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## Man arrested for renting room for drunken youths

Motel was site where 1997 wreck victims were drinking

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

Y2K may be the year the area police officers crack down on juvenile partying at local hotels. Sgt. Shawn Roop of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and Sgt. Mike Ormerod and Tommy Gearheart of the Prestonsburg Police Department placed two juvenile females into custody at the Super 8 motel December 26, the day after Christmas.

The two girls were reported to be extremely intoxicated and had

access to marijuana inside the room they were staying in at the motel.

Officers received a complaint that two girls were throwing up on the steps of the motel at 12:15 that morning. Investigations at the front desk revealed the room the girls were staying in was allegedly rented to John D. Clark of Corn Fork Road in Prestonsburg.

The 22-year-old male was arrested by Gearheart and charged with third-degree alcohol intoxication, a misdemeanor, and second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, a felony.

Super 8 was the site of a 1997 party which ultimately led to the deaths of four teenagers. The teens had been drinking heavily at the motel before leaving in an automobile.

(See Motel, page two)

## Local computers A-OK after Y2K

by **Willie Elliott**  
Staff Writer

Monday morning could have been a day of mass confusion as computers failed to talk to each other, bills got outdated or billed incorrectly, or computers simply refused to boot up.

Fortunately, it did not happen. A check with area businesses and banks found all computers doing what they did when they were left on Thursday — working away.

The only reported problem was from the Floyd County Board of Education, and it was a routing problem that developed more than

a week ago and had nothing to do with Y2K. Floyd County built an extra day into the Christmas vacation to allow school personnel to monitor the status of computers before students returned.

Several home PCs simply listed the date as 1980 or 1984 and were easily corrected.

A check with the following banks found computers behaving as if they had never heard of Y2K: First Commonwealth, Citizens National, Community Trust and Firststar.

Local hospitals reported no

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## Fire on the mountain...



This blaze on Bucks Branch required two trips from fire departments to control. One abandoned house and three other structures were in danger of the fire. The Division of Forestry, along with the Maytown, Martin and Prestonsburg fire departments, responded to the fire. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Firefighters end year with spate of activity

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

A veritable barrage of fires kept local fire departments busy during the holiday season and a few kept the firefighters alert while celebrating the new year.

Seven to eight firefighters from the Southeast Fire Department were called to the scene of a trailer fire in the Harristown section of Melvin Sunday morning. The 7:43 a.m. call was late in coming as the fire department arrived on the scene after the trailer was completely destroyed.

Assistant Fire Chief Billy Johnson said the residence had been unoccupied for quite some time and believed the home had

been repossessed. An arson investigator has been requested in the case.

The Wheelwright Fire Department was dispatched to the site of an abandoned house Thursday morning. Fire Chief Sam Bentley said the fire department was called to the scene of the supposed blaze at 1:31 a.m.

The department got to the house before it really started burning, said Bentley.

"Someone set it, got scared, and called it in too soon," he said.

Eight firefighters assisted by four from the Garrett worked at the site about an hour before leaving the scene.

Bentley said the home had no active wires or gas coming into

the building. The fire will be investigated as an arson.

Wheelwright was also called out to a pre-dawn fire on Friday morning. The 1:18 a.m. fire was apparently caused by an overheating coal stove. The ensuing fire in the garage area of Deross Bentley caused fire, smoke and water damage.

Wheelwright firefighters worked an hour and a half beside members of the Garrett Fire Department, which assisted on the scene of this fire also.

The Betsy Layne Fire Department responded to a fire which was started by a celebration of the new year. An apparent errant firework landed

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## Briefs

### Cop says alcohol to blame for injury accident

A one-vehicle accident in the city of Wheelwright Sunday morning left one with serious injuries and another with bumps and bruises.

The vehicle driven by Jason Brown, 18, of Wheelwright, struck a telephone pole while heading out of Wheelwright, cutting the pole in two.

While the accident is still under investigation by Trooper Ronald Peppi of the Kentucky State Police, Wheelwright Police Chief Charles Johnson said alcohol was a factor in the incident. The rate of speed is not known, but the accident caused severe injuries to a passenger of the vehicle.

Barbara Butler, 23, also of Wheelwright, was transported to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and then transferred to Hazard ARH. Butler had apparently ruptured her spleen and had to have it removed, said Johnson.

Brown was treated at McDowell ARH and released into the custody of the KSP. He was charged with driving under the influence and driving without an operators license. Johnson said further charges may be pending in the incident.

## Cops arrest Galveston man again

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

A Galveston man found himself in trouble with the law once again last Thursday as he led police on a foot chase and then grabbed a ride to the hospital.

Officers Lt. Ricky Thornsberry and Jason Newsome of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department had stopped at a home in the Mud Creek area where Danny R. Harris was believed to be staying. The officers had three separate warrants on Harris and had stopped at the residence on a tip.

Upon their arrival, Harris refused to open the door, leading the officers to force their way into the home. When the deputies entered the home, Harris was trying to escape out the back door, said Thornsberry.

Harris backed away from running and officers attempted to secure the area, but just a

glance around the home revealed small amounts of marijuana, said Thornsberry. Seeing the illegal drug in the home, the deputies began to search the house, revealing more marijuana, traces of cocaine, and a baggie inside the bathroom with cocaine residue inside it.

Harris allegedly fled the residence, causing Deputy Newsome to pursue him up a hill. Once secured, he was returned to the house and placed face down in the floor while the officers continued their search, said Thornsberry.

While Harris was lying in the floor he began to complain of stomach pains, said Thornsberry. He then revealed to the officers he had ingested an unspecified amount of cocaine in order to hide it from them.

Thornsberry proceeded to call an ambulance and then he and Newsome escorted Harris to the police cruiser and rushed to meet with the ambulance.

Thornsberry accompanied Harris in the

ambulance from John M. Stumbo Elementary, where he was transferred to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. There he was treated and released to the custody of the sheriff's department the following morning and placed in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Harris was charged with possession of marijuana, attempted escape and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

The warrants to be served were for wanton endangerment for allegedly shooting toward a neighbor's house, first-degree trespassing for allegedly entering a neighbor's home, and terroristic threatening for allegedly threatening to kill one of his neighbors.

He was arraigned in Floyd District Court on Tuesday, where he pleaded not guilty to all charges. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash.

Harris was arrested in a drug roundup by the sheriff's department in October. Charges in that case have been sent to circuit court.

## Allen water, sewer projects nearly complete

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

With nothing set for the agenda, the Allen City Commission met on Monday to go over the old business of water, sewer and bonds.

City Attorney Stacey Marshall brought the council up to date on construction progress. A water and sewer project in the Dwale area is at or near 100 percent completion, said Marshall. Residents are now able to tap into the water and sewer system.

Marshall reported water pressure for Dwale is much better already, having been reduced from 80 psi to 65 psi. That pressure will reduce further when the residents of New Allen and Allen tap into the lines.

The city of Allen is at or very near 90 percent complete, said Marshall. Many of the residents in the area are preparing to tap into the new lines already. The project is expected to be completed in Allen in April, barring any weather-related disasters.

New Allen residents must

wait a little longer for their water and sewer service, while day-to-day construction has been slowed by the holidays and the occasional bout of inclement weather.

Marshall said he is also checking the validity of bonds said to be held by a resident of Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Norbert Bischoff had apparently bought city municipal bonds across the state several years ago. He had started to cash them, when he discovered the bonds he had bought were from the city.

Bischoff wrote a letter to Allen City Clerk Bill Parsons several months ago inquiring about the bonds. Since then, the city has been checking the validity and value of those bonds.

Each bond has 22 coupons worth \$5 each. With the bonds in full maturity, the city owes \$15,500 to the Michigan man. The commission voted unanimously to pay the full amount as soon as the bonds were returned.

Deanna Slone was absent from the meeting.



Kaitlyn Brook Collett didn't waste time becoming the first baby of the millennium born at Highlands Regional Medical Center, arriving during the first minute of the year 2000. Her mother, Karla Collett of Salyersville, was surprised to give birth to the millennium baby — her due date wasn't until January 25. For being the hospital's first baby born in 2000, Kaitlyn received a handmade quilt and gift basket from Highlands Auxiliary and Volunteers, as well as a \$1,000 savings bond to be used for her future education from the hospital. (photo submitted)



# Fires

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beneath a rock drilling rig in an equipment lot at Stanville, setting the rig ablaze.

Assistant Fire Chief Edward Clark said the department put out the accidental fire, which occurred about 6 p.m. Saturday evening, using foam and water. Within 10 minutes the excitement was over, leaving owner Paul Corbin with a damaged rig and some local residents with a New Year's Day they will not soon forget.

Betsy Layne firefighters were also on the scene of a trailer fire about 23 hours later near Betsy Layne Elementary.

Debbie Hamilton was in bed asleep when her smoke detector woke her around 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Hamilton sent her son down the street to call for help. In six minutes, firefighters were on the scene.

It took the department 15 minutes to put out the fire, saving the home in part. The fire is believed to have been started by a portable phone inside the sectional couch, because the flames had climbed the wall into the attic directly above.

The home suffered quite a bit of smoke and water damage. Clark said Hamilton's smoke detector and a quick response by the fire department saved the Hamiltons from losing everything.

Clark had 10 men on the scene of each incident.

An abandoned Princess Elkhorn Coal site was the scene of a suspicious fire, said David Fire Chief Greg Davis.

Some type of accelerant was apparently poured on the side of a coal processing plant at the site and lit, causing the fiberglass panels to burn. When firefighters arrived on the scene

last Wednesday afternoon, they at first thought a transformer had caught fire.

Dry chemical fire extinguishers and carbon dioxide were used to put out the blaze that had the potential of being big, said Davis.

Eight firefighters worked quickly at the oil-soaked scene to prevent the fire from getting out of control.

# Motel

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The car carrying the teens later crashed, killing all four.

A relative of one of the teenage victims filed suit against the motel, claiming managers knew the teens were drinking and were negligent for allowing them to leave while intoxicated.

In October, a jury found that Super 8 was not responsible for the teens' deaths.

# State employees and communities go beyond call of duty at Christmas

A local businessman has anonymously sent gifts every Christmas, for the past 10 years or more, to the Franklin County office of the state's Cabinet for Families and Children. Over the years the man's gifts have included bikes and the name-brand clothes and the kinds of sneakers little boys say they must have to fit in. At his direction, all the gifts have gone to the same child, a boy who was in CFC's foster care when he made a lasting impression on his unknown benefactor.

Many others, community groups as well as individuals, deliver toys and new clothes to children they may know only as "boy, age 8," or "girl, age 6."

In lieu of exchanging gifts with co-workers, many employees in Frankfort's main office of the Cabinet for Families and Children pool their resources to help a struggling family at Christmas.

Those scenes, and others like them, are repeated in local CFC offices throughout the state every Christmas.

As employees of the state agency responsible for aiding abused children and vulnerable adults, caring for foster children, and providing food and other assistance to low-income families and individuals, CFC's staff work all year to help individuals and families in need. But they go beyond the call of duty at Christmas as they work alongside local churches, civic organizations and other community groups.

Local offices usually begin receiving calls from individuals and agencies in the community asking, "How can we help?" the week after Thanksgiving. In a typical season, the Franklin County office alone coordinates contribu-

tions for approximately 100 families and more than 100 children in foster care. The biggest contributor to CFC clients in Franklin County, as well as in many other counties across the state, is the local chapter of the Jaycees.

CFC's clients are not identified to donors by name, but by family size, sex and age of each child in the family and clothing size. The local office becomes a collection point for gifts, which are delivered to clients by CFC staff.

As gifts and clothing arrive at the local office for distribution, it isn't unusual for employees to give up several evenings or a weekend to match the mountain of gifts with intended recipients. It also isn't unusual for CFC employees to reach into their own pockets to provide for a family known to be in need but without a sponsor. When it's time to deliver gifts, everyone in the office helps out—with social workers making deliveries to their own clients whenever possible.

There are many people who are not CFC clients, and who may even work long hours, but for whom

buying a few gifts for the children would mean not having enough money for food or to pay the rent. When those people contact their local CFC office, they are referred to one of the many agencies that keep their own client list, including the Salvation Army.

In every county, groups such as the Salvation Army, the Jaycees, local Optimist Clubs, professional organizations, and local police and firemen, as well as church groups and individuals, work to assist both CFC clients and others in need.

Although the holidays bring extra work, the consensus among CFC employees is that it's some of the most fulfilling work they do all year. "We're all proud of the role we play in bringing together the community to help the less fortunate," said a Franklin County employee. "We're even glad to reach into our own pockets when we see an unmet need, but the best part is when we deliver the gifts and see the looks on the children's faces. That makes all our work, and the weekends and evenings we give up, worthwhile."

# UK team on the hunt for cancer killers

Knowing the enemy's location is critical to winning any war. In the war against cancer, the enemy — cancer cells — have a distinct advantage. These wild cells are able to do serious damage because they frequently go undetected and, therefore, do not trigger an alarm to activate the body's immune system.

Two scientists at the UK College of Medicine, however, may have found a way to help the immune

system detect these destructive cells so the body's natural defense system can marshal its forces and destroy them.

Craig Jordan, an assistant professor of medicine, and John Yannelli, an associate professor of internal medicine, are putting the finishing touches on a new gene therapy that holds promise for cancer patients, particularly those with acute myeloid leukemia, a form of cancer which has been particularly difficult to treat with traditional therapies.

"People once thought that cancer occurred because of a weakness in the body's immune system," says Yannelli, "but we have known for years that overall that is not the case. The immune system in cancer patients actually works quite well.

Otherwise, they could not survive the disease for long periods of time nor could they fight off other viruses, which they

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# Y2K

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problems with computer glitches and the Social Security Administration noted that all systems were working smoothly.

Region 8 had a holiday, but Harold Birchell, who maintains the computers there and helps with maintenance of computers throughout all of Region 8, said all was well at the office and he had not heard of any problems in the schools.

A check at Rudd Equipment and Carter Hughes Toyota found a similar story — the computers are working fine.

Was the Y2K thing overblown, or did we do a good job in solving the problem? The jury will be out on that one for a long time, but in the meantime life goes on.

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Instead of snow or ice and sub-freezing temperatures, this home near the old Almar Theater sported this patch of plox. Along with bright sunshine and temperatures in the 70s, the day was more like spring than winter. But Old Man Winter was not ready to be pushed aside, as temperatures began plunging yesterday, with periods of light snow expected throughout the week. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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**High-speed web surfing**

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With the introduction of some affordable new alternatives, high-speed Internet connections are finally coming home to your living room. But it's easy to get confused by the different options available. Here are some helpful descriptions from the experts at Motorola:

**Telephone Modems**-Most computers come with a modem that connects you to the Internet via ordinary telephone lines. Telephone modems are the slowest, but most universally available way to connect. Modem speeds are measured in kilobits of data per second (Kbps, often abbreviated as just K), and the fastest telephone modem you can buy right now is 56K.

However, even with a 56K modem you won't see a 56K connection-usually it's more in the range of 40 to 50K. Telephone modems are inherently slow, and you can't talk on the phone while you're online unless you have a second line installed, which adds cost.

**Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)**-ISDN is offered through local phone companies, and

**Davis enters service**

Dylan W. Davis of Prestonsburg has joined the US Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the recruiting station in Pikeville.

A 1993 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Davis will report to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma, for basic training on January 14, 2000.

He is the son of Madge E. and William J. Davis of Prestonsburg.

The Delayed Entry Program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

**Cancer**

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routinely do. The problem is not that the immune system doesn't work; it is that the immune system doesn't recognize the tumor."

According to Yannelli, for the body's defense system to work properly, key antigens — substances capable of triggering an immune response — must be presented in a specific way to lymphocytes.

Normally, antigens are tipped off by what are called co-stimulating molecules. When these molecules are not present, the immune system does not "see" the cancer cell, and therefore does not act to destroy it. Because cancer cells do not express the necessary co-stimulating molecule, they are invisible to the lymphocytes responsible for destroying them.

Backed with a \$321,459 grant from the Leukemia Society of America, Jordan and Yannelli are developing genetically modified tumor vaccines to make tumor cells

has a maximum speed of 128K-again, actual speeds vary. ISDN is faster than a telephone connection, but requires a special modem (called a terminal adapter) and can be costly and complicated to set up and use.

**Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL)**-Many phone companies now offer various types of DSL service, with theoretical download rates up to 8 megabits per second (Mbps)-that's 140 times faster than a 56K modem. More typically, DSL users get between 512K and 1.5 Mbps for downloading and about 128K for uploading. As with ISDN, you'll need the phone company to install special wiring and a special modem. But DSL is not available in all areas. You have to be located within 15,000 feet of your phone company's central office equipment, and not all local phone companies offer DSL.

**Cable Modems**-Cable modems are the fastest way to connect at home. They offer astounding download speeds, up to 30 Mbps. The service is provided by your local cable operator, and uses the same wire as

your TV service. Because cable modems use a different frequency, you can watch cable TV at the same time. And your connection to the Internet is always "on," so you don't have to wait to connect like you do with a telephone modem.

Cable operators typically charge around \$100 to set up the service, and the monthly service charges range from \$30 to \$50. Most cable operators provide the actual modem, and soon you'll be able to purchase cable modems in retail stores or online.

According to industry experts, the growth of cable modems and services like IP (Internet Protocol) telephony will bring entirely new services to consumers through their cable networks.

While cable modem service is not yet available in all areas, about 95 percent of the homes in America have the cable wires required already in their neighborhoods. To find out if the service is available in your area, call your cable operator.

To learn more about cable modems, visit Motorola's web site at [www.motorola.com/multimedia](http://www.motorola.com/multimedia).



Sergeant Damron Gayheart was promoted from trooper to sergeant on November, and is serving his first supervisory position for the Kentucky State Police at Dry Ridge. Sergeant Gayheart has served at the Pikeville post for the past eight years. At Pikeville, he worked in the STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Program, as well as general patrol. Sergeant Gayheart graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1980. He and his wife Robin Lynn currently live in Pikeville. Sergeant Gayheart has two children, Teela, 13, and Damon Wayne, 6.

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# Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Laughter is man's most distinctive emotional expression.

Margaret Mead—

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## Editorial

### Room at the top

America's corporate boardrooms are still overwhelmingly a man's world. Men occupy 5,435 of the 6,120 seats on the boards of the Fortune 500 companies, according to a study released by Catalyst, a research group to advance women in business. That's roughly 89 percent. The situation in the Fortune 501-1000 isn't much different. In fact, it's a little bit more male: Men hold about 92 percent of the board seats.

The pewter lining in this very dark cloud is that most Fortune 500 boards — 84 percent — have at least one woman director. That's a start. But unless companies build on it, they risk justifiable accusations of discrimination and tokenism. All too often, the lone woman — or lone black or Hispanic — bears the burden of representing all women, or all members of an ethnic group.

Instead of breaking down stereotypes, tokenism reinforces them by making it appear that there's a monolithic "woman's view." In an increasingly diverse world, that simply doesn't cut it any more.

The paucity of women in the boardrooms is symptomatic of a larger problem: That is their general scarcity in top executive suites. Not surprisingly, about the same percentage of women — hovering around 10 percent — hold top corporate jobs as hold board seats. Women executives also earn less than their male counterparts. In a society like ours, where money is a measure of worth, that means that even women at the top are seen as less valuable than men.

Moving more women into boards and executive suites is the most direct way to shatter the glass ceiling. But the consequences of a male-dominated corporate hierarchy trickle down to the lowliest employee. Even though half of the U.S. workforce is now women, business has made precious few changes that allow women, and men, to balance the obligations of work and family. Just as it took more women in elected office to address issues of political concern to women, it will take more women at the top of the corporate ladder to press for family-friendly policies, such as flex-time, parental leave and on-site child care.

Of course, there's a Catch-22. If businesses resist changing the workplace, talented women with family obligations will find it difficult to advance high enough to have a direct hand in shaping the workplace.

It will take strong, smart women to keep pushing for their rightful place at the table. It will take strong, smart companies to make the changes they must.

But everyone stands to benefit — companies, employees and families.

— Reprinted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



## Letters to the Editor

### Farm Bureau urging legislative action

Editor:

Tobacco growers are facing the toughest times they have experienced. Burley markets, which opened a week late and never really caught fire, are now in Christmas recess. Huge amounts of this year's crop have gone into the pool, added to the surplus stocks from last year.

There's talk of another major quota cut in the offing, and next year's no-net cost assessment will surely rise. These are disturbing trends, causing considerable anxiety among farmers and threatening serious economic damage to our state.

As president of Kentucky Farm Bureau, I want to convey to Kentucky's farming families that our organization is working with all its resources to find short-term relief and long-term answers for the problems affecting the agriculture industry.

Ultimately, the factors which will impact our futures are both economic and political. Economic trends are often harsh in their effects on farmers, but in many ways they are more tolerable than are the political storms which cause us the greatest harm.

In recent years, tobacco has been subjected to an unprecedented assault from federal and state governments, cash-hungry plaintiff's attorneys and interest groups whose sole purpose is to eradicate the crop and the products from existence.

Some national leaders in the anti-tobacco movement recently held a news conference telling farmers that tobacco companies were the culprit in today's declining tobacco market.

That message was both amusing and misleading. No farmer holds the tobacco companies in any great level of affection, given their erratic buying patterns and ever-changing leaf preferences.

But even the most ardent critic of the companies knows that when cigarette sales drop, purchases of our tobacco will follow.

What we also know is that much of the decline traces directly to the actions of those anti-tobacco

interest groups. Their lobbyists proclaim with a straight face that they only want to hurt the tobacco companies, and that they have the farmers' best interests at heart.

But farmers see this spin for what it is, a public relations ploy. When these groups hurt the companies, they invariably hurt farmers. In terms of the tobacco product sales, the interests of the companies and the farmers are inseparable.

What farmers really need to focus on at this point is the future. What can we do to stop the bleeding and prepare for a rebound? That is the key issue for growers, and for Farm Bureau.

We need to look at all available marketing methods, old and new, and see what best serves the long-term interests of producers.

We need to examine the operation of our leaf handling cooperatives, and determine if there are changes needed to head off the accumulation of surpluses that could, if they grow too large, endanger the very existence of the tobacco program.

And we need to look at the impact of mounting tobacco imports.

All these issues are complex, and opinions vary widely on what the answers should be. Farm Bureau will be working with all tobacco interests to find solutions. We especially need the involvement of growers, quota holders and others with a financial stake in the crop.

We also need to win a good portion of Kentucky's tobacco settlement money for agriculture. We're urging Kentuckians to contact their state legislators to seek support for agriculture's unified development plan.

We're working on behalf of tobacco, and we're working on behalf of agriculture. Together, we can find a way to keep both on a growth track for the future.

Sam Moore  
President  
Kentucky Farm Bureau

### Sometimes change is necessary

Editor:

The Old Regular Baptist Church has been a part of the culture of the mountain people of the Appalachian area for more than two centuries. It has either directly or indirectly affected the lives of millions and continues to do so today. How many of us who were either born and raised in the area, or those who have spent some time in this area, have not been touched in some way by this church?

The people of the Old Regular Baptist Church have always been known for their conservative views and rock-solid beliefs when it comes to their religion. To many, they are seen as being closer to God than any other Christian denomination. To some, they are too strict and old-fashioned. The latter view has kept the church from growing. While other churches continue to grow and prosper, the Old Regular Baptists have not, and, in some areas, their numbers have dwindled to the point that their mere survival is questionable.

Change, just for the sake of change, can be a ridiculous, if not foolish, idea. However, there are times when change is needed. I grew up in Floyd County surrounded completely by the beliefs and

actions of the Old Regular Baptists. Over the years, I have seen changes in the church, not foundational changes, but changes in the ways the people of the church conduct themselves. For instance, when I was growing up it was the custom for the people visiting a church to, after the meeting, have dinner with someone in the community. Every church time, my home would be the site of a very large gathering around our dinner table. While this was enjoyed by all who sat at my mom's table, it was a lot of work and took a lot of preparation.

Nowadays, churchgoers are fed at the church! No need to drive or walk to a neighbor's house. Most churches have cafeterias where potluck-style dinners are enjoyed. What a wonderful change that was.

Right now, there are some brave forward-thinking people in the Old Regular Church who are trying to make another needed change in the way they carry out the work of the church. These people understand the need to build and use baptisteries in their churches. It doesn't take a lot of thinking to see the need for baptisteries. Just look around at the condition of our

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer



### Snakes and snails

As I closed out my 1999 journal and started on my Y2K journal, I thumbed through some of the journals from past years, which I am wont to do from time to time.

I happened to read through several pages of year 1976 and noticed that Oklahoma was national football champion while Pittsburgh won the Super Bowl that year. Closer to home, Virgie beat McDowell 85-83. (Both schools are gone now — victims of consolidation.) Dave Loggins' "Please Come to Boston" was a popular song. Saw the ticket stub to the first game played in Rupp Arena. Have been back one time since then. Found an ad for a Minolta SR201, the first real 35 mm camera I owned. Playing at the Strand was "Hard Times" and coming soon was "The Happy Hooker."

Then I found the description of a boy that follows. I thought it was ever so cute back then and still find it so. I have no idea who wrote it. My copy was type-written. I think it was done by that guy with one name who has written a variety of things — Anonymous. If you have little girls, I'm sure there is something similar describing little girls. I just don't know where it is. Enjoy and get your Y2K journal started. You may be able to get a column out of it — I got one out of my 1976 journal.

#### What is a Boy?

Boys come in assorted sizes, weights and colors. They are found everywhere — on top of, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, adults ignore them and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

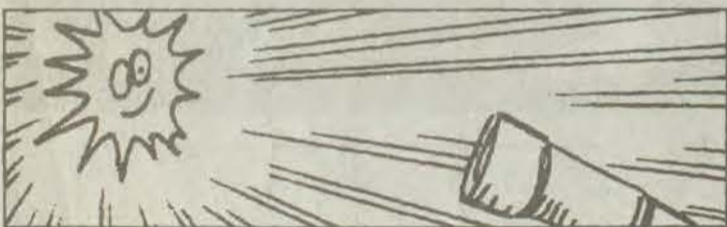
A boy has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday school, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults or bedtime.

Nobody else is so early to rise or so late to supper. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, three feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, two gumdrops, six cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance, a genuine supersonic ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature — you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up — he is your captor, your jailer.

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Before the invention of the telescope, dim stars could not be seen. When they brightened, it was thought they were new stars.

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# Weather events of the decade

by Tony Cavalier  
WSAZ-TV weather

"It has always seemed to me extreme presumptuousness on the part of those who want to make human ability the measure of what nature can and knows how to do, since, when one comes down to it, there is not one effect in nature, no matter how small, that even the most speculative minds can fully understand." Galileo Galilei

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Holiday season. That last minute white Christmas was quite a treat and made for the fourth time this decade that we had snow on the ground on Christmas day.

Now with the new century upon us, I thought I would look back on my 12 years here at WSAZ and share my top 10 weather memories with you. I'll do No. 10 through No. 6 this week, then add No. 5 through No. 1 next week. Let me know how my 10 stack up against yours. Did I miss any event?

Memorable White Christmases include the foot of snow that fell at Myrtle Beach in 1989, closing down the famed Grand Strand. My personal favorite has to be the great Christmas day blizzard of 1966 which buried my hometown of Philadelphia and inspired me to become a meteorologist instead of a doctor (sorry, Mom).

My 10th most stirring weather moment came Christmas week of 1989. That year featured a beautiful mantle of snow on Christmas morning. But the harshness of the cold that preceded Christmas day was stirring. On two straight mornings, a rare "rime" ice had collected on the trees of our area.

Rime is a form of ice that normally only occurs in true arctic climates. It is characterized by a "glittering" deposit of ice on tree

branches that accompanies subzero cold. The drive from Barboursville into Huntington that morning was scintillating. "Frosted" trees sparkled as the sun rose!

The landscape across the river in Proctorville took on a surreal appearance as if to symbolize the coming of the baby Jesus. Remarkably, this scene would be repeated in January of 1994!

Number 9 on the list is a short trip away. It takes us back to the boiling heat and intense drought of this past summer. I remember loving hot weather when I grew up in Philadelphia. But this past summer put my patience to the test. Day after day of blazing heat scorched our valley. Cooling afternoon storms stayed away for weeks on end paving the way to an intense summer drought.

I remember seeing pigs that were sunburned at several county fairs. Remarkably, the air was heated so intensely and the moisture content of the air so incredibly dry (like the desert, truly) that the actual humidity of our summer climate was not a big factor.

In fact, what may be even more impressive than the heat and drought was the way the wind blew all summer long. Dust bowl conditions not seen since the 1930s were observed on some farms.

Number 8 on the list is the "snow bowl" of 1997. That year, Marshall won the first ever MAC title game as Chad and Randy hit paydirt three times in the second half enroute to the Herds' come from behind 27-10 thumping of the Rockets from Toledo.

What makes this game so memorable was how the snow squalls hit during the first half, giving Marshall stadium the look of the "frozen tundra" of Lambeau field. I remember watching the Icebowl from Green Bay in 1966. (Hey, if

you were Italian and growing up in South Philly like I did, then you thought Vince Lombardi was the greatest man on the face of the earth).

To this day and for years to come, Thundering Herd fans will brag how they braved a raging blizzard that was harsher than the ice bowl in Tidelown. That's a badge of honor I wouldn't steal from the 60,000 fans who claim they were there (the stadium only holds a little over 30,000).

But let the record show that only one inch of snow fell that colossal night in Huntington.

Number 7 on my "hit list" dates back to June 2, 1998. I can remember feeling unsettled about the weather pattern that had set up that last weekend in May. A rare combination of hot and humid air along with speedy winds in the upper atmosphere five miles overhead had me thinking that a rare tornado outbreak was possible here in Appalachia.

That kind of prediction is so outlandish that I merely stated on the air (on Friday night) that I thought that Sunday, May 31, we would be under a tornado watch. "Check in with Scott Sabol for an update" I cautioned.

That Saturday night I was a guest at the Bob Evans 80th birthday party in Gallipolis. I remember talking to Rep. Frank Cremons about the severe weather that was possible the next day. Frank was traveling and wanted to know what the weather would be like near Cincinnati.

Rather than scare people at the party into thinking a tornado was coming (that's something we can't do more than a few minutes in advance, even in this day and age of supercomputers and Doppler radar scopes!), I simply indicated that "tomorrow is a possible storm day." There would be plenty of time to update the situation.

Well, that Sunday morning dawned after a vicious night of damaging and in some cases killer storms across Michigan and Illinois and Iowa. Tornado watches were already up for the region from Buffalo to Pittsburgh to Indianapolis and Cincinnati that afternoon. A tornado watch was issued for our area around 5 p.m.

While powerful storms did rip through much of the tornado watch area to our west and north, our region escaped the worst. Remarkably, two days later, a similar meteorological concoction unveiled itself across our region. This time, Mother Nature was not as kind to us. A supercell band of severe, localized storms formed in Jackson County, Ohio, dropping golf ball-sized hail.

The terrific hailstorm worked its way into Galia County where a swirling wind swept across City Park. The trees that were uprooted and the businesses "de-roofed" told of a rare tornado touchdown. Car windshields by the score were shattered by the huge "iceballs" that fell from the sky.

But the supercell wasn't quite through, not by a longshot. The storm "hopscoched the river" and seemed to dangle overhead for minutes before briefly touching down again in rural Mason County. One "chewing tobacco" sign was shredded into splinters by the whirlwind.

Next, it was Putnam County's turn as the twister made a brief but chaotic pass at the area near the Toyota plant. Its mission of rampage not complete, the supercell lasted all the way into Kanawha County where it struck in the Cross Lanes area before passing Kanawha City, only the second tornado to touch down in Charleston city limits this century.

Before it died late that night, the supercell had survived its way all the way into the North Carolina Piedmont, a trip that lasted six hours and covered more than 250 miles. Since I personally did not eyewitness this event, I rank this as only No. 7 on my list. After all, seeing is believing.

The countdown continues as I tour the Memorial Day flood of 1990 in Huntington as a phenomenal weather event (number 6 on my list). By that time, I had lived in Huntington for more than two and a half years.

My daily routine of jogging through Ritter Park (one of America's most beautiful park vistas) had given me the notion that Fourpole Creek, which winds through the park, is nothing more than a babbling brook. Even the most intense rainstorm couldn't flood this small creek, I surmised.

Well, live and learn. On Memorial Day, torrential rains from overnight spilled their way into the morning hours. Thanks to a series of violent thunderstorms, six inches of rain fell in Ritter Park. That in itself was enough to bring the creek out of its banks and onto Enslow Boulevard.

But since these same storms had poured upon the Fourpole's headwaters upstream, the equivalent of a foot of rain water flowed into the park. I vividly recall Kathy Brown reporting of the damage to homes, roads and even vehicles as a wall of water estimated to be 10 feet high rose from this normally docile stream's surface into basements along Enslow.

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The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's efforts to support tree planting to commemorate the new millennium.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The six-to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31.

## Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker  
**GLASS ACTS**

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## Letters

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creeks and streams. Think of the filth, pollution, and the disease associated with our present day waters. It shouldn't be necessary for people to have to break away the ice in a creek in order to baptize someone. Neither should a new member to the church have to wait until there is sufficient water in the creek so they can be baptized. There is a better way, and that better way is through the use of a baptistery.

While there is clearly a need for baptisteries in the Old Regular Baptist Church, getting them into the churches will not be easy. Right now, The Little Rosa Church is divided by that very issue. Friendships have been strained, church membership has plummeted, and the health status of the church is uncertain. How sad. This church was my father's church. It remains my mother's church. It is also my brother's church. Once, The Little Rosa Church was near the top of churches (in membership) in the New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptists. Now, it is a torn and divided church.

Why can't the leaders of New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptists see that including a baptistery in the church is not a violation of basic church doctrine? The agreed upon method of baptism remains the same—complete immersion. The Bible does not state where the baptism must take place. What difference does it make whether the water is running water, standing water, water in the open air, or water under a roof? Should those be the main concerns of the one being

baptized? I think not! It isn't the water, it's the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost who get the job accomplished!

When faced with change, the members of the Old Regular Baptist Church need to do some reading. First, they need to read the Bible. Second, they need to read their church minutes. Then, after they have done the reading, they need to think about the issues that face them. Lastly, they need to pray for direction. If they do those things with an open mind and a caring heart, the decisions and changes made will be appropriate. Do not let tradition and protracted custom stand in the way of making change for the good of all.

Dan Moore  
Marion, Ohio

## Voices

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your boss and master — a freckle-faced, pint-sized bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them with two magic words—"Hi Dad!"

Just heard that another one of my classmates has passed away. We all knew her as Pam Jones. She was listed in yesterday's Lexington Herald-Leader obituaries as Pamela L. Gray. For many years, we saw little of Pam, but we will miss her.

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Celestine Josephine Zando, 88, of South Williamson, died Wednesday, December 22. She was a retired public health nurse with the Williamson, W. Va., Public Health Board. Funeral arrangements were under direction of Steen Funeral Homes of Ashland.

Homer Dale Roberts, 20, of Robinson Creek, died Thursday,

December 30. He was a machinist with Simpalex. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Rosalie Dotson, 79, of Paris, Tennessee, formerly of Phelps, died Wednesday, December 29. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

#### Magoffin County

James Edgar Arnett, 69, of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 23. He was a retired land agent. He is survived by his wife, Patty Sue Oney Arnett. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Edna Minix Rudd Wireman, 92, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 24. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Kit Nathan Joey Fletcher, infant son of Rose Ann Fletcher, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 24. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

J.B. Williams, 66, of Hendricks, died Monday, December 20. He is survived by his mother, Montie Arnett Williams. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 23, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Jesse Gipson Cole, 82, of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 23. She is survived by her husband, Lucas Cole. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Daniel Boone Conley Jr., 68, of Michigan City, Indiana, formerly of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 22, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, in Dothan, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Ann Conley. A memorial service was conducted Wednesday, January 5.

#### Susie Belcher Baldrige

Susie Belcher Baldrige, 93, of East Point, died Friday, December 31, 1999, at Salyersville Health Care Center, following an extended illness.

Born on August 3, 1906, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Newt and Ollie Belcher. She was a member of the East Point Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garfield (Tobe) Baldrige.

She is survived by three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, at 11 a.m., at the East Point Church of Christ, with Dave Flannery officiating.

Burial was in the Baldrige Family Cemetery, East Point, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

#### Johnny Jones

Johnny Jones, 79, of Melvin, died Thursday, December 30, 1999, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born on August 20, 1920, in Melvin, he was the son of the late Tom and Frankie Jane Johnson Jones. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include one daughter, Janet Leigh (Dana Paul) Fraley of Drift; one brother, Perry Jones of Melvin; a grandson, Dana Michael (Regina) Fraley of Melvin, and a granddaughter, Danya Leigh Fraley of Drift.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, Bypro, with Louis Ferrari and Don Fraley Jr. officiating.

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

#### Gertrude W. Mullins

Gertrude W. Mullins, 92, of Dorton, died Friday, December 31, 1999, in the Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center, Robinson Creek.

She was born December 14, 1907, in Pigeon, the daughter of the late Jesse and Nettie Vanover Wright. She was a member of the Dorton Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loranzo Mullins.

Survivors include two sons, Jesse R. Mullins of Hamlin, West Virginia, and Freddie Mullins of Prestonsburg; two step-sons, Curtis Mullins of Elkhorn City, and Victor Mullins of Big Sandy, Texas; one daughter, Emma Lee Akers of Dorton; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, at 1 p.m., at the Dorton Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, with Carson Wright, Ruben Baker, Jason Lowery, Robert Osborne and others officiating.

Burial was in the Ratliff Cemetery, Elkhorn Creek, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, Virgie.

#### Joalene Everage Sizemore

Joalene Everage Sizemore, 60, of Stroh, Indiana, formerly of Emmalena, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at the Lutheran Hospital at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

She was born in Emmalena, on January 13, 1939, the daughter of Daniel Everage and Sadie Godsey Everage.

She is survived by two daughters, Rose Ann Sizemore and Della Mae Sizemore, both of Stroh, Indiana; six sisters, Louise Mullins of Wolcottville, Indiana, Mildred Ritchie of Middlebury, Indiana, Wilma Hayward of Hudson, Indiana, Ada Mae Everidge of Stroh, Indiana, Betty Jackson of Wolcottville, Indiana and Nan Everidge of Stroh, Indiana; four brothers, Joe Everage Jr. of Rome City, Indiana, Donald Everage of Pippa Passes, Daymon Everage of Emmalena, Dana Everage of Wawaka, Indiana.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 7, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Archie Everage and Ricky Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Everage Cemetery at Emmalena, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

#### O.C. Jarrell

O.C. Jarrell, 62, of Piercetown, Indiana, died Friday, December 31, 1999, at the Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana.

Born January 19, 1937, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Carl and Cardella Jarrell.

He was a resident for 33 years of Piercetown, Indiana and an employee of O.M.C. Corp., Syracuse, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Jarrell of Piercetown, Indiana; three daughters, Mary Jarrell of Warsaw, Indiana, Debbie Poe, and Peggy Matzger, both of North Manchester, Indiana; one son, Tim Jarrell of Piercetown, Indiana; five sisters, Opal Woods of Albion, Michigan, Carrie Poe of Liberty Mills, Indiana, Sylvia Daughtery of Silver Lake, Indiana, Geraldine Mangun of Mentone, Indiana, Lola Boyd of Prestonsburg; three brothers, Connie Collins of Milan, Michigan, Charlie Collins of Dundee, Michigan, and Carl Jarrell Jr. of Prestonsburg; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, 2 p.m., at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Piercetown, Indiana, with Chaplain Randy Packer officiating.

Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Piercetown, Indiana, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home.

#### Ellis Johnson

Ellis Johnson, 65, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, December 30, 1999, at Community Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, following a sudden illness.

Born on January 6, 1934, in Bevensville, he was the son of the late Bill Johnson and Ida Caudill Johnson; stepson of the late Walter Johnson.

He was a retired pipe fitter for Capital Manufacturing in Columbus, Ohio and a member of the AFL-CIO in Columbus, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie Hall Johnson.

Other survivors include five sons, Danny Johnson, Teddy Johnson, Gary Johnson, Ricky Ellis Johnson and Ricky Ellis Johnson, Jr., all of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Bobby Sam Johnson, and Edward Johnson, both of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Juanita Caudill of Price, Lealy Hall of Buckingham; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, at 10:30 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Old Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Honey Camp Cemetery, Jacks Creek, Bevensville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

#### Moore pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Alvin Moore were Drexel Springer, Clinton Ray Springer, Henry Poston Jr., John Paul Poston, Billy Gayheart, Jim Gayheart, Thomas Gayheart, Harvey Poston, Charles Poston, Jake Poston and Terry Tackett Jr.

See Obituaries, page seven

#### Lorine Parsons

Lorine Parsons, 62, of Grethel, died Friday, December 31, 1999, at her residence.

She was born December 8, 1937, in Grethel, a daughter of the late Charlie Newsome and Effie Moore Stowers. She was owner and operator of Lorine's Pizza and Grocery.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Parsons.

Other survivors include one son, Ravin Parsons of Grethel; one daughter, Janet Newsome of Virgie; two brothers, Hillard Newsome of Florida, Willard Newsome of Gallipolis, Ohio; one half-brother, Charles Newsome of Waverly, Ohio; four sisters, Mary Ward and Darlene Ward, both of Waverly, Ohio, Pearl Haffelt of Gallipolis, Ohio, Joann Swango of Cincinnati, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, at 11 a.m., in the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, Grethel, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Parsons Family Cemetery, Grethel, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Lee Parsons, Jamie Newsome, Dwayne Newsome, Brad Newsome, James Hamilton and Bill Parsons.

#### Rosemary Gray Ousley

Rosemary Gray Ousley, 59, of Water Gap, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born September 15, 1940, in Water Gap, the daughter of the late George Gray and Stacy Hammonds Gray.

She is survived by her husband, James E. Ousley.

Other survivors include one brother, George Gray Jr. of Langley.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 6, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen, Jerry Manns, Ersel Huff and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Hagans Cemetery, Langley, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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#### Virginia Blizzard Castle

Virginia Blizzard Castle, age 76, of Eastern, KY., wife of James Floyd Castle, passed away Thursday, December 30, 1999, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY., following a short illness. She was born April 4, 1923, in Lackey, KY., the daughter of the late Oscar Blizzard and Luna Sturgill Blizzard Mosley. Mrs. Castle was a homemaker and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, Paul Castle, Eastern, KY.; four daughters, Delores Rudy, Maysville, KY., Carol Sue Salmons, Risner, KY., Linda Hicks, Snellville, GA., Debbie Stumbo, Eastern, KY.; 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, James Earl Castle, Bobby Ray Castle; one daughter, Rosalie Glauser; and one brother, Sid Blizzard.

Funeral Services for Virginia Blizzard Castle were conducted Sunday, January 2, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, KY., with the clergyman, Ted Shannon, officiating. Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were Robert Castle, Charles Dwayne Chaffins, John Bartrum, Steve Salmons, Larry Hicks, II, Brian Castle, John Moore, and Larry Hicks. *paid obituary*

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**Gladys Carlee Carte Martin**  
Gladys Carlee Carte Martin, age 94, of Prestonsburg, Ky., wife of the late Dudley Martin, passed away Monday, January 3, 2000, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.  
She was born June 1, 1905, the daughter of the late Francis Carleton and Lulu Josephine Conway Carte. Mrs. Martin was a homemaker and member of the Christian Church.  
Mrs. Martin is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Domene, of Lexington, Kentucky; one daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Martin, Price, Ky.; four grandchildren, David Domene, of Louisville, Ky.; Alfred Domene, of Lexington, Ky.; Judy Johnson, of Hindman, Ky.; Linda Caudill, of Hindman, Ky.; and three great-grandchildren, Renee Ison, of Pikeville, Ky.; Jennifer Caudill, of Morehead, Ky.; and Todd Johnson, of Hindman, Ky.  
Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Ted Shannon officiating. Burial followed in the Riverside Cemetery, Hazard, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky. *(pd obituary)*



As the New Year begins, we would like to send Greetings to our many friends. As we pause and reflect on the value of friends like you, we wish to reinstate our continuing policy of service to the public. Our first consideration is to the family—their wishes, their desires, their convenience. It has always been our main purpose to help ease the burdens of the family in sorrow—friends helping friends. Because of your confidence and loyalty, our company has grown and prospered over the past 54 years. In a spirit of appreciation, we pledge ourselves to continue our best efforts to serve you. With deepest gratitude we wish you prosperity in the New Year.  
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Rosemary Ousley, 59, Watergap, Kentucky  
Luther Hall, 78, Hi Hat, Kentucky  
Dock Archer Akers, 70, Dana, Kentucky  
Alma Dorothy Allen Watkins, 75, Jellico, TN (formerly of Wayland, Ky.)  
Gladys Carlee Carte Martin, 94, Prestonsburg, Kentucky  
Randall "Boo" Isaac, 49, Versailles, Ky. (formerly of Floyd County)  
Ronnie Dale Rice, 33, Wildwood, Fla. (formerly of Floyd County)  
*"YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME." Psalms: 23*



# OBITUARIES

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Alma Dorothy Allen Watkins

Alma Dorothy Allen Watkins, 75, of Jellico, Tennessee, formerly of Wayland, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at the Jellico Community Hospital, Jellico, Tennessee.

She was born October 4, 1924, in Lackey, the daughter of the late Henry Allen and Verdia Dials Lemons. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jellico, Tennessee.

She is survived by her husband, Oscar C. Watkins.

Other survivors include three sons, Roger T. Watkins of Prestonsburg, Grover Jason Watkins of Lexington, and Jody Kevin Watkins of Jellico, Tennessee; one daughter, Kimberly Watkins of Lexington; two brothers, Mart V. Allen of Garrett, and Ronnie Mosley of Kendallville, Indiana; one sister, Georgia Windgate of Wabash, Indiana, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 5, at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Wayne Burch officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Luther Hall

Luther Hall, 78, of Hi Hat, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at his residence.

He was born December 23, 1921, the son of the late William R. Hall Jr. and Ada King Hall.

He was a retired coal miner and World War II Army Veteran.

His wife, Ethel Luxmore Hall, preceded him in death.

He is survived by four sons, Freddie Hall of Hi Hat, Dale Hall of Martin, Noel Hall of Ewing, Virginia, and Montgomery Hall of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Annette Murch of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Virgil Hall of McDowell, and Ed Hall of West Palm Beach, Florida; one sister, Georgeann Sammons of Bevinville; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 6, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim Rest Regular Baptist Church, Price, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Boyd Cemetery, Price, under direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

## Katherine (Maxine) Patton

Katherine (Maxine) Patton, 78, of Martin, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center, following an extended illness.

Born on May 26, 1921, in Maytown, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Loraine Robinson Patton. She was a retired nurse, and a member of the Salisbury Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Robert L. Bailey and Joe D. Bailey, both of Martin; one brother, William (Happy Jack) Ratliff of Martin; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Johnny Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the Dingus Cemetery, Dinwood, Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## Maudie E. Hoover

Maudie E. Hoover, 80, of Hueysville, died Saturday, January 1, 2000, at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Born October 1, 1919, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late William and Polly Ellen Hale Whitaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie F. Hoover on May 24, 1990.

She is survived by four sons: Melvin Hoover, Johnnie F. Hoover and Carlos Hoover, all of Hueysville, and Ben Hoover of Gulf Port, Mississippi; eight daughters, Peggy Ellen Mullins, Laurel Ruth Duncan, and Eva Jane Joseph, all of Hueysville, Francis Evelyn Stephens of Willard, Ohio, Louiza Kaye Young of New Haven, West Virginia, Thelma Hoover of Hueysville, Edda Faye Fields of Hartford, West Virginia, and Lurey Hoover of Hueysville; one sister, Sara Hicks of Garrett; 28 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 5, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin.

Burial will be in the Whitaker Cemetery at Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Myrtle Slone

Myrtle Slone, 81, of Hindman, died Friday, December 31, 1999, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on November 25, 1918, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Allie Triplett Slone. She was a member of the Hindman United Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Phillip Slone and Garlic Slone of Hindman, Vernon Slone of Larkslane, Kirby Slone of Carrie; one daughter, Linda Dyer of Hindman; one brother, Clayton Slone of Corona, Indiana; five sisters, Georgia Slone of Washington, D.C., Florida Slone of Pippa Passes, Delia Thornsby of Willard, Ohio, Lila B. Gibson of Leburn, Cansala Slone of Ohio; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, at 10 a.m., at the Hindman United Baptist Church, with James Hughes, Bill Kirby, Cullen Caudill and others officiating.

Burial was in the Leonard Slone Cemetery, Leburn, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Dreama L. Daugherty Tolliver

Dreama L. Daugherty Tolliver, "Granny," 64, of Ashville, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at the home of her daughter.

Born July 24, 1935, in Pike County, she was the daughter of Phillip and Joanna Francis Daugherty.

She attended Praise Assembly, Prestonsburg. She is preceded in death by her father, mother and step-father.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane Booth of Prestonsburg, Elizabeth Moody of Ashville; a son, Lester Smith of Hindman; sisters, Beulah Huffman of Lexington, Phillistine Marshall of North Carolina, Billie Kincaid of Michigan, Peggy Stanley of Pikeville, and Willow Sue Boarders of Michigan; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 5, 11 a.m., at Oliver Funeral Home, Ashville, with Rev. Richard Smith officiating.

Burial will be in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Circleville, under the direction of Oliver Funeral Home.

## Dock Archer Akers

Dock Archer Akers, 70, of Dana, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at his residence.

He was born July 5, 1929, in Dana, the son of the late Elmon Akers and Ada Alice Akers.

He was a retired Ford Motor Company employee in Sterling Heights, Michigan, a member and deacon of the Little Zion Regular Baptist Church, Romeo, Michigan, and a member of the United Auto workers.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Boyd Akers.

Other survivors include three sons, Stanley Akers of Dorton, A. J. Akers of Washington, Michigan, Roger Dale Akers of Romeo, Michigan; four daughters, Nana Faye Akers and Luella Akers, both of Washington, Michigan, Adella Nickson of Utica, Michigan, Janine Grove of Texas; two brothers, Thurman Akers of Dana, Billy Ray Akers of Warren, Michigan; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 5, at 11 a.m., at the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, Dana, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Wilford Boyd Cemetery, Dana, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

## Fibromyalgia group meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building.

For more information, call Phyllis at (606) 874-2769 or Sharon at (606) 478-5224.

## SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

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

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

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

## Pikeville Methodist Hospital January 2000

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

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

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

## South Floyd High PTA meeting

South Floyd High School will have a PTA meeting on Monday, January 10, at 7 p.m.

## Energy Assistance Program

Are you in a crisis with your home heating costs? If so, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. may be able to help you through its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Applications for home heating assistance will be taken beginning January 10 through March 15, or until all of the agency's crisis funds have been expended, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at your local Community Action Program Office.

To be eligible for Crisis assistance, a household must:

- meet the 110% poverty income guidelines, and
- the household is within four (4) days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source; or
- has received a past due/disconnected notice if natural gas or electric is primary heat source; or
- the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.

To make application, clients should bring social security numbers, birth dates, and proof of income for the previous month for all household members, certification that the household is out of heat or going to be out of heat or has a past due/disconnect notice from their heating source as stated above.

The program is funded through the Cabinet for Families & Children Community Based Services and the Kentucky Association for Community Action.

For more information, contact

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc., in Floyd County at 886-2929.

## McDowell SBDM/PTA

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

## Join Alice Lloyd College in the new millennium

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

## County Pictorial History 2000 calendar available

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

## County Pictorial History Book has been delayed

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

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

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

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

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

## Depressed Anonymous

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

## G.E.D. classes

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

## SF Youth Service Center

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

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

## Big Sandy Abuse Center

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

## Card of Thanks

The family of Amy Lynn Hall Newsome wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, or words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church; the Regular Baptist ministers and Clergyman Don Fraley for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF AMY LYNN HALL NEWSOME

## Card of Thanks

The family of Cherity Berniece Newsome would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF  
CHERITY BERNIECE NEWSOME

## Card of Thanks

The family of Dalton Breeding would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food, flowers, or spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Rebecca Regular Baptist Church; the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF DALTON BREEDING

## Card of Thanks

The family of Alvin Moore wishes to gratefully acknowledge the friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the First Baptist Church, McDowell, Ky.; the clergymen, Richard Bowens, Bruce Coleman, Jimmy Hall, and Clinton Moore, for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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# Tackle holiday credit card debt at CCS

Another holiday season is over. The gifts have been put away, the Christmas carols have all been sung, and the decorations have been taken down. It is time to relax...for a moment.

For millions of Americans who overspent their financial limit during the holidays, this time of year can be a burden that outweighs the celebration. According to a recent survey conducted by the International Mass Retail Association, consumers were

expected to spend at least 10 percent more on Christmas gifts in 1999 compared to 1998, for an average of \$825 per family.

Forecasters predicted holiday shoppers to spend more than \$6 billion or more in purchases on the Internet alone. American spenders were expected to charge a record total of \$124.3 billion on everything from toys to clothes to wrapping paper, and many of them are finding themselves in financial trouble as the new year begins.

"It is unfortunate that we must witness the same pattern of overspending during the holidays recur year after year," said Johnny Cantrell, director of Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCS) of Central Kentucky.

"The pattern occurs because

American consumers are so accustomed to impulse buying during the Christmas season. Without setting a budget and sticking to it, they wind up seeing red after the holidays are over."

Consumer Credit Counseling Services is America's first non-profit debt counseling company. It is devoted to helping people recover from their financial credit excesses after the holidays and throughout the year.

Cantrell and his staff of counselors at CCS will not be surprised to find their appointment books filled from January through March with people who are witnessing the effects of charging too many holiday gifts to their credit cards.

"Every new year we see people arrive in our office who are in a financial black hole from overspending during the holiday season, and are looking for a way out," Cantrell said. "We are here to help them get back on their feet again as wiser and more competent users of credit."

Through confidential personal financial counseling, CCS has helped many people establish a comfortable budget, avoid bankruptcy, and regain their financial well being. Since 1995, the company has handled nearly 133,000 clients, and recovered more than \$224 million to credit granting companies.

While the average credit card holder has four cards and maintains a balance of about \$4,000 in high-interest debt, industry data indicates that it takes the typical American consumer four to six months to pay off just their holiday bills.

"Overspenders oftentimes postpone inevitable payments by waiting until their hoped-for tax refund arrives," Cantrell said. "Relying on this source of income to pay off financial debts allows the balance owed to gain interest, causing the client to dig themselves even deeper into a growing debt problem."

To help consumers who have overspent this year tackle their holiday credit card debt, CCS of

Central Kentucky offers the following tips:

- Track monthly spending. Write down every penny spent, including the \$2 coffee and donut in the morning, the 50-cent soda, and the \$7 lunch. After tracking expenses for a month, the result should be a strong idea of where your money is going.

- Create a budget for the new year. A budget includes categories for expenses such as housing, utilities, food, clothing, transportation and miscellaneous. Save space in the budget for savings. Saving money should always be an important financial goal. Then, compare the total amount spent on these expenses to your monthly income. Reduce spending in some areas, if necessary, in order to balance the budget.

- Decrease your spending. Getting out of debt involves sacrificing some day-to-day expenses. For example, eating out less often, giving up bottled water or soft drinks, and cutting back on entertainment outings that can become

somewhat costly are ideas for reducing monthly spending.

- Decrease debt. Determine how much is owed to credit-granting companies and commit to paying off the balances as soon as possible. Do not charge anything until the entire debt has been paid. If charging something is necessary, plan to pay it off within 90 days.

- Increase savings. Maintaining a savings plan is the best way to achieve financial stability. Saving for emergencies, major household repairs, taxes, or outside expenses helps to avoid debt trouble.

For more information on Consumer Credit Counseling Services, or to schedule a confidential appointment with a certified credit counselor, contact the organization at 1-800-278-8811. CCS is a non-profit, community service organization devoted to providing professional financial guidance, counseling and debt management assistance to consumers. CCS is primarily funded by national, regional, and local creditors and businesses.

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This relatively new program allows homeowners to draw tax-free income from their home equity without requiring repayment for as long as they occupy the home.

Surveys have shown that the number one goal of seniors is to remain in their homes for as long as possible. Unfortunately, as we

become older our savings erode even faster and our monthly cash flow does not keep pace with inflation.

Enter the FHA-insured reverse mortgage line of credit program designed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The line of credit—which grows annually at a rate tied to the one-year U.S. Treasury Security Rate (currently more than 6 percent) lets the borrower select the timing and amount of the loan advances.

Aside from providing flexibility for a wide range of income needs, the growth of the line of credit prevents its value from being eroded by inflation over time.

"The program is a safe, finan-

cial alternative enabling older homeowners to comfortably remain in their homes and enjoy a secure retirement," said Jeffrey Moulton of the Reverse Mortgage Department. "Because fixed income levels often prevent older adults from qualifying for traditional loans, FHA developed the reverse mortgage program to provide a viable option."

"Homeowners can use it now to repair a roof, and two years later use it to pay property taxes. It could even be used to pay off a current mortgage or credit card debts!"

This FHA program enables older homeowners to translate hard-earned home equity into tax-free disposable income with no monthly repayment. The home-

owner always retains title to the property and the income received will not affect regular Social Security payments or Medicare eligibility. Eligibility requirements are quite simple and do not impose any standards based on income, assets, credit or employment.

Seniors often worry that the expenses of homeownership will force them to lower their standard of living. This is a choice that older homeowners should not have to make. With the line of credit, participants now have access to additional cash resources without having to use their fixed monthly income.

To learn more, individuals can contact Jeffrey Moulton of the Reverse Mortgage Department at (800) 950-3297.

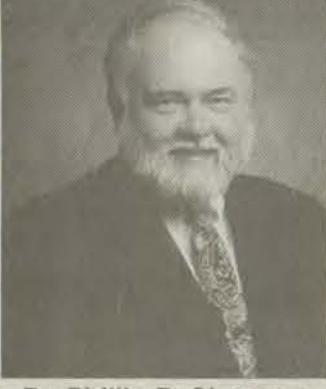
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## Farming becomes more precise via satellite

Kentucky farmers are challenged by highly variable land. Slight differences in soil structure, elevation, slope, moisture holding capacity, fertility and drainage can frustrate a farmer trying to decide the correct types and quantities of seed, fertilizer and chemicals to apply to his crops.

To help these farmers optimize production, researchers at the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture are experimenting with new and evolving "precision agriculture technologies." Precision agriculture helps producers recognize the variations of their land and helps them adjust inputs to the land to optimize production.

"Precision agriculture has been described by other researchers as doing the right thing, in the right place, at the right time," says Scott Shearer, biosystems and agricultural engineer at UK.

The focus of precision agriculture in Kentucky has been on grain production, and the key is the Global Positioning System.

The Department of Defense developed this satellite system for the United States' security interests. Since then, civilians have used the satellites much more than the developers anticipated. Agricultural professionals have become one of the primary groups to use GPS.

An analogy might help to illustrate how this system works. You can estimate the distance between yourself and lightning by counting the seconds between the flash and the thunder. GPS is much the same; the difference is that GPS is a space-based navigation system. A satellite generates a radio signal that is transmitted to a GPS receiver on earth. The receiver measures the time it takes that signal to travel from the satellite to the receiver. With four signals from separate satellites the position can be accurately fixed.

"GPS allows farmers to locate their position in a field within less than one meter," Shearer says. "This means they can go back to that same spot, within one meter, time and time again. This is the beauty of the technology."

Before, when farmers applied chemicals or fertilizer, they made decisions on a field-average basis. They would apply the same amount of fertilizer over the entire field. With new technology, this is

no longer the case. Now, with high-tech farming, the farmer has a GPS receiver on his machinery, which is connected to a laptop or task computer which already has a stored database of optimal field requirements for fertilization. The computer runs a program that controls the mixing of nutrients — nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium — for fertilization and spreads them as needed as the farmer drives across the field.

"With GPS, producers can identify the exact places that soil fertility changes," says Shearer.

He estimates about one-fourth of Kentucky's grain producers are using some form of precision agriculture technology and he expects that percentage to increase. Many

farmers already are using sophisticated bookkeeping and accounting practices. Some have networked computers in their farm offices. So, adding a technology such as precision agriculture does not seem like a stretch to them.

Precision agriculture research continues in the College of Agriculture. This fall, a new, indoor yield-monitoring test facility opened. It will be the most sophisticated facility of its kind in the world.

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## A Look At Sports

### Girls All "A" Classic tips off with no clear-cut favorite

#### All "A" Schedule



Tuesday 7p.m.  
January 11th,  
Piarist  
vs. Elkhorn City

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO...**  
South Floyd Middle School guard Sharee Hopkins. Sharee turned 13 on New Year's Day, January 1. Happy birthday, Sharee. You are now officially a teenager.

**GIRLS' ALL "A" CLASSIC...**  
The 1999-2000 Girls All "A" Basketball Classic will tip off next week at Millard High School and it will be a first for the Millard staff. The school has done a little work on the old gym and it has a different look and for the better. Millard's gymnasium was one of those places where you wonder if they had turned the lights on yet, but that has all changed now. Leon Stewart, athletic director at Millard, says

the school is ready to host the annual event and some good basketball is in store.

"We just want everyone to come here and enjoy the new look and some good basketball," said Stewart. "We have new bleachers in our gym and it should be a good tournament."

The gymnasium also has received new lights and a new gym floor.

Every year it would be easy to name a team which was favored to win it all and head to Richmond for the state tournament. But that is not the case this year as Millard will host one of the most evenly matched tournaments through the years.

"That's right. There is not one team that stands above the rest of the field," said Stewart. "That is

why it is going to be a good tournament."

None of the nine teams involved in the tournament are, what you might say, burning the nets up this season. Looking at the field, overall records are not too impressive for any of the teams.

If you were to have a favorite, I suppose it would have to be Allen Central, although the Lady Rebels are not playing that well of late.

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SOUTH FLOYD'S LINDSEY HALL (20) challenged Shelby Valley's Summer Jones (33) and scored on this drive in the first quarter. Shelby Valley pasted the Lady Raiders 99-49 Monday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Shelby Valley just misses century mark

### Ratliff, Jones lead Lady Wildcats past Lady Raiders

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Seniors Summer Jones and Ashley Ratliff combined for 49 points in leading the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats to a 99-49 win over the South Floyd Lady Raiders Monday night at Raider Arena.

Ratliff, a transfer guard from Millard, scored a game-high 26 points and Jones accounted for 23 as Shelby Valley demonstrated why they are the number one girls program in the 15th Region.

"The girls wanted to score a hundred points," said Shelby Valley Coach Bobby Spears.

The Lady Wildcats had several chances to hit the century mark but fell a point short.

Center Ashley Damron, one of the top pivot players in the region, scored 16 points and Tasha Bakay finished with 12.

South Floyd did not place a player in double figures but was led by Kandice Mitchell's nine points. Lindsey Hall netted eight and Valerie King, a freshman, came off the bench to score seven points. Martha Crawford finished with six.

Shelby Valley was hot from the free throw line, hitting 26 of 29 attempts. The team had hit its first 24 attempts before the reserves missed in the fourth quarter.

South Floyd never did lead and the game was only tied once, 2-2. "They were trying to score 100 points and we were trying to score 50," said South Floyd Coach Paul Cline. "We both came up a point short."

Hall's layup tied the game at 2, after Bakay gave Shelby Valley its first lead at 2-0. But after Hall's basket, the Lady Wildcats rolled out to a 25-6 lead behind the play of Damron. Shelby Valley held a 32-10 lead at the first stop.

Turnovers hurt South Floyd throughout the game, as they commit-

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## Raiders hit 12 treys in 118-89 win over Wolfe

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Henry Webb and his South Floyd Raiders closed out the year 1999 on a sizzling note. The Raiders were red hot from the floor, the free throw line, the three-point arc and would have shot well from the stands had they chosen to.

The Raiders, for the first time in their school's short history, won their first-ever tournament of any kind when they posted a 118-89 win over a very good Wolfe County team.

The two teams met in the championship game of the South Floyd Holiday Classic Thursday night.

South Floyd, which came into the game averaging 86 points a game through the first 10 games, placed seven players in double figures and has five players averaging in double figures for the season. The 118 points is a school

record, unofficially. The Raiders opened the season against the Piarist School and scored 101 points in that game. In their opening round game against Whitesburg, the Raiders put 97 points on the scoreboard. They have scored 94, 93 and 91 on other occasions.

"I'm not sure, but I would say it is the most points scored in one game," said Coach Webb. "I just about guarantee it is."

Coach Webb said his team was having a record-breaking season and, "We want to continue doing that."

"Going into the tournament we knew we had some quality teams coming in," he said. "We put a lot of emphasis on winning this tournament. Our school had never won a tournament before tonight. Our kids came out and they played extremely hard."

The "Sizzlin' Raiders" were just that as they hit 63 percent of their shots from the floor in the

(See Raiders, page two)



South Floyd's Byron Hall made a strong move to the basket against Wolfe County Thursday night in the championship game of the South Floyd Holiday Classic. Hall finished with 22 points (photo by Ed Taylor)

Brooke Coleman (14) goes in for a left-handed layup in the game between Prestonsburg and Johnson Central. Prestonsburg lost to Johnson Central in the championship game on Thursday night. (photo by Karen Joseph)



## THE SCOREBOARD

### Girls

Allen Central 61,	Elkhorn City 46
Shelby Valley 99,	South Floyd 49
Ashland 43,	Paintsville 42
Harlan 61,	Evarts 53
Knott Central 69,	Hazard 39
JCHS 47,	Lawrence Co. 42
Fleming-Neon 45,	Letcher 42
Fleming Co. 42,	Greenup Co. 26
Leslie Co. 85,	Buckhorn 63
Boyd Co. 60,	Morgan Co. 37
Paul Dunbar 59,	Madison C. 52
Perry Central 89,	Wolfe Co. 53

### Games on tap

#### Girls

Thurs., Jan. 6, 2000  
Allen Central at Belfry  
Piarist at Magoffin Co.

Fri., Jan. 7, 2000  
OBI at Piarist

Mon., Jan. 10, 2000  
Pikeville at Betsy Layne

#### Boys

Tues., Jan. 11, 2000  
Betsy Layne, Coca-Cola Classic  
South Floyd at Prestonsburg

#### Elementary Basketball

Mon., Jan. 10, 2000  
Floyd County Grade School  
Tournament @ ACMS

### Coca-Cola Classic

The Allen Central Rebels, Betsy Layne Bobcats and Prestonsburg Blackcats will take part in the annual Coca-Cola Classic at Pike Central High School.

First round action begins on Wednesday night. The tournament will conclude on Saturday evening. Allen Central is the defending tournament champion.



# Raiders

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SOUTH FLOYD'S FRESHMAN MICHAEL HALL scored on this play in the finals of the Holiday Classic at South Floyd. South Floyd defeated Wolfe County in taking the championship. (photo by Ed Taylor)

first half and shot an even better 64 percent in the second half. In the first half, the Raiders hit an unbelievable 75 percent of their three-point shots.

Wolfe County Coach Robert Creech pleaded with his team during a timeout, to tighten up its defense.

"They are hitting everything they put up there," he said. "I have only one timeout left."

The 12 three-point baskets may have been a school record as well, with Kyle Tackett burying four treys while scoring 16 points. The Raiders were led by forward Byron Hall with 22 points and he was unstoppable in the paint area. The Raiders were a picture of motion as they ran and executed on offense, working out of bounds plays to near perfection. The only glitch in Hall's game was he missed a free throw while being perfect around the basket from the floor. No blame on Y2K here.

Big man Jimmy Stumbo even went beyond the three-point arc and drilled two treys, finishing with 19 points. Ryan Shannon finished with 12 and freshman Mike Hall netted 15. John Meade and sophomore Rusty Tackett had 11 points each. Tackett drained two three-point baskets. Hall and Meade had one apiece.

James Bell led all scorers with 23 points for Wolfe County. He connected on four three-point baskets in a strong floor game. Ashley Harvey tossed in 20 and Sam Dunn added 13 for Wolfe County.

Could the South Floyd Raiders play any better?

"No, I don't believe we can," said Coach Webb. "We played extremely hard tonight. We finally shot the ball well."

The South Floyd coach said this was a game he had been waiting for his ballclub to have.

"We have been waiting all year for a game like this," he said. "We shot the ball decent at Pike Central. But this has been the way we have been shooting the ball in practice."

"Tonight they finally shot the ball with some confidence. If we can continue to shoot the ball like this and with this intensity, we are going to be tough to handle."

South Floyd was only threatened once in the game after jumping out to a 9-0 lead. Wolfe County pulled to within two of the Raiders, 13-11, on a trey by Dunn, but that was as close as they could get to the hot-shooting South Floyd team. The Raiders led 28-18 after the first period. Four of the last five South Floyd field goals in the period were three-point baskets. Rusty Tackett hit two consecutively.

Kyle Tackett opened the South Floyd second period with a long trey, as South Floyd scored the first 10 points of the quarter in taking a 38-18 lead.

Stumbo's three-point basket from the head of the key allowed the Raiders to double the score on Wolfe County, 41-20. South Floyd held a 62-35 halftime lead.

After three quarters South Floyd had already put 98 points on the scoreboard as Coach Creech was wondering what to do going into the fourth period. The lead for the Raiders went to 36 points, 98-62, after three periods.

Coach Webb went to his bench, but the unselfish play continued and the score continued to mount.

"It is just a joy to come to practice every day," said the South Floyd mentor. "It is a joy. These gentlemen run the floor so hard. We really stress seeing colors and not faces. These kids do an excellent job of giving the ball up. They do it every day, practice or a game."

The biggest lead of the game for South Floyd was 44 points, when Stumbo took a pass from Shannon and laid it in for a 110-66 lead.

Coach Webb cited the good play

of his bench for the record-breaking score.

"We will go eight or nine deep off the bench," he said. "Each night we have a different person step up. But the one thing that has been consistent every game is the intensity on defense and the will to win this team has."

Coach Webb said the Raiders have a lot of fun playing the game of basketball.

"We try to make it as fun as we can," he explained. "These kids just enjoy playing basketball. They enjoy coming out and putting their

practice jersey on. The more they see they are capable of playing the hungrier they get."

Dusty Tackett added four points for South Floyd while Newman finished with six. Joe Platkus scored two points.

Stumbo had seven rebounds for South Floyd and came up with six blocked shots. John Meade dished off six assists.

The Raiders improved to 9-2 on the season. After playing Millard Tuesday night, South Floyd will travel to Prestonsburg Tuesday night for a conference match up.



Ramanda Music (33) goes in for two in the game between Johnson Central and Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg won three of four games in the Johnson Central Invitational Tournament. The Lady Blackcats lost the championship game to Johnson Central. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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# Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

Don Ballanger, Pee Wee Reese and Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto.

What did they have in common? Right, they all played shortstop — Ballanger with the Baltimore Orioles, Reese for the Brooklyn Dodgers and Rizzuto was employed by the New York Yankees.

Any other similarities? Uh-huh, right again. All of them were great glove men but batted in the low to mid .200s and qualified as "little guys."

Could they have played today? Don Zimmer doesn't think so.

You know Zimmer. He's been around major league baseball 51 years as a player, manager and coach. Currently, he serves as second in command to Yankees field boss Joe Torre.

"Guys like Ballanger, Reese and Rizzuto were premier playmakers," Zimmer said. "Only they weren't very proficient at the plate. Reese had a lifetime batting average of .269. Rizzuto was in the .240s and Ballanger hit around .215. And both Reese and Rizzuto made it to the Hall of Fame."

Baseball has changed markedly within the last couple of decades,

Zimmer contended.

"The players now are bigger, stronger and faster than ever before," he said. "It used to be clubs could tolerate a weak hitter at shortstop if he was an exceptional defensive performer and had a good arm. The rest of his teammates would have to carry him on offense, at the plate."

Today, Zimmer opined, major league clubs can't afford a weak spot in the batting order.

"Dick Groat was the last shortstop to win a batting title until this year," he said. "In 1960, Groat hit .325 for the Pittsburgh Pirates and led the National League. But he didn't have much power at the plate. He dinked you to death."

In 1999, the American League batting crown went to Nomar Garciaparra of the Boston Red Sox with a .355 average. Close behind him came the Yankees' Derek Jeter, who hit .349. Both men are big shortstops who also proved to be productive in the home run department.

"The modern trend to larger shortstops began when Cal Ripkin came up to the Baltimore Orioles in

1982," Zimmer said. "He had good range defensively, a strong throwing arm and could hit for the circuit as well as for average. With his success, he set a new trend for evaluating the shortstop position."

When questioned about the matter, Ripkin said, "I don't know if there's a trend to bigger players at shortstop or not. Only time will tell. But I do think there's a change in the thinking of young men looking for a career in baseball."

"They see that a player with size can play shortstop and for this reason, the position has acquired some added glamour."

Garciaparra couldn't agree more. "Ripkin was my idol," he said. "He was over six feet tall and weighed 220 pounds and could hit with power. I had always wanted to play shortstop, but because of my size they put me elsewhere. But when I pointed to Ripkin and what he was doing, they didn't have any excuse, they had to give me a chance to play the position. I've been there ever since."

Added Jeter, "Do you ever remember a shortstop hitting fourth in the order? But guys like

Garciaparra and myself do now. And we can hit with power. We generate about as many home runs as other positions on the team. I think you're going to see larger players coming up now where smaller men have been traditionally."

Zimmer is convinced that the heroics Ripkin, Jeter, Garciaparra and their ilk are supplying have permanently altered the scouting process.

"The mold's been broken," he said. "Every club is going to be on the lookout for bigger people who can play shortstop and handle a bat. There's a whole new criteria been established for judging talent. Old stereotypes are gone. Today, there's simply no need to cover for a weak hitter at a skill position."

A long popular axiom states, "A good big man is better than a good little man any time, but a good big man is hard to find."

It will be interesting to see if modern genetics and nutrition will disprove this adage. But the odds are the new reality bodes to do just that.

Sorry, Scooter and Pee Wee.



# Sports

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The Pikeville Lady Panthers would have to be another team considered a favorite. The Lady Panthers, like Allen Central, have not really played the way they are capable.

While there is an absence of a strong Class A team, still the tournament will be competitive because of the parity that exists in this year's tournament.

The tournament opens on a Tuesday night because of the addition of The Piarist School in this year's event. The Lady Knights will face Elkhorn City in an opening round game on Tuesday, January 11, at 7 p.m.

First-round play continues Wednesday night with two games in the upper bracket. Pikeville, with Jill Kimberlain, will meet the South

Floyd Lady Raiders, with Martha Crawford and Lindsey Hall. Pikeville won the earlier match between the two schools, but that was at the onset of the season. South Floyd has shown a lot of improvement since then and has put together a four-game winning streak.

In the second game Wednesday night, and it should be a good one, Jessica Martin and the Allen Central

Lady Rebels will square off in an 8:15 p.m. tip off time. Paintsville is a young club and Allen Central has been through these battles all too often. The Lady Rebels have won more Class "A" titles than any other 15th Region club. Outside of Allen Central, only Elkhorn City and Phelps can boast of having won a championship and a state berth.

The final first round games will be played on Thursday night when Phelps faces up and coming Feds Creek. The Lady Hornets are defending champions from last year, but they have struggled this season, a rebuilding year. Feds Creek has a lot of talent but they are all young. Amy Pugh will lead the Lady Vikings.

The final game of the opening round will happen at 8:15 on Thursday night when host Millard will take on the winner of the Piarist/Elkhorn City game.

The four winners will advance to the tournament's semifinal round on Friday night and the championship game is scheduled for Saturday night, January 15, at 7 p.m.

Admission to the tournament is \$5 for reserve, \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Reserve tickets may be purchased in advance from each participating school.

Three of the Floyd County boys teams will take part in the Pike County Central Coca-Cola Classic, which also begins next week. Allen Central, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg will compete in the eight-team tournament.

hope everyone had a good New Year's weekend. It seemed to be a short one. The weather was unusually warm but it was a great time.

High school basketball, as well as the grade school scene, starts back up this week and it is going to be full speed ahead the rest of the way to the tournaments.

It is hard to believe we have played over a month of the season already and it won't be long until we

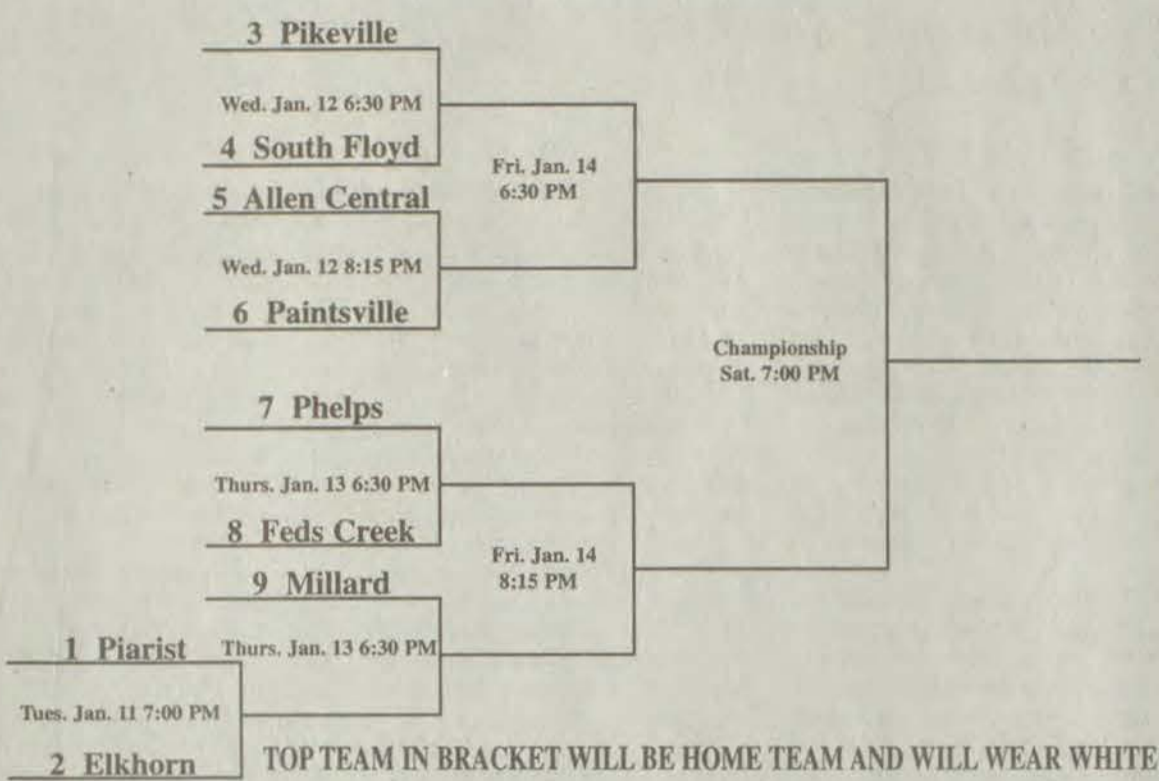
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Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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ted 10 in the first quarter and had 25 for the game.

Jones scored the first five points of the second quarter for Shelby Valley as the Lady Wildcats began to extend their lead. Both teams went to the locker rooms with Shelby Valley holding a 59-18 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Shelby Valley opened up a 53-point margin and led by the total after three quarters, 83-30. Crawford scored all six of her points in the third period for South Floyd. Sonya Tackett had a basket and Mitchell scored on a rebound put back.

Coach Spears went to his bench late in the third period and they played most of the fourth quarter as they set their sights on the cen-

ury mark. Leading 98-46, Jessica Justice, who seems to do a lot of talking, stood at the free throw line for two shots. She drilled the first one for a 99-46 game but misfired on attempt number two. However, the Lady Wildcats had two other chances to hit the 100 point mark, but failed.

For South Floyd, Minnie Tackett hit a three-point basket and scored five points for the Lady Raiders. Monica Newsome and Sonya Tackett added four points each. Stephanie Skeans and Tabatha Berger scored one point apiece. Stacia Stanley came off the South Floyd bench and netted five points, including a three-point basket.

South Floyd dropped to 6-5 on

the season, while Shelby Valley improved to 12-3. After a few days off, the Lady Raiders return to the hardwood at Prestonsburg Tuesday against the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats.

#### GAME NOTES

- Jessica Johnson is one of the most refreshing players in the game today. It is just a pleasure to watch her and listen to her conversations with the coaches.

- Valerie King is going to be one of the top players in the 15th Region before her high school career is over.

- Basketball fans have to like the future of South Floyd girls basketball.

## Music scores 23 in Lady Blackcats loss to Johnson Central Lady Eagles

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The Prestonsburg Ladycats played very well in the Johnson Central Invitational. They won the first three games of the tournament. Prestonsburg rolled over Paintsville, Scott County and Lawrence County to advance to the championship game on Thursday night. The Ladycats faced the host team, the Lady Eagles. The Lady Eagles were also undefeated in the tournament.

Prestonsburg jumped out to an early lead, but the Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Blackcats in all other quarters to come away with the victory, 64-55.

Ramanda Music led both teams in scoring. Music finished the game with 23 points, while Amelia Conley finished with 11.

Johnson Central placed four players in double figures. Amanda Griffith was high scorer for Johnson Central. Griffith finished with 16. Goldie Wells finished with 15, while Silena Williams and Becky

McKenzie finished with 13 and 10, respectively.

Johnson Central took the first lead on a two-point basket by Silena Williams. But the Lady Blackcats quickly answered when Ramanda Music scored for Prestonsburg.

Johnson Central tied the score with a little over five minutes to go in the first period. Then Prestonsburg went on a 10-3 run to finish the quarter. The Lady Blackcats led at the end of the first quarter, 18-11.

But in the second quarter, it was a different story. The Johnson Central Golden Eagles outscored the Ladycats, 20-12.

Ramanda Music scored eight of the 12 points for the Blackcats in the second period.

The Lady Eagles fought back and went into the dressing room with a one-point advantage over the Lady Blackcats.

In the third quarter, each team traded baskets, but the Lady Blackcats could not regain the lead. Johnson Central led by as many as five with a little over five minutes remaining in the third period, but

the Lady Blackcats would fight back. At the end of the third quarter, the Lady Eagles held on to a four-point lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Johnson Central Lady Eagles again outscored the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg only hit four field goals in the fourth quarter. Another eight points came from the free throw line.

The Blackcats hit eight of 14 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter. Johnson Central was five for 14 from the free throw line in the last quarter.

The Lady Blackcats pulled to within three early in the quarter, but that was as close as they would come to the Lady Eagles. The game ended with the Lady Eagles on top of the Lady Blackcats, 64-55.

Prestonsburg received the team free throw trophy for the tournament.

The Blackcats will be off until January 11. They will host the South Floyd Lady Raiders in their first home game of the season. Prestonsburg fell to 6-7 for the season.



Prestonsburg senior Brandy Wells (10) goes in for a layup in the championship game between Prestonsburg and Johnson Central. Wells played a great tournament. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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# Betsy Layne Junior Basketball League

## JUNIOR VARSITY LEAGUE

### GREEN VS NAVY

It took two overtimes for the Green team to finally settle the matter as they posted a 40-37 win over the Navy team in junior varsity action.

Jack Slone scored 12 points and Brock Slone added 10 to lead the winners. Kristen Smith added five and Justin Slone scored four for the Green team. Brandon Hall had a three-point basket and finished with three, while Jordan Case scored two points.

Game scoring honors went to

Brandon Kidd with 14 points. Brenton Hamilton netted nine. Jason Worrix, Cody Click and Bill Collins had four points apiece.

Jack Slone did not score in the first three quarters but netted eight of his 12 points in the fourth period to tie the game and send it to overtime. He scored four points in the second extra period.

The Green team took a 3-0 first-quarter lead, but the Navy team outscored the Green 8-5 in the second quarter to tie the game at the half, 8-8. Brock Slone had eight points in the third period as the Green team went on a 10-4 run that netted them a 18-12 lead. Hamilton scored eight points and Kidd drilled a trey as the Navy team caught the

Green team for the first overtime.

## JUNIOR TRAINING LEAGUE

### BLACK/GOLD VS BLACK

Tyler Lewis scored eight points and Jason Case netted two as the Black/Gold team posted a 10-4 win over the Black team in the Junior Training League.

Bryce Adkins and Lindsey Martin accounted for the four points for the Black squad.

It was a 2-0 game after the first quarter, with the Black/Gold team in front. Martin scored two second-quarter points for the Black team to tie the game at 2 at the half. The

Black team did not score in the second half.

### GREEN VS BLUE

The Green team edged the Blue 14-11 with five players scoring for the Green team.

Dylan Maldonado and Austin Smith scored four points apiece to lead the Green squad. Blake Sluggans, Jake Tackett and Andrew Vance had two points apiece.

Adam Howell led the Blue team with 10 points. Tring Wakeland scored one point for the Blue team.

## TRAINING LEAGUE

### BLUE VS NAVY

Trey Whitt scored a team-high eight points and Jason McKinney added six to lead the Blue team to a 22-12 win over the Navy team. Adam Gearheart netted four points, while Corey Henry and Tyler Kidd scored two points each.

Adam Slone led the Navy with eight points. Casey Tackett and Colby Hayes had two points each.

The Blue team led 12-4 after the first quarter behind the play of Gearheart and McKinney. Kidd and Whitt each scored two first-quarter points. Tackett and Slone had two apiece for the Navy team.

The Blue squad led 14-6 at the half.

### RED VS GREEN

In a runaway, the Green team posted a 41-15 win over the Red squad, led by the scoring of Samuel Keathley and Kaitlin Lawson. Both finished with 10 points. Justin Kurkowski had seven points and Brady Conn totaled six. Both Taylor Boyd and Brandon Mulkey scored four points each.

Shane Case led the Red team with four points. Teammate Austin Case scored three, as did Cody Rogers. Richie Tackett netted two and Wesley Akers scored one.

Kurkowski had five first-quarter points and Conn scored four as the Green team jumped out to a 13-1 first-quarter lead and never was threatened.

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# Kentucky Sportsline

by Tom Leach



Between the time of Bill Ransdell and Tim Couch, it was easy to determine the best quarterback at the University of Kentucky. It was always the one waiting in the wings. And with Couch in the NFL, and in the wake of the defeat in the Music City Bowl, that's where we are again with some Big Blue fans.

Because Kentucky was the only big-time school that recruited Dusty Bonner and because Bonner's arm strength pales in comparison to his rivals for the QB job at Kentucky, there's a segment of UK fans that ignore qualities like leadership and mastery of Hal Mumme's system and keep waiting for somebody to beat out number 15.

Not even Couch throws as pretty a ball as Mike Scipione and you'll probably have to look to the NFL to find a quarterback with a stronger arm than Jared Lorenzon. But it says here that getting Bonner out of that job is not going to be an easy chore, even if Lorenzon gets his academic house in order before spring practice starts.

For a variety of reasons, Mumme, who by the way has an impressive resume when it comes to developing QBs, has determined that Bonner's skills are superior to Scipione. Lorenzon, on the other hand, possesses athletic ability that is so good that Mumme says he owes it to the team to give him a shot at directing the Air Raid offense and that will fuel the hopes of

the group we'll call "Dusty's Doubters." (Mumme says Lorenzon must first play catchup in the classroom before getting a chance to compete against Bonner, because the coach cannot risk going with a signal-caller whose eligibility is in question.)

If Dusty's last name was Mumme, he'd be in the same kind of hellish existence in which Saul Smith plays, so whenever Bonner thinks about the skeptics he faces, he can always look across campus and see how it could be worse.

Graduating from Georgia high schools is not the only thing they have in common. Neither is a star on his own talent alone — but both make their teammates better through their leadership. A best-case scenario would have Couch leading the football team or a Mike Bibby-type of point guard in basketball, but there are many roads to a championship. Kentucky won a basketball title with an NBA-caliber point guard in Kyle Macy and they also won one with Anthony Epps, who was a solid but not spectacular player who excelled at bringing out the best in a multi-talented supporting cast.

And although the questions about Bonner apparently are not as widespread or as public as they are about Smith, Bonner's teammates are aware of their existence.

"They hadn't had a winning season here in so long and all of sudden they have two in a row and they're bashing the quarterback who's leading them. I don't understand that," said All-America tight end James Whalen, Jr.

"Tim leaves and we're not going to go to back-to-back bowls, obviously. And in comes this guy named Dusty Bonner. They say he looks like an offensive lineman — which he doesn't. Well, this guy leads us to another bowl game and everyone now is saying 'Let's get rid of him and try someone else,'" Whalen continued. "Well, why? When he's taken you to another bowl, in adverse conditions, with a brand new offensive line."

Jeff George has made millions in the NFL with the strength of his arm even though he's been more of a detriment than an aid to the success of his teams (until his latest stint with Minnesota). Therefore, there must be more to playing the quarterback position well than being the guy who can throw the ball the farthest the fastest.



### GMCC Golf Champion

Colby Hayes, 10, competed in the 10 and under Junior Club Championship Division that consisted of nine players and placed first in the event. Hayes shot a 31 the first day and finished with a 36 on day two to easily win the event. He is the son of Chris and Kim Hayes of Teaberry.

# 15th Region Basketball Rankings

## Girls

1. Shelby Valley
2. Johnson Central
3. Sheldon Clark
4. Belfry
5. Betsy Layne
6. Prestonsburg
7. Pike Central
8. Allen Central
9. Pikeville
10. Paintsville

## Boys

1. Pikeville
2. Paintsville
3. Johnson Central
4. South Floyd
5. Shelby Valley
6. Belfry
7. Allen Central
8. Pike Central
9. Betsy Layne
10. Magoffin Co.

# Floyd County Basketball Standings

## GIRLS

Team	Overall	Conference
Betsy Layne	7-5	2-0
Prestonsburg	6-5	0-1
South Floyd	6-7	0-1
Allen Central	6-5	1-1

Tuesday night not included

## BOYS

Team	Overall	Conference
South Floyd	9-2	3-0
Allen Central	5-3	2-1
Betsy Layne	4-3	2-1
Prestonsburg	0-10	0-1
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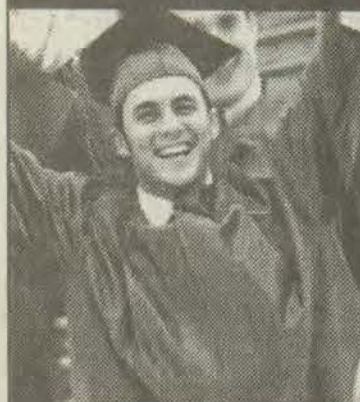
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# Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

## Jackie, PeeWee, Adolph and Cuba Cubs come to mind at century's end

End of a century thoughts. America has been bombarded by lists this year. Presidents, pols, personalities, tyrants, inventions, on and on. In another realm: Best athletes, best teams, best events and best sports towns, best everything of the century.

Sports Illustrated was innovative to offer greatest sports figures in each state (Dec. 27 issue).

Such lists are entertaining and accomplish their missions — get fans thinking, talking, comparing and penning letters to say in some form "...how could you possibly leave out so-and-so?"

Amusing, interesting and compelling. Since I've lived for only a little more than half the century, I would not presume to know who were the greatest(s) at anything the last 100 years. But I have favorites.

If I were doing a "Ten Favorites of the century list" the criteria would be simple: "What lasting impact did this person's life or career have on the neighborhood, the global village?"

1. Jackie Robinson. The embodiment of ultimate courage and American grit, he made us look in the mirror. Robinson changed sports and planted seeds to change attitudes that transcend cultures. He is an easy choice.

1A. Harold "PeeWee" Reese. The Captain recognized a moment for the century, saw the future and had courage and humanity to put an arm around its shoulder.

2. Jesse Owens. To the 20th century's second most awful tyrant, Adolph Hitler (Joseph Stalin is first), Owens got to do what many of us dream of doing if not saying just once in our lives. Say, "In your ear!"

3. Adolph Rupp. In so many ways the old UK coach was everyman for the first half of the 20th century. He lived Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath poverty. He rose out of it. Success fed his ego and made him imperious, uncompromising and hardened to believe his way was the best way, the only way. Rupp was wrong about some things, but his life made us look into our mirrors and think. He was indeed a man of his time. Mention of his name reminds us of strength, human

frailty and forgiveness too.

4. Babe Ruth. Swagger and buffoonery and skill playing a game at the dawn of electronic media (radio). He was a force in saving our national pastime.

5. Joe DiMaggio. Long before John Kennedy Jr. was America's darling, DiMag had it all. A sweet swing and still standing 56-game streak, a nation's most distinguished gentleman for 50 years, and married a super power's most beautiful girl.

6. Ted Williams. Inspiration for The Natural. Had to be. He was the best there ever was.

7. Walter Payton. More courage and dignity too, and yes, sweetness.

8. Muhammad Ali. The latter half of his 57-plus years have been more endearing than the first.

9. Michael Jordan. An extraordinarily gifted athlete, MJ arrived at a time in history when national and international media were ready to be mesmerized. And they have been.

10. Chris Evert. With grace, dignity and skill, Chrissy pioneered the way, became a role model for every little girl who dreamed of being the best in sports.

Closer to home favorites ... from Pikeville and Appalachians to the Pennyrile and Jackson Purchase, my favorites include...

1. Kelly Coleman. Wayland Wasps (1956). Reticence of this high school basketball star to be a public figure not only added to King Kelly mystique, but put flesh and bones onto the legend that is Kentucky basketball in the mountains, Rex Chapman of Owensboro Apollo did the same in the flatlands and Westley Unselid likewise in the city.

2. A.B. "Happy" Chandler. Surely no Kentuckian ever loved his home more than the former governor and baseball commissioner. When Happy sang "My Old Kentucky Home," a state stopped to listen.

3. Cuba Cubs, 1952. In an important sense, the quintessence of Kentucky. Growing up poor, but believing it to be happiness, together. Making do with what you have and climbing to a mountain top together.

4. Harold "PeeWee" Reese. If Major League Baseball had an all-time poster boy, it would be a Kentuckian. The Captain.

5. Claude Sullivan and Cawood Ledford. The (consecutive) voices of Kentucky Wildcats basketball and football still resonate in the ears, minds and hearts of those of us who grew up in the 1950s-60s. Ledford on into the 1980s being as much a part of the UK basketball magic as the games themselves. It must be said, the decline in listener allegiance since Ledford's departure is astonishing.

6. Tim Couch. Football's best ever from the Commonwealth.

**2000 COULD BE UK YEAR**

Kentucky's football roster and the 2000 schedule give excellent cause for optimism. Best in years.

UK faces rebuilding UofL in the opener, South Florida replaces UConn in the two spot at home and Indiana comes to Lexington. The Wildcats could be 3-0 heading to Gainesville ... again.

Then a critical game at Ole Miss (replacing Arkansas).

Next comes the make-or-break part of the schedule and most crucial in Mumme's tenure. Statistic: In the last half of the last two seasons, UK is 2-3 and 1-5. Next season could mark a dramatic turnaround.

South Carolina visits Lexington, then the Wildcats get LSU at Baton Rouge, both winnable. But opportunity to be a legitimate contender for SEC titles lives and breathes in October.

Georgia in Lexington Oct. 20 could be Mumme's signature game. A win, I believe, is a bona fide stepping stone to title contendership. Yet, after a nicely strategic open date are home games against Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, before a trip to Knoxville.

The 2000 season could be Kentucky's break-through to high national ranking year. In fact, it will be a definitive year for Mumme Ball.

Kentucky could have the most All-SEC candidates since 1965. On defense: Marlon McCree, Dennis Johnson, Matt Layow, Ryan Murphy, Eric Kelly and Anthony

Wajda could be up for honors. On offense: Kip Sixbery, Matt Brown, Dougie Allen, Kendrick Shanklin, Bobby Blizzard and Dusty Bonner.

Most pleasant surprises, I believe, will be Artose Pinner, DT Richard Hardin and maybe a freshman, Josh Jagers.

And remember these names: RB Mike Kamphake, DE Richard Demaree and LB Jamal White.

One of the things Mumme has to do now is figure a way to 'adjust' Jared Lorenzen to something besides calling Z-out and Y-in plays in a huddle. Like using UK Football's tutorial system and successfully carrying the minimum 12 semester hours of college work. Stay tuned.

**DIS 'N DATA**

• Most competent broadcast team for UK Basketball Network? Easy. Tom Leach and Martin Newton. Leach is established. And Newton is as astute analyzing a college basketball game as Jeff VanNote is doing football.

• Hancock County High's Travis Atwell is Kentucky's last Mr. Football of the century. Now, in-state college recruiters should get to work keeping the kid at home.

• One man's ballot for Kentucky sports person of the year is in the mail. 1. Tori Murden, 2. Charismatic, 3. Patrick Goodman, 4. James Whalen Jr., 5. Eddie Eviston, 6. Bill Cronin, 7. Whitney Wade, 8. Tim Couch, 9. Gerad Parker, 10 Paul Byrd.

**PARTING SHOT**

UK Sports Network's Dick Gabriel pointed out to football analyst Jeff VanNote that he was rated 21st on Kentucky's all-time Top 50 sports figures list by Sports Illustrated, behind two horses, Man-O-War, 17th and Citation 19th.

"The thing about those two horses being ahead of you is, both of them went on to pretty good stud careers."

And so it goes.

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## NASCAR Connection

### A career year with the title

Last season saw Mark Martin put together a career year that would have won the Winston Cup championship if a guy by the name of Gordon hadn't decided to put his career year together the same season. The same can be said about the year that Bobby Labonte put together this year.

Labonte scored a career-high five victories in 1999, including a sweep of both Pocono races. He racked up 23 top-five finishes, one behind Dale Jarrett's series leading total. He also brought his Joe Gibbs' Pontiac home in the top-10 on 26 occasions. Bobby was not only a force on race day, but also found qualifying to his liking as he sat on the pole for five races.

While NASCAR was constantly in the news this past season, Labonte quietly put together a year that only this season's champion, Jarrett, was able to surpass. Labonte consistently put up these impressive numbers while the media was cranking out stories about Jarrett's march to his first-ever championship. Ray Evernham's departure from Jeff Gordon, and NASCAR's huge TV contract.

Labonte often times found himself taking a back seat to the phenomenal year his rookie teammate, Tony Stewart, was having. All of that was all right with the quiet Texan, as each week he just went out and continued to prove that his Interstate Batteries Pontiac was one of the cars you had to race each week if you wanted to find your way to victory lane.

Bobby gave us all a glimpse at the kind of year he was going to have at Texas Motor Speedway in March, as he finished third just nine days after breaking his shoulderblade in a crash at Darlington. Although a relief driver was in the pits that day, ready

to relieve Labonte at his first caution, he showed both the mental and physical toughness that it takes to become a champion by driving the entire race.

Maybe the one defining moment of not only his season, but his career as well, occurred at Michigan in August. He was able to win a late race duel with Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon. Not only did he have to catch and pass two drivers who share 10 Winston Cup championships between them, he had to hold both of them off as the final laps went into the record books.

Another race that goes a long way in summing up the year that Labonte had was the season-ending race at Atlanta. Accustomed to starting near the front, he found himself starting in the 37th position. In a race that saw 38 lead changes among 15 drivers, Labonte was able to cross the finish line first. It marked his fifth win of the season and the third straight for Joe Gibbs Racing.

Labonte's teammate, Stewart, notched three wins during his

rookie campaign, making Gibbs' two-car effort the most successful multi-car operation in the series. This success has everybody wondering if the 2000 championship trophy just might find its way to Gibbs' shop.

The numbers that Labonte put up last season make him one of the favorites to capture the championship this upcoming season. The numbers were great, but Labonte's advantage he has going into this season is that he drives a Pontiac.

Labonte and his crew chief, Jimmy Makkar, don't have many questions to answer about their car as they prepare for the start of the 2000 season. They both know what their cars can do and what can be done to them to make them even better as the days leading to Daytona continue to dwindle.

With both Ford and Chevrolet teams having to work on new model cars this winter, the Pontiac teams can use their time to fine tune a proven race car. This has to count as a huge

advantage when you are looking at just who may be a serious contender for the championship.

When Gibbs hired Labonte, he was up front with him in saying that he expected to build a team that would someday be capable of winning both races and championships on a regular basis. That day is now, and, with wins under his belt, maybe next year is when he will start adding those championships.

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Highlands Regional Medical Center offers sincere thanks to our patients and the community for your understanding and patience during this post-strike period. We have been working since the settlement of the union-called strike to restore all services. Workers continue to be recalled and beds opened according to patient census. We anticipate having all services restored soon after January 1st.

Highlands is making changes within the Medical Center which will improve the overall delivery of patient care and upgrade and expand many existing services. A new state of the art CT scanner has been acquired. Martin Caliendo, M.D. Board Certified Specialist in High Risk Obstetrics has joined the Medical Staff. These are just a few of the ways Highlands Regional Medical Center is working to improve the delivery of high quality healthcare services to our patients and the communities we serve.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding, and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.





# The Racing Reporter



## THREE NASCAR DRIVERS NAMED ALL-TIME BEST

Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt and David Pearson were selected by members of the Associated Press as Drivers of the Century. Joining them on the list were A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti, Juan Fangio, Ayrtton Senna, Jim Clark, Tazio Nuvolari and Dan Gurney.

Known as The Silver Fox, Pearson is second only to Richard Petty on the all-time winner's list with 105 victories. He was famous for his late charges and daring passes during the last few laps. It was customary for him to hold back and save his tires and equipment, then zip by the front-runners before they knew he was even coming. His rac-

ing career lasted from 1960 to 1986, and he won three Winston Cup championships.

"He's the best there's ever been," said Richard Petty.

Pearson was perhaps the fiercest rival to Petty during Petty's career, which started in 1958 and didn't end until 1992 with 200 wins — more than any other driver. He accumulated seven Winston Cup championships and seven Daytona 500 victories. In 1967, Petty won 10 consecutive races.

Since retiring, he has established Petty Enterprises, a corporation that fields three Winston Cup cars, one Busch Series car, and one Craftsman Truck. In addition, the company operates driving schools and other racing enterprises.

Dale Earnhardt has also won seven Winston Cup titles, a feat any driver would be proud of. But Earnhardt says his racing days

aren't over, and he expects to add that elusive eighth championship before he retires.

Known as The Intimidator, Earnhardt was Winston Cup Rookie of the Year in 1979. He followed that up by winning his first Winston Cup Championship. He finished seventh in points in 1999.

### ROBERTSON CHARITY EVENT SET

The 11th annual T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Winston Cup Preview will be the first official NASCAR Winston Cup event of the new millennium. The event is set for Saturday, January 15.

All NASCAR Winston Cup Series drivers are scheduled to attend the event named in memory of its creator, T. Wayne Robertson. Robertson, the president of R.J. Reynolds' Sporting Marketing Enterprises for 13 years, was killed January 14, 1998, in a boating accident.

The T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Winston Cup preview is the largest single-day charitable event in North Carolina. In the 10-year history of the event, the Winston Cup Preview has raised more than \$1.8 million for charity. The 1999 event raised \$220,000.

"The T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Winston Cup Preview is a very important event for a couple of reasons," Rich Habegger, Winston Cup preview director, said. "This event gives all of us an opportunity to give something back to our community. All of us involved with the NASCAR Winston Cup Series are very grateful for the success our sport has enjoyed. It's also important to us because it allows us to remember T. Wayne Robertson, the founder of this event. He was a great friend to just about all of us who are involved, including the drivers. We're fortunate to be able to honor his memory with this great event."

The charities that will benefit from the 2000 T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Winston Cup Preview are Brenner Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem, Speedway Children's Charities, the Winston Cup Racing Wives Auxiliary and the T. Wayne Robertson Memorial Fund. Perhaps the biggest

Attraction at the Winston Cup Preview is the annual auction of racing apparel, equipment and sheet metal. Most of the items for auction are autographed, making them valuable NASCAR collectibles.

"The auction is one of the most popular parts of the event," Habegger said. "The NASCAR Winston Cup teams and tracks are extremely generous in their contributions for the auction, and that's what makes it so successful. The auction provides a major portion of the money we raise for charity each year."

Each year, race fans from some

30 states across America attend the Winston Cup Preview. Last year, 25,000 people attended and had an opportunity to see a showcar from nearly every NASCAR Winston Cup team. Those showcars will be there again this year, along with many souvenir trailers.

In addition to the Winston Cup drivers, the top-three finishers in the 1999 NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division, will be in Winston-Salem to sign autographs. 1999 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion Jack Sprague is also scheduled to attend.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The event ends at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the 2000 T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Winston Cup Preview are available through the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum at (336) 725-5635 or TicketMaster at (336) 722-6300. Tickets are \$15 for adults. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free with a paying adult.

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## Pikeville Lady Bears fall to Tech

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Poor shooting from the free throw line and an inability to take care of the basketball cost the Pikeville College Lady Bears a 73-59 decision to South Dakota Tech Thursday afternoon.

The win for Tech, the No. 6-ranked team in NAIA Div. II, came in the Grand Canyon/Trip Sports Classic.

Pikeville (10-4) turned the ball over 30 times in the game, with three different players giving it up at least five times. Meanwhile, the charity stripe wasn't any better for Coach Bill Watson's club, as the team hit only 10-21 from the line on the day.

Even with those numbers, Pikeville had a chance in the second half. Trailing by 10 (55-45) with 10:48 to play, the Lady Bears ran off 11 of the next 14 points to pull within two.

The run commenced with a lay-in from senior Kelly Blackburn, followed by a pair of free throws by freshman Teccoa Gallion.

The lead was back to seven (58-51) after Jami Barraclough scored with 8:56 to play. But Gallion scored inside and sophomore Jessica Johnson hit a three to cut the deficit to 58-56 with eight minutes to play.

Unfortunately for Pikeville, the

Rockers rolled to an 11-0 run after that, ending all threats of a Lady Bear win.

Tech jumped out to a 12-4 lead in the first four minutes behind five points from Krystal Kubas, who finished with 17.

Pikeville again trailed by eight (18-10) with 14:12 left in the half before it finally got going.

A 14-2 run, keyed by a three followed by a steal and lay-in on consecutive possessions by Courtney Mercer, gave Pikeville a 24-20 lead with 10:07 left.

Pikeville had chances to spread the lead, but made only two of five from the line in this stretch of the

game.

Tied at 27, Tech ended the half with an 11-3 run to lead 38-30 at intermission, and then scored 10 of the first 14 in the second half to push its lead to 14 before Pikeville's comeback brought the lead to two.

Gallion, a freshman from Grayson, had 12 points and 10 rebounds to lead Pikeville in both categories. Burke followed with 11.

Tech (7-7) was led by Kubas and Barraclough, who had 17 markers apiece.

Pikeville will return to action Friday in the final game of the trip, taking on Albertson, Idaho, College at 1:30 MST.

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Rusty Tackett (20) of South Floyd hit one of his two three-point baskets over the defense of Wolfe County. The Raiders posted a 118-89 win in the championship game (photo by Ed Taylor)

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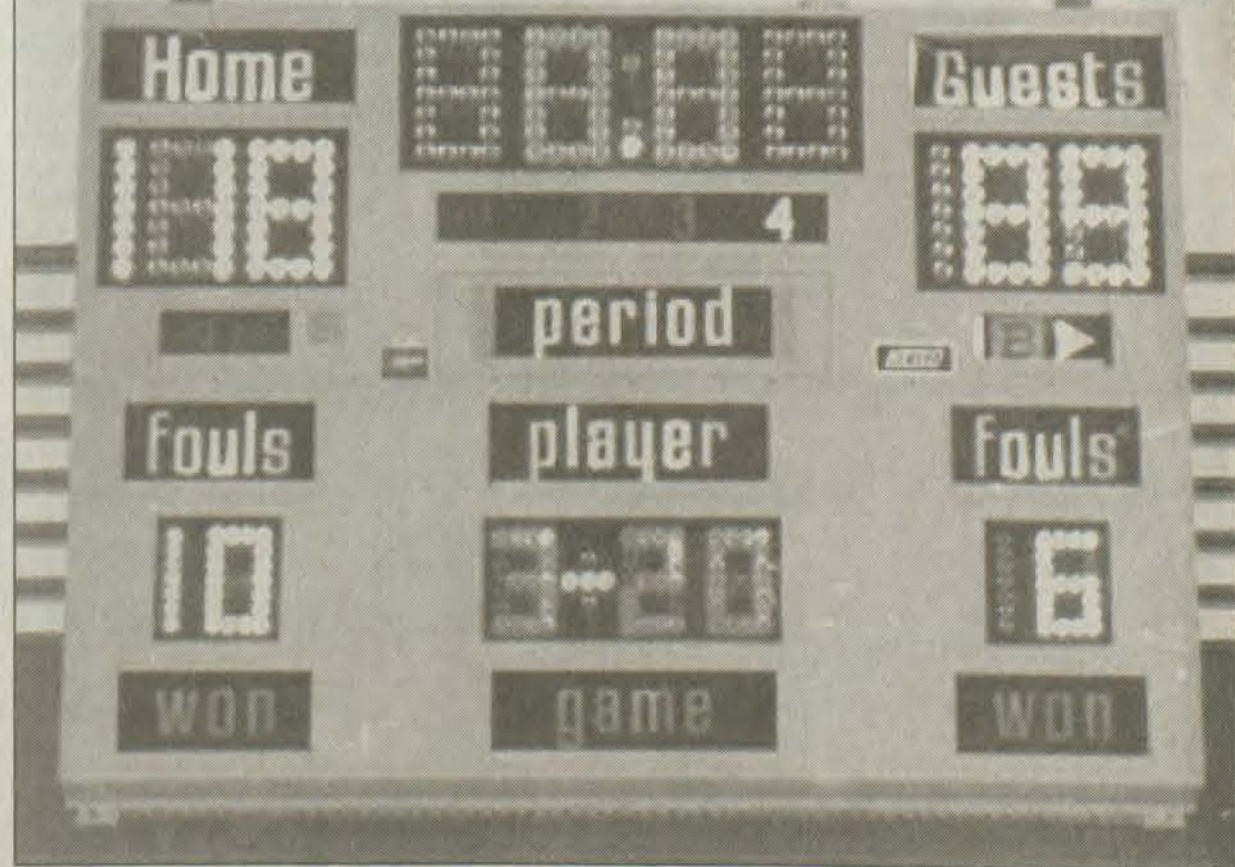
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The scoreboard tells the tale as it lights 118 points for South Floyd against Wolfe County. The two team met in the finals of the South Floyd Holiday Classic last Thursday night (photo by Ed Taylor)



Waffles, anyone?



# Lifestyles

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## IT'S IN THE CARDS

### Artist creates miniature works with a message

Story and photos by Pam Shingler

As an artist, Laura Sakow paints large pieces to decorate the walls of homes and offices. She's also worked with fabrics, pottery and other art forms.

But, during the last few years, the art teacher has turned more and more to a minimalist form, creating works of art that can be put into an envelope, sealed, stamped and mailed.

The Prestonsburg woman paints greeting cards, most of them warm pastel renderings of flowers and squares, inspired, she says, by the quilts that are an important part of Appalachian culture.

"I like bright, 'springy' colors, a lot of florals," says Sakow, who teaches art part-time at Wesley Christian School in Allen. "Many of my cards use the patchwork quilt theme and items from nature."

Each of the cards is hand-painted, so that recipients have original works of art that are truly one-of-a-kind pieces. The only thing that remains the same is the printing on the back — by Statewide Press — which features her logo and "Sakow Cards, original / hand painted / watercolor cards."

Sakow says she began painting greeting cards when she was an art student at the University of Louisville. "I did them for myself and family and friends," she says.

Her work was featured a few years ago in the Louisville Courier-Journal in an article on the arts. She has a Bachelor of Arts in fine arts and Master of Arts in education from U. of L.

Sakow, who was born in Lexington and grew up in Louisville, taught art for several years in Jefferson County Schools. She came to Floyd County in 1998 with her husband, who is a radiologist affiliated with Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was unable to resume teaching in the public school system, since the

arts have not traditionally been integral to area education. "I do love teaching at Wesley," she says, adding that the students are interested in art and eager to learn.

While Sakow is devoted to her art, "I hate the selling part," she says.

Her brother talked her into opening an Internet website to market her art, but she let it lapse at the end of the year. "It takes a lot of time," she says, indicating she "just about broke even."

In Louisville, the artist says most of her sales were through shops and art galleries. Here, her greeting cards are available at David Crafts at David and in the Mountain Arts Center shop.

For the recent holidays, she provided company Christmas cards for Elm Street Resources in Paintsville. In addition to the seasonal design, she wrote the company's holiday message on each card.

She's now working on Valentine cards. She will custom-inscribe each card — "what you want written," she says.

Sakow's artistic flair extends, naturally, to her home. She enjoys turning old, bland pieces of furniture into works of art.

In a spare bedroom in her apartment at The Landing on Front Street in downtown Prestonsburg are two pieces she transformed. One is an armoire her parents were going to throw away. She painted it and a small chest of drawers glossy white and then painted colorful flowers on the fronts, giving an aura of eternal springtime and cheerfulness.

A cigar box and another wooden box are painted with vibrant greens that complement the furniture.

Her latest artistic endeavor is a "joint quilt project with my mother." Sakow is working on the design, and her mother will do the actual quilting.

The artist is also devoting more time to helping her husband with his business, but she expects to continue to create.



Each of Laura Sakow's card creations is an original. With Christmas behind her, she's working on customized Valentine cards.

Laura Sakow works on a hand-painted greeting card in a bright nook in her home.



Laura Sakow's home is filled with her hand-painted touch.



Although she specializes in tiny works of art in the form of greeting cards, the artist also does large paintings, such as this one.

#### Home Again

My husband and I have just returned from a Christmas visit with part of our family in Tampa. It was great, but it's also good to be home again. Back doing laundry, putting holiday items away, and doing all the little things I spend so much time on. I stay so busy, but I realize I run too long in the same place.

Driving up the interstate all the way to London, Kentucky, was quite an experience. The traffic was so heavy. No matter how many lanes there were to drive in—there is a section around Atlanta that has eight lanes each way—each one seemed to be filled with bumper to bumper traffic.

I suggested to Walter that there couldn't be many people left up our way. But then, by looking in the rear view mirror and at the road ahead, we could see it was the same way on our side. I guess we were just exchanging places.

With all the things I pick about at home, there's still no place like it; and much as I wanted to go, it's good to be back.

#### Pat's Question

Pat Carpenter and her husband, Calvin are former Floyd County residents who now have homes in Rogersville, Tennessee, for the summer, and Dunnellon, Florida, for the winter. The one in Tennessee is situated on Lake Cherokee, and the one in Florida is by the Crystal River, so it's

## SMALL WORLD

by Aileen Hall



easy to understand that they both enjoy fishing. And Walter enjoys visiting them at both places since they're so good at the art.

The Carpenters called last night from Florida. Pat had read in a December issue of the Floyd County Times how Walter had "rowed up" an accumulation of things for the family to see that he had enough of—sweat shirts, jackets and such. She wanted to know if he got any more sweat shirts for Christmas.

Yes, Pat, actually he got six more but not exactly new ones. Daughter Nancy had gathered up all the ones she could find—all colors and sizes—put them in a big box and gift wrapped them for him. Maybe next year he'll think to hint about things he does want. I think that's what most people do anyway.

#### Recorded Message

We had a few messages on the telephone recorder when we returned. One I didn't deserve any credit for, but that really pleased me, was from Sharlene Osborne.

Our church had sponsored a live nativity presentation by U.S. 23 in Betsy Layne for several evenings before Christmas. Susan Wallen, who had directed the whole thing, had been concerned that people who lived nearby might be disturbed by the music and the narration. Several cars were stopping just to witness the repeating of the story of the Savior's birth.

Sharlene lives in a house that sits above the road on the opposite side

## A product of then

As the Y2K scare wanes and a new century begins, I feel more fortunate than ever to have grown up when (and where) I did.

That's not to suggest that I turned out perfectly nor that my parents didn't make mistakes. Neither am I suggesting that the 1940s was the best time in history to be a kid nor that living in an eastern Kentucky coal camp was exactly a Utopian existence, although it is the opinion of this writer that in both cases, that was almost true.

Reading the newspapers and watching TV these days makes me realize how lucky I was to have been a kid living in a normal society and having normal parents.

Dad worked in the mines and Mom stayed home. I had six brothers and sisters, and even though we were poor, which wasn't all that big a deal, since we didn't know it until we were grown and LBJ declared war on our poverty, I never in my life went to bed hungry.

It just seems that a day can't go by anymore without my being reminded of how fortunate I was back then.

Take these items from the newspapers, for instance.

- Toledo, Ohio: Five children were burned to death when their house caught fire while their mother was at a bar with some friends.

- Thermal, California: A baby was left in a field to be eaten by dogs. The body was in such shape that the pathologists couldn't even tell if it were a boy or girl.

- Brooklyn, New York: The body of a five-year-old boy was found in a trash compactor.

- Euless, Texas: A newborn baby, umbilical cord still attached, was found in a trash dumpster.

It sure makes me appreciate the times my parents loved me enough to wrap a keen willow switch around my legs in an effort to teach me right from wrong. Of course, if parents were to do that now, they'd risk having the courts pull their children from their homes and placed in foster care.

Of course, even coal camps of the forties had alcoholics and people of low morals. But they were the exception, not the rule. The contrast is indeed stark between then and now. I mean, we're talking about a time when it was considered against the law for two unmarried people of the opposite sex to "live together," when one was considered a juvenile delinquent if he got carried away on Halloween night and turned over someone's outhouse; when surrogate motherhood and test-tube babies were so far in the future they weren't even acceptable as fiction. These days of "co-habitation," drive-by shootings and abortion on demand make times back then look as innocent as an all-day singing with dinner on the ground.

So, even at the expense of many wrinkles, a few gray hairs, and more than a few aches and pains, I'm glad I'm a product of then instead of now.



# Building a wardrobe for the Millennium

by Kim Johnson Gross  
AOL's "Fashion Expert"

(NAPSA)-Before shopping for a new holiday wardrobe, take note of what you already have and then enhance it with personal style. Building a new wardrobe or deciding what to wear to your holiday party doesn't have to be expensive or time-consuming. Here's how:

1. Assess. Think about the life you lead and if the clothes in your closet truly suit your lifestyle and needs.

2. De-Junk. Edit out any item you don't need, wear or fit into.

3. Renew. "Shop" your closet to discover new combinations-then fill in missing necessities.

4. Hit the highway. The Information Superhighway that

is. Thanks to the Internet, personal fashion advice is now available online. Log onto your computer and visit the Chic Simple Wardrobes catalogs on Shop@AOL (www.aol.com) where you can find (and buy) the hottest fashion items from leading brands including The Gap, Guess, Steve Madden, Jos. A. Bank and Brooks Brothers.

For online users, the AOL/Chic Simple catalogs offer a product mix unique to the shopping experience, and an "editorial filter" that provides various kinds of information, on everything from lifestyle (what to wear for almost every occasion); to body (what flatters every body type); to budget (how to put together an outfit that you can afford); to REMIX (how items can be worn in a variety of

ways to get value out of your wardrobe). You can also find styling ideas, lessons in wardrobe building and even first aid for your clothes.

## Online Shopping Tips

Get the most out of your online shopping experience by following these easy tips:

1. Make Multiple Purchases With One Store. Buying everything you need from one merchant at the same time can save you money on postage.

2. Take Note of Fit and Sizing. Become familiar with your sizes when shopping at your favorite online merchants.

3. Check Out the Return Policy and Guarantees. Before making an online purchase, be sure you understand the merchant's return policy and satis-

faction guarantee. Many of the best retailers let you return online purchases to nearby stores-saving you time and postage costs.

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Chic Simple Wardrobe on America Online, the number one shopping destination in cyberspace. With her partner, Jeff Stone, she contributes a regular column in InStyle magazine called Chic Simple Solutions.

## World (Continued from page one)

so, if anyone would be disturbed by the activity, it would be her. But she said, "I just called to tell you how much I appreciated the nativity scene your church presented this year. I think I got more enjoyment from it than anything else that happened. I had the nicest view from my kitchen window so I just sat there and watched for all three evenings."

Then she added, "Oh yes, and the ones that represented the different characters, I know they were cold. But they really did a good job and I truly appreciated them."

And I would like to add that it is people like her that the group wanted to tell the story over again, just as it was people like all of us that the original story occurred in that long ago Bethlehem setting. If she didn't love the story, she wouldn't have cared for the repeating—and so we thank Sharlene for sharing her feelings about it.

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

### Ten Years Ago (January 3 & 5, 1990)

The first fiscal court meeting of the new year was held Tuesday, Jan. 2, and was preceded by all the members of the court taking their oaths of office. "This is the first time all four magistrates have repeated their terms, which says something about this court," Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo commented. The magistrates are Gerald DeRossett, Jackie Edford Owens, Ermal Tackett and Betty Caudill... In a dramatic rescue effort involving members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, Allen Fire Department, Respond Ambulance and local residents, a 10-year-old Ivel boy was cut free from a hollow log where he lay trapped for close to two hours. Donald "DJ" Hurt, 10, and Michael Ratliff, 12, were playing among downed timber and brush, when Hurt became wedged in a narrow opening of the log... Car accidents have taken the life of a 20-year-old Teaberry man and sent the founder of a local Christian service organization to the hospital. Wilburn Hamilton Jr. of Teaberry was driving on KY 979 near Beaver when the vehicle left the road, hit a telephone pole, went over an embankment, turned over and then hit a tree. In another accident, Father Ralph Beiting, 66, founder of Christian Appalachian Project, was injured when the vehicle he was driving collided with a coal truck... Pam Shingler, former assistant editor of The Times, was named editor, replacing Anne Cheney, who became publisher of a newspaper in Texas... An attempted armed robbery Sunday night at David resulted in gunfire and the taking of a 15-year-old boy hostage. Irvin Shepherd, owner of the Middle Creek Carry-Out Store, stated that he and his 15-year-old grandson left Shepherd's trailer on the hill above the store at about 10 p.m. to turn on the power to his store, so it would be warm in the morning. A man with a beeper's hood over his head apparently grabbed Shepherd's grandson and held a pistol to his head, but the boy escaped and the man and an alleged accomplice fled... Four council members were sworn in by Martin Mayor Raymond Griffith, Wednesday night, and two new police officers were approved for hiring by city council. Denzil Halbert, Earrit Hayes, James Robinson and Joe Simpson were all sworn in. John Maddox and Pete Grigsby Sr. were not present for the swearing-in. Darrell W. Bradley and Patrick Morris were hired as police officers. There died: Palmer W. Crum, 76, of Betsy Layne, December 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lloyd Anderson, 74, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, January 1, at St. Joseph Hospital; Charles Edward Conley, 70, of Hueysville, December 23, at his residence; Clearance Osborne Enos, 77, of Martin, December 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Charles Dale Ferguson, 59, of Prestonsburg, December 29, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia; Willie A. Hall, 67, of Pekin, Indiana, formerly of Harold, January 1, at his residence; Lillie Hamilton, 74, of Craynor, December 26, at her residence; Chester "T.Y." Jarrell, 52, of East Point, December 30, at University of Kentucky Medical Center; Mary Lou Johnson, 28, of Kite, December 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Richard L. Muse, 58, of Prestonsburg, December 30, at his residence; Lola P. Ousley, 79, of Hueysville, December 24, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Jake Vaughn, 73, of Little Paint

Creek, December 28, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Oscar Watkins, 73, of Worthington, formerly of Harold, December 28, at Bellefontaine Hospital in Russell; Elder Eales Cotton, 86, of Grayson, December 4, at his residence; Hobert Slone, 70, of Lackey, January 2, at his home; Wilburn Hamilton Jr., 20, of Teaberry, December 2, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; Emma Webb Brown, 79, of Prestonsburg, January 4, at HRMC; Kermit Dave Spears, 62, of Endicott, January 2, at St. Joseph Hospital; Marie Stephens Salisbury, 76, of Allen, January 3, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Ashland; Suell Griffith, 93, of Hueysville, December 4, at his home.

### Twenty Years Ago (January 2, 1980)

Willard Stanley of Melvin, who first began work in the coal mining industry 38 years ago as a slatepicker for the Kopper's Coal Company at Weeksbury, is Kentucky's new commissioner of the Department of Mines and Minerals...A development agreement reached last week between heirs of the Hiram Harris estate and Winston Ford Jr. of Prestonsburg, as prime contractor, is expected to accommodate an additional 220 homes and businesses in Prestonsburg...Department for Human Resources Secretary Grady Stumbo last Friday announced appointments to six key department positions including two Floyd Countians; John Wells, Bureau for Manpower Services commissioner, and Paul Fauri, chief legal counsel...There died: Forest D. (Trooper) Bevins, 72, of Prestonsburg, Friday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; T. B. Conners, 97, Saturday, December 29 at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lela Smith Stumbo, 75, of Betsy Layne, Sunday, December 30 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home at Pikeville; Laura Juanita Roark, 63, of Martin, Monday, December 24 at HRMC; Joe Handshoe, 79, of Hueysville, December 20 at his home; Fred Vincil Hayes, 48, of Hi Hat, Thursday, December 28, following an incident in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Eliza Vanderpool Oliver, 83, of Hueysville, December 25 at the Knott County Health Care Clinic, Hindman; George Hall Jr., 7, of Grethel, December 20 at UK Medical Center; Vernon Goble, 65, of Auxier, December 21 at his home; Ellis Roy Reynolds, 54, of Pippa Passes, in Lexington; Luther Glenn Frazier, 26, of Price, December 27 in an auto accident; Lucy Estep Patton, 78, Sunday at HRMC; Ben Ward, 80, of Honaker, Monday, December 24 at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Earnest Slone, 53, of Garner, December 24 at HRMC; Wheeler Tackett, 77, Monday, December 24, at his Hunter home; Anna Stephens Hale, 83, of West Prestonsburg, Monday at HRMC; Homer Meade, 63, of Price, Wednesday, December 19 at HRMC; Curtis Banks, 52, former Melvin resident, Saturday, December 22 at his home at Detroit, Michigan, of a gunshot wound; Hattie Hall, 80, formerly of Wayland, December 27 at a Glasgow hospital; Gary Donald Metcalf, 25, of Garrett, Saturday, December 29 at the UK Medical Center; Marie Conley, 67, of Hueysville, Tuesday at Knott County Health Care Center; Sara Hall, 90, Monday at her home at Deane; Lillian Stephens Ferguson, 74, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 29 at HRMC; William (Bill) Hicks, 94, of Willard, Ohio, native of Middle Creek, Sunday at Willard Community Hospital.

### Thirty Years Ago (January 8, 1970)

Prestonsburg's fourth housing development will reach the construction stage this month, it was said after contractors' bids were opened here Tuesday on the 78-unit low-rent housing development planned for the Goble-Roberts Addition...Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, in his instructions to the grand jury empaneled Monday for the first court term of the new year, called for strict enforcement of the "dry" law in this county...A tentative wage agreement was reached December 29 between the United Fuel Gas Company and its employees represented by the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' union, and results of the employees' vote on final ratification of the wage contract is scheduled for Wednesday...There died: Hattie Preston Osborne, 87, Thursday at her home at Martin; Hite Maggard, 77, last Thursday at his home at Martin; Elijah B. Brown, 80, of Prestonsburg, Monday at Prestonsburg General Hospital, Pikeville; Callie Tackett, 80, of Amba, Dec. 23 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Dora Kiser Keathley, 55, Christmas Day at her home at Teaberry; Clyde Miller, 67, of the Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, December 27 in a Paintsville Hospital; Jeff Jervis, 75, December 24 at his home at Endicott; Haley Newsome, 61, last Thursday at her home at Teaberry; Harry Alex Banks, 41, native of Water Gap, December 28 at Warsaw, Indiana; former Floyd County Judge Alex L. Davidson, 76, December 26 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Rachael Gravely Starr, 82, January 1 at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Ruann Music Goble, 91, of Brandy Keg, December 23 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Opal Campbell, 55, of Town Branch, December 25 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Bannie Lee Goble, 80, of Auxier, Saturday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

### Forty Years Ago (January 7, 1960)

The Jenny Wiley State Park master plan committee met at the office of Marvin Music here Monday and recommended an expenditure of more than \$1,500,000 for development of the park. Plans call for a 50-room lodge with a dining room to seat 250 persons, the erection of 20 additional cottages, improved swimming and camping facilities and an outdoor theatre...The three L's of Floyd County crime were discussed by Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill in his instructions to the grand jury and in the discussion listed liquor, lying and larceny as the main ingredients to the crime mess...The number of persons enjoying Dewey Lake and the reservoir area during the past year was about 45,000 greater than the 1958 total...A pickup truck recovered Tuesday night from Dewey Lake, near the mouth of Copperas Creek has been identified as a vehicle reported stolen from Ike Hall at Banner in November 1958...The Stumbo Coal and Realty Company this week surrendered its lease on the Jenny Wiley State Park boat dock to the state with the understanding he would be paid for equipment he had purchased for operation of the dock...There died: Amanda Martin, 72, at her home after a two year illness; Martha Slone Hackworth, at the home

of a daughter at West Prestonsburg; B.D. (Dock) Prater, 66, at his home at Harold; Luey Halbert Collins, 44, of Martin, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; James M. Belcher, 78, of Halo, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Garfield Music, 79, at the home of a daughter, Sarah Laven, Allen; Able Tackett, 80, a retired Virgie Miner at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Pearl Marie, 55, of McDowell, at the Paintsville Hospital; J. K. Stratton, 77, of Ivel, at home.

### Fifty Years Ago (January 5, 1950)

The Glogara Coal Mining Company at Glo has fallen victim to uncertain working conditions. The company which employs 160 men had surrendered its lease, returning to the Beaver Creek Consolidated Coal Company about 3000 acres of coal holdings. Also surrendered were the 120 miner's homes and other structures built by the company at Glo...The Floyd County Board of Education took the first step Tuesday to break completely with the Prestonsburg Board of Education in the joint operation here of the Floyd County and Prestonsburg high school. The move, County Superintendent Palmer Hall said, was taken because of the uncertainty and ineffectiveness of high school operation here under present conditions...Alleged discrepancies in tax records dating back to 1946 may be the matter for grand jury investigation was indicated Saturday when Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill ordered that the tax stub books for that period be transferred to the Circuit Clerk's office for possible grand jury study...State Senator Doug Hayes of McDowell announced in Frankfort this week that he will introduce at the present session of the General Assembly a bill providing for state liquor stores, estimating the plan would net the state \$35,000,000 a year...There died: Elizabeth Hughes Wallen, 81, of Stone Coal at Garrett, at her home; Sylvania Handshoe Fitzpatrick, 70, Sunday at her Garrett home.

### Sixty Years (January 4, 1940)

Purchase of controlling interest in the I. Richmond Company, Prestonsburg's oldest mercantile firm, by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hereford was announced following a meeting of the corporation's stockholders Wednesday...While wriggling his way through the snow, homeward bound, a two and a half foot copperhead was killed December 26 near the home of Magistrate Daniel Akers, at Amba two years ago, and within 50 yards of where this snake was killed, 18 copperheads were rooted from beneath one rock and killed...This seat warming business is over for Floyd County jurors, and the courthouse no longer is going to be run as a charitable institution," Circuit Judge Henry Stephens Jr., declared Monday. To choose jurors use the tax and assessment books...There died: Mayme Davis Halton, 52, former resident of Martin, at her home at Ashland; George Hitchcock, 48, Weeksbury miner, at his home; Ellen Baldrige, 70, at her home near Hueysville; Edgar Jackson, 32, of Garrett, at Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Willie M. Spears, 49, of injuries received in a Weeksbury mine.



# Anniversaries



Ethel and Tandy Bartley

## Celebrating 71 years together

Tandy and Ethel Brown Bartley of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary. They were married on November 7, 1928.

Before retiring, he was a mine foreman for Princess Elkhorn Coal at David and superintendent for Sycamore Coal Co. at Hatfield, Kentucky, and Cinderella, West Virginia.

They had five children: Don Bartley of New Smyrna Beach; Peggy (Ed) Ousley of Prestonsburg; Tudy (Richard) Carlton of Walla Walla, Washington; Billy Bartley of Apopka, Florida, and the late Jacque Hylin.

They have 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bartley will be 91 on May 1 and Mr. Bartley will be 91 on July 11.

Their daughter, Peggy Ousley, says they would like to hear from friends in Floyd County. Their address is 804 26th Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32169.



## Couple marks 60 years

Lonzo and Elsie Lafferty of Allen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family on November 28, 1999. They had three children: Ernie Lafferty of Prestonsburg, Vernon Lafferty of Ohio, and the late Chester Lafferty. They also have eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



## Golden anniversary marked

Ruby and Dallas Sammons of Auxier Road, Prestonsburg, were married 50 years on December 25, 1999. They were married at Horn Chapel Church by Rev. Woodrow Branham. Mr. Sammons retired from the United States Postal Service, and Mrs. Sammons worked there also for several years. They have two daughters, Dallas Fay Sammons of Morehead, and Rose Sharon Lester of Louisa. They also have two grandchildren.

# Proton therapy now targets lung cancer

(NUE) - More than 160,000 Americans are expected to be diagnosed with lung cancer in 1999. That's more than breast, prostate and colon-rectal cancer combined.

Despite technical advances in surgery, X-ray radiation therapy and chemotherapy, long-term survival rates remain discouragingly low. This disease is the biggest cancer killer in America and in the world.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than half of lung cancer patients can survive if their disease is treated before it spreads to other organs. The best results are obtained in patients whose tumors are small enough to be surgically removed. However, because of heart, lung and other medical problems, only about 20 percent of those patients can be treated with surgery.

That's why physicians at the Proton Treatment Center at Loma Linda University & Medical Center in Southern California are keeping a close eye on a promising clinical study designed to treat such patients using proton therapy. The clinical study, begun in 1994, gives patients with early-stage, medically inoperable lung cancer

an alternative to X-ray radiation therapy.

### Protons Safer, Stronger Than X-ray Treatment

"Many of these patients are very sick," says Dr. David A. Bush, assistant professor of radiation medicine at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and co-investigator of a Loma Linda University Study published in the November issue of CHEST, a medical journal. "It is critical to minimize lung tissue damage, and protons allow us to do that," notes Dr. Bush.

Proton therapy offers a distinct advantage over X-ray radiation therapy in that it can deliver higher doses to a localized target area (cancerous tumors) and spare damage to surrounding tissue. Patients treated with proton therapy experience considerably less side effects than with other forms of treatment.

Proton beams consist of particles of radiation, whereas X-rays are waves of radiation. With proton therapy, less radiation strikes normal tissue surrounding a tumor, decreasing the chance of damage to healthy organs and cells.

"The reason we chose to use a proton beam for these patients is

that most had underlying lung disease that made them at risk for lung damage from regular X-ray radiation therapy. Because X-ray radiation is not concentrated or easily targeted, it can damage surrounding lung tissue, aggravating smoking-related problems such as emphysema. Most lung cancer patients are smokers or ex-smokers," Bush said.

They are often bad candidates for surgery, which is why they must receive radiation treatment. X-ray therapy is the most common form of radiation treatment.

Loma Linda University researchers have so far studied nearly 40 early-stage lung cancer patients. To be eligible for the clinical research study, patients must have localized, early-stage lung cancer that cannot be treated with surgery because of other related health problems.

Also, the tumor must be limited to the lung, with no mediastinal lymph node involvement.

Currently, only a limited number of patients can be treated. However, current research is expected to enhance the expansion of lung cancer treatment protocols with protons, as well as adding breast cancer in the near future to

the growing list of tumor sites treated with proton therapy.

According to Dr. Bush, preliminary results of the lung study are encouraging. The disease-free survival rate at two years for stage 1 patients was 86 percent.

Dr. Bush estimates that about 5,000 Americans per year are diagnosed with early-stage, medically inoperable lung cancer. If early indications are accurate, proton therapy may become an important tool, and likely a preferred option, in the treatment of these patients. Physicians at Loma Linda University and Medical Center have treated about 5,000 cancer patients from all over the world since it opened the world's first hospital-based proton center in 1990.

Current protocols include over 20 different cancer sites; more than half of the LLUMC patients are treated for prostate cancer, where the cure rate is equal or better when compared to surgery, radiation or other treatments, plus protons have the advantage of significantly fewer side effects.

More information about proton therapy is available by calling 1-800-PROTONS (776-8667), or visiting [www llu.edu/proton](http://www llu.edu/proton).

## New study seeks effective treatment for asthma sufferers

(NAPSA)-Seventeen million people in the US suffer from asthma, a 75 percent increase in cases compared to 20 years ago, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). To respond to this growing epidemic, Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. is sponsoring a medical research study to determine if a new inhaled, combined medication is safer and more effective than a current maintenance treatment for asthma.

"Asthma is one of the most serious health problems in America today. A recent study showed that four out of five Americans either have the disease or have a loved one or friend who suffers from asthma," explains Paul Dorinsky MD, Principal Clinical Research Physician at Glaxo Wellcome. "We're investigating a new way to treat and control the symptoms of this widespread, debilitating respiratory disease."

The 15-week study is taking place at 90 sites across the United States and seeks to enroll 840 participants. Participants must:

- Be 15 years of age or older,
- Experience asthma symptoms more than twice a week, and
- Use a bronchodilator (a drug that helps airways to expand) but still experience symptoms.

According to Dr. Dorinsky,

"Participants will be expected to take the study medication, keep a written record of symptoms and attend a total of 8 study center visits. They could learn more about their own asthma and help us determine if this new treatment is more effective."

The majority of asthma patients are currently treated with fast-acting, short-term medications called beta2-agonists. The Asthma Treatment Study is examining a new inhaled, combined medication containing both salmeterol and fluticasone. The study seeks to determine whether the new combination therapy is safer and more effective in treating and controlling symptoms than a standard maintenance treatment called montelukast.

Asthma is a chronic lung disease caused by swelling and tightening of airways within the lungs. Although symptoms differ from person to person and from one attack to another, common symptoms include: coughing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and wheezing. Triggers such as smoke, pollution or a cold can irritate sensitive lung airways and cause symptoms that characterize an asthma attack.

Individuals interested in participating in or learning more about The Asthma Treatment Study should call 1-888-30-STUDY for more information.

## Software helps diabetes patients chart progress

(NAPSA)-With the explosive growth of personal computers and the Internet, it's common now for people to use their home computers to balance checkbooks, e-mail personal letters or "surf the Web" for everyday information. But how many people think of their computer as a personal healthcare tool?

For people with diabetes and their healthcare providers, PC software can now help chart and identify blood glucose trends which, if controlled, can help reduce the risk of diabetes complications.

Many people with diabetes regularly use blood glucose meters to determine their "blood sugar" levels. "By testing around meals, exercise and medication-the activities that affect blood glucose most-patients and their healthcare providers learn the information essential to managing their disease," said Richard Hellman, M.D., F.A.C.E., and board member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists.

Now, with the help of new software, glucose test results can be downloaded from a blood glucose meter to a personal computer and compiled into simple-to-understand charts and graphs.

One of the newest software products available is IN TOUCH® Diabetes Management Software, Version 1.31 from LifeScan. This new version of the user-friendly Windows®-based software is compatible with all current LifeScan blood glucose meters, like the compact FastTake® Meter, which can download up to 150 test results with date and time. The software's compatibility with all LifeScan

meters enables patients to use the meter best suited to their own individual testing needs, while healthcare providers can now receive consistent glucose data from patients using different meters.

Under the guidance of their healthcare providers, patients can use the IN TOUCH charts and graphs to spot trends and make appropriate lifestyle changes. For example, the patient whose chart is shown here tends to have blood glucose levels that are too high following lunch and dinner. Based on this information, the doctor might prescribe changes in the amount of food the patient eats or in the medication dosage.

"Software programs like this can help patients analyze their test results by presenting them in charts and graphs that are easier to understand than reviewing a traditional logbook," said Dr. Hellman. "This can help quickly spot problem areas during a person's day-times of the day when they should focus more closely on bringing their glucose levels under control. It's important to remember that good daily control leads to good long-term control."

Research has shown that when people with diabetes carefully control their blood glucose levels, which includes frequent self-testing, they can reduce the risk for complications involving the eyes, kidney and nervous system by up to 60 percent.

To find out more about IN TOUCH software and controlling blood glucose levels, ask your healthcare professional, call 1-800-227-8862, or visit [www.LifeScan.com](http://www.LifeScan.com) on the World Wide Web.

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## WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



### To wed January 8

Mr. and Mrs. John Burke Jr. of Prestonsburg, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rhiannon Burke, and Trent Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Owens of Monticello. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dixie R. Hyden of Martin and the late Dr. Joe T. Hyden and Mr. and Mrs. John Burke Sr., Prestonsburg. Sadie Ratliff of Allen is her maternal great-grandmother. The bride-elect is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and the University of Kentucky, with a B.S. degree in communication disorders, majoring in speech pathology. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Wayne County High School and will graduate in the spring from the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business with a degree in business marketing. Wedding vows will be exchanged on January 8, 2000, at 4:30 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 147 Burke Ave., Prestonsburg, with a reception following in the Mountain Arts Center. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed. No formal invitations are being sent.



### March wedding planned

Darrell and Leesa Powers of Auxier announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Michelle Leann, and Kelly Jervis, son of Marvin Jervis of Buffalo and Melody Hall Spears of Sugarloaf. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and attends Prestonsburg Community College. She is the granddaughter of George and Ruby Powers and Geneva Cox of Auxier and the great-granddaughter of Alice Bays. The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is employed by Building Crafts Inc. He is the grandson of Maryland Jervis of Buffalo and the late Ollie Mae Jervis and the late Johnny and Armina Hall. The wedding will take place on March 11, 2000, at 3 p.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. A reception at the church will follow. The gracious custom of open ceremony will be observed.

# Consumer News for Families

## Putting the brakes on unsafe auto parts

by Richard H. Middleton Jr.  
and Penny Gold

It's a common truism heard day in and day out in America: You get what you pay for. Whether it's food, clothing, shelter or services, it generally follows that the more you invest, the better the quality.

That is, unless you're the automobile insurance industry, which—until recently—wanted to give us deficient and potentially risky service in return for the full premiums we've been paying.

Thankfully, a major consumer blow against this dangerous practice was struck last October, when a 12-person jury in Illinois held that hometown company State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance had breached its insurance policies with 4.7 million policy holders by using inferior or non-original equipment manufacturer (non-OEM) crash parts to repair insured vehicles, rather than restoring vehicles to their original "pre-loss condition," as promised in its insurance policies.

The insurance industry wants you to believe that this case—Avery v. State Farm—is an example of "what is wrong" with America's legal system, and will result in the higher premiums for consumers.

But the facts reveal that the insurance industry has nobody but itself to blame for its deceptive business practices, which have put drivers at risk. Elimination of this program should not only make the roads safer, but maybe even save consumers money.

Starting in 1985, State Farm instituted a policy of buying crash repair parts based on the price rather than their quality—parts that

the company has acknowledged in its own documents were not up to the original car parts' standards.

As an April 1997 memo from a State Farm executive states: "We may well say it is like kind and quality, but the bottom line is that it is not the same." Another memo from 1993 expressed concern that use of a certain non-OEM part was causing an "obvious safety problem."

According to Sheila Loftus, executive director of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Auto Body Association, State Farm's use of inferior crash parts has "cost—not saved—its policyholders millions of dollars."

That is because generic parts, while less expensive, have poor finishes and inadequate welds and alignment holes. According to Loftus, this means more time in the shop, as well as additional rental car and mechanic labor costs for both the insurer and car owner.

It goes without saying that poorly manufactured and inferior-quality parts and bumper systems create a dangerous situation for drivers and passengers. One of State Farm's witnesses during the trial admitted that part-fitting problems occurred with 25 percent of its replacement parts.

Another witness, an engineer who has evaluated several non-OEM manufacturing plants, testified that these manufacturers lack the quality procedures, technology and materials to "reverse-engineer" and produce parts of "like kind and quality" to original equipment manufacturers' products.

With such evidence being presented, the Illinois jury's decision came as no surprise. Four days after the jury verdict, the court—

which was responsible for deciding the claims of consumer fraud—decided State Farm had indeed committed consumer fraud by specifying use of cheaper non-OEM crash parts, misleading policyholders about the nature and quality of parts they were receiving, and withholding information about the inferiority of the parts.

While the court did not issue an injunction requiring State Farm to stop using non-OEM crash parts, the powerful deterrent effect of America's civil justice system worked: State Farm announced a temporary halt shortly after the verdict. And at least one other insurer (Nationwide) announced it would stop specifying non-OEM parts.

Safer cars, less dangerous roads, and consumers getting exactly what they contracted for with no discernible effect on premiums—sounds like a major victory for American consumers everywhere.

Even The National Underwriter, an insurance industry publication, stated after the verdict that "[t]he last thing the industry should do is gripe about the unfairness of the Illinois ruling... Instead, the industry needs to change the way it deals with policyholders on generic parts."

That's a road the insurance industry would do well to follow.

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

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## EXTENSION NEWS

### Storing vegetable seeds



Ray Tackett

If you are an avid gardener, then you know that seed catalogues will soon be showing up in the mail box.

But if you are like most people, you will have many seeds left over from the previous season. Are these seeds still viable? Is there a good chance they will germinate if planted? You bet.

Most vegetable seeds remain viable or able to germinate for three years or more when stored properly. A few vegetables such as spinach, onion, and sweet corn, produce seeds that remain

viable for a shorter period of time.

In any case, storage conditions are very important. It's best to keep seeds as dry as possible. Enclosing them in a glass jar or other airtight container may be helpful. This will also protect against insect infestation and feeding by rodents.

Although refrigeration is not necessary, keeping seeds as cool as possible, but not freezing, will also prolong their life.

It's easy to check the germination ability of stored seeds and

this might even be a fun family project. Simply remove a set of 20-30 seeds from each stored packet, wrap them in moist paper towels, place them in a zip-lock bag, and keep them in a warm place (70-80F).

They should germinate in a week to 10 days.

If half or more of the seeds germinate, it should be fine to sow them in the garden. Just increase the planting density, accordingly, to account for less than 10 percent germination.

If germination is low, discard the seed lot and order or buy fresh seeds.

## Diagnostic tool at Norton Hospitals detects lung cancer, heart disease in early stages

A powerful, new diagnostic tool at Norton Suburban Hospital and Norton Audubon Hospital is making the early detection of lung cancer, coronary artery disease and other life-threatening diseases and injuries a reality.

In an exam that takes less than one minute, the new CT scanner can screen for tumors and other abnormalities as tiny as .5 millimeters or capture images of the heart between beats.

"This new technology allows us to see very thin cross sections of the anatomy," said Jeffrey Jones, M.D., chairman of the diagnostic imaging department at Norton Suburban Hospital. "It gives us four slices of x-ray data simultaneously, and reconstructs images in one-quarter the time of a conventional CT. For patients, particularly those at high risk of developing lung cancer or heart disease, this 21st century technology can have a significant impact on patient care and survival rates."

A non-invasive diagnostic tool, the CT scanner can detect cancerous nodules that are too small to be detected by a chest x-ray, the standard screening method for lung cancer. With more men and women dying each year of lung

cancer than colon, breast and prostate combined, the clinical advantages of the new scanner are far reaching.

"Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, and Kentucky has the most lung cancer cases per capita in the United States," said T. Jeffery Wieman, M.D., vice president of oncology services for Norton Healthcare.

"For smokers and ex-smokers who are at high risk, early detection can literally mean survival. This type of screening can lead to medical intervention at the earliest, possibly curable stage of the cancer, so we have an opportunity to significantly improve the lung cancer survival rate."

Currently, the five-year lung cancer survival rate stands at 14 percent. The rate could dramatically improve to 80 percent if all smokers and ex-smokers received CT screenings and early treatment, according to researchers for the Early Lung Cancer Action Program (ELCAP), the first major study of basic screening by low-dose CT.

"Due to its breakthrough speed, the new multislice CT makes cardiac scanning a reality," said Jerome S. Schrodt, M.D., radiologist

at Norton Audubon Hospital. "Images of the heart can be captured between beats to detect coronary artery blockage, improving the diagnosis of coronary artery disease before a life-threatening heart attack."

"We can now screen for calcium build-up, which may be indicative of plaque build-up in the arteries," said Schrodt. "While not all cardiac plaque may contain calcium, the 'calcium scoring' screening is another valuable tool that cardiologists now have at their disposal." Previously, nuclear medicine and echocardiography studies were the only diagnostic tools available, with such studies generally conducted on patients with symptoms of cardiac disease.

This CT scanner scores calcium deposits on a scale from 0 to 400. Scores of 10 or less indicate essentially no risk of cardiovascular disease. Scores of 11 to 100 indicate moderate cardiovascular risk.

Individuals with higher scores are instructed to follow-up with their physician to determine next steps.

The first of its kind in Kentucky, the Picker Mx8000 reconstructs images in one-quarter the time of a conventional CT, allowing physicians to instantly view the images, make a diagnosis

and provide the intervention or treatment immediately. In addition to whole body scans and cardiac imaging, applications include traumatic injury assessment, surgical planning and isotropic imaging.

The speed of the scan ensures that patients are on and off the scanning table in a matter of minutes, which is extremely important for pediatric, geriatric and trauma patients. Conventional CT scanners require patients to remain completely immobile and hold their breath. Because this scanner is eight times faster than a conventional CT, an entire exam can be performed in a single breath-hold, which greatly increases patient comfort.

"For young and old patients, the shorter exam time can mean little to no sedation," said Jones. "The high-speed scan also is a more manageable exam for patients who are experiencing pain and discomfort."

Norton Suburban and Norton Audubon Hospitals acquired the Mx8000 CT Scanner from Marconi Medical Systems (formerly Picker International), a global leader in the design and manufacture of advanced medical imaging technologies. Norton Hospital is also in the process of acquiring this new technology.

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## Greet Y2K with beans and cornbread

While speculation is high, most people have no idea what Y2K and the new millennium will bring. Some predict disaster, while others seem totally disinterested in the subject. In short, one guess is probably as good as another.

While everyone hopes Y2K is completely uneventful (aside from a great New Year's Eve party), there is a rising interest in information on being prepared, "just in case." Two food companies, White Lily Foods and Bush's Beans, were recently contacted to get their thoughts on the situation.

White Lily and Bush are both getting a number of questions from consumers. Belinda Ellis, White Lily Food Scientist, states "We are receiving numerous phone calls requesting information on the purchase and storage of large quantities of flour and cornmeal. One woman asked about cornmeal discounts when buying more than five hundred pounds at a time!"

Kenna Hess, spokesperson for Bush's Beans, says they have gotten a large number of similar inquiries. "I had one gentleman call wanting to know if he could buy a six-month supply of beans directly from us. But more commonly, people call to learn more about storage guidelines and understanding can codes."

One possible outcome of a food supply interruption, although both companies stressed doubt there would be problems, would be shortages of perishable products, including fresh meat. "This type of shortage, if prolonged, could lead to protein deprivation in diets," says Julie Hodges, White Lily Foods corporate nutritionist.

The companies' spokespersons stress the combination of cornmeal and beans is a very simple solution to any shortage problem with usual protein sources. "Cornbread and beans provide all eight of the essential protein-based amino acids required of a good diet. The body needs these essential building blocks to maintain good health and good eyesight," continues Hodges.

Ellis indicates that most Y2K callers are concerned with food storage and maintaining a good diet during any inconvenience. Cornmeal and beans are perfect foods for storing. Cornmeal will keep for up to a year when stored in a cool, dry place, and canned beans will store indefinitely, and neither require refrigeration.

Every Southerner knows, cornmeal and beans are perfect for another reason: "Eating cornbread and blackeye peas on New Year's Day is a long standing Southern tradition, believed to ensure good luck, good health and financial prosperity for the coming year," says Bush's Consumer Affairs Group member Tracy Stewart.

"A hot bowl of black-eye peas and cornbread just plain tastes good, and it's good for you. It would certainly be a shame to miss out on this southern ritual simply because someone had forgotten to plan ahead."

"I'm not sure what the rest of you are going to do, but come midnight, December 31, electricity or no electricity, I'm going to fix my White Lily Cornbread and Bush's Blackeye Peas. I'll eat my New Year's Day good luck dinner if I have to use firewood, matches and a flare to do it," continues Stewart with a smile.

In addition, White Lily and Bush's have developed a variety of new recipes, and some new twists on some classics, to keep a family happy and healthy during Y2K, New Year's and beyond. From Italian and Cajun dishes to the classic Hoppin' John, all are delicious. "They're all quick and easy to make," says Hess, "so that's lucky, too!"

Each recipe is well suited for the indoor stove or outdoor fire. Each recipe takes 30 minutes or

less to prepare, and is a real convenience during the fall and winter when family activities are at a peak.

If perishables do become scarce during Y2K, meat can be omitted altogether from these recipes by simply adding an extra can of beans. Fat and calories are subsequently reduced, while complete-protein dishes containing all eight of the essential protein-based amino acids, are the result.

Spokespersons from both companies agree that a good diet, rich in protein, is important a year long, and believe that White Lily and Bush's can play a major role in helping your family achieve this diet, now, and into the next millennium.

Although neither White Lily Foods nor Bush's Beans anticipate any food shortages at the turn of the millennium, they think there is nothing wrong with being prepared just in case. Folks there wish everyone a safe and happy Y2K, stockpiled with good luck, good health, and plenty of protein.

To obtain additional protein rich recipes for your family, contact Belinda Ellis at [www.whitelily.com](http://www.whitelily.com) or P.O. Box 871, Knoxville, TN 37901, or Bush's Consumer Relations Group at [letters@bushbros.com](mailto:letters@bushbros.com), or Bush Brothers & Co., P.O. Box 52330, Dept. C, Knoxville, TN 37950-2330. White Lily and Bush offer free recipe booklets upon request.

### Storage of Flour and Cornmeal recommended by White Lily

- Store flour and cornmeal in airtight containers in a cool dry place. Freezing is best for storage, but be sure to thaw the ingredients before using.

- White Lily flour and cornmeal have easy to read dates on the bottom of the bags. For example, the date 12 JUL 00, is good through July 12, 2000. Freshness is guaranteed through that date. If the product is stored in the freezer, the shelf life can be extended beyond that date.

- Plain flour can be stored longer than self-rising flour. The leavening ingredients in self-rising flour gradually become less effective over time.

- Because White Lily cornmeal and Three Rivers cornmeal are milled from the whole kernel, the corn oil that is naturally in the whole kernel can become rancid. Keeping cornmeal in the freezer keeps it fresh.

- Grains are a target for some insects such as meal moths. Airtight containers and cold temperatures should eliminate this concern.

Storage and how to read code dates on Bush beans

- The way to read the codes on Bush products is:

The first character is the month (1-9) being Jan.-Sept., O-October N-November, and E-December), the next two are the date, and the fourth one is the last digit of the year. The fifth digit is only a plant production code. Most of our products have a shelf-life of 2-3 years. The exceptions are: Chili Magic and sauerkraut—their shelf-life is about 1-1/2 years.

- Although this is our recommended shelf-life, like other canned goods, the product should be safe indefinitely assuming it is properly stored and has no damage to the can.

- The contents should be discarded if there is any questionable color or odor once they open the can. Also, all of our products are pre-cooked and can be safely eaten directly from the can.

### Cornbread Hoppin' John

5 slices bacon, cooked and drained  
1 medium onion, diced into 1/4 cubes

Add: 1 tsp. vanilla  
Beat 1 minute: Frosts a 2-layer cake.

### CANDY STRAWBERRIES

Combine:  
Slivered almonds  
Water to cover  
Few drops of green food coloring  
Let stand.  
Then combine:  
2 (6-oz.) pkgs. strawberry flavored gelatin  
1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk  
1 (7-oz.) pkg. coconut  
1 cup ground nuts  
Mix well. Shape candies to look like strawberries.

Dip top of candy in: Green sugar crystals  
Roll bottom in: Red sugar crystals  
Insert green slivered almond in top to form stem.

### DATE-NUT BALLS

Combine in saucepan and cook until melted:  
1 cup sugar  
1 stick margarine  
1 (8-oz.) pkg. dates  
Add: 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
Stir in:  
1 1/2 cups crisp rice cereal  
1 cup chopped pecans  
Roll into balls. Roll in confectioners sugar.  
Store at least overnight in refrigerator in a covered container.

### GLAZED HAM

Remove rind if necessary from a precooked ham.  
Score in a diamond pattern with a sharp knife.  
Insert a whole clove in each diamond.  
Bake in 325° oven for 1 hour.  
Remove from oven for 1 hour.  
Remove from oven. Increase temperature to 450°.  
Combine:  
3 cups brown sugar

1 red bell pepper, diced into 1/4 cubes  
1 green bell pepper, diced in 1/4 cubes  
2 (15.8 ounce) cans Bush's Blackeye Peas, rinsed and drained

1/2 to 1 teaspoon hot sauce  
1 recipe cornbread prepared using White Lily® Self-Rising Cornmeal Mix  
Salsa and sour cream, optional

Cook bacon in skillet until crisp. Remove bacon, drain skillet, reserving bacon drippings. Measure 2 tablespoons of drippings and cook onion and bell peppers for about 4 minutes, just until tender.

Add blackeye peas and hot sauce. Heat until simmering.

Prepare White Lily Cornbread recipe from mix except use a 9x13" pan. Bake 12 minutes or until toothpick inserted is clean when removed.

Cut into 2-inch squares. Top with blackeye pea mixture. If desired, top with salsa, sour cream, and crumbled bacon. Makes 8 servings.

Prep. time: 19 minutes  
Bake time: 12 minutes

### Italian Skillet with Cornbread Dumplings

1 pound ground Italian sausage  
1 (16 ounce) can Bush's Pinto Beans, drained  
2 (14.5 ounce) Italian seasoned tomatoes  
1 package White Lily® Corn Muffin Mix  
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup milk

Brown sausage in large skillet, drain. Add beans and tomatoes. Heat over medium heat until simmering. In medium bowl, combine corn muffin mix, Cheddar cheese, and milk. Drop by heaping tablespoons over the bean mixture.

Cover and cook until dumplings are done, about 20 minutes. Makes 5 servings.

Prep. time: 18 minutes; bake time: 20 minutes

### Texas Skillet Chili

1 pound ground beef  
1 (16 ounce) can Bush's Pinto Beans, drained  
2 (14.5 ounce) Mexican or Chili seasoned tomatoes

1 cup White Lily® Self Rising Cornmeal Mix  
1/2 cup taco seasoned Cheddar cheese  
1 large egg, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
3/4 cup milk  
Preheat oven to 425°F.

Brown hamburger in 10-inch cast iron or oven-ready skillet, drain. Add beans and tomatoes. Heat over medium heat until simmering.

In medium bowl, combine cornmeal mix, Cheddar cheese, egg, oil, and milk. Pour over the mixture in the skillet.

Place in oven and bake for 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted is clean.

Makes 4-6 servings.

Prep. time: 16 minutes

Bake time: 30 minutes

### Chili Pot Pie

1 medium to large onion, diced  
1 pound ground beef  
1 (15.5 ounce) can Bush's Chili Magic Chili Starter

1 can diced tomatoes, drained  
Cheese Biscuit Crust  
1 cup White Lily® Self Rising Flour

2 tbsps. corn syrup  
3 tbsps. dry mustard  
3 tbsps. flour  
1/4 cup vinegar  
Spread over top of ham.  
Bake in 450° oven for 30 minutes.  
Remove from oven. Baste ham with glaze until glaze hardens.

### BAKED CARROTS

Scrape and cook until fork tender: 2 1/2 lbs. carrots  
Drain. Reserve 1/4 cup liquid.  
Cut carrots lengthwise into fine strips. Arrange in baking dish.

Combine:  
1 tbsp. minced onion  
1 tbsp. prepared horseradish  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup carrot liquid  
Add: Salt and pepper to taste  
Pour over carrots.

Combine:  
1/4 cup finely crushed crackers  
2 tbsps. melted butter or margarine  
Sprinkle over carrot mixture.  
Sprinkle with: Chopped parsley.  
Bake in 375° oven 20 minutes.

### SWEET POTATO PUDDING

Melt in moderate oven in large oblong pan:  
1/4 lb. butter (do not substitute)  
Pare and grate: 3 cups sweet potatoes  
Add:  
1/2 cups white sugar  
1/2 cup sweet milk  
3/4 cup buttermilk  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/2 tsp. soda  
Stir in: Melted butter  
Mix well. Pour into buttered pan.  
Bake in 450° oven 30 minutes or until sweet potatoes are done. Stir occasionally.

1 cup Cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup milk  
1 large egg  
1 (11 ounce) can Mexican-style corn, drained  
Preheat oven to 375°F.

In large skillet, cook onion and ground beef until meat is browned and onions are transparent. Add Chili Magic and tomatoes. Turn into 2-quart baking dish or bake in 12-inch cast iron skillet.

Prepare biscuit crust by combining flour, cheese, milk, and egg. Stir in corn. Spread dough over chili. Bake for 25 minutes or until biscuit crust is golden brown.

Makes 4 servings.

Prep time: 16 minutes

Bake time: 25 minutes

### White Chicken Chili Pot Pie

3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 medium to large onion, diced  
1 can diced green chilies, drained  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1/4 cup White Lily® Plain All-Purpose Flour  
2 (16 ounce) can Bush's Blackeye Peas or Great Northern or Navy Beans

1 (16 ounce) can reduced sodium chicken broth  
Cheese Biscuit Crust  
1 cup White Lily® Plain All-Purpose Flour  
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1-1/2 cups Monterey Jack cheese  
1/2 cup milk  
1 large egg

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large skillet, cook onion in olive oil for 4 minutes or until onions are transparent. Add green chilies, cumin, and flour. Stir 2 minutes. Add blackeye peas or beans and chicken broth. Bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes or until thickened. Add diced chicken. Turn into 2-quart baking or bake in 12-inch cast iron skillet.

Prepare cheese biscuit crust by combining four and baking powder. Add cheese, milk, and egg. Spread dough over chili. Bake for 25 minutes or until biscuit crust is golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

Prep time: 17 minutes

Bake time: 25 minutes

### Emma's New Year's Dinner

1 (16 ounce) jar salsa (1-1/2 cups), hot, medium or mild  
1 (14.5 ounce) can Bush's Mixed Greens, well drained

1 (15.8 ounce) cans Bush's Blackeye Peas, rinsed and drained  
1 pound ham (2 cups), finely chopped  
1 recipe cornbread prepared using White Lily® Self-Rising Cornmeal Mix

1-1/2 cups shredded Colby and Monterey Jack Cheese blend

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a 9x13" pan. In large bowl, combine salsa, mixed greens, blackeye peas, and ham. In a separate bowl, prepare White Lily Cornbread batter according to instructions on package. Pour half of the cornbread batter on the bottom of the pan. Layer on the blackeye pea mixture. Pour remaining cornbread batter to cover the top of the pan.

Bake for 60 minutes. Top with cheese. Return to the oven for 3 minutes or until cheese is melted. Garnish top with salsa and sour cream if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Bake time: 60 minutes

### STUFFED MUSHROOMS

Remove stems from: 1 lb. large fresh mushrooms

Chop stems finely. (Reserve caps).  
Add:  
4 slices dry bread, crumbled fine  
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. oregano  
Sauté above mixture in: 1 stick margarine (1/2 cup)

When crumbs soften and mixture browns, remove from heat.

Stuff caps with mixture.  
Pour into shallow pan: 1/4 cup water  
Arrange caps in pan, stuffing side up.  
Bake in 350° oven for 15 minutes, then broil for 3 minutes.

Note: Can be used as a vegetable side dish or can be served as an appetizer.

### NOODLES PARMESAN

Cook according to pkg. directions:  
16 ozs. medium or thin noodles  
Add:  
1 cup whipping cream  
2 cups Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup butter  
Turn into greased 2 1/2 or 3-qt. casserole.  
Then add enough half-and-half to come halfway up the casserole.  
Bake in 325° to 350° oven 35 to 45 minutes.

### APPLE STUFFING

Combine:  
4 cups soft bread crumbs  
1 tsp. poultry seasoning  
1/3 cup finely chopped onion  
2 tps. salt  
1 cup raisins  
2 cups chopped apple  
Stir in:  
1/2 cup melted butter  
Delicious for stuffing roast goose.

"The following recipes are reprinted from Irene Hayes cookbook "What's Cooking for the Holidays."

### PEACHES AND CREAM CHEESE-CAKE

Preheat oven to 350°.  
Combine in mixer bowl:  
3/4 cup flour  
3 tbsps. margarine  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 (3 1/4-oz.) box vanilla pudding mix (not instant)  
1 egg  
1/2 cup milk  
1/8 tsp. salt  
Beat 2 minutes at medium speed.

Pour into greased and floured 9 or 10-inch pie or cake pan.  
Drain well: 1 (16-oz.) can sliced peaches (reserve juice)

Arrange peaches over batter.  
Combine in mixer bowl:  
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese  
3 tbsps. reserved juice  
1/2 cup sugar

Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Spoon over peaches to within 1 inch of edge of batter.

Combine:  
1 tbsps. sugar  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
Sprinkle over cream cheese filling.  
Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Store in refrigerator.

### WONDERFUL SEVEN-MINUTE ICING

Combine in top of double boiler:  
3 egg whites  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 cup white corn syrup  
Cook over boiling water and beat constantly with electric mixer until mixture stands in peaks. Remove from heat.



# Business/Professions

## No 'waffling' here Business is going like hot cakes

Story and photos  
by Pam Shingler

Marilyn Halbert has a "problem" that most business owners would love to have — she's got almost too much business.

Halbert's Around the Clock Waffle House opened the Monday before Christmas on US 23 south of Prestonsburg, and it's been busy ever since.

"I took the sign that said 'Open soon' and turned it over to read 'Open' and immediately had customers," said Halbert. "I want to apologize to all those people who couldn't get in or who had to wait."

This is the Abbott Creek woman's first venture into the food business. She was chief engineer with Branham and Baker Coal, where her husband and helpmate, Greg, still works.

During the afternoon of New Year's Eve, Marilyn was behind the counter, and Greg was sweeping the wrap-around porch that overlooks the busy highway. After the traditional lunch rush, the parking lot was full and customers were still filing in.

Open only a couple of weeks, the business is already expanding. Halbert is adding on space for a dishwashing machine, for additional storage and for a larger food preparation area.

She's also desperate to find more serving personnel — with experience, since she doesn't have time to train them. If business keeps up as it has been, she expects to hire more cooks, as well. About a dozen employees now staff the 24-hour schedule.

The business is not part of the Waffle House chain. Halbert stresses that the name is Around the Clock Waffle House, a privately-owned operation and not a franchise.

Waffles are, of course, an important part of the menu, but certainly nowhere near all. Breakfast foods are served, as the name indicates, around the clock.

Most breakfast meals are in the \$2 to \$3 price range, but for just under \$7, the hungry diner can get steak or country ham, two eggs, biscuits and gravy, and hash browns or fried apples — enough to keep him or her going for most of the day.

The menu also includes a variety of sandwiches, from hamburgers to Philly steak and cheese, as well as full course dinners featuring T-bone steaks, chicken, pork and ham.

The business is beginning to attract the trucker trade, Halbert said, although she advises truck drivers to call ahead, so their order will be ready and they won't have



Around the Clock Waffle House has been busy since the moment it opened, just before Christmas. Open 24 hours a day, it serves breakfast food, as well as burgers and steaks.



Marilyn Halbert mans the cash register at her restaurant, Around the Clock Waffle House, on US 23. She said she also cooks, washes dishes, waits tables and cleans up at the new eatery.

to wait. The number is 606/874-8600.

The eatery is just one element of Halbert's plan for the hillside lot.

The building now under construction next to the restaurant will house two shops and two apartments. One of the shops will feature jewelry, leather goods, and other items not readily available in this area and will be operated by Judy Ward. The other shop will be what Halbert calls "a bath and body shop."

A second building is planned

for the lot. It will also have two apartments and a home store, featuring linens, wicker, rattan, pottery and other home decor merchandise, the businesswoman said.

Pin Oak Plaza is the name she's favoring for the hillside shopping complex. She spared a large pin oak when the parking lot for the restaurant was being constructed, and the name will honor the majestic tree.

Halbert expects the buildings to be complete and the shops open in the spring.

## Farm Bureau gives awards

The Lincoln County Farm Bureau has won top honors in the county Farm Bureau awards competition for the fifth consecutive year.

Lincoln County, with 4,089 members and a variety of effective service programs, was presented with a trophy during an awards breakfast at the Kentucky Farm Bureau convention in Louisville, Orville Whitaker, president of Lincoln County FB, accepted the award.

The top county award was the most prestigious of more than 100 membership program and insurance awards presented out during the breakfast program. Lincoln County also garnered an award as the outstanding county in the largest membership classification, those counties with more than 3,300 members.

Owen County was named best among the small counties (2,150 members or less) while Union County was judged best in Category (2,151 to 3,300 members).

With more than 407,000 member families statewide, Farm Bureau is the state's largest farm organization. More than 1,000 members attended

this year's 80th annual convention to recognize this year's achievements and adopt policy for 2000.

In other presentations:

- Three growth awards were given to counties with the largest percentage of membership increase over their 1998 totals. Those plaques went to Spencer, Union and Marshall counties.

- Outstanding county Farm Bureaus were designated to each of 11 districts. The winners were Calloway, Christian, Butler, Logan, Shelby, Owen, Wayne, Lincoln, Clark, Bath and Letcher counties.

- Meade County was designated as the most improved county Farm Bureau in 1999.

- Pacesetter awards were given to counties in each of the three membership categories that were first to achieve membership gain this year. For small counties, Crittenden County was the winner. In mid-sized counties, the winner was Fleming County. The award for large counties went to Marshall County.

- Allen and Taylor counties shared an award for most consecutive years with a gain in member-

ship.

Three awards were given for the most effective county Farm Bureau information programs. First place went to Union County and information chairperson Cindy Rudd. Second place went to Hardin County and information chairperson Gwen Lucas. Third place went to Nelson County and information committee chairperson Holly Bischoff.

Certificates were presented to other counties for effective information programs. They were Mark Morris, Christian County; Sarah Henry, Scott County; Melinda Pence, Lincoln County; Betty Barrick, Barren County; and Brenda Camp, Daviess County.

Four counties won awards for the policy growth produced by their local Farm Bureau insurance agencies. The winning counties were Marshall, Butler, Spencer and Fleming. The awards were expense-paid trips for each county's agency manager, Farm Bureau president, and their spouses, to the American Farm Bureau convention next month in Houston.

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## Hern wins KY state bagging title

For many, a trip to Las Vegas means rolling the dice in hopes of pocketing some cash. But Chris Hern of Paintsville will be rolling the dice in his attempt to become the nation's number one bagger.

Hern will be heading to Las Vegas as the Kentucky State Bagging Champion. He won the state title in the recent competition staged at the Whitsburg Food City location.

Hern, who is an associate at the Paintsville Food City, entered the contest with the chance to prove he could bag groceries better than anyone in the state of Kentucky. He capitalized on that opportunity and will now focus

his efforts on the national title.

By winning the state title, Hern has qualified himself for the national competition to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, during January of 2000. "I was very excited to win the contest," said Hern. "I have three years of bagging experience and it is nice to benefit from something I have done on a day-to-day basis."

Food City president and chief operations officer, Steve Smith, commented, "Chris did a tremendous job in the state competition. We congratulate him and it is our hope that he can bring home a national title. We know he will be an excellent representative for Food City."

## Local hotel receives award

For the second consecutive year, Comfort Suites of Prestonsburg has received the Gold Hospitality Award from Choice Hotels International, parent company of the Comfort Inns and Comfort Suites chain.

The award is presented annually to hotels that exceed Choice's rigid quality assurance standards.

"This prestigious award recognizes exceptional service, facilities and hospitality," said Dan Shoen, Comfort vice president and brand manager.

To qualify, a hotel must undergo a series of rigorous inspections that evaluate each operating department. Departments are rated according to such criteria as staff knowledge, attitude and professionalism; training; safety and security; maintenance and energy conservation; and physical conditions.

Last year, Gold Hospitality Awards were presented to just six percent of the eligible hotels in the Choice system, Shoen said.

The local Comfort Suites is owned by Prestonsburg Hotel Company and operated by H&W Management Company. It has 70 rooms, each with microwaves, refrigerators, coffee makers, 25" remote control cable TV, free local telephone calls, whirlpool rooms and handicap accessible rooms. Hotel facilities include a free



Company representative Dave Sebastian, right, presents Gold Hospitality Award to Jim Ousley, manager of the Comfort Suites in Prestonsburg. (photo by Willie Elliott)

deluxe continental breakfast, heated indoor pool/whirlpool, exercise room, and meeting and banquet facilities.

Room rates begin at \$59, plus tax, which includes continental breakfast and a copy of the

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## ARH receives Champions for Children Award

Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) Inc. was recently awarded the 1999 Champions for Children Award in the Business and Corporate category.

This award was presented by the Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky organization as part of its annual "Kids are Worth It!" statewide child abuse prevention conference. This award was given to ARH for efforts in increasing the awareness of shaken baby syndrome throughout their service area.

In response to an article in a Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky newsletter, ARH employees started a campaign to increase awareness of this syndrome that can lead to the death or permanent impairment of infants.

A video and written information regarding this issue were provided to parents delivering babies in ARH's hospitals and to individuals attending prenatal classes.

Posters were also displayed in clinics throughout the service area. ARH also developed public service announcements on shaken baby syndrome for release to regional media.

Sally Malmer, ARH director of communications and public relations, was presented with the award by Sidney Johnson III, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse America, at the Champions for Children Awards luncheon held



ARH's Sally Malmer is flanked by Sidney Johnson III of Prevent Child Abuse America and Kentucky lawmaker Susan Westroom.

during the third annual "Kids are Worth It!" conference in Louisville. ARH is a Lexington-based, not-

for-profit healthcare system with hospitals, clinics, home health services and other facilities in eastern

Kentucky and southern West Virginia. Visit the websites at [www.arh.org](http://www.arh.org).

## Focus on small business

### Big Brother OSHA

by Jack Faris

It seems to me that the people making the decisions at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are really out of touch with the average American and the average American business.

They recently wrote a regulation, which they unveiled proudly on November 23, that could become the costliest order ever imposed on small businesses — who, by the way, represent more than 99 percent of employers in this country.

It aims to reduce carpal tunnel syndrome and other workplace ailments by forcing employers to provide 'ergonomically correct' workplaces.

Now, I have a couple of things to say about that. First and foremost, it is absurd to presume that small-business owners aren't looking out for their employees when it comes to workplace ailments.

The small-business owners I

know are acutely aware of the health and well being of their employees and strive to make the workplace comfortable in every way possible. After all, their employees are often members of their own family... and if they are not actual blood-relatives, they are held just as dear.

That's probably why small businesses are the safest places in America to work. The injury and illness rates in businesses with fewer than ten employees is half the rates of their big business counterparts.

Second, how does a small business satisfy an OSHA inspector and prove they maintain an "ergonomically correct" workplace when scientists and doctors employed at OSHA can't define what "ergonomically correct" means?

You see, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is conducting research on ergonomics right now, but the study is not yet complete.

OSHA seems to be blind to these facts, as well as to science

and common sense. They have disregarded scientific evidence that suggests that non-work activities, age, gender, and other factors may contribute to injuries such as lower back pain or muscle strains.

OSHA even had an opportunity to take the advice of a panel of small-business owners, convened in accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA).

The panel looked at the proposed ergonomics regulation and recommended a non-regulatory, more educational approach for small firms. They suggested that, should OSHA go ahead with the regulation, that it be targeted to only the most problematic industries.

OSHA flatly ignored these practical recommendations and instead devised their usual one-size-fits-all regulatory plan.

Unless it is stopped by an act of Congress, this new regulation will affect virtually all small businesses. It will force employers, regardless of size, to conduct hazard identification, provide for medical treatment, and control all hazards that may cause injuries,

such as muscle strains or low back pain.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is Big Brother government at its best. It's a group of Washington eggheads who think that the American workplace still resembles depression-era sweatshops! These people have never been employers, they've never signed the front of a paycheck or felt the affection that a small employer has for his or her hard-working employees.

They don't understand that small-business owners care about their employees and feel a special pride when the jobs they create put food on a family's table or enable a young person to buy their first car.

The folks at OSHA think that anyone who owns a business cares only about their bottom line. They're flat-out wrong, and Congress should stop their Big Brother regulation.

Jack Faris is president of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. For information call 1-800-NFIB-NOW or visit [www.nfibonline.com](http://www.nfibonline.com).



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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a Phase II and III bond release on Increment No. 1 of permit number 836-0208 which was last issued on January 27, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 95.40 acres located 1 mile west of Tram, Ky. in Floyd County. The permit is approximately 3 miles southeast from State Route 1426's junction with U.S. 23, and located 1/4 mile west of Stratton Branch. The latitude is 37°34'34". The longitude is 82°40'55". The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 of permit number 836-0208 is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred ten thousand seven hundred dollars (\$110,700.00). Approximately forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release. Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1990. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved. This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 4, 2000. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

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**GENERAL BUDGET  
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1999-2000**

School District Floyd  
County Floyd

To the Kentucky Board of Education, Frankfort, KY:  
In compliance with Kentucky Revised Statutes and the regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education, we, the board of education of the above named school district, hereby submit to you for approval our General Budget adopted 10/13/1999, showing the tax levies specific by this board and the estimated receipts and expenditures proposed for school year 1999-2000.

This budget provides for a school term of 1050 hours.

**Tax Levy**

Real Estate	Tangible	Total Property Tax Levy. (KRS 157.440, KRS 160.476) A portion of the levy, _____ cents, has been committed to the Building Fund. (Please note that this amount must be at least the rate to produce the 5 cent equivalent as shown on the tax rate certification.)
58.9	59.2	

Motor Vehicle Tax Levy: 55.4

Permissive Tax Levies:

Occupational Tax (KRS 160.605) <u>Q</u>	Utility Tax (KRS 160.613) <u>Q</u>	Excise Tax (KRS 160.621) <u>Q</u>

**Estimated Budget**

Funds	Beginning Balances & Estimated Receipts	Estimated Expenditures
1	\$ 34,502,067	\$ 34,502,067
2	\$ 5,071,689	\$ 5,071,689
310	\$ 784,053	\$ 784,053
320	\$ 1,456,300	\$ 1,456,300
350	\$ 1,802,141	\$ 1,802,141
51	\$ 3,195,646	\$ 3,195,646
Grand Total	\$ 46,811,896	\$ 46,811,896

**NOTICE OF BOND  
RELEASE**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III bond releases on Increments No. 3, and 6, of permit No. 836-0205 which was last issued on Oct. 13, 1995. The Increments cover approximate surface and underground areas as follows:

Increment No. 3 - Surface area 17.27; Underground area-215.32;

Increment No. 6 - Surface area 6.30; Underground area 0.0.

The operation is located at Grethel in Floyd County, and is 0.15 miles northwest from KY 979's junction with KY 1426. The operation is located on the McDowell quadrangle map.

The original performance bonds and bonds (surety) now in effect for the two increments are as fol-

lows:

Increment No. 3 - Original bond \$36,100.00; Current bond \$17,500.00;

Increment No. 6 - Original bond \$22,800.00; Current bond \$3,300.00. 100% of the original bond amounts are included in this request for release of Increments No. 3 and 6.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in spring of 1993. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation, and the post mining land use in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by February 11, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 14, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 11, 2000.

**NOTICE OF BOND  
RELEASE**

In accordance with

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

The permit is approximately 0.5 miles southeast from KY 1426's junction with Cecil Branch County Road, and

located 0.4 miles south of Cecil Branch. The latitude is 37°34'58". The longitude is 82°40'48".

The bond now in effect for permit number 436-0044 is a surety bond in the amount of four hundred fifty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$450,800.00). Approximately forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount of one million one hundred twenty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,127,200.00) is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching completed in the spring of 1991. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 4, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

**NOTICE  
(OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)**

I, Douglas R. Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before January 28th, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	98-P-00225	Mary Branham	John Branham	11/16/99
Final	97-P-00026	Donald R. Howell	Brenda J. Howell	11/24/99
Final	98-P-00276	Shirley Ousley	Arlene Cecil	12/14/99
Final	99-P-00154	Flem Blanton	Sina Blanton	12/14/99
Final	97-P-00361	Joe W. Shepherd	Hazel Shepherd	12/15/99
Final	96-P-00424	Delmer Cole	Aileen Cole	11/17/99
Final	99-P-00148	Allred Newsome	Sherrie Hall	12/20/99

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, Douglas R. Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the Floyd District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
11-19-99	99-P-00380	Ed Parsons 167 Shop Br. Rd. Stanville, KY 41659	Pamela South 10365 Shelby/Fryburg Rd. Wapakoneta, OH 45895	Jimmy C. Webb 252 E. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11-22-99	99-P-00381	Robert Lee Shultz 69 Indian Hills Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Hugh Winston Akers 1087 Ky. Rt. 3379 Grethel, KY 41631	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
11-23-99	99-P-00386	Fred Meece 435 Trimble Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Fred E. Meece 309 Maple Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
11-23-99	99-P-00387	Richard Pitts P.O. Box 485 Martin, KY 41649	Doris Pitts P.O. Box 485 Martin, KY 41649	
11-23-99	99-P-00388	Anna Louise Harris Harris Lane Auxier, KY 41602	William J. Herald 330 Hamilton Dr. Slaughters, KY 42456	Jerry A. Patton P.O. Box 1300 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11-24-99	99-P-00389	Aileen Lester 23 Magnolia St. Garrett, KY 41630	Tonya Pratt 6324 Stone Coal Rd. Garrett, KY 41630	
11-29-99	99-P-00390	Carl Little P.O. Box 255 McDowell, KY 41647	Bonnie Little P.O. Box 255 McDowell, KY 41647	
11-30-99	99-P-00391	Vivian Gibson Wayland, KY 41666	Kenneth L. Gibson 361 Cow Creek Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Michael Endicott Box 181 Paintsville, KY 41240
11-30-99	99-P-00392	Esther Mae Goodman P.O. Box 362 Martin, KY 41649	Ethel Dickenson 11396 Wildwood Dr. Marshall, MI 49068	
12-01-99	99-P-00393	Herbert Lawson HC 85, Box 300 Garrett, KY 41630	Keith Edward Lawson Box 190 Garrett, KY 41630	
12-02-99	99-P-00394	Lola L. Hammonds 196 Hammonds Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	O.T. Hammonds 196 Hammonds Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Dan Rowland P.O. Box 996 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-02-99	99-P-00395	Jimmy Wells Rt. 466 Weeksburry, KY 41667	Imogene Wells Rt. 466 Weeksburry, KY 41667	
12-06-99	99-P-00396	Nancy Lois Slone 76 Cedar Dr. Stanville, KY 41659	Margaret J. Richardson P.O. Box 1052 Pikeville, KY 41502	
12-06-99	99-P-00397	Golda M. May 5413 Abbott Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Wayne May 5413 Abbott Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	James D. Adams, II
12-16-99	99-P-00398	Harmon Prater P.O. Box 159 Blue River, KY 41607	Mentha Prater Box 159 Blue River, KY 41607	B.D. Nunnery P.O. Box 511 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-16-99	99-P-00399	Joy Hall 348 Dinwood Rd. Martin, KY 41649	Gwendolyn Denise Hall 348 Dinwood Rd. Martin, KY 41649	Donald Wayne Taylor P.O. Box 511 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-16-99	99-P-00401	Kenneth Isaac P.O. Box 45 Melvin, KY 41650	Ivan Isaac P.O. Box 45 Melvin, KY 41650	Gregory A. Isaac 199 N. Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-19-99	99-P-00402	Phillip Dale Niece 550 Left Pinhook Hill Harold, KY 41635	Linda S. Lyon 78 Circle Dr. Thelma, KY 41260	
12-17-99	99-P-403	Willie Hunter 029 Hunter Rd. Garrett, KY 41630	Billy Ray Hunter 36 Pinehurst Circle Jamestown, KY 42629	Brent Turner P.O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-20-99	99-P-00404	Don Alan Hill (Minor) P.O. Box 75 Wheelerwright, KY 41669	Richard Hill (Guardian) P.O. Box 75 Wheelerwright, KY 41669	Robert Rowe P.O. Box 1330 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-23-99	99-P-00406	Kennith R. Bolden 3356 Tolers Creek Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Melanie Bolden 3356 Tolers Creek Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Ira E. Branham P.O. Box 1499 Pikeville, KY 41502

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