be required to complete 150 hours of firefighting training, with a basic core of 20 hours of intensive training to be completed in order to satisfy state requirements that attest that after this initial 20 hours of training, the officers may safely participate in actual firefighting. The remaining 130 hours may be completed in segmented portions throughout a two-year period.

A little more difficult to schedule will be the cross-training of the city

fire personnel. In order to complete training as police officers, the fire personnel will be required to attend the Department of Criminal Justice Training Program. The program takes 16 weeks to complete and takes place on the Eastern Kentucky University campus in Richmond.

According to Fannin, the program is very physical, with standards that involve being able to run one and a half miles in 17 minutes and the ability to jump 16 inches off the ground, among other things, in order to gain certification as a police officer.

In order to aid the fire personnel with these physical requirements, Fannin said that the city has acquired several pieces of exercise equipment such as weights and a stationary bicycle in order for the fire personnel to

get a "jump-start" on the physical training. In addition, Fannin said that the city has also worked out an agreement with Pro-Fitness Exercise Club that enables all city police and fire personnel to engage in exercise training at the center.

In addition to the physical requirements of the program, Fannin said that training in the operation of polygraph equipment and firearms will also take place.

Fannin said that the city now employs 11 fire personnel and 13 police officers. After the cross-training is completed, the city will have 24 public safety officers trained in fire

and police protection.

Fannin said that in a matter of time, the city's insurance rates will drop as a result of the implementation of the new program, along with other benefits to be gained such as increased protection for the community as a result of increased manpower on cruise duty.

Fannin said that he sees the changeover as a "win-win situation" for the city, the community and the fire and police departments.

In other business, a decision was made to use "Squad Six" at the City Hall Fire Station and "Engine Eight" at the Lancer Fire Station as fire-res-

cue units. This means that two of the smaller, lighter fire trucks will be equipped with emergency medical equipment that will enable the attending personnel to administer life support to accident victims at the scene.

According to Fannin, emergency personnel will be able to do everything to aid accident victims except transport them to a hospital.

Fannin said that he hopes this decision will do a lot to ease the minds of those citizens within the community who have been concerned about the loss of the city ambulance service.

Fannin said the city is well-cov-

ered with police, fire and ambulance services.

On a lighter note, Fannin said that he has already given his approval to the city fire department to give "Santa Claus" his traditional ride through Prestonsburg, although since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, tentative plans have been made to give Santa his ride on Saturday, December 23.

In attendance at Friday's meeting were Mayor Jerry Fannin, Gorman Collins Jr, Billy Ray Collins, Robert Allen II, Police Chief Darrel Conley, Fire Chief Mike Wells, Sgt. Michael Omerod and Gary Dotson.

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MAYO MOMENTS

by LINDA LYON

Mayo Technical College will take a short break for the holidays, but the doors will be open again when we register on January 3. Classes will begin again on January 8. The campus will be open for visits with counselors, admissions and financial aid from January 3-8 even though classes are not in session.

Opportunities for admission testing are being expanded for public convenience. Beginning January 9, tests will be given each Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. This is in addition to the regular daytime testing schedule. This is the test all students must take prior to enrolling in a technical college. Call 606/789-5321, ext. 309, for more information.

Respiratory Therapy HOSA has been having a food drive since late November. The students have collected can foods and non-perishable food items to prepare holiday baskets for needy families in the area. The students prepared six large boxes filled with vegetables, stuffing, and even gift certificates for a turkey or ham.

These boxes were distributed to families in Lawrence, Martin, Johnson, Floyd, and Pike counties. Respiratory Care students chose families they knew were in need, then anonymously donated these large boxes filled with all the necessities for a wonderful Christmas dinner. These students worked very hard to see that each box was decorated and filled to the brim, then topped off with a nice Christmas card.

The Respiratory Care HOSA Club officers are Debbie Staniford, president; Walt Fitch, vice president; Silena Bentley, secretary; Alice Staniford, treasurer; Tim Case, chaplain; Danielle Prater, parliamentarian; Brandi Brafford, historian.

Truck

Marsillett's new truck is more than just a TV star; it began its life as Kenworth's T2000 Advanced Technology Truck. "Tom will be commercially driving the industry's most sophisticated and advanced truck," said Ed Caudill, Kenworth general manager and PACCAR vice president.

The truck features an in-dash computer display, global positioning system navigation, electronic diagnostics, electronic vision system, advanced exterior lighting, and automated transmission.

Marsillett will also have an entertainment system never before used in a working truck — an integrated radio and stereo system, 42-inch flat panel television, plus Internet, cable TV and phone access.

Before taking delivery of the truck, Marsillett got a call from Ted Scherzinger, the Kenworth engineer who spearheaded the design of high-tech truck, on which the company spent around \$300,000.

"Ted said the truck was amazing, and we talked about all the one-of-a-kind features. I'm especially looking forward to the entertainment system and the 42-inch television," Marsillett said.

Marsillett says that since he won the truck, he hasn't missed an episode of "18 Wheels of Justice."

"They're still using my T2000 on TV (the show's second season begins in January using a new Kenworth T2000 High-Tech truck) and it's really neat to see. My nine-year old daughter is even more excited than I am — she's really enjoying all of this."

Ironically, Marsillett, nearly didn't win the special T2000. "I buy my parts at Worldwide Equipment in Prestonsburg and had seen the sweepstakes entry form, but never bothered to fill it out," said Marsillett, who owns two trucks and hauls stoker coal and scrap metal.

"Then one day, Anthony Ferguson in the Parts Department handed me the form and said, 'you might as well fill it out, you never know and you might win.' I'm sure glad he said something."

"We're very happy for Tom," said Terry Dotson, CEO of Worldwide Equipment Inc., who handed the T2000's keys to Marsillett on December 14. "The sweepstakes was popular with our customers and many watch the show every week. Now, we'll get to

the first states to complete such a comprehensive digital coal atlas," said State Geologist James Cobb. KGS has been a national leader in the assessment of coal resources and the creation of digital geologic maps.

Cobb and Gerald Weisenfluh, the KGS geologist who coordinated the project, said that information and analysis in the digital coal atlas indicate that geographic shifts in coal production may occur in the foreseeable future. The 12 maps and charts show the degree of depletion of resources, the extent of the remaining coal available for future mining and thickness and elevation of the coal, which will be useful to the coal industry as it produces coal from the remaining Kentucky reserves.

"The coal atlas will be valuable to the coal industry and for all residents and businesses in Kentucky who rely on future reserves of coal for the generation of electricity and continued economic development stimulated by coal mining," Cobb said. "Kentucky has the third lowest electricity rates in the nation and virtually all of Kentucky's electricity is produced from coal," he said.

"The digital coal atlas will be essential for energy policy makers; coal companies active in exploration; and environmental, land-use, and transportation planners," Weisenfluh added.

Weisenfluh explained that the atlas will be useful to energy policy makers by providing a regional overview of the status and location of Kentucky's coal resources to determine areas of future coal development.

The maps will permit transportation planners to make preliminary assessments of the impact of abandoned mines and the cost of acquiring minerals in rights-of-way on construction projects. Information on the extent and depth of coal mines in specific areas also will be valuable to study the impacts of underground mining on land use.

Other charts in the coal atlas have information about mining characteris-

tics and coal quality, which will be useful for mine safety and environmental planning. The paper copies are available for a nominal charge of \$10 each. Anyone interested in the digital coal-bed data used to compile the maps can purchase data sets on a single CD-ROM for \$30.

The coal atlas can be viewed at the KGS web site at <http://www.uky.edu/KGS/>.

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see the original 18 Wheels of Justice truck on a regular basis."

The TNN show encores from the first season telecast on Wednesday, December 20 and 27 at 10 p.m., and on Thursday, December 28 at 8 p.m. The new season begins on Wednesday, January 3, at 10 p.m.

"18 Wheels of Justice" has a website at www.18woj.com. The site includes sections on About the Series, Cast and Stars, All About Trucks, Photo Gallery, Musical Guests, Message Board, Chat Room, among others. TNN's website at www.tnnonline.com also contains information on the series and a direct link to www.18woj.com.

"18 Wheels of Justice" is produced by King World Productions, Inc. and Stu Segall Productions, in association with Fireworks Entertainment, Park Avenue Productions and IN-Motion AG. Caterpillar, Eaton and Bridgestone are participating Kenworth suppliers in the show.

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Fibromyalgia support group

Fibromyalgia support group has monthly meetings in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens building, the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 606/478-5224, or Phyllis, 606/874-2769.

Martin County history being published

Orders are being taken for the Martin County Pictorial History,

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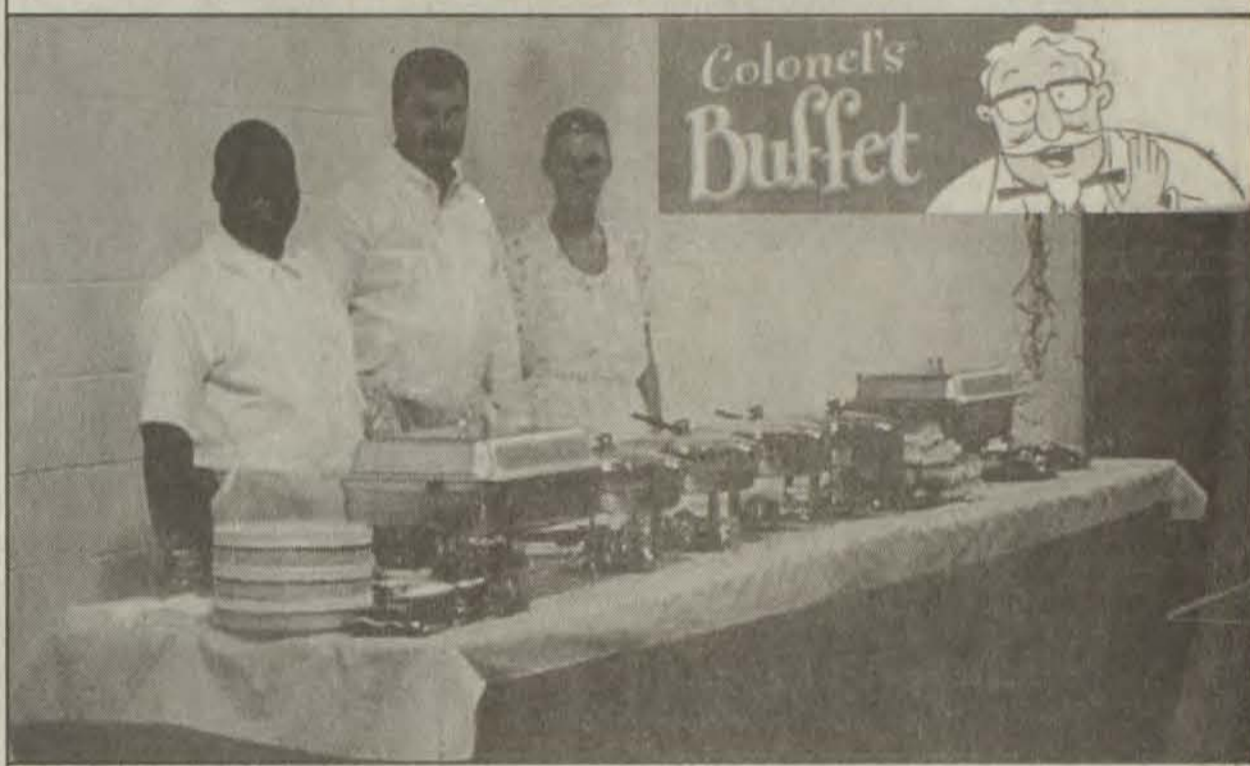
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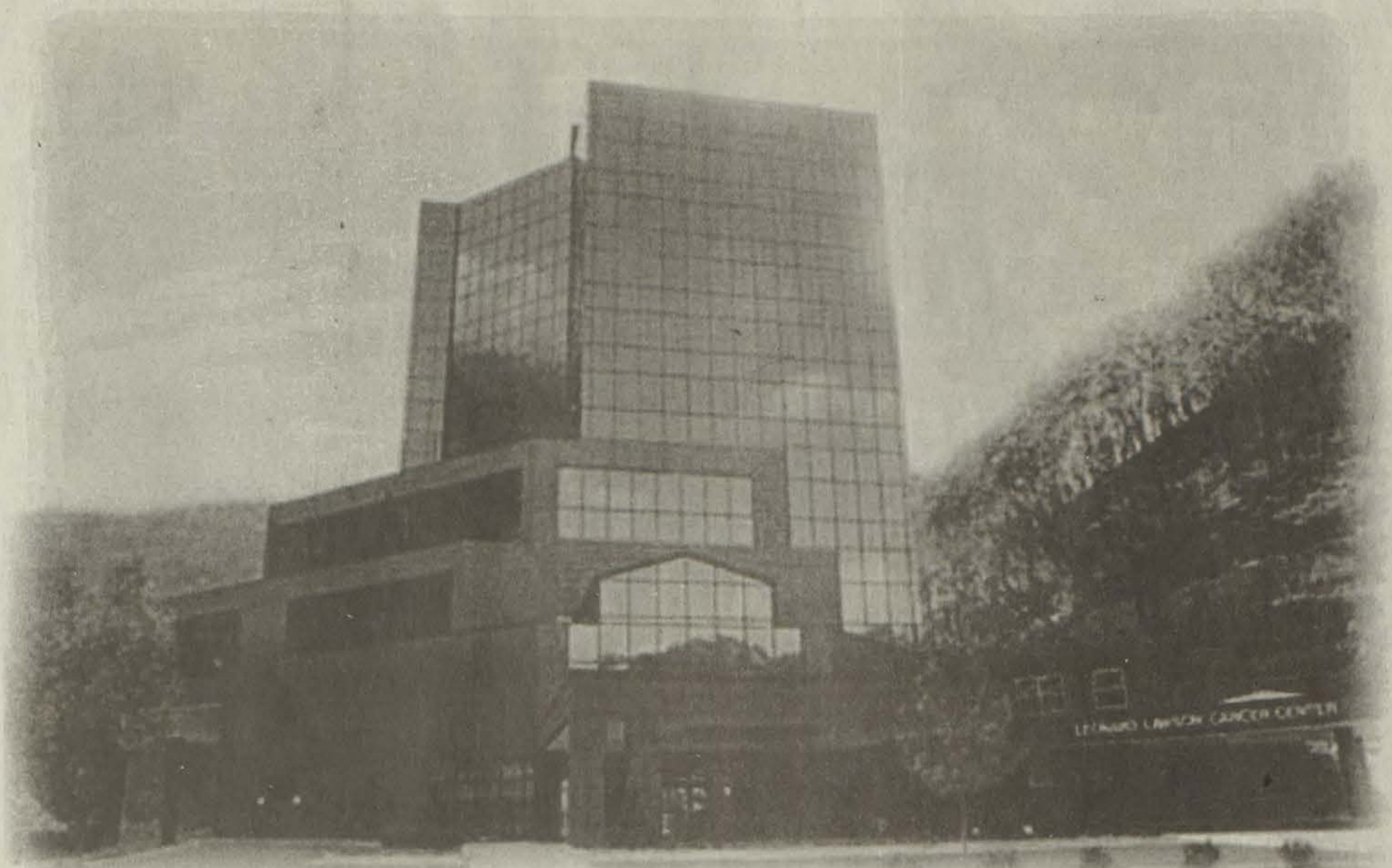
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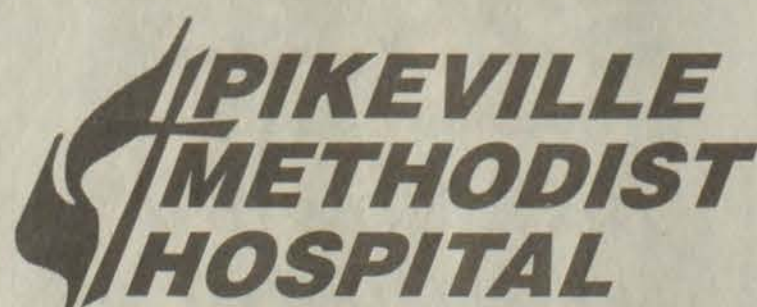


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Jeremy Caudill

Kentucky's Caudill receives national Scholar/Athlete Award

by ROCKY STANLEY
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

The Heisman Trophy isn't the only prestigious award coming out of New York City these days.

University of Kentucky freshman defensive tackle Jeremy Caudill was honored Tuesday for his stellar academic/athletic accomplishments at Prestonsburg High School.

Caudill, from Martin, received the National High School Scholar-Athlete Award as given by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

The presentation was made during a National Football Foundation Awards Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Caudill was one of only four student-athletes nationwide who received the award which is based on achievement during the 1999-2000 academic year.

He was chosen to give the acceptance speech on behalf of the four high school honorees.

Caudill's collegiate football career is already off to a fast start.

He started all 11 games for UK at defensive tackle this season and was credited with 6.5 tackles for losses totaling 27 yards. Caudill, who plans to major in biology and then enter medical school, had two quarterback sacks and one fumble recovery.

At Prestonsburg, Caudill graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and ranked first in his class.

Among his numerous awards, Caudill received the State of Kentucky Scholastic Achievement Honor, the prestigious Rutherford Salyers Award as the outstanding senior student-athlete and the Presidential Award for Education Excellence. He was invited to participate in the Merit Scholar Program at UK.

Also, Caudill tutored mentally and physically challenged students in high school.

Athletically, his combination of size, strength and speed made Caudill one of the top high school football players in this section of the country.

(See CAUDILL, page three)

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Brad Daugherty scored a team high 18 points, Brock Keathley netted 16 and Jeremy Daniels added 14 in leading the Bobcats to a 77-62 win over the Pirates.

- BRAD DAUGHERTY



Brock Keathley had a strong outing finishing with 16 points but had to leave the game for good in the third quarter when he took an elbow that broke a tooth.

- BROCK KEATHLEY

BIG VICTORY

Daugherty, Keathley powers Betsy Layne past Belfry 77-62

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It was the combined play of the Double "D's" plus one "K" that propelled the Betsy Layne Bobcats past a good Belfry Pirate team Tuesday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Brad Daugherty scored a team high 18 points, Brock Keathley netted 16 and Jeremy Daniels added 14 in leading the Bobcats to a 77-62 win over the Pirates. Adam Collins scored in double figures with 10 points.



photo by Ed Taylor
NATHAN TACKETT (00) lofted a three-point attempt over the Belfry Pirate defense Tuesday night. Betsy Layne improved to 4-1 on the season with a 77-62 win.

Outside of Daugherty, the Bobcats did not shoot that bad from the free throw line but for the first "D" he managed only eight of 14 tries from the charity stripe. The irony of it is Daugherty is normally a good free throw shooter.

"We had been shooting well at the

free throw line," said Betsy Layne coach Brent Rose. "Tonight it just got contagious." Betsy Layne attempted 31 free throws and connected on only 18.

Brock Keathley had a strong outing finishing with 16 points but had to leave the game for good in the third quarter when he took an elbow that broke a tooth.

It was the first quarter play of Keathley that helped the Bobcats to stay even with the Pirates, who got out of the gate early. Betsy Layne had many mental mistakes in the opening quarter, committing six turnovers.

"We didn't run our offense in the first half and we tried to force things," said Coach Rose. "In the second half we got into the flow and it made a big difference the second half."

Keathley was all over the court in the first stanza where he scored eight of his 16 points.

Belfry had built a 13-6 lead over the Bobcats before Keathley and Brian Roberts went to work. Roberts three-point basket tied the game at 13-13 at the 2:10 mark. Keathley scored on an 18-foot jumper and took a nice assist from Nathan Tackett on a break to give Betsy Layne a 17-15 lead. After a short jumper by Casey Lequire tied the game, Daniels gave the lead back to Betsy Layne on a four-footer just ahead of the horn.

Betsy Layne's half court defense caused some match up problems for the Pirates in the second period. Baskets by Keathley and Adam Collins vaulted the Bobcats out to a 23-17 lead with 6:30 to play in the second period. An 8-4 run by Belfry made it a 27-25 game but the inside play of Daniels and Collins helped Betsy Layne to a 33-25 margin. The Bobcats, who turned the ball over 13 times in the first two quarters, led 35-29 at the half.

Belfry went almost five minutes before they could score against the Bobcats in the third quarter. Collins, one of the more underrated players in the region, went to

(See VICTORY, page three)



photo by Ed Taylor
BETSY LAYNE'S Adam Collins (30) scored on this move to the basket against the Belfry Pirates Tuesday night at Betsy Layne. Collins scored 10 points and pulled in 10 rebounds in a 77-62 win over the Pirates.

Prestonsburg holds off Whitesburg



photo by Ed Taylor
BROOK COLEMAN had five points but pulled in eight rebounds to help Prestonsburg defeat Whitesburg Thursday night.

Music rallies Lady Blackcats in win over Lady Yellowjackets

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a testy Whitesburg crowd that made their way up Route 80 to the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse where their Lady Yellowjacket basketball team fell to host Prestonsburg 57-49 in a battle of top teams in their respective regions.

Whitesburg, out of the 14th Region, is considered the best of the lot in the 14th while Prestonsburg ranks in the top five in the 15th.

It wasn't a thing of beauty as the two teams battled, but Coach Harold Tackett's ballclub pulled out the win despite a poor shooting night from the free throw line where the Lady Blackcats connected on only 18 of 40 attempts for a cool, cool 45 percent.

"It was a lot of things," said Coach Tackett in giving an accepted explanation. "After someone missed a couple there it got contagious. Everyone starts concentrating. Then you miss three or four. Free throw shooting is something, when you get up there is a routine and when you get in a routine it goes slow."

Coach Tackett said he was not going to be overly concerned about it.

"It is something that is mental," he said. "If you worry about it, it will make it worse."

Even those on the Prestonsburg team who normally shoot well from the 15-foot line struggled big time, Megan Hyden, who has trophies to prove

(See P'BURG, page four)

Betsy Layne routs Millard, 72-18

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Betsy Layne Ladycats returned to their home hardwood on Thursday night after playing Paintsville and beating the Lady Tigers earlier in the week. The Ladycats played host to Millard Thursday in a game that would see every healthy Betsy Layne player see a lot of playing time.

Betsy Layne scored early and often as they rolled to a 72-18 win over the visiting Lady Mustangs.

The Ladycats jumped out to a 4-0 lead with baskets by Whitney Lykens and Jenny Parsons. Betsy Layne held the four-point advantage at the 4:30 mark of the first quarter, when Jessica Elswick

(See MILLARD, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster
NATASHA STRATTON (34) goes up for two over Millard's Kristy Scott. Stratton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 16 points, in a 72-18 win over the visiting Lady Mustangs.

South Floyd rolls past Piarist

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Raiders went to 2-0 in the Floyd County Conference and improved to 4-1 overall with a solid 98-30 win over undermanned Piarist last Tuesday night at the Mountain Christian Academy gym.

The game afforded coach Henry Webb the opportunity to give some playing time to his bench. His bench responded with scoring 52 of the 98 points.

Rusty Tackett led all scorers with 15 points but big man Anthony Hall, who the Raiders feel they will need down the stretch, added 14 points off the bench. Michael Hall also pumped

in 14 points and senior John Meade scored 13. Meade did not play the second or the fourth quarters.

Senior Robert Hall led the Knights with 10 points. Matt Goeing and Shawn Rose each tossed in nine points and Brett Hall had two. Robert Hall hit three three-point baskets and Rose connected for one in the setback.

Josh Johnson added eight points for the Raiders with Joe Skeans scoring seven including a three-point basket. Tyler Hall accounted for all six of his points with two treys and freshman Jack Slone, who is going to be a good one, netted six points.

(See PIARIST, page four)



photo by Ed Taylor

PRESTONSBURG'S Angela Howell (3) found herself open against Whitesburg Thursday night. Howell and the Lady Blackcats posted a 57-49 win over the Lady Jackets.

Adams at Herald-Whitaker

Bentley puts on show in win over Whitaker

Blackcat drains six treys in win

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Kris Bentley pumped in 26 points to lead the Adams Middle School Blackcats to a 58-33 win over Herald-Whitaker in grade school basketball Monday night.

With the return to school marked also the return to the hardwood for Coach James Derossett's ballclub as they remained unbeaten at 12-0 on the season.

Bentley may have appeared unconscious at times as he buried six three-point baskets en route to a career night. He attempted nine three-pointers for the game.

Trevor Compton added 10 points in the win while Joe Blackburn netted 12. Michael Morris finished with five points with Jesso Chaffin scoring four and Kyle Ousley two.

Marshall and Barker each finished with 10 points for Whitaker.

Bentley hit four hit treys in the opening quarter where he scored 14 points to lead the Blackcats to a 24-4 first quarter lead. Blackburn added seven first quarter points.

Herald-Whitaker rallied in the second quarter and outscored the Blackcats 14-8 to make the half time score of 32-18 a bit more respectable.

The two teams played close through the second half with the Hornets never able to overcome the first quarter blitz put on by Adams.

Adams led 45-30 after three quarters. Bentley hit his sixth trey in the period and scored five points. Blackburn and Compton led the Blackcats in the fourth period with four points each.

Adams attempted only seven free throws in the game and Morrison shot all seven making three.

Blackburn had a big game on the boards as well as in the scoring column. He pulled down 11 rebounds to lead Adams. Chaffin had seven boards while Morrison had six caroms.

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For a list of processors, consult the KDFWR home page at www.kdfwr.us or call 1-800-858-1549.



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KESHA NEWMAN (41), a Betsy Layne freshman, dribbles around a Millard defender. Newman finished the Millard game with four points. She is also a member of Coach Larry Wilson's Betsy Layne High volleyball team.

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CINCINNATI REDS Spring Schedule

FEBRUARY

Mon. 26: INTRASQUAD GAME, SARASOTA, 11:30 a.m.
Wed. 28: Rollins College, Orlando, TBA

MARCH

Thu. 1: Cleveland Indians, Winter Haven, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 2: CLEVELAND INDIANS (SS), SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 2: Minnesota Twins (SS), Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 3: PITTSBURGH PIRATES, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Sun. 4: Texas Rangers, Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
Mon. 5: MINNESOTA TWINS, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Tue. 6: NEW YORK YANKEES, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Wed. 7: Pittsburgh Pirates (SS) Bradenton, 1:05 p.m.
Wed. 7: PITTSBURGH PIRATES (SS), SARASOTA, 7:05 p.m.
Thu. 8: PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 9: Boston Red Sox, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 10: TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS (SS), SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 10: Kansas City Royals (SS), Baseball City, 1:05 p.m.
Sun. 11: TEXAS RANGERS, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Mon. 12: Tampa Bay Devil Rays, St. Petersburg, 1:05 p.m.
Tue. 13: Toronto Blue Jays, Dunedin, 1:05 p.m.
Wed. 14: KANSAS CITY ROYALS, SARASOTA, 7:05 p.m.
Thu. 15: Texas Rangers, Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 16: DETROIT TIGERS, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 17: Boston Red Sox, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Sun. 18: Minnesota Twins, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Mon. 19: Philadelphia Phillies, Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.

NFL Standings

AFC EAST		NFC EAST			
Miami	10	4	N.Y. Giants	10	4
N.Y. Jets	9	5	Philadelphia	10	5
Indianapolis	8	6	Washington	7	7
Buffalo	7	7	Dallas	9	9
New England	4	10	Arizona	3	11

AFC CENTRAL		NFC CENTRAL			
Tennessee	11	3	Minnesota	11	3
Baltimore	10	4	Detroit	9	5
Pittsburgh	7	7	Tampa Bay	9	5
Jacksonville	7	7	Green Bay	7	7
Cleveland	3	11	Chicago	4	10
Cincinnati	3	12			

AFC WEST		NFC WEST			
Oakland	11	3	St. Louis	9	5
Denver	10	4	New Orleans	9	5
Kansas City	6	8	Carolina	6	8
Seattle	5	9	San Francisco	5	9
San Diego	1	13	Atlanta	3	11

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday games
Detroit at New York Jets
Denver at Kansas City
San Diego at Carolina
Atlanta at New Orleans
New England at Buffalo
Jacksonville at Cincinnati

Monday game
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Tennessee at Cleveland
Green Bay at Minnesota
Chicago at San Francisco
Indianapolis at Miami
Baltimore at Arizona
New York Giants at Dallas
Open: Philadelphia

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE			
<i>Atlantic Division</i>		<i>Midwest Division</i>			
Philadelphia	17	6	Utah	17	6
New York	14	10	Minnesota	14	9
Miami	12	11	Dallas	15	10
Orlando	9	13	Houston	13	9
Boston	9	13	San Antonio	13	9
New Jersey	8	14	Denver	11	13
Washington	4	19	Vancouver	7	15
<i>Central Division</i>		<i>Pacific Division</i>			
Cleveland	14	7	Sacramento	15	6
Charlotte	15	9	Phoenix	15	6
Toronto	12	10	Portland	16	8
Indiana	11	12	L.A. Lakers	15	9
Milwaukee	11	12	Seattle	12	12
Detroit	10	13	Golden State	7	17
Atlanta	5	15	L.A. Clippers	7	17
Chicago	3	19			

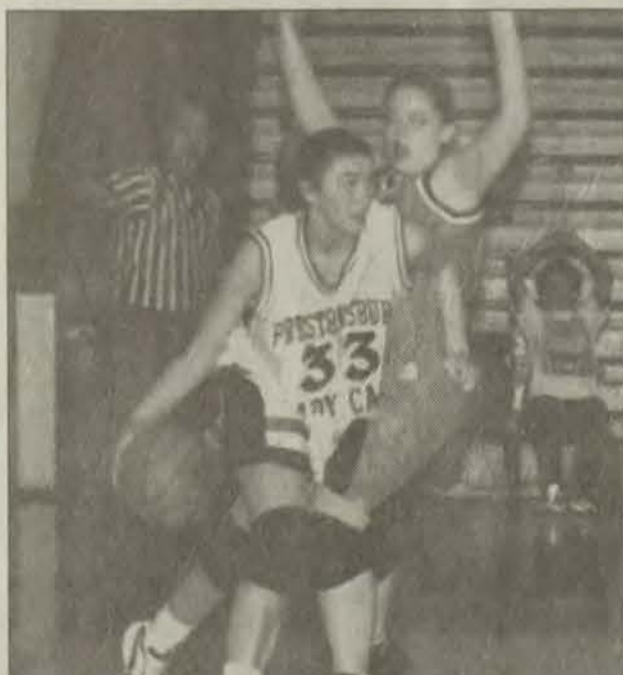


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RAMANDA MUSIC (33) pulled down a rebound and headed up court against Whitesburg. Music led all scorers with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Prestonsburg posted a 57-49 win.

County standings

MEN		
Team	Conference	Overall
Allen Central	1-0	4-0
South Floyd	2-0	4-1
Betsy Layne	0-0	4-1
Prestonsburg	0-0	0-3
Piarist	0-3	0-7
WOMEN		
Team	Conference	Overall
Betsy Layne	0-0	3-1
Prestonsburg	0-0	4-2
South Floyd	0-0	2-2
Allen Central	0-0	1-4
Piarist	0-0	0-4

Thursday night games not included

Sports Briefs...

Basketball

PAINTSVILLE STUNS MAGOFFIN

The host Paintsville Tigers scored a major 57th District and 15th Region upset when they gave visiting Magoffin County their first loss of the 2000-01 season.

Senior Ben Hille scored 22 and junior Chas Harmon netted 21 as the Tigers beat the Hornets 72-59.

JOHNSON CENTRAL WINS FIRST UNDER NEW COACH

The Johnson Central Golden Eagles won their first game of the high school basketball season and their first under new coach Les Trimble. Johnson Central downed 57th District rival Sheldon Clark at home this past Tuesday night.

PIKEVILLE LADY BEARS DOWN ALICE LLOYD

Amanda Collins hit nine of 14 field-goal attempts and scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Lady Bears to a road win. Stephanie Edwards scored 17 and Jennifer Hilton had 15 points for Alice Lloyd.

UK-OLE MISS START TIME NOTE

CBS Sports has chosen not to delay the start of Kentucky's game at Ole Miss on Jan. 20. The game will now tip off at 1:30 p.m. EST to avoid a potential conflict with George W. Bush's Presidential Inauguration earlier that day.

DRIESELL SIGNS THREE-YEAR DEAL

Charles "Lefty" Driesell, the winningest active coach in Division I men's college basketball, signed a new three-year contract with Georgia State this past week.

Football

HARRISON'S FAULKNER PICKS UC

Harrison County quarterback Billy Faulkner has committed to play his college football at the University of Cincinnati.

A visit gave way to UC gave way to Faulkner signing with the Bearcats. Faulkner has canceled visits to North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Michigan State.

Faulkner threw for 2,803 yards and 33 touchdowns this season while leading the Thoroughbreds to 12 consecutive wins before they lost to Highlands in the third round of the playoffs.

Faulkner ended his career with 6,096 yards passing and 63 touchdowns.

OHIO ASSISTANT NEW HEAD COACH

Brian Knorr, an assistant coach who helped build strong defense at Ohio, has been promoted as the new head coach of the Bobcats.

He replaces Jim Grobe, who was hired as coach of Wake Forest one day earlier.

The Bobcat were 7-4 this season, including wins over Minnesota and Marshall, but it was their first winning season over all since 1997.

TOLEDO HIRES COACH

Veteran Toledo assistant coach Tom Amstutz has been hired as the new head coach of a Rockets team that went 10-1 this past season. He succeeds Gary Pinkel, who took the coaching job at Missouri.

Despite a 10-1 record, Toledo was shut out of a bowl game because the Rockets didn't win the Mid-American Conference championship.

DARNELL SIGNS FIVE-YEAR DEAL

Gary Darnell ended speculation this past week about his future by agreeing to a five-year contract. The new deal replaces the remaining two years of his current contract.

EKU'S BANNISTER ALL-AMERICAN

Eastern Kentucky University senior wide receiver Alex Bannister has been named to the coaches' Division I-AA All-America first team.

Bannister, a 6-foot-5, 202-pound Cincinnati native, led the Ohio Valley Conference in receptions (71), receiving yards (1,222) and touchdown catches (12) this season.

XFL NOTES

The New York-New Jersey Hitmen signed FB Louis D'Agostino, LB Ben Hicks, LB Haven Fields, K Sean Liss and S Nakia Reddick. They released WR Marcus Harris, WR Kelvin Stevens and FB Rod Brown. The Hitmen placed OT Toni Berti and OG Allen DeGraffenreid on reserve.

SPURRIER SIGNS EXTENSION

Florida Coach Steve Spurrier has signed a four-year contract extension that will pay him \$2.1 million per year through 2006. The contract still includes terms that allow Spurrier to leave without cause between Dec. 1 and Jan. 2 of each year.

Baseball

REDS SIGN REYES

The Cincinnati Reds have agreed to terms with left-handed pitcher Dennis Reyes on a one-year contract.

CUBS FANS CLEARED

Disorderly conduct charges were dropped against two Chicago Cubs fans, Ronald Camacho and James Maness, who were pulled from a brawl with several Los Angeles Dodgers players during a Wrigley Field game in May. The judge ruled that the prosecutor did not prove the men were responsible for the brawl.

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Millard

hit a jumper to put Millard on the scoreboard.

Coach Cassandra Akers' Ladycats answered the Millard bucket with an 11-0 run, taking a 15-2 lead into the second quarter. Lykens sparked the run with five points coming on a two-point basket and a three-point field goal. Amber Roberts also had a strong first quarter performance, netting

four points.

Millard doubled their first quarter point production in the second frame by putting four points on the scoreboard. Betsy Layne continued their dominance with a 20-point second quarter.

Natasha Stratton came in off the Betsy Layne bench to score eight of her game-high 16 points in the second period. Parsons put

up five second quarter points and Keisha Newman made good on a layup following a steal of a Millard pass, to make it a 35-6 Betsy Layne lead with 32.6 ticks remaining on a second quarter clock. The score would remain the same going into the intermission period, as the Ladycats took a 29-point lead into the third quarter.

The Ladycats had their best offensive quarter in the third stanza. Eight different Betsy Layne players scored in the third period, as the Ladycats maintained a torrid pace by outscoring their visitors 22-5. Devon Reynolds tossed in six of her eight points in the third.

Trailing 48-8, with 4:10 remaining in the third quarter, Millard got a spark from Elswick, who drained a three-pointer, making it a 48-11 game.

Five new players made their way into the game for Betsy

Layne at the 3:10 mark of the third quarter. The host Ladycats went on a 9-0 run at the end of the third frame and took a commanding 57-11 lead into the fourth quarter.

Millard got all seven of their fourth quarter points from one player, Savannah Adkins. The Lady Mustang made good on two field goals and one three-point basket, but it was Betsy Layne that would more than double up Millard, outscoring them 15-8 in the last quarter.

With several subs and many younger players seeing playing time in the fourth quarter, Coach Akers saw her squad having the opportunity to try some new things on offense. The younger players gained valuable playing time by gaining some minutes on the court in a game that was definitely in Betsy Layne's favor shortly after the opening tip.

Six Ladycats scored in the final

quarter. Stratton led Betsy Layne in fourth quarter scoring with four tallies. Amy Keathley scored three fourth quarter points; one on a free throw, and two on a successful field goal.

Lykens complemented Stratton's game-high 16 with 14 points of her own, including one three-point field goal. Parsons finished with 10 points and Reynolds netted eight. In all, twelve Betsy Layne Ladycats made their way into the scoring column.

"In a game like this, we were able to work on some of our different offenses, which is some-

thing we needed to do," said Betsy Layne's Coach Akers following the game. "A game like tonight's gave our younger kids the chance to play more."

One of the more impressive statistics was Betsy Layne's free-throw shooting. The Ladycats were seven-of-nine from the free-throw line. Parsons was a perfect four-of-four from the charity stripe.

Millard was led in scoring by Elswick's nine-point performance. Adkins netted seven and Whitney Lawson made a field goal to round out the Millard scoring.

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Caudill

The defensive lineman/fullback twice earned All-State honors. He gained national recognition by being selected Parade All-America, Street and Smith's All-America, Prep Senior and SuperPrep All-America and was named to the All-Southeast Region Dream Team.

Caudill holds three state weight-lifting records as well.

More than 3,000 scholar-athletes are honored each year by chapters of the National Football Foundation. From those winners, the NFL selects one scholar-athlete from each of its four regions.

Caudill represented the Midwest Region. He was nominated by the Jerry Claiborne Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

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Victory

work and with 3:20 to play in the third, Betsy Layne led 50-29.

Belfry got an old-fashion three point play from Lequire and Curtis Childers buried a trey to cut the lead to 15 but Betsy Layne kept the pressure up and led 60-37 after three quarters.

In the fourth period the game was halted for 10 minutes as a Belfry fan had to be escorted from the gymnasium for unruly conduct toward an official.

The unexpected intermission caused the Bobcats to lose momentum. Betsy Layne scored only two free throws in the first four-plus minutes of the final stanza allowing Belfry to climb back into the game. But that has been the scheme of things all season for Betsy Layne.

"I can't explain it. We were able to maintain, I thought, after that one push in the fourth quarter and kept even from there on out. That was an improvement over what we did Saturday against Millard."

Daniels and Robbie Johnson helped stabilize things for the Bobcats over the final four minutes.

According to Coach Rose, his team has grown up and is playing great defense.

"That was the best half-court defense we have played the two years I have been here," said the Betsy Layne mentor. "We were able to control the boards because of the good defensive pressure. That is the kind of things we need."

Coach Rose applauded his team for showing improvement on getting the ball to the paint area.

"I have to compliment my guards because a week ago we couldn't make a good entry pass," he said. "Now we are making those passes and our big guys are putting it in."

"We haven't never went with the three that much, we just take what they give us. Right now we are able to get the ball inside."

Both Collins and Daniels pulled in nine rebounds for the game and had four block shots. Coach Rose said Collins is not getting the recognition he deserves as well as Daniels.

"I have said at the beginning of the year that Jeremy will be one of the players where people will be asking where did he come from. He is just improving every game and getting more aggressive," said Rose. "He is playing great right now."

"Someone else that I think a lot of people overlook is Adam Collins. He is playing strong basketball. He is averaging 16 points a game."

Coach Rose said the Belfry game was one of Keathley's best games this season.

"He had a great start for us but they keyed on him the second half," said the Betsy Layne coach. "He shot the ball well. But his defense was valuable. He made so many hustle plays for us."

Betsy Layne, who had been averaging 16 steals per game finished with 14 against Belfry. Daugherty had five assists in the outing with Tackett dishing off four assists.

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MASON HAYWOOD, 11, bagged this deer while hunting with his grandfather, Bill Haywood. "Special thanks to Papa, for his help when he could have been out bow hunting," said Mason.



THE ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Dance team took first place in November at the East Kentucky Cheer and Dance competition held at the Mountain Arts Center. The local team took first place in the Jazz/Funk division, placed first in the Pom Division and was awarded overall Grand Champions in the Junior Dance Division. The team also placed first at the Right Beaver Classic and the Shag Campbell Invitational earlier in the year.

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STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

All-Americans announced, any surprises?

The Associated Press All-America team was released this past week, with Florida State and Miami players dominating the selections.

The 26-player squad featured Florida State's Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke, and Miami's award-winning linebacker Dan Morgan.

Florida State receiver Marvin Minnis and Jamal Reynolds were the other 'Noles chosen.

Miami's Santana Moss, in my opinion the best receiver to come out of Miami since Michael Irvin and safety Edward Reed rounded out the Miami selections.

Marshall will mingle with an All-American when they play Cincinnati and Jonathan Ruffin in the Motor City Bowl in Detroit. Ruffin was chosen as a First-Team All-American place-kicker.

Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel received second-team honors and Purdue signal-caller Josh Heupel garnered third-team honors.

It will be exciting to watch the bowl match-ups this holiday season. It's always relaxing to settle in for a nice evening of college football bowl action.

Just about very deserving All-American candidate I can think of, was chosen to one of the first three teams. It would have been real nice if UK tight end Derek Smith had been selected to one of the three squads. Maybe next year Derek. Maybe a bowl game for UK next season also.

Speaking of bowls, the 2000-01 bowl season will kick off this week on Wed. Dec. 20, with the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian (10-1) led by Heisman finalist LaDainian Tomlinson taking on Brett Favre's alma mater Southern Miss (7-4) in the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. ESPN2 will carry the game.

The very next night, on Thur., Dec. 21, UNLV (7-5) will battle an SEC team, Arkansas (6-5) in the Las Vegas Bowl.

The bowl schedule will go on a three-day hiatus before starting back up on Christmas Eve in Honolulu. The Oahu Bowl will be played on Christmas Eve this season as Virginia (6-5) will battle Georgia (7-4).

Tune into some great college football action this season.

The Wildcats aren't bowling this season, but Marshall's Thundering Herd is, a mentioned before, Marshall (7-4) and former Prestonsburg Blackcat Nathan Leslie will battle the Bearcats (7-4) on Dec. 27. The game will be carried by ESPN.

Excited about the thought of it

An old gridiron rivalry will be revived on August 31, 2001, when the Prestonsburg Blackcats will welcome in Coach David LeMaster's Paintsville Tigers. The Prestonsburg-Paintsville football rivalry is great. It's good to see the two squads hooking back up with each other. One foe that stays on the Prestonsburg gridiron schedule for next season is Sheldon Clark. The Cardinals lost 19 seniors from this year's squad and will look not to rebuild, but reload next season. With the talent returning for Prestonsburg next sea-

son, it leaves me to think the Blackcats have a legitimate shot at capturing a 2A state championship.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett is keeping himself busy as he is assisting Blackcat basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp this roundball season. The Blackcats have had a rough schedule early on, but show signs of improvement each time out. Crisp's crew could be a tough team to handle come tournament time.

Classic leftovers

The recent Q95 Classic saw some great basketball action. I thought it would be nice to feature/recap some of the out of county teams and talent that made their way into Prestonsburg for the all-day event.

The Lawrence County Bulldogs brought a real physical team into Prestonsburg to do battle with the Allen Central Rebels. Lawrence County standout running back Michael West played a sound ball game as did LCHS quarterback Dontae Wright. The sophomore athlete came into the Allen Central game off the bench and gave Bulldog Coach Trent Steiner some quality minutes.

Coach Joe Marson's Millard Mustangs once again made a miraculous comeback. The first stellar comeback against a Floyd County team came earlier this season when they fought back before falling 84-80 to Coach Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders. Randall McPeck is a sharpshooter for the Mustangs. Millard will be a team to contend with come tournament time.

The East Carter Raiders brought a very good ball club into the Prestonsburg gym and just narrowly pulled off a win over the host Blackcats. Between East Carter and Lawrence County, I got the feeling that the 16th Region is going to do very well this season.

Hornets bit by upset-minded Tigers

Another team that fared well in the inaugural Q95 Classic was the Magoffin County Hornets. Coach Danny Adams' Hornets beat the runnin', gunnin' South Floyd Raiders.

The Magoffin County-South Floyd game drew the largest crowd of the four games. Many fans and spectators saw Magoffin's 7-footer Tim Summa for the first time.

The Hornets are simply loaded, but their South Floyd victory celebration was short-lived as they went into Paintsville on Tuesday night, three days later, and were handed their first defeat of the season by the Paintsville Tigers.

The tandem of senior Ben Hale and junior Chas Harmon scored 22 and 21 points respectively as the host Tigers rolled to a 72-59 win.

The Tigers held the 7-foot Summa to just two points.

The point is: Paintsville beating Magoffin County by 13 points, just goes to show how wide open the 15th Region really is this season.

Be sure to get out to a warm gym for some hot basketball action this week!



JENNY PARSONS (23) of Betsy Layne, goes up for a shot over a Millard defender. Parsons finished with 14 points against the Lady Mustangs.

Piarist

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Heath Hall drained a trey in the fourth quarter and finished with five points for the contest. Randall Matthews scored four points in the final period. Josh Newman, Charles Ray and James Slone finished with two points each.

The Raiders busted out to a 29-10 first quarter lead behind Michael Hall and John Meade's eight first quarter points. Rose hit a three and scored four points in the first period for the Knights, Goeing had four points.

The Knights were only able to play one field goal in the second

period, a three-point basket by Robert Hall, as the Raiders took a 51-13 lead to the locker room at the half.

Meade, Tyler Hall and Skeans hit treys for the Raiders in a 23-3 third quarter run for a 74-16 lead after three quarters. Coach Webb then played his bench the final eight minutes of the game.

South Floyd will entertain Paintsville Tuesday night. The Knights will not return to the hardwood until after the holidays and will compete in the Model Invitational December 28-29.

P'burg

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her ability to hit the free throws, made only four of eight. Ramanda Music connected on only five of 11. Amelia Conley hit but two of eight tries. The only real bright spot from the line was senior Brook Coleman with three of four.

Music saved the night for Prestonsburg and finished with 23 points as the Lady Blackcats improved to 4-2 on the season. Amelia Conley, who suffered a slight injury, finished with 12 points before fouling out late in the game. Music had back-to-back baskets and hit one of two free throws to keep her team in front.

Whitesburg, smaller than Prestonsburg, beat the host team on the boards, especially on their offensive boards.

"They outrebounded us. They are a physical team," said the Prestonsburg coach. "We got caught, what I call 'go-fer-ing,' instead of putting a body on somebody and looking up."

The Prestonsburg coach said that was something he can correct in practice.

"It is just a lack of concentration and not being where you are supposed to be," he said.

Howell hit a big basket for Prestonsburg with under a minute to play that gave Prestonsburg a nine point cushion, 55-46.

The game was tied five times in the first quarter, the last at 15-15 before Prestonsburg took the lead for good at 17-15 on two Howell free throws. Three of four free throws from Whitesburg made it a 17-16 game at the first stop.

Whitesburg really struggled from the floor at the onset of the second quarter. Three turnovers by the Lady Jackets allowed Prestonsburg to

"struggle" to a 26-18 lead late in the second stanza. Whitesburg did not get on the scoreboard in the second quarter until the 2:52 mark when Susan Boggs hit a short jumper.

Following a basket by Vickie Bowling that gave Prestonsburg a 28-20 lead, Nicole Hampton and Howell went after a loose ball near the end zone where both players collided. Hampton was injured and taken to the hospital to be checked out.

When play resumed, Cassie Whitaker stole the ball and scored to make it a 28-22 game at the half.

Trying their best to officiate the game from the stands, the Whitesburg crowd had plenty to cheer about as their Lady Jacket team rallied at the onset of the third period and pulled to within five of Prestonsburg, 35-30.

But Coleman scored on a break out for Prestonsburg and Conley hit one of two free throws to extend the lead back to eight. Two baskets by Music and a free throw by Hyden gave the host team a 10 margin after three quarters, 43-33.

Prestonsburg led 47-34 and 48-35 for their biggest leads of the game at 13 points.

When Whitesburg made a run at Prestonsburg Coach Tackett put his ballclub in a 2-1-2 defense, packing it in toward the middle.

"They came out and hit a couple of three's and I asked Doug (DeRossett) there, we are in trouble if they start hitting those three's," said Coach Tackett. "He said just stay tight with it and make them hit some more. I don't think they hit another one. But, to be honest, I was ready to come out of it after they hit two late. But we stayed the course and did all right."

At times Prestonsburg looked great against the Whitesburg press and at times they looked confused.

"We panic," said Tackett. "People don't get in their spots. When you get one person not in their spots or thinking where they are suppose to go, that is early season, preseason stuff. Later on they will not to even think about it. Right now, they are thinking about it."

Christy Fox hit three three-point baskets and scored 13 points to lead Whitesburg. Ashley Stidham added seven points. Stidham, the big girl in the middle, was the focus of attention for Prestonsburg as they packed the defense on her in the middle.

Golf

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MEGAN HYDEN (15) dished off a pass during girls basketball play at Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg posted a 57-49 win over visiting Whitesburg. Hyden finished with seven points.

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INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Millsaps Scores First BASS Title

Jimmy Millsaps had been close before, but had always come up short in the end. Entering Saturday's final round of the \$232,000 BASSMASTER Alabama Eastern Invitational on Lake Martin, the Georgia pro found himself in 10th place — 3 pounds, 12 ounces out of the lead.

For the first time in his professional career, Millsaps put it all together when it counted, bagging a five-bass limit weighing 10 pounds,



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7 ounces, to charge from behind and capture his first BASS title with a three-day total of 24 pounds. His 1-pound victory was worth \$51,000 and valuable points toward qualifying for the coveted BASS Masters Classic.

"I have finished third at a couple of BASS tournaments," Millsaps said. "But I never could quite get over the hump. That makes this even more special."

Georgia's Danny White, who held the lead entering the final round, finished second with 23 pounds, followed by Alabama pro Coby Carden (22-8), Paul

Hanley of Georgia (21-13) and North Carolina's Gerald Beck (21-11).

"When the wind picked up, I found some success fishing red clay banks in the pockets next to points," Millsaps said. "I fished a half-ounce Riverside spinnerbait with gold and silver blades. I was moving it pretty fast over the drop-offs, and when the bait came out of shallow water, the bass would come up and hit it."

White's chances were doomed by a 5-15 catch on Saturday. "I knew that this tournament was going to be tough, with several fronts moving through," he said. "I built my strategy around that."

"I took a gamble and concentrated on the spotted bass, because I knew it would be tough to win on the largemouths. I fished offshore locations rather than bank spots because I knew that I needed enough fish to last for three days. The areas had some grass mixed with rocks, and I worked a Zoom lizard extremely slow, rattling it in the grass," the runner-up said.

Carden utilized a crankbait and a finesse worm to finish third.

Murray Scores Big Arizona pro John Murray was the big winner last week as he took the Western Outdoor News BASS Miller High Life Western Classic, as well as his fourth Daiwa Cup Angler of the Year award.

Murray became the first pro to accomplish both feats in the same season. And he did it in convincing style, with a pair of five-bass limits totaling 49.46 pounds, giving him a 3.94-pound margin over fellow Arizonan Mark Kile (45.52 pounds).

California's Jimmy Walker finished third on the strength of a 31.94-pound five-bass stringer — a new one-day, five-bass WON Bass record.

Murray's \$100,000 top prize included \$44,000 in cash and a fully rigged boat. The Daiwa Cup award was accompanied by a \$5,000 prize.

The fishing on California's Clear Lake was nothing short of magnificent. During the two-day event, the 100 pro and amateur anglers weighed in 410 bass totaling 1,471 pounds — an impressive average of 3.59 pounds per bass.

Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	76	★ Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. Leads BASS Angler of Year standings
2	2	59	★ Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. Reigning BASS Angler of Year
3	3	76	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. Fourth in Classic
4	4	76	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. Won '99 BASS Masters Classic
5	5	76	★ Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. Won Top 150 season opener
6	6	76	Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Mo. Returning after surgery
7	7	54	★ Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. The best of the West
8	8	40	★ Shaw Grigsby, Gainesville, Fla. Won two Top 150s; third in Classic
9	9	46	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. Placed 10th in Classic; finals of Top 150 opener
10	10	26	★ Gary Klein, Weatherford, Texas Won two FLW events and Trucker Legends

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



STEVE MACADAMS is a guide on Kentucky and Barkley lakes, and one of America's foremost crappie fishing authorities. He lives in Paris, Tenn.

Dance a Jig for More Crappie

"The most common artificial crappie bait used in every corner of the country has to be the jig. No matter where you go, shad is their main food source. Lakes that have good crappie reputations all have a good forage base of shad, whether it be Kentucky Lake, or Lake Weiss and Lake Eufaula in Alabama, or Santee-Cooper in South Carolina.

"Artificial jigs simulate shad with their movement and often their color, although matching the color of shad is not extremely important. You'll catch crappie on some wild colors.

"I've fished with every type of crappie lure imaginable, but I prefer the hollow-bodied tube skirt jigs for most of my fishing. But that's primarily when I am able to jig straight down over structure in fairly deep water. I use those type of jigs with ultralight gear. If I'm fishing clear water and I find an underwater brushpile that I know is holding fish, I know the fish will be spooky because of the clear water. I'll then back off and cast to that brushpile."

Blind Behavior



A successful hunter examines his game in the early morning light.

Take Steps to Maximize Blind's Effectiveness

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

Most hunters understand the necessity of being well-camouflaged and hidden from view in a decent blind. But few go to the lengths of renowned Florida waterfowl guide Ernie Glover.

Glover, who guides hunters on Lake Okechobee, dresses his clients like turkey hunters. Camouflaged gloves and facemasks are an important aspect of his "blending in" approach, along with camo face paint for the more adventuresome. "The sun hitting on the face and hands can be enough to make ducks flare off instead of continuing for the decoys," he said. "The birds we're seeing are being shot at a lot, so they are getting more and more cautious. They'll flare away a lot quicker these days."

Tommy Akin guides duck and goose hunters on Tennessee's Reelfoot Lake, using large, plush blinds capable of handling as many as 10 shooters. The trap-door blinds are stable and well-camouflaged with natural cover like corn stalks and oak limbs disguising their chicken-wire frames.

Despite such concealment, Akin emphasizes one cardinal rule to those in the blind — minimize movement.

"It is important not to move in a blind when the ducks are flying over, no matter how good the camouflage is," Akin said. "You can be covered from head to toe inside of a great blind and if you stand up and that duck sees the reflection off your face or detects any movement at all, more than likely that bird will flare."

Much like a turkey hunter in a ground blind, Akin follows the ducks with just his eyes. Even when calling, his movements are slow and deliberate. But when the birds approach the decoys or provide a decent passing shot, Akin launches the trap door and shoulders his shotgun in one motion. His every movement is precise and purposeful.

One of the most common mistakes made by duck hunters of all skill levels is simply

shooting too soon, Toby Bridges believes. Bridges grew up hunting the flooded timber of southern Illinois and now concentrates his efforts on small waters in the midst of Missouri's Ozark Mountains. Over the years, experience has taught him that the timing of the shot is every bit as critical as the lead time.

"Most people could increase their success on ducks by letting the ducks work a little longer and look the decoy spread over longer," Bridges said. "The key is watching and learning to read the ducks. If you are patient, you will learn to pick up on little things that will tell you whether you need to take a passing shot or if those birds are going to come in to your decoys."

Bridges emphasizes that patience is often the difference between a difficult passing shot and several shots at birds coasting into the decoys.

"I like to watch them land in the decoys," he said. "To me, that's more satisfying than blowing a bird out of the air from 40 yards away because it means that I've done my job right from the decoy spread to my concealment. I'll let the first birds in a flock splash down before I raise up and select a target that's practically suspended in the air backpedaling. By that time, the ducks on the water have time to recover, and you get a better chance of scoring with your second or third shots than you do with passing birds. You can pick up your limit in one flock."

Calling is one of the most enjoyable aspects of waterfowl hunting. For many sportsmen, as much satisfaction is derived from calling a duck into range as making a difficult shot.

"It's so much fun that it is easy to get carried away with calling, especially when you realize that the ducks are responding to it," Bridges said. "A lot of people simply call too much."

Bridges believes that duck calls simply get the birds' attention, and it is the visual appeal of the decoy spread that draws them in. As the ducks approach, he stops calling, except for an occasional brief, subtle feeding call.

YOUR SPORTS

Outdoors Gear Should Include Water Purifier

By JOHN E. PHILLIPS

We have all heard of Montezuma's Revenge, but how about Beaver Fever?

If you hunt, hike, fish or camp in the wild, it's something you should think about.

Beaver Fever is technically called giardiasis, and it strikes outdoorsmen and women more often than any other waterborne disease. *Giardia lamblia*, the microscopic parasite that causes giardiasis, has become one of the most common causes of waterborne disease in the United States.

Waterborne illnesses often hit when a thirsty hunter or angler decides to take a cool drink from a mountain stream or a bubbling spring, just like the pioneers and cowboys in the movies. That might have been just fine in the 1840s, but today, even the most pristine mountain stream might harbor chemical pollution, parasites, bacteria and/or viruses. You won't see these contaminants, but you definitely will feel them if they enter your system.

The best general rule is never to drink water directly from lakes, rivers, streams or springs, no matter how pure the water may look. And even some tap water can cause illnesses — that old well at the hunting cabin could be contaminated, for instance.

The oldest and cheapest method of purifying drinking water is to boil it. Boiling remains the most reliable method to make water safe to drink. Boiling water for five minutes will kill any biological hazard you can expect to find (most pathogens actually die after one minute of vigorous boiling). By adding a pinch of salt or pouring the water from one container to another, you will improve the taste of boiled water.

If you don't want to take the time to boil your water, you can zap the demons with two easy-to-obtain chemicals — iodine and chlorine. Many outdoorsmen carry these chemicals afield because of their light weight and relatively low price. The iodine and chlorine treatments require that you allow the water to sit for at least 20 or 30 minutes after treating — and very cold or cloudy water will have to stand for several hours or even overnight.

You can also find many different kinds of water filters on the market today, all of which produce clean-tasting water quickly. A carbon filter is necessary to remove chemical toxins from your water.

In the filtration process, contaminated water goes into a container, trickles through several different types of filters, and is collected. For maximum effectiveness, be sure to change filters as often as the package directions tell you.

Look for these three characteristics when searching for a quality water filter:

ON THE WEB

Do a search for "water purification."

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pen-like purifiers use ultraviolet light to disinfect rapidly, without the use of heat or chemicals. You just stick the tip of the pen in the water, and within 30 seconds, you have ready-to-drink water.

You should be able to purchase water purification chemicals or filters at sporting goods stores, pharmacies and camping supply stores. Whatever type of water purification system you buy, be sure to learn how to use it properly.



A drink of water can't be taken for granted in the wild.

GEAR AND GOODIES

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— Tim Tucker

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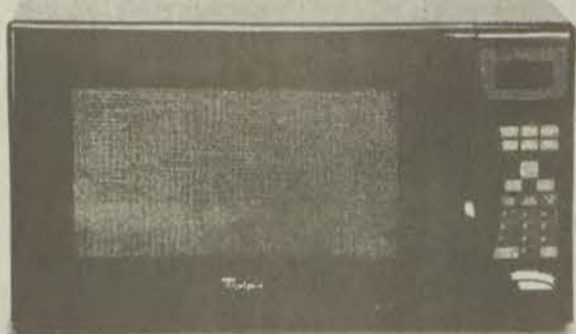
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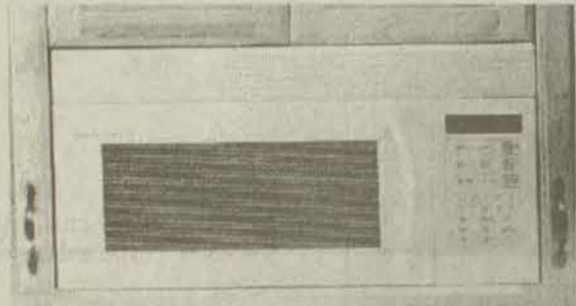
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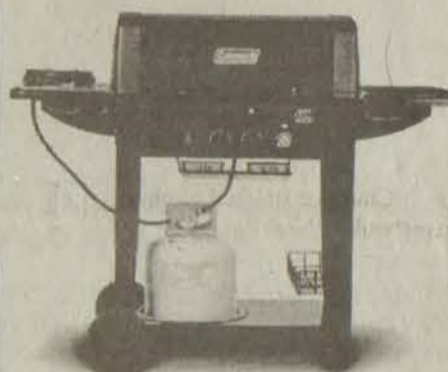
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Allen student learn about alcohol



PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Lucky dogs

Emma Lou Martin came by the other day to put an announcement in the paper of her golden wedding anniversary. She is rightfully proud that she and husband Clarence have managed to stay married in a time when half of their counterparts don't.

She happened to mention Clarence's outdoor holiday decorations, and I had to stop by and see for myself.

This time of year, of course, most everyone has lights hanging from their houses and shrubs, along with seasonal figures in the yard. Clarence is just a little bit different. He has colored lights strung around the manger-like shed he and his brother built for two very special and very lucky creatures.

Rocky and Sheba came to the Martin house not quite a year ago. Their mother was a stray who came regularly for food, but would not let anyone get close enough to pet her.

When it was obvious she'd had puppies, Clarence trekked along the riverbank behind the house and up and down the hill across the road, but he could find no sign of the little family.

One day, perhaps tired of having to feed the growing pups on her own, the mother dog began to bring the pups with her to the food source. There were three at first, but one was soon killed on the road.

Fearing for the others, Clarence and his brother captured the little blond boy and the black and tan girl. The mother continued to come back to see them, but it became clear she was sick, probably, the vet said, with heartworms. She soon died.

Clarence, who grew up with farm animals that simply worked and were fed, found himself taking the pups to the vet, getting their shots, later having Sheba spayed, and faithfully treating them both for heartworms and fleas.

As they grew, Rocky and Sheba — names attached by the Martin's great-grandson Austin — learned to climb over the enclosure Clarence had made for them. So he took a big chunk of backyard, which slopes picturesquely into the river, and fenced it in.

And although they had dog houses, he built the shed so that there was room for him and his brother to put chairs in and sit with the precious pets when the weather is mild.

Clarence and Emma Lou have always prided themselves on a nice lawn, but now they laugh when they talk about how the dogs dig holes and keep the pen bare of grass.



"If you've read this far without yawning and if you still have some holiday gift shopping to do, consider giving books. I've worked on some gift suggestions you might want to think about, all available or easily ordered from local bookstores."



A 'read' Christmas

by PAM SHINGLER
 LIFESTYLES EDITOR

There are few finer gifts to give or get than books. They give when they're received and they continue to give.

Some serve as references we return to again and again for information or instruction or inspiration.

Some are old friends who understand our darkness and know exactly what to say to assure us we're not alone.

Some deliver us from the routine or troubling reality of our own life into brief respite.

Some remind us that life can be better, or it can be worse, or it can be simply different — valuable lessons all.

I can't remember when I didn't love books. I'm a lifelong, confirmed bibliophile. (Look it up in one of my favorite books, the dictionary.) I honestly cannot comprehend not wanting to read or, in fact, not loving to read. And I'm forever — and shamelessly — trying to make converts.

If you've read this far without yawning and if you still have some holiday gift shopping to do, consider giving books. I've worked on some gift suggestions you might want to think about, all available or easily ordered from local bookstores.

First off, you need to think about what interests the people on your gift lists. Do they like mysteries? Do they like a good scare? Do they savor romance novels? Are they into self-improvement? Are they looking for spiritual guidance?

Do they want to learn a trade, to play an instrument, to build a house, to cram for the ACT, to identify the birds in the back yard, to make candles, to find out about their family tree? It's all right there in books.

My particular fancy these days is for books by people from this area and about this area, books that celebrate our Appalachian heritage and confirm that we are, despite all the commentary to the contrary, a literate — make that sometimes highly literate — people.

Forthwith, some recommendations:

■ "Appalachian Christmas Stories," apropos of the season. Works by some of our best writers, including Jesse Stuart, Loyal Jones, Billy C. Clark, Harry Caudill, Jim Wayne Miller, and more.

■ "Big Stone Gap," actually a best seller by Adriana Trigiano, a native of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, just across the line. I saw her in an interview on TV, where she said some folks back home were convinced they were characters in the book and were upset with her for not using their real name.

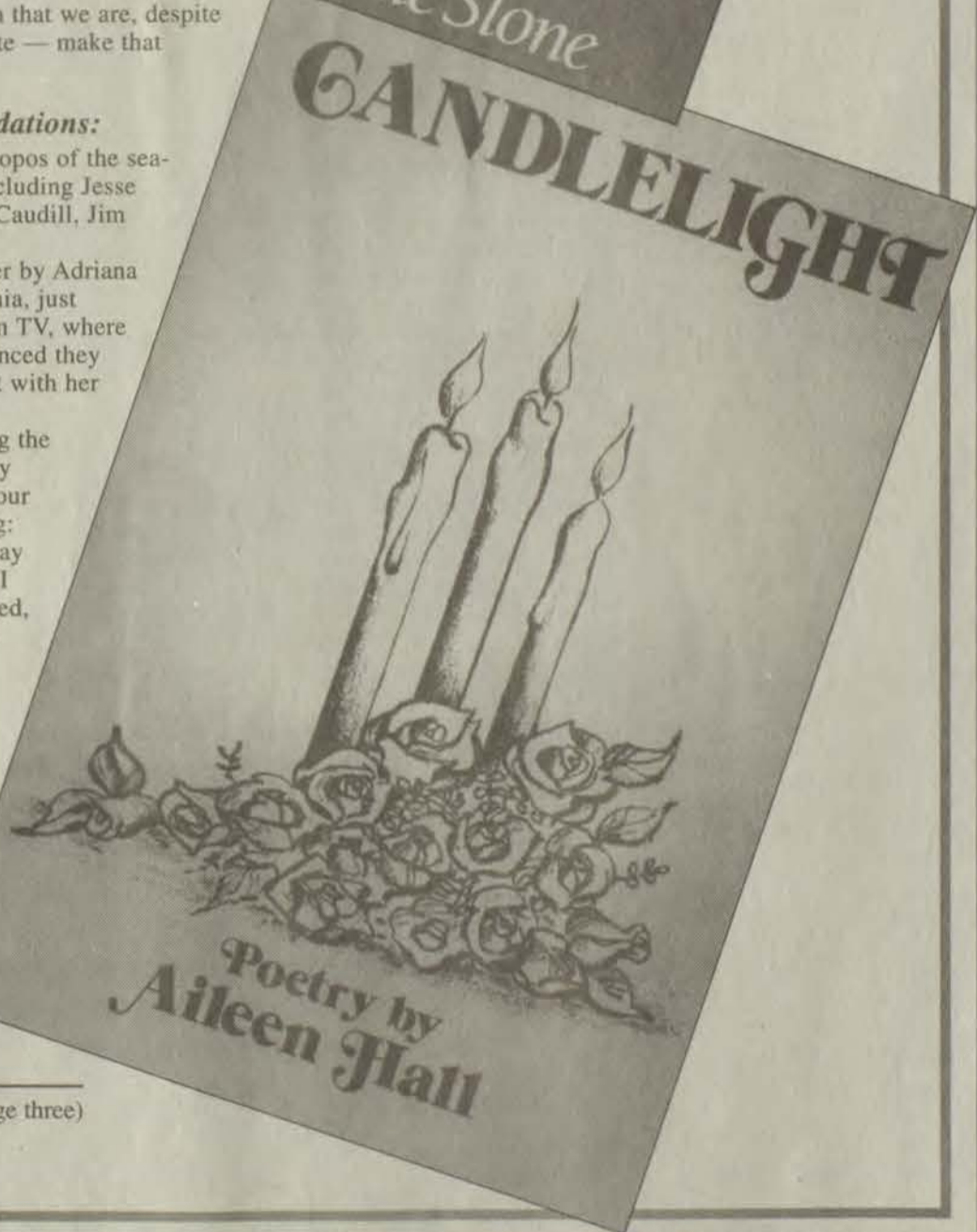
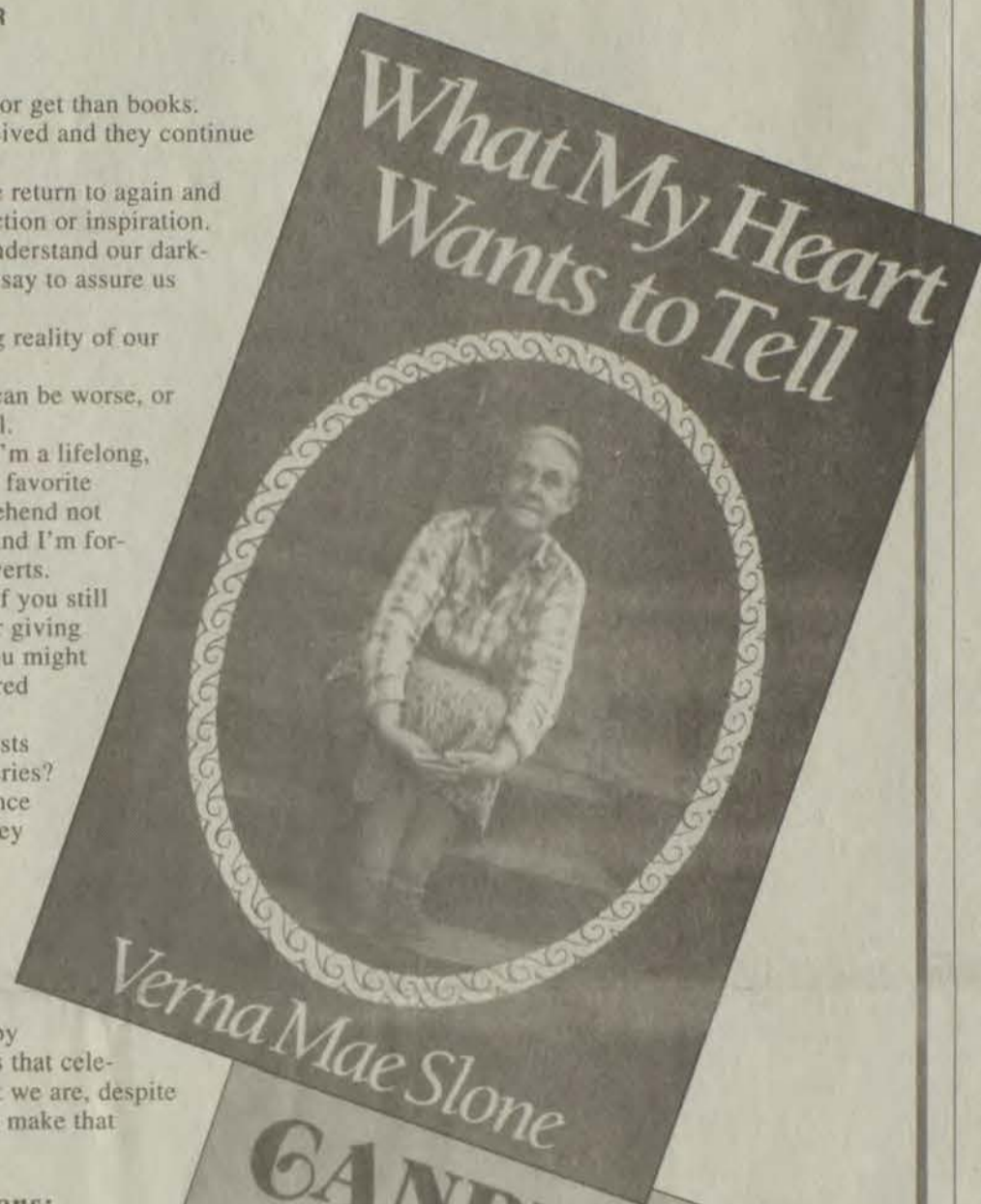
■ "Laughter in Appalachia" and "Curing the Cross-Eyed Mule," just a couple of titles by Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler about our people's strong sense of humor. A sampling: Two brothers were arguing over the best way to raise hogs. One bragged, "I know hogs. I grew up with hogs." The second one retorted, "Yeah, and you never got above your raising."

■ "The Saga of Jenny Wiley," by Harry Caudill, and "White Squaw," by Arville Wheeler, two renditions of the capture and escape of our local pioneer heroine. Everyone should know this.

■ "River of Earth," "Sporty Creek," and many other titles by James Still, the dean of Appalachian writers, who lives just across the county line in Knott and has written exquisite prose and poetry about this region.

■ "A Long Roe To Hoe," "By Way of Forked Stick," and many more

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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 1960.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER: Lord, bless all the Little Tins of this earth and all the Scrooges, too. All need Thee alike.

NO SOAP

I have wrestled valiantly and in vain with the problem of coming up with a Christmas story for this edition. The ideas just didn't jell, such as they were.

I got as far as an intriguing title for such a piece: "The Town That Was Too Cold for Santa Claus" — but got little beyond that. Then I got to doodling around with the ridiculous, which would have been altogether out of tune. Just to let you know how a wandering mind which has its pixilated moments works. I'll let you in on the title I had for this latter opus:

"The Night Santa Spilled the Jellybeans."

Oh, well!

LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY

The fact is, I once upon a time saw Santa spill, not the jellybeans, but the cinnamon drops all over the floor. The tiny bits of candy scattered over the floor, and I found Santa fumbling and feeling for that candy, just as any mere human would fumble, there in the flickering light of a coal fire. The job required several minutes, and it is doubtful if ever again I have been as quiet as I was for that tense, suspenseful period.

Somehow, I expected this mysterious visitor to do a better job of finding the candy and getting it back where it belonged, since he had just negotiated an overnight trip from the North Pole and had magically entered the room via the chimney. The incident set me to thinking that maybe Santa wasn't all he was, as they say, cracked up to be, and I think that right then I had my first unfortunate experience in losing faith in something on which I would have staked my life.

But the good saint later lost some faith in me, perhaps, when he learned that I played him along for a full two years, avowing my faith in him while all the time I knew the truth of the matter and was playing him for a sucker.

If the world only had the pure faith in the Christ whose birthday it observes at this season that a child has in Santa Claus!

POST-CHRISTMAS LETTER DEAR FRIEND:

Or may I call you, "Friend," after what has happened?

I write to tell you that I am deeply distressed. I cherish my friends, I cannot afford to lose even one. Above all things, I do not want to lose you.

I would remind you that I have never failed you before. I do not subscribe to the idea of one friend telling another of the good things he has done for him, but the present situation demands unusual measures. I would recall to you the time you were sick—wasn't I at your bedside? Differences in politics, religious beliefs, family spats—nothing has ever marred our friendship. (I know without your saying so that you did your part to keep peace between us, but I was your partner, remember.) I admit that now, after all these years, I have committed an offense which would try the friendship of a Jonathan and a David, but—please!—forgive and forget. Blame it on my wife, the weather, the Christmas rush—anything!—but do not blame me, friend of mine, because I forgot to send you a Christmas card.

Yours,

*If any reader would like to sign the foregoing letter with me, let me

(See **WORLD**, page three)



Clarence Martin gives treats to Rocky and Sheba, his special friends. Note the string of Christmas lights around the shed he built for the foundlings.

(See **POSTSCRIPT**, page three)



Puppy love

Maudie Stevens got a special treat on December 7 when a pretty and playful puppy cuddled up in her lap at Riverview Health Care. Andrea Ratliff of Penelope's Pets, along with volunteers, visited the residents and gave them a chance to pet the puppy. According to resident coordinator Delores Hall, the residents look forward to future visits from the pets.

Things to Ponder

Christmas gifts for the family

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

"Family"—supposedly one of our priorities. "Time"—what busy family members are looking for. "Family time"—when the family takes the opportunity to be together and pay attention to each other.

Where do you find it? Where did it go? Is it deep inside all of the gadgets we have today in the average American home? Could it be in the stack of CD's? Could it be in the TV that is in every room, standard or satellite, where each person watches the program of his/her choice. Maybe, it is in the VCR. Perhaps it went into the depths of the Internet and was forever caught on an unwritten web page. It could be mixed up with the video games and software?

So much is said about having and increasing family time and the values of doing so. Hopefully, through your choices of Christmas gifts, you can help direct your family to being together more as a New Year's resolution.

Arranging for a period of "family time" is usually a frequent recommendation given to folks. This means to turn off the TV, music, telephone, and any other technical distracters. One purpose of the family time is for parents and children to discuss what is working and not working, communicate clearly, and make new guidelines for family life, if necessary. This type of family time needs to occur once per week on the same day and time with the expectation that everyone will be there.

Another purpose of the family time is for the members to socialize and enjoy being together. Fun and pleasant activities are No. 1. Many of us can recall when we didn't have TV, so that listening to the radio and/or playing games were gladly accepted. Then, there were the years where the family gathered in the living room to watch the same program on one of three networks.

Of course, you can expect corporate America to come up with what parents needed to be doing all along. Hasbro Inc. pushed Family Game Night in 1998 as a way to address soft sales on its board game division, which included "old-ried and trues" like Monopoly and Scrabble. Supposedly the idea of having Family Game Night came about in group discussions with families. Although the company's spokesman would not give a dollar amount, he reported that the sales pitch of Family Game Night really energized the sale of board games. The New York City-based Toy Manufacturers Association said that \$2 billion worth of puzzles and board games were sold in 1999. During the same year, almost \$7 billion video games were sold.

Still, Kaiser Family Foundation reported a study last year finding that members of the average American family are isolated from one another by the very variety of their entertainment choices.

As everyone knows, you can't play a board game by yourself. Getting together for this fine social activity can really be healthy. Playing board games provides an excellent way for adults to find out information about their offspring. Children and I often play board games and puzzles as we talk and discuss world events. This is especially helpful with young kids and those who do not want to talk about their feelings and/or what is emotionally painful. It is not unusual for a lot of children not to even know how to play championship games like Chutes and Ladders and Candy Land.

Then there is my favorite game of Chinese Checkers. I can't imagine how many times I have played that game over the years. Several college students have been taught to play Chess. Besides being social events, while playing games, one can observe the children's memory, ability to follow directions, and level of interest in doing typical child-like activities. However, there are also times to just talk, get to know each other, and observe such things as the child's ability to concentrate, focus his/her attention, etc.

Now, getting back to the Family Game Night and its benefits to families. I can recall the pleasant memories of my grandfather, father, and other adults playing the Rook game for hours when I was a child. They had such a big time "ganging up" on each other, laughing and teasing. It was surprising and interesting to know that these serious men could actually have fun together. Then when John and my nephew Thomas were growing up, we also spent many hours playing board games and doing puzzles. Everyone would be so intent on the exact rules involved with moving a plastic token around a game board. It was a good opportunity to learn about losing graciously, being happy for others, and being entertained by each other. In fact, the two boys taught me how to play what little I know about Chess when they were about 9 and 10 years old. They were so proud of themselves.

Needless to say, some folks will think that they have better things to do than count out the moves for a plastic token around a game board. But do they really? There is nothing like doing today that which you may not be able to do at a later time—an opportunity for families to enjoy each other.

New Arrivals...

Pikeville Methodist

November 20: A son, Davis Matthew, to Pamela Dawn and Nicholas Alfred Raschella; a son, Seth Tobin, to Elizabeth Carol and Matthew Jason Pruitt.

November 21: A daughter, Terri Kaitlyn Danielle, to Tammy and Terry Hughes.

November 22: A son, Cameron Blaine, to Kelly Dawn and Curtis Wayne Hess; a son, Noah Keith, to Kathy and Michael Samons.

November 24: A son, Ryan Thomas, to Sharon Kay and Joey Thomas Coleman.

November 26: A daughter, Savannah Paige, to Tammy Rena and William Roy Runyon; a son, William Chandler, to Shona Emelia and William Kelly Belcher.

November 27: A daughter, Santana Marie, to Tina and Billy Ramey; a daughter, Kaitlyn Danielle, to Monica Alley and Stephen Duane Howell.

November 28: A daughter, Katrina Leann, to Crystal and Thaddus Burke; a daughter, Lydia Nicole, to Melissa and Ray Goff; a daughter, Amber Paige, to Melanie Darlene and David Paul Wolford.

November 29: A daughter, Kyla Jade, to Alisha and John Bentley Jr.

November 30: A daughter, Makayla Faith, to Tiffani Nicole Stafford and Billy Adam Coleman.

December 1: A daughter, Olivia Alexandra, to Chonda L. and Ben A. Whitfield; a son, Michael Nathaniel Grant, to Mary and Michael Tackett.

December 2: A son, Dylan Jordin McCade, to Jamie Geordella and Michael Dean Eldridge; a son, Ethan James, to Susan and Michael James Hopson.

December 3: A daughter, Haley Chyenne Faye, to Leona and Roy Stump.

December 4: A son, Ethan Chase Spears, to Diane Denise Thacker.

December 5: A daughter, Destiny Faythe, to Erecia and Teddy Wayne Dotson; a daughter, Alexandria Noelle, to Veronica Michelle and Barron Lynn Allen.

December 6: A son, Jimmy Trent Farmer II, to Kimberly Dawn Coleman and Jimmy Trent Farmer.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment, 886-9812.

12/19: SBDM Council, 6 p.m., conference room.

Allen Central High School

12/18: Special election of parent member to SBDM Council, 6 p.m., library. Nominees must have a child enrolled at the school during term on council; must not be an employee at ACHS; and must not be a relative of an ACHS employee, board of education member or spouse of board member. Any parent of an ACHS student may vote in the election.

ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points, which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156, Eastern, KY 41622.

Clark FRC

12/20: Girl Scouts presentation for K-5.

After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.

Nurse in the center on Thursdays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

McDowell FRC

12/19: Advisory Council meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients. Call to schedule physical appointment for your 5th grader. Call 377-2678.

A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Parents are encouraged to stop by the center if they think their child can benefit.

GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Instructor, Linda Bailey of The David School.

Child Care, from school dismissal -5 p.m., \$20 per week/child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA

12/19: PTA regular meeting, 7 p.m., followed by performance by third grade classes (schedule change)

PTA Dairy Queen Punch Cards for sale; \$10 for 18 uses between now and July 2001; buy one item, get the next free. Good at Prestonsburg, Martin and Pikeville Dairy Queens.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Walking track open to public. One stop career station satellite and adult education available. 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Conley-Kiser

Tina Renee Conley and Steven Kiser were wed at 6:30 p.m., September 23, 2000, at the First Church of God in Morehead, by Rev. Harley Sexton Jr.

The bride is a daughter of Roger and Shirlene Conley of Morehead and the granddaughter of Loran Davis of Prestonsburg, and the late Shirley Davis, and of Ruth Conley of Oil Springs, and the late Hershell Conley.

The groom is a son of Elijah and Mary Ellen Kiser of Pikeville. Nuptial music was provided by Jay Flippin, organist, and Nancy Flippin, Suzanne Mantooth and Michael Gray, all of Morehead, vocalists. Maid of honor was Carla Hogge of Morehead. Bridesmaids were Krissie Kiser of Pikeville, the groom's niece, Kelli Owen of Mt. Sterling, and Paige McDaniel of Morehead.

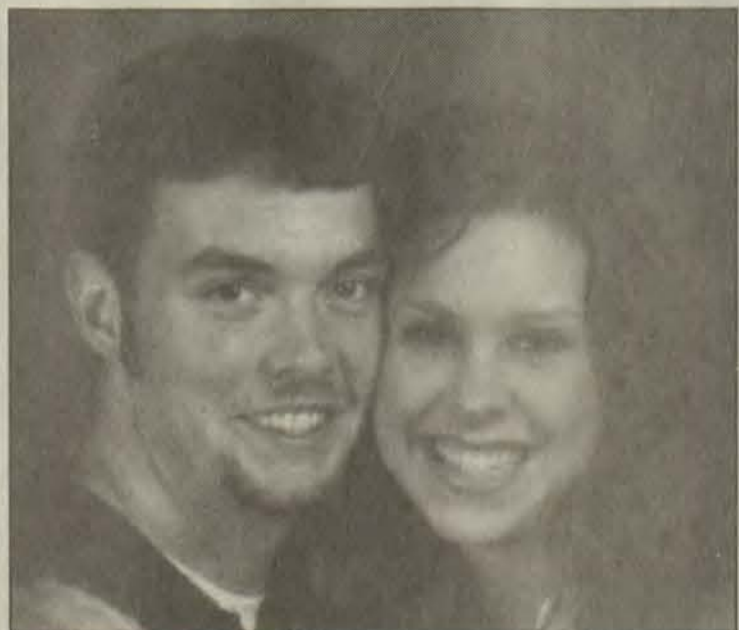
Best man was Rodney Kiser of Covington, the groom's cousin. Groomsmen were Shawn Damron and Jimmy Kiser, the groom's brother, both of Pikeville, and Anthony Conley of Morehead, the bride's brother.

Ushers were Seth Kiser, the groom's nephew, and John Newsome, the groom's cousin, both of Pikeville. Other attendants were Brandon Goodpaster as ring bearer, and Lara Steagall as flower girl, both of Morehead.

A reception followed at the church. The bride is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School and Morehead State University. She is a substitute teacher with the Pike County Board of Education.

The groom is a graduate of Virgie High School and MSU. He is an engineer with CSX Transportation.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Pikeville.



Tackett-Hayton

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Tackett of Pikeville announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Crystal Lynn, and Jason Hayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hayton of Prestonsburg. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Pikeville High School and attends Prestonsburg Community College. The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is employed by Hayton Glass Company of Prestonsburg. The wedding is to take place at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, January 6, 2001, at the Pikeville United Methodist Church, with the father of the groom performing the ceremony. The custom of open church will be observed. Following a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the couple will reside in Prestonsburg.



ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrate 65 years

Willis Hicks and Carrie Hale Hicks recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. They were married on November 17, 1935. The couple has four children: Aster Hicks, Garry Hicks and Paulene Allen, all of Floyd County, and Douglas Burnell Hicks of Lexington. They are the grandparents of Taunda Lynn Prater and Astra Dawn Ratliff, of Floyd County, and the great-grandparents of Douglas McKay Prater. The couple celebrated this special day at home with family members. They were treated with a surprise dinner by Doug and Sharon Jones and Geneva Marshall from Sharon's Pizza at David.

Marking 50 years



Clarence and Emma Lou Martin of Prestonsburg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2000. They were married on December 28, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg. They have two children, Mary Lou Bailey of Prestonsburg and Fred Martin of Tampa, Florida; three grandchildren, Tiffany Bailey, Chris Bailey and Rick Martin; and two great-grandchildren, Austin Douglas Howell and Karson Bailey.

Birthdays



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Kelli Janel Marsillett celebrated her fourth birthday on November 14, 2000, with family members and friends at Archer Park Skating Rink. The theme of her party was "Scooby Doo." She is the daughter of William and April Marsillett of Prestonsburg. Her maternal grandparents are Ernest Jr. and Patty Campbell, and her paternal grandparents are Billy Ray and Evelyn Marsillett.



To turn one

Trevor Lee McKenzie will have his first birthday on December 22, 2000, celebrating with a Scooby Doo party at his aunt's house with family and friends. He is the son of Rodney and Lora McKenzie of Prestonsburg. His grandparents are Robert and Lemozine Willis and James and Linda Trusty, all of Prestonsburg.



To turn 4

Michael Brandon Williams will celebrate his fourth birthday on December 21, 2000. He is the son of Terry and Linda Williams of Little Mud at Printer. His maternal grandparents are Barlowe and Shirley Parsons, also of Little Mud, and his paternal grandparents are Barbara Collins of Florida and Lawrence Williams of Kimper.



First birthday coming

Skylar Chayse Williams will celebrate his first birthday on December 23, 2000. He is the son of Terry and Linda Williams of Little Mud at Printer. He is the grandson of Barlowe and Shirley Parsons, also of Little Mud, and of Barbara Collins of Florida and Lawrence Williams of Kimper.

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hear from you immediately. For the situation may become such that I will have a change of address.

HOW TO RAISE A DELINQUENT

The Rev. Dan Heintzelman, of Martin, has favored us with a piece entitled, "Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children," which first appeared (with variations) in The Indianapolis News. It follows:

1. Give your child everything he wants. This will teach him that the world owes him a living.
2. Never make him go to Sunday School or church or give him spiritual training. Let him "decide for himself."
3. Give him all his spending money. Don't let him embarrass you before neighbors by earning some money himself.
4. Don't ever use the word "wrong." This will give him a guilt complex.
5. Always take his part against the neighbors, teachers and police. They are all prejudiced against him.
6. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. Denial of these will make him frustrated.
7. When he picks up slang or acts "cute," laugh at him. This will inflate his ego.
8. Pick up everything he leaves lying around...toys, books, everything.
9. Quarrel and argue often in his presence.
10. See that the dinner dishes are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
11. When he gets into real trouble, comfort your self-esteem by saying: "I never could do anything with him."
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will have it.

A guide to safe holiday entertaining

by TAMARA MLYNARCZYK

The holiday season is upon us, and that means parties, laughter, food and fun. When I entertain, I work hard to provide my guests with a festive holiday atmosphere so everyone can have a good time. There's always plenty of dancing, food, drinks and good conversation.

Part of being a good host or hostess is making sure that while your guests have fun, they arrive home safely. And arriving home safely means responsible consumption of alcohol products by those who choose to drink.

To help you as you plan your own holiday parties, I've compiled a list of smart tips that serve as a guide to safe holiday entertaining.

As friends, family and neighbors gather together, it's so important to remind everyone that moderate alcohol consumption and safety go hand in hand.

With that thought in mind, here are Tamara's Tips for the holidays:

- Let your guests know that drinking too much is unacceptable.
 - Always serve food with alcohol.
 - Offer non-alcoholic beverages such as soft drinks, bottled water, fruit juices and coffee.
 - Plan entertainment and activities so that drinking is not the main focus of the party.
 - Do not serve anyone more than one drink at a time.
 - Control access to the bar and stop serving alcohol one hour before your party ends.
 - Make free transportation available from your party in order to prevent drunk driving, and to ensure your guests' safety and the safety of others on the road.
 - Have the servers "card" anyone who looks under 30. No I.D., no alcohol.
 - Remind guests that even if they are not driving, it is against the law to serve a visibly intoxicated person.
 - Measure mixed drinks. When serving mixed drinks, using a shot glass or jigger will help you avoid making drinks too strong.
 - When dealing with a difficult situation, stay calm.
- How you approach an intoxicated guest will often determine how they respond to your request.

The best gift we can give to each other is to exercise personal responsibility and good judgment when it comes to alcohol consumption. It's OK to drink, but please remember that responsibility never takes a holiday.

On behalf of the National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA), I want to wish you and your party guests a safe and responsible holiday season. If your guests do choose to celebrate with a drink, remind them to designate a driver in advance and to always buckle up.

Tamara Mlynarczyk is the director of public affairs for the National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA).

Kids And Fads: An Inevitable Duo

(NAPS)-As sure as the sun will come up tomorrow, there will always be fads for kids to start and follow. Think poodle skirts, hula hoops, bell bottoms and pet rocks. While adults tend to roll their eyes at these youthful oddities, this form of expression is an important process for kids as they develop their self-esteem and individuality.

Many experts agree that, for teens, following fads is instrumental in helping them attain a positive self-image. Consider a recent fashion trend involving kids and duct tape. They're using it for everything from holding their books together to hemming their pants and taping their ripped jeans. They are even making duct tape hats and purses.

Retailers and manufacturers are following trends, too. "We make it a point to watch new trends very closely and we respond accordingly with new products-like our new X-treme Duck Tape in neon colors-that reflect kids' enthusiasm," said Bill Kahl, executive vice president for corporate development at Manco, Inc.

Kahl noted the company gets many calls about kids wearing duct tape and believes the company's new line of X-Treme Duck Tape in neon colors will help spark even more creativity.

Kahl also believes that one way parents can help get their kids excited about "back to school" is by buying them "cool tools" rather than ordinary school merchandise.

"We're finding kids love products like OneTouch, the first one-handed disappearing tape," he said. "Kids have fun with the neat way the tape is applied-simply by rolling it with one hand-whether they use OneTouch for a school project or to wrap a birthday present for a friend."

He added that OneTouch is the perfect fit for little hands. According to Kahl, another example of Manco's understanding of kids' needs to express their creativity is Duck brand Tuff Wrap Book Covers. The tear-resistant, water-resistant covers have a smooth finish and come in bright colors including purple, blue and black-perfect for drawing and doodling with wildly popular gel pens.

It's evident that many fads are harmless and are actually a terrific way for kids to show their individuality and help stimulate their creativity. Experts agree that parents should try not to criticize, but rather accept and realize that it's most likely a stage their child is going through. Remember, most fads probably won't last very long and a new fad will certainly be awaiting their discovery.

So, while it might be embarrassing for you to cart your funky-haired, tattered-pants-clad 14-year old to the mall with you or to dear aunt Helen's 80th birthday party, by keeping mum about how silly you think she actually looks, you can play a positive role in reinforcing and encouraging your child's individuality and positive self-image.

For more information on cool back-to-school products, go to www.duckproducts.com or call 1-800-321-0253.

Organizations

Christmas in the Park

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club will host its annual Christmas in the Park on Thursday, December 21, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Archer Park skating rink.

The event is free and open to the public and is geared to children up to 12 years old and their families. Activities include face painting, ornament making and visits with Santa Claus. Cookies and punch will be served.

Christmas in the Park is co-sponsored annually by the woman's club, City of Prestonsburg and

Archer Park. This year, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, Operation Sharing and Prestonsburg Fire Department are also contributing.

The event complements the park's growing display of holiday lights and other activities at the park, including a chili dinner to be hosted by the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens that evening.

For more information, contact Ralph Little at Archer Park, 886-6390, or Pam Weiner Skeen of the PWC, 889-9639.

Postscript

With that kind of love, Emma Lou wasn't surprised when her husband and brother-in-law decided to string Christmas lights around the shed.

"Those dogs have changed his life," Emma Lou says of Clarence. When we stand on the back porch to watch Clarence take treats to the loving pair, she admits that she's smitten, as well. "I never thought I'd think so much of a couple of dogs," she said.

They also have a beloved cat, Tom, who took up with them about four years ago. He gets along with the pups fine, even sleeping in one of the dog houses occasionally.

The Martins figure the pups will be having a birthday in early January. Emma Lou expects to make them a pone of cornbread and divide it between them. "They love it," she says.

What lucky dogs, indeed.

Of course, for every happy story like this one, there's a sad one. On the route I take from Auxier to work every day, a beautiful kitten has been killed. On Thursday, when the death was still fresh, you could tell how very pretty it was — bright orange and black and white, blended dramatically. She's on a stretch of road where there are no houses, so it's no riddle as to how she got there.

Greetings to subscriber Trylbia Osborne of Payne, Ohio. Thanks for reading the Times.

Read

books by Billy C. Clark, the Catlettsburg native, who almost makes you want to be poor and live on the river.

■ "Heart Cake" by Leatha Kendrick, a Floyd County poet, who recently published this first volume, which speaks straight to the heart, with class and feeling.

■ "Candlelight" by Aileen Hall, one of the Times' most popular and widely-read columnists. You can't read it without feeling good about our area, our people and about Aileen.

■ "Caney Girl," another book by a Floyd Countian, Florence Castle Ison, who grew up in the coal community of Estill, who knew Alice Lloyd and June Buchanan and whose world was enlarged by Caney Creek College.

■ "Creeker: A Woman's Journey," by Linda Preston Scott DeRosier, who grew up at the foot of Two-Mile Hill in Johnson County. The book has been widely acclaimed for the writing and the intimate memoir.

■ "What My Heart Wants to Know" by Verna Mae Sloane, the Knott County woman who put down this wonderful memory when she was already up in age. There is no sadder Christmas story than her telling of the time when she was a child and anticipated the gifts the family was to receive from the missionaries, only to find on Christmas eve a ragged toy that had been discarded by northern donors.

This is just the tip of the barrel. Check out the local bookstores yourself and introduce yourself and the people on your gift list to Appalachian writers.

If you're the type who likes to give not only stuff at Christmas, but also Christmas stuff, there are all kinds of books for you. Some of them are what you might call "coffee table" books, primarily for display, but many are also full of ideas for the holidays.

For instance, there's the "Grand Ole Opry Country Christmas Album." It features memories and Christmas traditions from such luminaries as Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Travis Tritt, Roy Clark, Dolly Parton, Porter Wagoner, Steve Wariner and on and on.

Any number of plush books offer recipes and ideas and instructions for things to make for decorating and for giving, including the very special "Christmas with Southern Living," put together by the people who know how to make things look good and taste good — at the same time.

Of particular interest is "A Foxfire Christmas: Appalachian Memories and Traditions," which not only talks about regional traditions, but, in the now familiar fashion of the Foxfire series, gives instructions.

There is no better material gift for a child than a book — and I won't even qualify that statement.

Besides the classics and the new titles, including the Harry Potter series, you can find a wealth of seasonal books for children, most all of them beautifully bound and illustrated.

Old favorites include "The Night Before Christmas," the classic poem by Clement C. Moore that introduced Santa Claus, and "The Christmas Story," a retelling of the reason for the season, taken from the gospels of Matthew and Luke, and illustrated by Cathy Ann Johnson.

Certainly an informative story is a book by Edna Barth, illustrated by Ursula Arndt, that explains many of the symbols of this time of year, titled appropriately "Holly, Reindeer and Colored Lights: The Story of the Christmas Symbols."

Arguably the cutest bear in storydom has his own Christmas tale, "Paddington Bear and the Christmas Surprise," by Michael Bond. And you thought Rudolph was the only special reindeer. Think again, as you read "Olive, the Other Reindeer," a delightful story by Vivian Walsh and J. Otto Seibold.

Still another seasonal animal stars in the wonderful story, "If You Take a Mouse to the Movies," which begins, "If you take a mouse to the movies, he'll ask you for some popcorn. When you give him the popcorn, he'll want to string it all together."

"Arthur's Perfect Christmas," by Marc Brown, teaches children about the season from a multi-cultural perspective.

A couple of books stand out relative to Appalachia: "Silver Packages: An Appalachian Christmas Story" and "Christmas Train."

You can still take the kids to see the movie, but, by all means, buy them the original book. Dr. Seuss' words are better than any script for "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Buy books and have a "read" Christmas.

Local Boy Scout council conducts Eagle Search

Since America's earliest days, the Eagle has been held in high regard by the first inhabitants of this land, by the founders of the nation, and by those who created a time-honored tradition, through which young men could grow into resourceful and productive citizens, the Boy Scouts of America.

Only a few young men have the qualities and skills it takes to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a life-long achievement, which distinguishes a man throughout his lifetime. It is for this reason that the Blue Grass Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in cooperation with the National Eagle Scout Association, launching Eagle Search 2000.

The mission of Eagle Search 2000 is to seek out and compile a

list of all existing Eagle Scouts living within the Blue Grass Council. This data will be used to create a booklet entitled "Eagles Helping Eagles," which will list all of the adult Eagle Scouts by profession. A copy of this booklet will be given to new Eagle Scouts to use to find mentors who could answer questions about their chosen career or college choice.

The main purpose of Eagle Search 2000 is not fund raising. Its purpose is merely to give Eagle Scouts another opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with today's young men following the Eagle trail.

Contact Eagle Search 2000, Blue Grass Council, 415 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508; phone 859/231-7811; or fax 859/252-3785.



Family Medicine

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Leg cramps at night — cause, treatment may be elusive

Question: I've been having trouble with leg cramps waking me at night. I get up and stretch the muscle until it quits cramping. Sometimes the cramp is so hard that my muscles are sore the next day. What could be causing this?

Answer: Everyone can occasionally have leg cramps at night. While they are not unknown in children, they are most common in the elderly. Regardless of age, an episode of cramping is usually annoying because, as you describe, it interrupts sleep as well as causes discomfort. To explain this common disorder I need to remind you of the way muscles normally work.

We usually take the intricate operation of muscles for granted. A muscle contraction is caused by a complex interaction of several body systems — including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, the junction of the individual nerve with the muscle fiber and the muscle itself. All of these parts, of course, also require a healthy supply of nourishing blood to work properly.

In a normal contraction only some of the individual muscle fibers are called upon to contract.

Simultaneously with the contraction of muscles on one side of the joint, the muscles on the opposite side are signaled to relax. This produces the expected smooth coordinated movement.

A more forceful effort, such as lifting a heavy weight, is accomplished by recruiting a greater number of muscle fibers to contract.

In a muscle cramp the number of muscle fibers that contract is large, as if you were picking up a heavy load, and the opposing muscles often don't relax. This abnormal and forceful contraction causes the typical muscle cramp pain. If it's sufficiently strong, the cramp can cause injury that makes the muscle sore for several days.

Research done to date hasn't identified precisely which step in the complex interaction of body systems produces nighttime muscle cramps. Most, however, suggest that the problem is with the nerves controlling the muscles, rather than being a problem with the muscles themselves.

Some research points to a problem with the transition from wakefulness to sleep. When we dream about running, our legs don't move, but they certainly do when we are awake and running.

Many individuals who have nocturnal leg cramps have them at the time of dreaming. That's why some researchers think that these cramps result from a subtle malfunction in the control system that normally "disconnects" our brain from the body movements we make in our dreams.

Most scientists who have investigated this question, however, believe that the problem is not a disorder within the brain. These researchers cite evidence that the problem is in the nerves after they leave the spinal cord but before they reach the muscles. For instance, the data show that people with conditions such as diabetes that affect the nerves outside the brain and spinal cord (doctors call them peripheral nerves) have an increased frequency of leg cramps.

Similarly, those with circulation problems that prevent these peripheral nerves from getting proper nourishment are more likely to have nocturnal cramps.

The best way to stop a leg cramp is to stretch the sore muscle just as you have done. When this happens to me, I jump out of bed and do a less than graceful pirouette until the cramp subsides.

Several medicines have been used for nocturnal leg cramps. Quinine has been around the longest, but its benefit is modest and the drug is not free of side effects. Calcium channel blockers are also occasionally of benefit. Talk to your doctor. He or she will search for a "cause" of your leg cramps by checking your nervous system and evaluating your circulation.

Unfortunately, in most cases neither a simple cause nor an effective remedy is to be found.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/jm.

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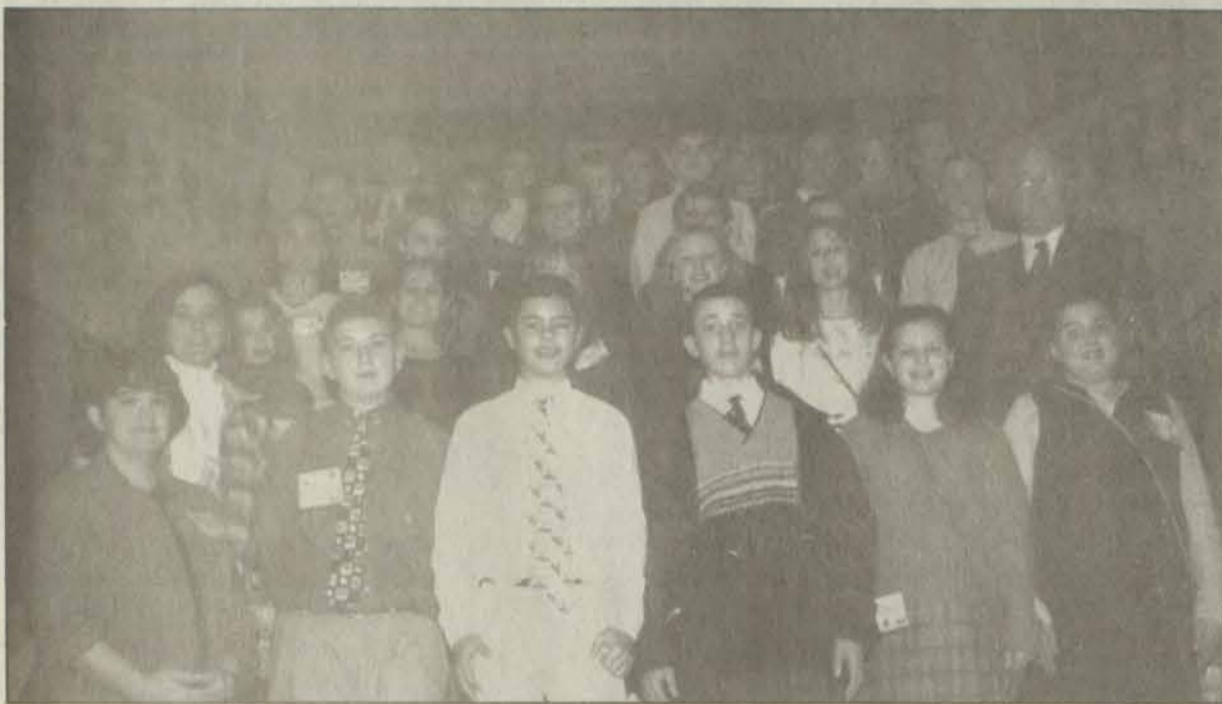
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Youth News

Greetings from Frankfort



Adams Middle School

Students from Mountain Christian Academy, Allen Central Middle School, Allen Elementary School and Adams Middle School traveled to Frankfort on December 8, to participate in the Kentucky Youth Assembly. While in the state capital, they toured the Capitol building and visited their newly-elected state legislator, Senator-elect Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift. Turner, who was in Frankfort for an orientation session, posed with students and their teachers. He represents the 29th Senate District, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Johnson counties. (photo courtesy Legislative Research Commission)



Mountain Christian Academy



Allen Central Middle School



Allen Elementary School

Allen students participate in program

Allen Elementary School students and teachers participated in a Drunk and Dangerous exercise, sponsored by the Allen Family Resource Youth Service Center, and presented by Our Lady of the Way Hospital in November.

Drunk and Dangerous is designed to graphically demonstrate to students how much drinking affects their perceptions.

Students were asked to perform various tasks while wearing glasses that are



specially designed to create visual disturbances, much like one might experience while drunk.

Caution tape was used to mark the course for students to navigate by foot while wearing the glasses. Students were then given a remote control car and asked to keep it on course while "under the influence."

Students can earn college funds

More than \$100,000 college fund accounts have been awarded to fourth and fifth graders across the Commonwealth during the past three years, and more young students can get an early start on paying for college by participating in this year's Coal Education College Fund Investment Account competition.

The Coal Education College Fund competition, sponsored by the Kentucky Coal Council, promotes the study of Kentucky coal and coal-generated electricity by awarding \$5,000 College Fund Investment accounts to competition winners.

Students who enter the contest learn about coal through web sites, videos, and interactive CD-ROM game, and other materials. Students must write a one-page letter about what they learned as part of their application. A winner is selected from each of eight Kentucky Department of Education service regions.

"Most Kentucky children, as well as adults, don't know where the power comes from when they turn on a light switch, TV or computer," said Bill Grable, executive director of the Kentucky Coal Council. "Ninety-six percent of Kentucky's electricity is generated from coal. We think this college fund competition is an excellent way to educate students, parents, and teachers about the importance of coal in Kentucky, while encouraging our children to attain higher education."

Each winner receives a \$5,000 deposit into a Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) account, where it's invested until the student uses the money to attend a higher education institution. The KESPT is a state-sponsored program that provides an easy and affordable way for Kentucky families to save for higher education. For more information about KESPT, call toll free 1-877-598-7878 or visit www.kentuckytrust.org.

Winners of the 1999-2000 competition were presented their awards at school presentations earlier this month. The winners were Olivia Gatten, Sturgis Elementary; Ashton Fields, Fourth District Elementary, Jetson; Nicholas Aaron White, Fern Creek Elementary, Louisville; Lauren Hargett, Walton Verona Elementary, Verona; Sarah E. Payne, St. Camillus Academy, Corbin; Lori Ann Adkins, Isonville Elementary; and Ashton Rose Smith, June Buchanan Elementary, Pippa Passes.

The 2000-2001 Coal Education College Fund competition is open to all fourth and fifth grade Kentucky students. Entry forms are available at www.coaleducation.org or by calling the Kentucky Coal Council at 859/246-2500.

MTC students in Who's Who

Several Mayo Technical College students were named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 2000-01 school year. This honor is awarded based by nomination from instructors and professors and is based on academics, community service, and all-around effort.

They are Kim Adkins, Shelia Price and Mary Ann Tackett, Office Technology, Pike County; Daron Akers and Kevin Shepherd, Machine Tool, Floyd; Robert Arns and Nancy Collins, Surveying and Mapping, Floyd; Patricia Barnette, Carla Griffith and Della Innis, LPN, Floyd; Angela Coldiron, LPN, Magoffin; Rebecca Estep, LPN, Lawrence; Tammie West, LPN, Pike; and Deborah Fluty, Cosmetology, Martin.

Inducted into sorority

Greta Hicks, 19, of Prestonsburg, was inducted into the Alpha Omicron Pi fraternity at Transylvania University on November 12.

Alpha Omicron Pi is an international women's fraternity, founded in 1897 at Barnard College, part of what is now Columbia University in New York City.

The Tau Omega chapter is one of the eight National Panhellenic Conference groups on the Transylvania campus. It was chartered in 1987 and has about 60 members. Each year, Tau Omega chapter supports Arthritis Research, the AOPi international philanthropy, through its bowl-a-thon, magazines sales and other activities.



For Grandparents' Day and for a study of heritage at May Valley Elementary, Mildred Thornsberry, Nikki Frasure, Sheri Wright, Jodi Terry and Kim Crisp made a huge Grandma and Grandpa for Anna Shepherd's class. The students made a quilt, with items representing their heritage on each square.



The children at Karen's Kare on Armory Road enjoyed making ornaments and decorating their tree for the holidays: from left, Garrett Hammonds, Lauren Davis, Jordan Rice, Zack Blanton, Josh Crider and Ryan Rice.

Classification of animals

by BRANDI JO BROWN
DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our class has been studying the five classes of animals. Each class of animals is different in one way or another. The five classes include mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, and amphibians.

Here are some facts about each class. Mammals are covered with fur or hair and are born alive. Reptiles have thick scales on the outside and don't need water to lay eggs. Then you have birds which are covered with feathers and have hollow bones that help them fly. Fish are covered with scales and use their gills to breathe. Last but not least are amphibians which begin their lives on land. It was hard to study these animals but, we have enjoyed it a lot.



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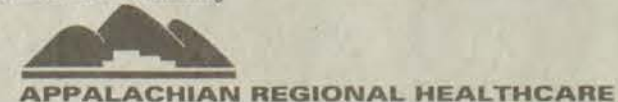
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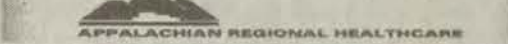
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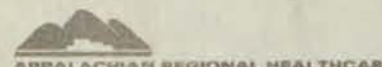
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Holiday food

Super bowl chili

Few days in the lives of sports fans are as celebrated as Super Bowl Sunday. And since most of us watch the game from afar, via the television, it has also become a major food fiesta. When it comes to the perfect fare for game day, here's a menu that's sure to please football fanatics everywhere.

If you're surrounded on Super Bowl Sunday by football fans sporting different team colors, don't take sides; serve some Black-and-White Chili in honor of the men who help keep the game sane—the referees. This hearty soup combines big chunks of white chicken breast meat with black beans, green chilies and ground cumin. It's a winning combination—the perfect entree for Super Bowl fans. "Country gravy mix adds more flavor and just the right thickness to this delicious meal-in-a-bowl," says Belinda Ellis, home economist for White Lily.

Moist and tender Peppered Sour Cream Biscuits complement this soup perfectly. Flavored with garlic pepper and tangy sour cream, they're sure to score big with your Super Bowl party guests. Round out your menu with fresh fruit, and veggies and dip.

Bake a pan of chocolate brownies (from a mix), and stir in some white chocolate chips to carry out the black and white theme.

No matter which teams end up playing in the big game, you're sure to be a winner when you serve Black-and-White Chili.

Black-and-White Chili

- 1 large onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 to 1/2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) or 1 carton (32 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 can (4 1/2 oz.) chopped green chilies (undrained)
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 package (2.75 oz.) White Lily Country Gravy Mix
- 1/2 cup cool water
- 2 cans (15 oz. each) black beans, rinsed and drained well
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves

In large saucepan, cook onion and celery in oil over medium-high heat for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring often, until onion is tender. Add chicken and cook until chicken is no longer pink. Add chicken broth, green chilies and cumin; heat to a boil. In 2-cup glass measure, dissolve gravy mix in water. Stir into boiling soup; stir until thickened. Cover; reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes to

allow flavors to blend. Stir in beans and cilantro; heat through. Serve with Peppered Sour Cream Biscuits. Makes 8 servings.

Peppered Sour Cream Biscuits

- 3 cups White Lily Self Rising Flour
 - 3/4 teaspoon garlic-seasoned black pepper
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 2/3 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- Preheat oven to 450°. In large bowl, stir together all ingredients to form a ball. On floured surface, knead dough by folding it in half 5 to 7 times. Pat or roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness. With biscuit cutter, cut into 3-inch rounds. Place on baking sheet that has been coated with cooking spray. Brush with additional melted butter, if desired. Bake at 450° for 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 to 14 biscuits.

To help carry out the theme of your Super Bowl party menu, bake and serve White Lily's new Goo Goo® Supreme Brownies to please your sports fans. Caramel, toasted pecans and white marshmallows are already added to the brownie mix.

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New Arrivals

Highlands Regional Medical Center

December 5: A daughter, Olivia Dawn, to Jessica and William Webb of Prestonsburg.

December 6: A son, Cody Tanner Marsillett, to Rebecca Anne Johnson of Prestonsburg.

December 7: A son, Brandon Lee Booth to Tiffany Bowers of Wittenville.

December 8: A daughter, Betty LaShea Carolee, to Rebecca Howard Waddles of Prestonsburg.

December 9: A daughter, Whitney Nicole Newsome to Kimberly Hills of Hi Hat.

December 10: A daughter, Lakayla Faith, to Stella and Billy Ray Conn of Martin.

December 11: A son, Bradley Daniel, to Kimberly and Robert Goble of Prestonsburg; a son, Cameron Blake, to Matasha and Ray Johnson of Auxier; a daughter, Madison Ann Marie, to Denice Marie and Timothy Dean Mollette of West Van Lear.

December 12: A daughter, Madison Renee Beatley, to Tonya Renee Montgomery of Salyersville.

Birthdays



Christmas birthday

Chelsey Noel Couch will celebrate her third birthday on December 25, 2000, at her home in Langley. She is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch of Langley. Her grandparents are Isabelle Prater and Raymond Parsons of Hueysville, Colson Couch of Garrett, and the late Delbert Prater.

Is It the holiday blues or something more?

How do you know if it's just the holiday blues? Does it go beyond a bit of sadness during the holidays? Is it something more, like clinical depression?

Grief, loneliness, and stress are often intensified during the holidays and can leave you feeling sad and blue. Unrealistic expectations of a picture perfect, Norman Rockwell Christmas, over-commercialization, and the added pressures of shopping, gift giving and cooking may further accent these feelings.

Even people who do not become clinically depressed can develop stress reactions during the holidays, such as headaches, excessive drinking, and changes in eating and sleeping patterns.

Although many people experience feelings of depression during the holiday season, even more respond to the excessive stress and anxiety once the holidays are over. The post-holiday letdown can be the result of emotional disappointments experienced during the previous months as well as the physical reactions caused by excess fatigue and stress.

Clinical depression, on the other hand, is more that just the holiday or post-holiday blues. The essential feature of a major depressive episode for an adult is a period of at least two weeks during which there is either depressed mood or the loss of interest or pleasure in nearly all activities.

The individual must also experience at least five additional symptoms drawn from a list that includes changes in appetite or weight, sleep, and psychomotor activity; decreased energy; feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt, difficulty thinking, concentrating, or making decisions; or recurrent thoughts of death or suicide, plans or attempts.

Significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning is usually present as well dur-

ing major depressive episodes.

The causes of clinical depression vary. It appears that major depressive episodes occur, generation after generation, in some families, but not always. Whether the disease is genetic, it is evident that individuals with major depressive disorders often have too little or too much of certain neurochemicals.

Psychological makeup also plays a role in vulnerability to depression. People with low self-esteem, who consistently view themselves and the world with pessimism, or who are readily overwhelmed by stress are prone to depression.

A serious loss, chronic illness, difficult relationship, financial problem, or any unwelcome change in life patterns can also trigger a depressive episode. Very often, a combination of genetic, psychological, and environmental factors is involved in the onset of a major depressive order.

The good news is that depression can be treated. A variety of prescription medications and counseling services are available remedies today. If you or someone you know experiences something more than holiday blues, contact your doctor, clergyman, or a counselor. Information is available at your local community mental health center.

If you think that you are experiencing the holiday blues or want to avoid them this year, here are some tips to help you cope.

- Keep expectations manageable by setting realistic goals; pace yourself and organize your time.

- Realize that the holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely. Allow yourself room for these feelings and then decide what you can do to move beyond them. For example, sometimes getting out of the house is helpful.

- Life is full of changes.

Don't be disappointed if your holiday isn't exactly like the past. Each holiday season is different and can be enjoyed in a unique way. Try different ways to celebrate the holidays; create a new tradition like doing something for someone else or volunteering.

- Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as driving or walking around to look at holiday decorations. Go window-shopping or caroling with others. Check your local newspaper or listen to the radio or television for free activities you might enjoy.

- Don't drink too much alcohol. Excessive drinking only makes you more depressed.

- Try your best to pay atten-

tion to what you eat. While holiday foods are rich and yummy and you can enjoy them, try to do so in moderation. Remember to work off those extra calories to avoid excess weight gain that can lead to low self-esteem.

- Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you. Reach out to make new friends or contact someone with whom you have lost touch. Others may be experiencing the blues as well and appreciate your contacting them.

- Make time for yourself. Don't spend all of your time providing activities for your family and friends. Enjoy this time of year in your own way; be good to

yourself, even if only for a few minutes.

- If you have experienced a recent loss, accept that your grief may be intensified. Allow yourself to have these feelings of loss, mourn, have a good cry. Then talk with others, establish new traditions, and get some physical activity. Go outside and breathe some fresh air and take a look at nature or telephone someone you know.

If you feel the need, don't hesitate to call the crisis line at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, at 800-422-1060. It serves people in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

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skills," she said. "I can now use a computer efficiently, whether it is for e-mail or word processing, and I also have a better understanding of maintaining and processing invoices.

"My goal," she said, "is to become an adjunct faculty member at Prestonsburg Community College after I complete a master's degree through Morehead State University. I have always dreamed of being a teacher and encouraging other students in the ways I was mentored by my

teachers and supervisors."

Howard is the first to say she would not be at this point in her life without the help of family, friends and co-workers. She expresses a special thanks to her department family, particularly Bobby Allen, a former colleague who died in the early '90s. "He was like an immediate family member who watched over me and encouraged me as I was growing up and later as a colleague. I wish he could be here to celebrate with me," she said.

Dr. George Edwards, president of PCC and CEO of the Big Sandy District, expressed admiration for her commitment and energy. "Jeannie has had to deal with many difficult situations through her life, but through her hard work, ambition, and perseverance she has achieved another educational milestone," Edwards said. "She has had wonderful support from her colleagues and family, and I want Jeannie to know how proud we are of her and her accomplishments."

Extension

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look at some of the latest safety updates as well as shopping tips.

To get the most out of your meal, keep the following hints in mind when selecting a turkey. If it's fresh, check for the sell-by date. Make sure you cook and serve within two days of this date. Vacuum-packaged fresh turkey has a shelf life of up to 10 days. Before you buy, inspect the package and do not accept if it has holes or tears. A frozen turkey will keep up to one year. In all cases, look for the USDA symbols, Inspection and Grade A stamps. Figure 1/14 pounds per person for generous portions and leftovers (you know you'll want those).

Thawing is best done on a tray in the refrigerator. Figure 24 hours for each five pounds of weight. Another option is to use cold water immersion. In order to do this, place the wrapped turkey in the sink and cover it with cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes. Never thaw poultry or meat at room temperature!

Stuffing is almost as essential as turkey at a holiday meal. To prepare, get the ingredients ready a day in advance. Store dry items at room temperature. Keep the produce in the refrigerator. Stuff a whole bird immediately before cooking, but remember, dressing expands, so don't overstuff. The stuffing should reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees F.

To roast, place the bird breast side up on a rack in a shallow pan. Cover it with a loose aluminum foil tent. Insert a meat thermometer through the foil and into the inner thigh muscle. Cook in a 325 degree F oven; do not cook at low heat. Remove the foil during the last 20 to 30 minutes for browning. Cook until the meat thermometer reads 180 degrees F.

When finished cooking, remove the bird from oven and let cool for 20 minutes. While it is cooling, remove all of the stuffing. You can now carve the bird. Afterward, keep warm in 200 degrees F oven.

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Hospital offers holiday safety tips

The holiday season is a wonderful time for children of all ages. But it's also a time to be extra careful with safety. Possible hazards include trees, lights, candles, decorations and new toys that are found everywhere during the holiday season.

"To a child, these new things are exciting and natural curiosity can lead to burns, choking and poisoning," said Erika Kravic, R.N., Children's Hospital Foundation Office of Child Advocacy of Kosair Children's Hospital. To keep your family safe, follow these seasonal safety suggestions:

Decorations and Trees

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so your child can't pull it over. Trim lower branches to avoid eye injuries to small children. Be sure to place ornaments high enough so that young children can't reach them.

"Broken ornaments can choke or cut," said Kravic. "And many older painted ornaments and tinsel contain lead that can cause poisoning."

Avoid useful artificial snow sprays when decorating. They can cause lung irritation and should not be inhaled, particularly by children.

Dispose of colored wrapping paper immediately before it finds its way into little hands and mouths, and avoid burning it in the fireplace—many dyes in the paper release poisonous fumes.

Holly and mistletoe are poisonous, so keep them out of your child's reach. Poinsettias aren't a serious threat, but may cause skin irritation and, if ingested, intense stomachaches.

Keep the phone number for the

Kentucky Regional Poison Center of Kosair Children's Hospital close at hand. Throughout the Kentucky, it's 1-800-722-5725.

Lights, Fires and Candles

"Fire safety is especially critical during the holidays," said Kravic. "You've got drying trees, lights that give off heat, candles lit to set the mood, and fires in the fireplace. All of these increase the chance of a fire in your home."

To prevent fires, keep your tree and other decorations away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, heating vents, burning candles and space heaters. Keep burning candles, matches and lighters out of children's reach, and never leave children unattended in a room where there are candles or a fireplace burning. Teach children to admire the beauty of a fire from a safe distance.

Decorate your tree using only UL-approved lights and cords and inspect

lights for frayed cords or faulty bulbs that could catch on fire. Don't overload outlets or extension cords and never place electrical cords under a carpet or rug.

Be aware that if a fire should start on your tree, it will spread more quickly if the tree is dry. If you choose to have a natural tree, buy the freshest tree possible and water it regularly. Take it down as soon as the needles start to fall off.

"No matter how careful you are, you still need to have a working smoke detector in your home," said Kravic. "Remember to check the batteries once a month and change them twice a year."

Develop an escape plan and make sure every member of the household knows what to do if the smoke detector goes off. Establish at least two escape routes in case one is blocked with fire or smoke. Teach your children to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes catch on fire since running will make the fire burn faster.

"If you give your child a scooter, bicycle, skateboard or in-line skates as a gift, be sure you also give a helmet and insist he or she always wear it when riding or skating," said Kravic. "For skateboards and in-line skates, elbow pads, knee pads and gloves are also recommended. My rule is, 'no helmet, no scooter, bike, skateboard or skates.' It's that simple."

While these safety tips focus mainly on the home, be careful on the road during the holidays, too. People are

rushing around shopping and visiting, and they may be driving carelessly. Always buckle your child into an approved child safety seat in the back seat of your vehicle, and yourself in a seat belt, every time you get into the car and be sure to drive carefully.

For more information on holiday safety or to inquire about free fact sheets on a variety of health and safety subjects, call 502/629-KIDS or 1-800-852-1770 or visit the website at www.kosairchildrens.com.

Mistletoe is holiday's most heralded native plant

by CHARLIE BAGLAN

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Like holly, ivy, and Christmas trees, mistletoe is also evergreen and it grows practically everywhere. Like all of Kentucky's indigenous wild plants, mistletoe, too, has a story. Laurie Davison, director of the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort tells more.

"Mistletoe is found throughout the state of Kentucky," Davison says. "It grows in oak trees and black walnut trees. Mistletoe is native to Kentucky. It's found all over the world, but our two native species are the American mistletoe and the dwarf mistletoe, and you can find it throughout the state."

How do you recognize this popular plant? "Mistletoe grows on deciduous trees which lose their leaves in the fall. So when the leaves drop, you look into the tree and you see a clump of greenery, and that's often mistletoe," said Davison.

Davison adds that you can readily find mistletoe in your backyard or in the woods around your house. But, while mistletoe signals a warm embrace for holiday revelers — ironically it can be the kiss of death for trees.

"It is a parasitic plant, so when you kiss under the mistletoe you're kissing under a toxic parasite," Davison says. "The roots of the mistletoe grow down into the bark of the tree and into the branches of the tree and take nutrients from the tree. In enough time it may kill the tree."

Davison says that the web of life works in mysterious ways. "Although it's toxic to human beings, mistletoe is readily eaten by birds and other mammals. Birds are the animal that spreads it from tree to tree."

Botanists agree that mistletoe is definitely not a plant you'd want to cultivate. According to Davison, it can't be grown in a flower pot, and with its natural habitat high out of reach in the trees, collecting mistletoe for the holidays takes creativity.

Methods may involve using a ladder, climbing a tree or engaging in a folk custom which calls for sheets or blankets to be spread on the ground beneath the tree to catch the falling bundles as it is shot down with a shotgun.

Food and Drink

Children can choke on holiday treats such as peppermints, peanuts and popcorn. Keep these foods away from your child. Alcohol poisoning is also serious in children, so keep alcoholic beverages—including egg nog and holiday punch—out of your child's reach. Always clean up half-empty drinks left over from a party.

Toys and Games

"Government regulations help keep toys safe for children, but you still have to be careful," said Kravic. "A toy that's completely safe for an older child can be very dangerous for a younger one. For example, 'Toy Safety Shopping Tips' or by topic ('Toy Safety'); browsing recall lists past and present by topic, date, product, or company; or searching the entire CPSC site for information by plugging in a few search terms.

If you do not own a computer, you can make a quick phone call to the CPSC at (800) 638-2772 or (800) 638-8270 (CPSC's teletypewriter) and request one of its guides or fact sheets on shopping for toys.

The CPSC alerts manufacturers and store owners to remove toys from store shelves following investigations that conclude particular products are dangerous. Before we

ALTA Consumer News

Toy Safety

by FREDERICK M. BARON & PENNY GOLD

This holiday season, make your list and check it twice for gadgets and gizmos that could harm your child.

A great resource for parents and care givers who are preparing to shop for presents is the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The web site—<http://www.cpsc.gov>—has separate areas for scanning the CPSC library for available publications by title (for example, "Toy Safety Shopping Tips") or by topic ("Toy Safety"); browsing recall lists past and present by topic, date, product, or company; or searching the entire CPSC site for information by plugging in a few search terms.

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The CPSC alerts manufacturers and store owners to remove toys from store shelves following investigations that conclude particular products are dangerous. Before we

load up our shopping carts, we can all do our part to keep kids safe by checking available resources to learn what kinds of toys—such as small round objects and balloons, or pull-toys with long cords—are inherently dangerous and which items have been recalled.

According to the CPSC, it is important to consider a child's age before making a toy purchase. Children under three, for example, should not play with any items that have marbles or balls that are less than 1.75 inches in diameter. All small parts, regardless of shape, pose a hazard, so parents should look out for stuffed toy, doll, or action figure eyes, noses, and buttons that could be pulled or bitten off.

For children three to five years, avoid toys that may break into pieces or have jagged edges, like brittle plastics. Any household art materials like crayons and paint should be designated "ASTM D-4236," meaning the product has received a toxicology review. Regardless of age, children should not play with uninflated or broken balloons—they easily choke children.

The following are additional shopping tips from the CPSC.

Product labels: Manufacturers

must meet certain safety standards and they must label toys that could be hazardous for younger children. Check all packages for age recommendations.

Loud noises: Toy caps and noise-making toys can damage hearing. Check packaging for information regarding noise level of product.

Cords and strings: Toys with long cords and strings may be dangerous for young children and infants. Never hang toys with long strings, cords, loops, or ribbons in cribs or playpens where children can become entangled. Remove crib gyms from cribs when children can pull up on hands and knees. Some children have strangled after having fallen across crib gyms that were stretched across their cribs.

Propelled objects: Projectile and flying toys can become weapons when improperly used. Eyes are particularly vulnerable. Children should never play with lawn darts or other objects or equipment with sharp points. All arrows or darts should have soft cork tips or rubber suction cups to prevent injury. Check these toys often to make sure tips are secure. Avoid dart guns—they can fire other objects, such as nails or pencils, that were not intended for the toy.

Electric toys: Electric toys must meet mandatory requirements for maximum surface temperatures, electrical construction and prominent warning labels. Electric toys with heating elements are recommended for children over eight years old. Adults should supervise use of electric toys.

With these tips in mind, and others you may find from the CPSC or the National SAFE KIDS Campaign (at <http://www.safekids.org> or (202) 662-0600), you and your family can enjoy a safe holiday season.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familiesafety.atla.org>.

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Poison

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with wiseman and a Nativity scene. All that was more than a half century ago, but even today whenever I pass a house all decorated up for the holiday, I keep my eyes peeled for those bubble lights. Merry Christmas.



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Business After Hours...



The Lambuth Group on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg hosted the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on Thursday, December 14. Chamber members were treated to tasty and filling refreshments and had the opportunity to mingle and enjoy the seasonal festivity.



Chamber Notes...

by REGINA BECKNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

January 8 is the next Floyd County Chamber of Commerce membership meeting, at noon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The Chamber is pleased to welcome Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville. He will be here to explain the changing and shifting working force, give population forecasts for Kentucky and Floyd County and clear up some eastern Kentucky myths.

The Kentucky State Data Center is a federal-state cooperative effort that acts as an information clearing-house for the Census Bureau and other data sources.

The Urban Studies Institute under the support of the Governor's Office operates it for policy and management, and in collaboration with the state Department of Libraries and Archives.

Crouch is also an instructor at the UofL Kent School of Social Work and makes frequent demographics presentations around Kentucky and the United States. He is the author of numerous books, journal articles and technical

reports on the subject.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to the New Year and offering our members speakers to highlight significant issues impacting our businesses and our area.

The coming calendar has Tom Jones, executive director of the East Kentucky Corporation, and Secretary Allen Rose from the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

A board of directors meeting is scheduled for January 8, at 11 a.m. at the park. Also mark your calendar for the next Tourism US 23 meeting on January 3 at 1 p.m. at the Paintsville Ramada Inn.

One of the many excellent opportunities the Chamber offers to advertise your business is through the Chamber TV Show, which will

now be telecast from your place of business. The program is monthly, and we will be able to air only one business a month, so pre-planning and booking in advance will be necessary.

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Contact the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at 606/886-0364 or HYPERLINK mailto:floydchamber@setel.com, if you have any questions or are interested in our Chamber benefits.

HRMC medical staff elects new officers

Highlands Regional Medical Center's medical staff elected new officers at their October meeting. Alan J. Hyden, M.D., family practitioner, was elected president/chief of staff; Mujeeb Siddiqui, D.O., general surgeon, vice-president; and James Campbell, D.O., internal medicine specialist, secretary/treasurer.

Hyden succeeds Dr. Ragu Sundaram, who served as chief of staff from 1991 to October 2000.

Hyden is a family practitioner from Prestonsburg and has been an active member of the HRMC medical staff since 1977. As president/chief of staff, his duties include serving as chairman of the Medical Executive Committee, being responsible for the enforcement of medical staff bylaws and rules and regulations, and acting in coordination and cooperation with the medical center administrator in all matters of mutual concern within the hospital.

"Highlands Regional, as a community hospital, is very important to the people in eastern Kentucky. As chief of medical staff, I will work with the medical staff and administration to hopefully make

this hospital even better," Hyden said.

Siddiqui is a general surgeon from Prestonsburg and has been an active member of the medical staff since 1998. As vice-president of the medical staff, his duties include assuming all of the duties of president in the absence of the president and performing such duties of supervision as assigned to him by the president.

Campbell is an internal medicine specialist with the Potter Clinic in Lackey and became an active member of the medical staff in February. As secretary/treasurer of the medical staff, his duties include keeping accurate and complete minutes of all meetings, calling meetings on order of the president, attending to correspondence, and being accountable for all treasury funds entrusted to him.

The HRMC medical staff consists of more than 150 medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine, podiatrists, dentists, and allied health providers. HRMC and its medical staff share the responsibility of addressing community health needs and providing quality health care services to the community.

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 This 3-bedroom home has been updated for you with 2 baths, central heat and air, plus extra insulation for low utility bills. There's also a nice detached 24x28 garage on the 1/2-acre lot. (105091)	 Are you looking for the perfect place to build your dream home? Do you need lots of acreage for development? This hollow could be it. 270+ acres of beautiful undeveloped land. Located on the Left Fork of Abbot road. It's time for you to make the seller an offer! (104977)

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PRESTONSBURG—Office space for lease on Court Street. Call Joyce for details.
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Commission presents biological diversity award

Dr. Allen Risk, a professor of biology at Morehead State University, is the fifth annual recipient of the Biological Diversity

Protection Award given by the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission. The honor is given to an individual who has demonstrat-

ed dedication and success in protecting Kentucky's biological diversity.

Risk has contributed informa-

tion on the status and distribution of the mosses of Kentucky, a little known group of plants in the Commonwealth.

Risk has discovered many species of mosses new to the state, as well as several flowering plants. He uses his own time and money to conduct surveys for mosses and vascular plants on several of nature preserves. He has always shared his information with the commission staff and has contributed freely of his knowledge and expertise.

Recently he submitted a request

to perform research on the bryoflora of the old growth forest at Blanton Forest State Nature Preserve. He has also encouraged and directed students to conduct research on nature preserves.

Risk received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee.

The mission of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best known occurrences of rare

native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

KSNPC inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system that now has more than 14,000 dedicated acres statewide.

Happy Holidays

The employees of Big Sandy RECC and our families wish your family a warm and bright holiday season. We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

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Meeting features topics for current and future fruit and vegetable growers



Are you looking for a new enterprise to add income to your farming operation? If so, mark your calendar for January 8 and 9, 2001. That's when the Kentucky State Horticultural Society and the Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association will host their annual winter meeting in Lexington.

Sessions will cover organic farming, field grown cut flowers, commercial fruit and vegetable production, direct and wholesale marketing, small business planning, organic farming, field-grown cut flowers, and a grape and wine short course.

"There's really something for everybody at this meeting," said John Strang, Extension horticulture specialist for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. "Established producers will get information on new varieties and new production techniques, and producers looking to expand into new crops will be able to talk with other growers and also horticulture and marketing specialists."

Program highlights include a roundtable discussion on fruit and vegetable production, and sessions on tree fruit management, wholesale marketing issues, small fruit production, and direct marketing on the web. Producers interested in the web marketing can actually create their own web site with assistance from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Talks will range from entertainment farming and bacterial spot-management on peppers to high-density apple tree training and selling crafts through a farm market.

"We'll also have a trading post bulletin board for used equipment," said Strang. "If you have used

equipment you'd like to sell, you can bring along a description and a price and have it posted to the board so other growers can contact you."

The grape and wine short course will cover how to start a grape operation and a roundtable discussion involving regional grower groups and winery owners. Weed control for vineyards will be a featured

topic, along with an update on Kentucky's Vineyard Assistance program.

You should register now if you plan to attend this January meeting at Lexington's Holiday Inn North. Contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension office at 606/886-2668.

PCC employees achieve certifications



John Dove and Darrell Newsome, PCC employees, recently received computer certification.

Two Prestonsburg Community College employees have earned Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification.

John Dove, administrative systems support specialist, and Darrell Newsome, information systems technical support II, recently received official notification of their success.

The MCSE credential is a nationally recognized technical certification — a credential in high demand throughout the industry.

By earning the premier MCSE credential, Dove and Newsome are demonstrating they have the skills necessary to lead organizations in the successful design, implementation, and administration of the most advanced Microsoft Windows platform and Microsoft server products.

"This certification is just one of my attempts to enhance my ability to provide technical support to the college," Newsome said.

To participate in the MCSE certification program, both Dove and

Newsome met the requirement of having at least one year of experience implementing and administering a network operating system and one year of experience in implementing and administering a desktop operating system and designing a network infrastructure.

To successfully achieve the certification, each was required to pass four operating system exams and two elective exams that provide a reliable measure of his technical proficiency and expertise.

"John Dove and Darrell Newsome are two of the most knowledgeable and dedicated technology personnel within the (Kentucky Community and Technical College System)," said Academic Dean Nancy Johnson. "They have unselfishly put in numerous hours to make sure our campus has the ability to meet the computer needs of our students and employees. This certification not only supports their professional credentials, but it is also enhances the college's technological system."

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Lisa Whitt is the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn's Employee of the Year. Manager Paul Spencer recognized the front desk clerk last week with a plaque that reads, "In recognition of outstanding performance and attitude exemplary of Holiday Inn standards." Whitt, from Prestonsburg, has worked for the company for a year-and-a-half and was Employee of the Month for April. The Employee of the Year is voted on by all the supervisors at the inn.

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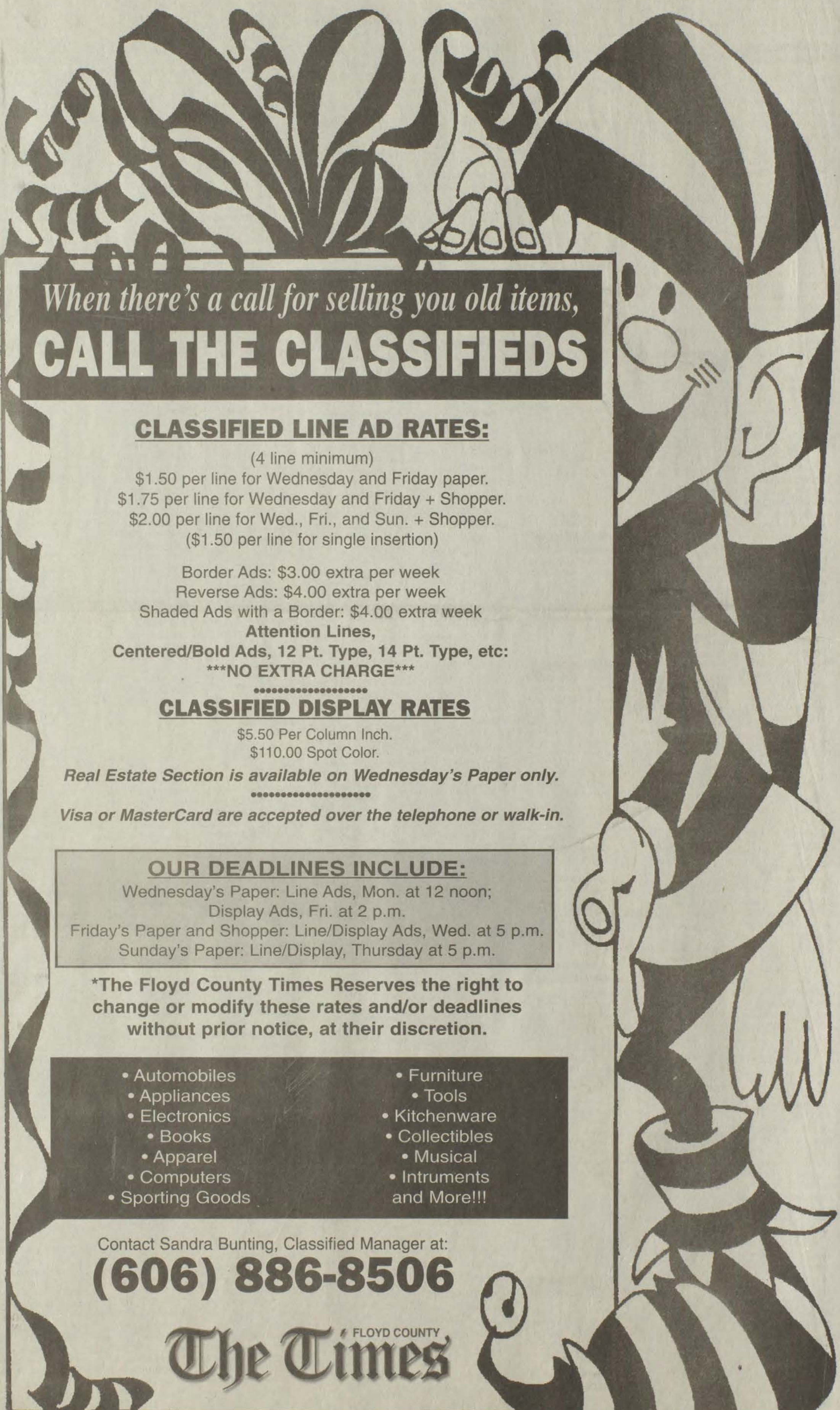
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