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Briefs

Wayland man dies two weeks after car fire

A Floyd county man died recently of injuries resulting from a car fire.

James Martin, 66, of Wayland, was the victim of a car fire that occurred on November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Estill Bottom.

He was transported immediately to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and was later transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center's Burn Unit.

Martin suffered burns to 50 percent of his body. He died on November 20 at UKMC from complications created as a result of these burns.

Pruitt's Funeral Home in Lexington was in charge of handling the funeral arrangements.

Two Day Forecast...



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Letting needs be known...



Jimmy Hopkins, assistant basketball coach at Betsy Layne High School, distributes a list of critical needs for the Betsy Layne gym to members of the Floyd County Board of Education at their Monday night meeting. The board also discussed bus trips, physical education instruction, and construction at the monthly meeting.

Bus trips, construction, P.E. concern school board

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

Floyd County bus drivers with more seniority are missing the opportunity to pick up extra pay for taking students on extra-curricular trips.

At least that's the opinion of Ellis Spurlock, a driver based at Allen Central Middle and High schools and Duff Elementary. Spurlock, who's been a bus driver for 10 years, told members of the Floyd County Board of Education, meeting in regular session Monday night at Betsy Layne, that the present method of allocating extra trips is unfair.

"You've probably got one, two and three drivers taking all the extra-curricular trips," Spurlock said. "In the past, it was based on seniority, and now it's not."

Under the present system, Spurlock said a trip is offered to the

driver with the highest seniority first — which he said is fair — but those drivers often cannot accept the extra work because of potential overtime.

If the most senior drivers cannot take the trip, it is then offered to a driver with the least seniority, bypassing those in the middle. "In the system now, they go to the bottom of the seniority list. The one-year drivers need the money, too, but it's very unfair."

Spurlock and Superintendent Paul Fanning agreed that the situation arises from the wording in the drivers' current contract. Fanning said interim transportation director Karen Johnson is trying to set up a meeting with members of the drivers' union to review the policy.

Activity vs. instruction
Board members also expressed

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Move a mountain?

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

Architect Joe Jones surprised members of the Floyd County Board of Education Monday night by reporting that a state Department of Education official has made a "moving" proposal.

Jones said Mark Ryles instructed him to ask the board to consider removing not just a space for the athletic complex at South Floyd High School, but the entire mountain top.

Removal of the whole hill will allow room for the future con-

(See MOUNTAIN, page two)

Respond given nod by city

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council's personnel committee held a special-called meeting on Monday. The focus of the meeting was to open and discuss bids pertaining to the city ambulance service.

The first bid opened was from Transtar Ambulance Service, which offered \$50,000 toward the purchase of the city's ambulance unit, with a proposed payment to the city of \$650 per month, along with 25 percent of the monthly net profit.

Hansel Cooley pointed out that he felt that not enough information was given in order for the committee to make a well-informed decision on the proposal. For instance, what rate of interest was being proposed and for what length of time.

Robert Allen II made the comment that the primary objective of the committee was to be "good stewards" of the city's monies and questioned, therefore, whether it would be a sound financial decision for the city to act as a lending institution on this matter. He commented that the purpose of relinquishing the ambulance service was to cut losses and attempt to create a working surplus and so it seemed wiser to him to just sell the ambulance unit outright.

Mayor Jerry Fanning and Fire Chief Mike Wells echoed

(See COMMITTEE, page two)

Calm returns to council; response to questions delayed

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

In contrast to more recent meetings, the atmosphere at Monday's meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council was quiet and calm. A noticeable absence of city firefighters was also apparent.

However, Michael D. Moore, a former city firefighter, was present to offer his apology to council for his behavior and language at the last council meeting held on November 13.

Council was called to order, the clerk called the roll and invocation was given by councilman Hansel Cooley. Approval of the minutes recorded on November 13 was granted and the council then voted to go into closed session.

During the recess, conversation in the hallways again drifted toward discussion of the Big Branch annexation and issues relating to other matters concerning the appro-

(See COUNCIL, page nine)

BLES fourth-graders save 'Pennies for Pearl'

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

A fourth-grade elementary class has put their hearts and their heads together to give a very merry Christmas to a down-on-her-luck little dog.

Mrs. Sarah Barker's language arts class at Betsy Layne Elementary recently read a story entitled "Mom's Best Friend," written by Sally Hobart Alexander. Alexander is blind and found herself in need of a new seeing-eye dog after

the death of her former companion. Related throughout the story are thoughts on how dogs, and animals in general, seem to express genuine feelings of affection, happiness, sadness, pain, etc.

In short, they matter.

Following on the heels of this reading, the students read an article that featured the Floyd County Animal Shelter in a recent

(See PEARL, page nine)

Save Pearl

Our class project this year is to save Pearl by paying the \$50.00 adoption fee and giving her a home. If you would like to help let any member of our class know.

Pearl is a female shepherd and spitz mix. She is about 2 or 3 years old, white in color of medium size and has a very sweet and loving gentle nature. Pearl has been at the animal shelter for a while and is in the list to be put to sleep if not adopted soon.



The entire fourth-grade class of Betsy Layne Elementary gathered together to wish a very merry Christmas to "Pearl," a female shepherd and spitz mix awaiting adoption at the Floyd County Animal Shelter. The students launched a "Save Pearl" class Christmas project and collected enough money to pay Pearl's adoption fee. Now, they are waiting for an adoptive "parent" to step forward.

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Committee

this same sentiment.

The second bid opened was from D&L Services, operating as Respond Ambulance Services. They offered a bid of \$35,000 for the ambulance unit with a payment of \$1,000 per month for the right to receive all ambulance calls channeled through the city.

A third bid opened was from Res-Q ambulance services. Res-Q bid \$17,500 for the ambulance unit with a payment of \$1,500 or 7 percent of the net revenue received from the unit per month, whichever should prove to be higher. However, a problem existed in regard to licensing, as Res-Q operates out of Magoffin county.

Cooley then said that he personally did not like the idea of net profit as opposed to gross profit because "net profit has a bad habit of getting beat to death." He then asked what amount of money the city has invested in the ambulance unit.

He was told that, considering the initial purchase of the unit plus the cost of refurbishment, the city had an estimated \$65,000 invested in the ambulance.

According to Billy Ray Collins, the city council that existed at the time of the purchase of the ambulance was led to believe that the purchase would be a good investment for the city in terms of being a means of creating a monetary surplus for the fire department, plus providing a valuable service to the community.

In reality, however, Collins said the service has proven to be a drain on city expenses. He attributed this in part to the council not being fully informed on collection services. He

said that he believed that many citizens did not realize that the city ambulance service was not free and that when they received bills for services rendered that they ignored them.

Gorman Collins Jr. pointed out that he felt that the primary reason for the ambulance service's failure is that "we are a municipality trying to provide a private service" and that when government becomes intertwined with private enterprise, that very often the results are not favorable.

Billy Ray Collins then said that he wanted to relieve the city of the financial burden created by the ambulance service, but that above all, he wanted to ensure that the citizens of the community were fully covered and well protected by services equal in quality to the ones that had been previously provided by the city. He said that the committee is interested in developing a "win-win" situation for the city as well as for the provider.

He then offered a proposal to the committee to consider remodeling a section of the old post office located on South Central Avenue into an ambulance station that could be leased by a private provider. The committee agreed to consider this proposal.

The committee's final decision was to recommend the bid offered by Respond Ambulance Service for acceptance by the full city council, contingent upon a signed contract that they would ask the city's attorney to

have drawn up.

Moving to other business, Fannin placed a conference telephone call to Charles Harmon, public safety director of Johnson City, Tenn.

Talking by speaker phone, the committee members were able to ask questions to Harmon concerning certain aspects of the public safety program that is currently in place in Johnson City.

According to Harmon, Johnson City's firefighters were working an average of 74 hours per week before the implementation of the public safety program currently in use, and that now the firefighters are working an average of 57 hours per week. In addition, the city's ISO (Insurance Services Offices) rating has improved by two points.

He also said that by cross-training the city's firefighters and policemen, the city was able to put approximately 30 more police officers on the streets. As a result, the city has experienced a decline in its crime rate each year since the program has been put in place, due largely to the ability to now have an increase in patrol units.

Harmon explained in further detail to the committee how the cross-training actually takes place and that public safety officers who are on patrol (or police) duty carry with them at all times their firefighting equipment in the trunks of their vehicles. He also explained that once a public safety officer begins to carry out his role as firefighter that he becomes subordi-

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nate to the fire chief and his officers and carries out their commands until he again returns to his duties as a patrol officer.

Harmon said that the public safety program has worked very well for Johnson City and that they have seen great success with it.

According to Fannin, the city's current firefighters would be required to complete a 10-week training program in order to be certified as police officers. In addition, current policemen would also have to receive cross-training to become certified firefighters.

Fannin estimated that it would take about two years to complete the process and begin implementation of the program if approved by the city council.

Attending the committee meeting on Monday were Mayor Jerry Fannin, Hansel Cooley, Billy Ray Collins, Gorman Collins Jr., Robert Allen II, and Fire Chief Michael Wells.

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Mountain

struction of an elementary school on the same site, Jones said. The estimated cost of the removal is \$1.2 million.

Jones reminded the board that Ryles is the person they have to work with on all construction projects.

The proposed undertaking could possibly push back the athletic field project, partly because of potential effects of new highway construction which is scheduled to begin in 2002 near the site. Jones said the prospect of the road, which is scheduled to pass next to the Left Beaver field, will require that a highwall be built until the highway is completed in that area, if the whole top surface of the hill is not removed.

"I have two problems with that," said board chairman Terry Dotson.

"We don't have the money, and it's not in the (long-range facilities) plan. We have discussed another school, but it's not in the plan."

Jones said the concern of KDE official Ryles is that "it's now or never" for the site.

"If you don't have the money, you don't have the money," said board member Carol Stumbo. "The bottom line is people on Left Beaver want a football field, and this building is not in the long range plan."

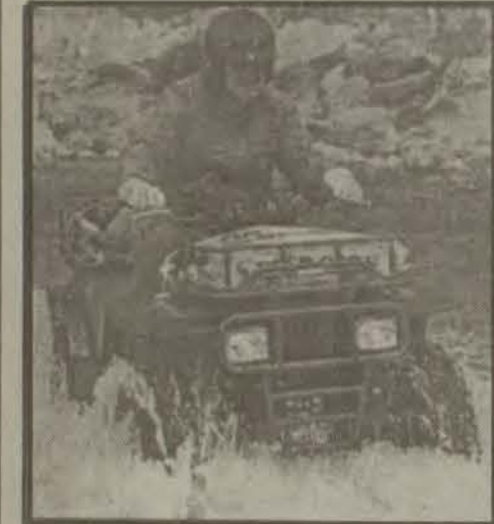
Board member Johnnie Ross said he has been told that the hill in question is "the best limestone in this area" and perhaps it can be mined to accomplish the leveling and cover the cost.

Dotson said he will talk to Ryles at KDE about the project, and he asked Ross to talk to a contractor about the

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Board

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concern over the results of a survey of physical education instruction in the school system. Administrator Nadine Hicks, who did the research at the board's request, reported that 15 of 17 schools have p.e. teachers. In the two remaining schools, where site-based councils have opted not to hire p.e. teachers, physical activity is taught by regular classroom teachers.

Hicks reported that p.e. is generally taught once a week in time periods ranging from 30 minutes to one hour.

Board members Carol Stumbo and Johnnie Ross both presented concern over the difference between physical activity and physical education instruction, as well as an apparent emphasis on team sports, rather than individual fitness.

Looking at the report from Prestonsburg High School, Ross said, "There are lots of team sports, but not p.e. instruction."

The board members indicated that instruction in health and in personal fitness activities, such as sit-ups and jumping jacks, is more desirable.

Assistant superintendent, Pete Grigsby, pointed out that the system, at one time, had a curriculum in physical education and health and a

coordinator of physical education.

"Are we eliminating health and p.e. because of budget choices schools have to make?" asked Carol Stumbo, District 4 board member. "I would like to see somebody sit down with health professionals and look at the consequences (of the lack of fitness)."

She added that the report "did not eliminate my concern" over the status of physical education instruction in the county.

Construction projects

Architect Joe Jones reported that bids were received for the PHS athletic complex on November 16. The low bids include:

- Lawns (seeding and sodding), \$48,330.75, Forever Green (only bid);

- Fencing (chain link and gates), no bid, to be rebid;

- Irrigation systems (lawn sprinkler and controls), \$19,719.25, Forever Green (only bid);

- Site improvements-Concrete items, no bid, negotiate with contractor;

- Paving (track, parking, etc.), \$216,411, Mountain Enterprises

(only bid);

- Storm sewer systems, \$7,982.20, Advanced Drainage (materials only; city to furnish labor);

- Grandstands (seating, press box, foundations), \$493,255, Dant-Clayton;

- Lighting, \$169,898, Kyova;

- PA system, miscellaneous electrical, no bid, to be bid.

"The best news I can give you," said Jones, "is we're on budget." However, the work will have to be started piecemeal, with the school system entering into interim contracts for the first few months.

Jones said state official Joe Nance does not want the system to sell bonds for the construction of the PHS and South Floyd High School athletic complexes separately. Rather, Nance advises selling the bonds on both projects together, but the South Floyd project is a few weeks from being ready to be bid.

The interim contracts will lock in the bids for PHS and the system can pay enough money for the contractors to cover their shop drawings, bonding and start-up, Jones said.

Jones also discussed the master plan for renovation of John M. Stumbo Elementary School at Grethel, which he designed after meeting with members of the school's site-based council.

The plan includes the addition of a physical education room at the end, with classrooms around it, and a library near the middle of the current building. Resource rooms, preschool rooms, and rooms for music, art and computers are in the plan, which also calls for a bus loading lane and more parking.

The architect said the plan is based on a student enrollment of about 550, but District 3 board member Jeff Stumbo said he thinks "the area will be opened up by the new road," which will come across Mud Creek from Left Beaver.

Carol Stumbo asked that population projections be verified by the Big Sandy Area Development District.

Fanning said he had heard reports that some members of the site-based council have changed their minds about the building plan, and he asked Jones to provide assurances that the council members agree.

Other matters

Board members nixed a request

from Sheriff John K. Blackburn that the sheriff's office commission for tax collection be increased. Carol Stumbo and District 5 board member Jody Mullins both asked for a cost analysis of the services provided by the sheriff's office.

Mullins requested a report on "what we've expended on the drug dog and security" by the next meeting. Dotson said he will meet with the sheriff.

Finance director Matt Wireman told the board that the system budget committee has had an initial meeting, but that it still lacks four community members.

Dotson made a plea for community members to volunteer for the committee. "We would like people to get involved and help instead of just giving lip service in the restaurant," he said, advising those interested to get in touch with Wireman at the central office.

The committee, which will be meeting once or twice a month according to Wireman, prepares the budget recommendation for the next fiscal year.

The board also heard from Brent Rose, athletic director and coach at Betsy Layne High School, who

talked about the school's gym needs, which include ceiling repairs, a public address system, training room equipment, locker room carpet, and additional seating.

Rose said the gym lost seats when new bleachers were installed, and a total of 1,900 to 2,000 seats are needed if the school is to host a tournament. Three schools — BLHS, as well as Betsy Layne and Stumbo elementaries — use the gym.

Dotson advised Rose to bring a fuller report to the December meeting, including at least three cost quotes for the work to be done. "Tell what you can do for yourself and what the board can do for you," he said.

The board gave enthusiastic support to a program called the Gear Up Project, which is coordinated by Morehead State University and works with students to prepare them for postsecondary education. (A fuller account of the project will appear in a later edition of the Times.)

James Stewart, of the Big Sandy Community Action Program, discussed a program he oversees that expands the summer youth employment project to tutor, counsel and

provide employment for at-risk students throughout the year.

Also at the meeting, the board learned that the state Department of Highways is looking at three options to solve the traffic problem at Betsy Layne Elementary.

It approved a proposal to adopt activity fund software and to train school treasurers.

It approved having fixed assets valued, under new state reporting guidelines.

It referred the proposed building at Allen Central High School athletic field to the budget committee.

It OK'd an outdoor classroom at ACHS.

It appointed Carol Stumbo to the Long Range Planning Committee, which will have its first meeting of the year on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at May Valley Elementary.

It asked Fanning to look into the possibility of having tapes of board meetings aired on cable television throughout the county.

It commended the PHS football team for its excellent showing.

It had a moment of silence in honor of former board member, teacher and coach Tommy Boyd, who died Sunday.



photo by Pam Shingler
Bus driver Ellis Spurlock told members of the Floyd County Board of Education, meeting Monday evening at Betsy Layne, that the policy for selecting drivers for extra-curricular trips is "unfair."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

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Editorial

No need to rush

From the election mess down in Florida have arisen two important lessons — one, that every vote counts and, two, that such mundane things as how a ballot is designed or by what means people vote can make a difference in the results of a close contest.

We're confident that the first lesson has been sufficiently ingrained on the public consciousness. And it now appears the second lesson is making an impact around the country, including in our home state, as Secretary of State John Y. Brown III has proposed several changes in the way the state conducts elections.

However, Kentucky is blessed with an election system which leaves far fewer opportunities for error. You'll see no chads in Kentucky, hanging, dimpled, pregnant or otherwise. And our state's electronic voting machines leave little doubt as to a voter's intent.

In other words, Kentucky currently has a good system for ensuring that every vote counts, so there is no need to rush to make changes which may not be necessary, just so we can say we are reacting to the problems in Florida.

Brown does make several good points about how our state can fine-tune the voting process, such as giving control for ballot design to the state, rather than to local county clerks. Doing so would present uniformity in design statewide and avoid confusing layouts which are bound to occur from time to time when each of the state's 120 counties is asked to reinvent the wheel each election.

In contrast to Brown's incremental approach, however, there have been other election critics who have called for "improvements" which run the very real risk of causing more harm than they cure. Foremost among these are those who have renewed calls for voting over the internet. While such technology may someday prove to be the way to conduct elections, it must be stressed that such a move should not occur until there are sufficient guarantees against fraud.

If elections were conducted over the internet tomorrow, the most notable impact would be that election chicanery would skyrocket. The technology for ensuring against corruption does not yet exist, and if you don't believe that, just ask any teenager how simple it is to get around security measures such as passwords, cookies and IP logging. And are we really prepared for our elections to be thrown into turmoil because of a 17-year-old computer hacker out to prove a point?

Kentucky has no elections next year, so any attempt to change the way we cast our votes or count them should be undertaken slowly, carefully and deliberately, taking every opportunity obtain input from all quarters.

Ask anyone, particularly any business or agency, about upgrades or "new and improved" ways of doing things and you will find that most solutions to problems create other problems which have to be worked out over time. That is not an excuse to resist change, but a warning to change only after careful consideration.

Since Kentucky's current system is a good one — not perfect, perhaps, but one of the best in the nation — it is of utmost importance that the state not rush to fix problems which aren't there.

—Ralph B. Davis



Letters to the Editor

Thank-you's in order

Editor:



Mock drug lab bust was almost like the real thing.

Recently, Prestonsburg Community College held a mock meth lab bust. The project was said to be another one of the great learning experiences held by the college law enforcement program.

The mock project left PCC students saying that, with this type of hands-on activity, they feel they will be better prepared for their future as law enforcement officers.

Mike Dixon, the law enforcement program coordinator, and I, on behalf of the Law Enforcement Student Club, would like to thank the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the Prestonsburg City Fire and Police departments, for their help and interest in the program.

Jonathan Salisbury
Club President

Aides perform a thankless job

Editor:

Today is Thanksgiving Day 2000 and I am with my mom at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Having spent many hours here during the past one-and-one-half years, and having been a health care provider (including administration) for 27 years, I feel qualified and compelled to share my observations.

The nursing assistants who walked off the job were very caring and hard-working women. They performed thankless jobs day after day at meager pay. Nursing home employees have historically been the lowest paid in the health care industry. Not only do they care for our elderly's most basic needs, they are often hit, cursed, bitten and spit upon by combative residents.

I have observed that they are expected to complete a.m. care in two-and-one-half hours. That is the timeframe between breakfast and lunch.

Add to the frustration of low pay, overwork and thankless jobs, they have no voice. For the past year

they have become more and more frustrated. So in order to be heard, they walked. What is most upsetting to me is not that they "abandoned" their patients. My frustration is the administration's response.

This facility has an extremely high employee turnover rate that includes nurses and aides. Never have I seen eight aides working one shift.

Yes, in early 1999, this facility was recognized as one of the best. However, in the fall of 1999, the rapid decline began. Only the physical structure remains the same. The light from the once-bright and shining star has been put out.

Does anyone care?

If we were a truly caring society, the "greatest nation on earth," we would not be paying our entertainers and professional athletes millions and begrudge every dime that goes to our public servants, including health care providers, educators and trash collectors.

Sandra Toussaint, R.N.
Lexington

Criticism of basketball team was wrong

Editor:

I am writing regarding an article in the newspaper on Sunday, November 19. Ed Taylor wrote two articles concerning the Piarist Knights boys' basketball team. In his first column, the Buckhorn at Piarist column, Mr. Taylor stated that one difference between this year's team and last year's team was that the Knights play hard this year.

Well, quite possibly Mr. Taylor doesn't really know how hard the Knights actually do play. It's extremely hard to tell when you only see two or maybe three of our ballgames a season. However, I played on last year's team and I take great offense at his implication that we did not play hard. To say that is an insult to each and every player on that team, to the Piarist School, and to Darnella Bradley as a coach.

Mr. Taylor, you may not like Darnella Bradley, but she was a fine coach and a fine person. Your criticism of last year's team is ridiculous. We may not have won a lot of games, but we definitely played hard.

In fact, I remember an article that was written by Mr. Taylor after last year's district tournament

game with Prestonsburg. In fact, he didn't give us any respect for that game either. No, we sure didn't play a good ballgame. The only reason it was close was because Prestonsburg used their bench.

Who plays the scrubs in a district tournament game? Ahem, nobody! Actually, anytime a seven-player, small-school team can take a full public school right down to the wire in a tournament game, that seven-player, small-school team has played a heck of a ballgame.

This year's team does play very hard. I've had the opportunity to see every single game right from the bench. I do know that they play very hard. They have a fine coach in Gary Kidd.

However, last year they played just as hard and Darnella Bradley was a heck of a coach as well. I don't appreciate Mr. Taylor making the comments that he did. It is one thing to say a team is not real good; however, to criticize the work ethic of a team you never see is flat-out wrong.

Brian P. Yates
Student, The Piarist School

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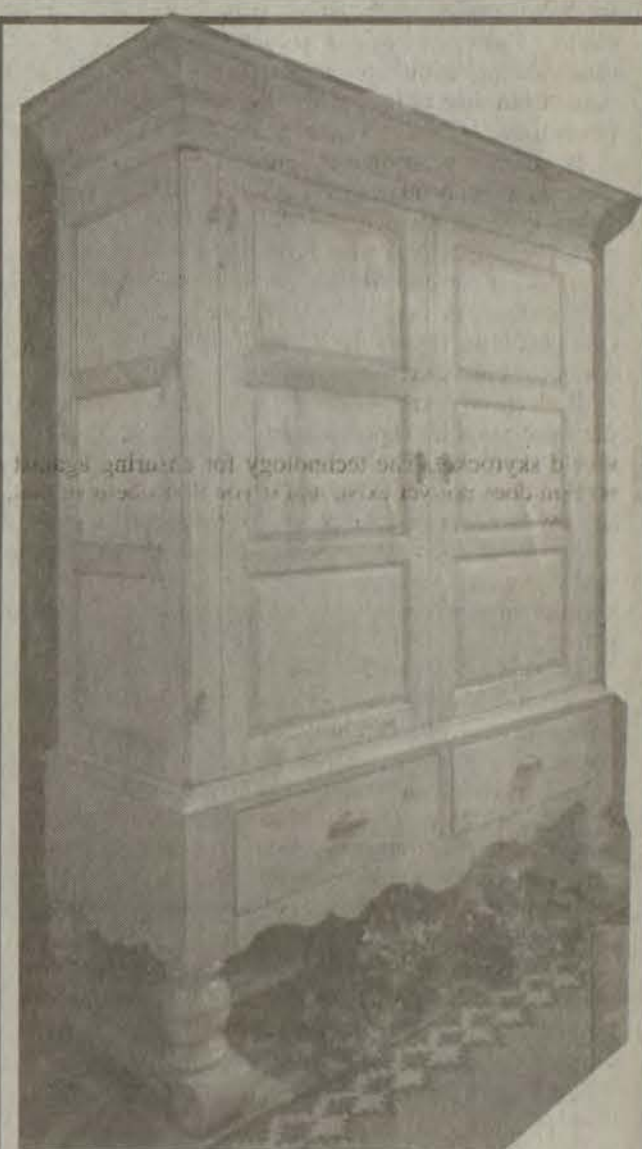
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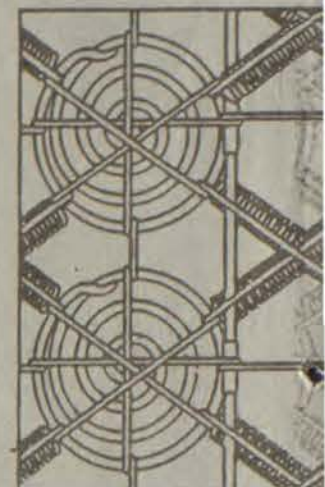
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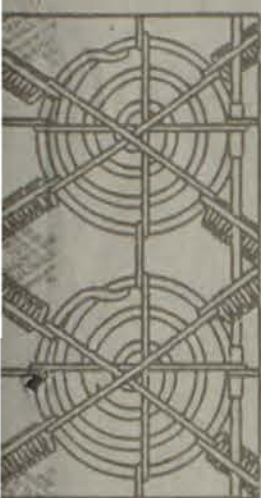
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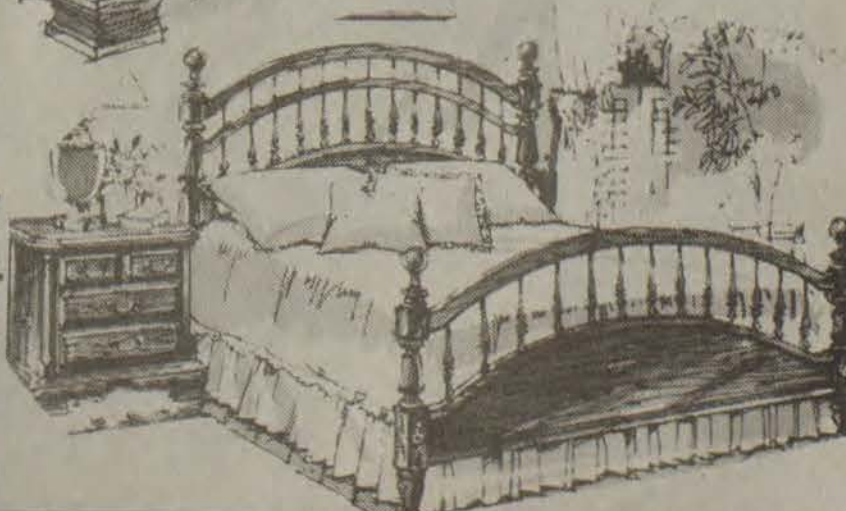


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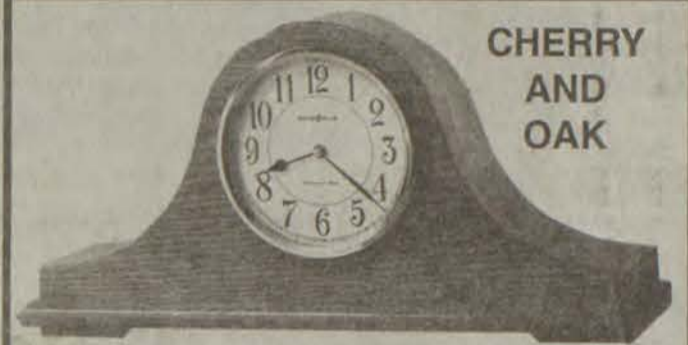
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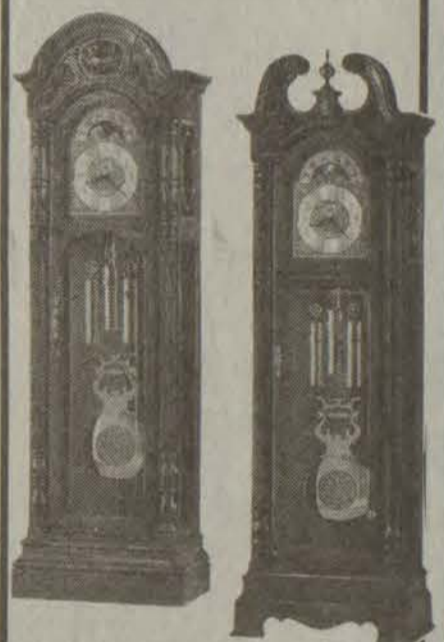
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Pearl

edition of The Floyd County Times.
 Within this story, a dog named "Pearl" was mentioned. "Pearl" is a white female shepherd and spitz mix, about 2 or 3 years old. She has been housed at the animal shelter for quite some time, and was nearing her last chances for adoption. For some reason, despite a sweet and loving nature, Pearl kept getting passed up by those who came to the shelter to adopt a pet.
 Mrs. Barker says that as the children talked about Pearl, they expressed concern to one another that she would not be adopted and would

soon have to leave this world. This was a thought that distressed the children, so they did a little brainstorming and came up with a plan to "Save Pearl."
 The students knew that Mrs. Barker's homeroom always had a class Christmas project, and that in past years, the classes had collected money to pay for animal food to give to the shelter or had given a money donation to help buy medicine and other needed supplies. They reasoned that if they could somehow come up with the money to pay Pearl's adoption fee, that she would then be saved

from an early departure from this world.
 The students began by pledging their daily snack money to their "Save Pearl" Christmas project. Talk of the project soon spread to the other fourth-grade classrooms and they, too, wanted to become involved, so a new "Pennies for Pearl" project was launched among the fourth grade.
 In a matter of just a few short weeks, the students have collected enough money to pay for Pearl's adoption. Now, only an adoptive "parent" is needed.
 The students reason that perhaps a

kind family who would like to have a pet, but can't afford the adoption fee, will hear of Pearl and take her into their home.
 The students have, in essence, played "Santa Claus," and now they are waiting to hear about the family or person who will receive their gift.
 As for Pearl, she has received the gift of life, a fitting gift for this season in which we, as a people, celebrate the ultimate gift of life.
 And as for the students in the Betsy Layne Elementary fourth-grade classes, they have shown us all what the true meaning of Christmas is about.

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Council

proration of city monies, although the usual crowd had not gathered to attend the meeting. After approximately one hour, council again reopened to public forum.
 Michael Moore inquired about receiving answers to questions that he had previously submitted to Mayor Jerry Fannin, Fire Chief Wells, and Asst. Chief Dotson in connection with the city ambulance service, the North Floyd fire district, the Big Branch of Abbott Creek water and sewage project, the Prestonsburg High School football field, and the Prestonsburg "bridge" sign located at

the entrance to the Prestonsburg Village shopping center.
 City attorney David Neeley informed Moore that that information would not be given during Monday's meeting but that the city would attempt to gather the information at a later date.
 Moore then asked why the information could not be given during the meeting and Neeley informed him that according to Kentucky Open Records Law that it was not necessary for the council to have prepared the requested information for the meeting.
 Council then moved to the order of old business and held the second reading of an ordinance to annex into the city corporate limits certain real property located at Mutton Fork of Bull Creek.
 More specifically, it includes

property contained within a new shopping center located in the area.
 Owners of the properties had approached the city with an interest and desire for annexation of the area.
 A motion to approve the ordinance was upheld by the council by unanimous vote.
 The council then moved to the order of new business with instruction to the city clerk to send certified notification to property owners in reference to the Mutton Fork annexation ordinance.
 Next on the agenda was the announcement of the postponement of a presentation by the East Kentucky Center for Science and Mathematics, and Technology with the new presentation date to be announced later.
 Also announced was the decision to sell the city ambulance unit to D&L Services, operating as Respond Ambulance Services, for \$35,000 with the city to receive, in addition,

\$1,000 per month for the right of Respond Ambulance Services to receive all calls for ambulance service requests channeled through the city dispatcher.
 Moving on, Mayor Fannin announced that the May House had agreed to allow the city to lease and have use of its parking lot. Mayor Fannin commented that this was good news and that he appreciated the use of the lot for city purposes.
 In other new business, the council approved a resolution involving the incorporation of the city fire and police departments into one city public safety department.
 The resolution was approved by the unanimous vote of the council.
 Motion to adjourn was then requested and council departed.
 Present at the meeting were Mayor Jerry Fannin, Bill R. Collins, Ralph Davis, Robert Allen, Trent Nairn, Danny Hamilton, Gorman Collins Jr. and Hansel Cooley.

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Letters

Montgomery's show is blend of art, science

Editor:

I would like to urge your readers to take a little time out this week to go over to the Mountain Arts Center and see the wonderful artwork of Pamela Montgomery, a very talented, young Prestonsburg woman. The exhibit, which is being held in the lobby, is unique, in that part of it is the result of Pamela's course work with my husband, Dr. John Shiber, who teaches animal biology, among other things, at Prestonsburg Community College.

In order to graduate from Morehead State University, Pamela enrolled at PCC to take one or two more science courses. She went to Dr. Shiber to see if she could take his newly-introduced course, "Independent Investigations in Biology," asking if there were some way she, as an art major, could do a project which would address both study areas.

After reviewing some of Pamela's artwork, Dr. Shiber suggested that, owing to her exceptional talent, she take on a project which he had long been interested in, i.e., "The Blending of Art and Zoology." It was agreed that she would draw a number of animals, both from models and real life, and present the artwork in an exhibit in PCC's art gallery at the end of the semester, in lieu of the usual written report.

It was a magnificent idea, for, after all, biology is the "study of life," and what is art but, essentially, the same thing? So, over the course of that academic year, Pamela produced some of the finest

drawings of God's creatures that had ever been put to paper.

Unfortunately, despite Dr. Shiber's repeated efforts, he could not procure authorization from those in charge of the PCC art gallery to display Pamela's work there. Too bad for PCC. But, as it turned out, this was terrific for Pamela! Together with two of her Morehead mentors and advisors, Doug Adams and Mike Ousley, she arranged to have the Mountain Arts Center display her work in the lobby. In terms of space and public exposure, she couldn't have made a better choice.

Almost all of Pamela's 41 exhibit pieces are black and white drawings in intricate detail. It is all the more amazing, when one realizes that this young woman is visually impaired. Of her drawings of exotic birds, the exhibit program says they are, "... so finely detailed that you can almost hear them calling out to each other."

Wonderful work, Pamela! Simply wonderful!

Elaine Shiber
 Van Lear

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Ronald Craig Stewart, 24, of Hi Hat, died Friday, November 24, 2000, in McDowell, following a four-wheeler accident.

Born on November 19, 1976, in McDowell, he was the son of Ronald and Brenda Casebolt Stewart, of Hi Hat. He was a coal miner for Starlight Coal, at Allen, and was a graduate of South Floyd High School.

Survivors other than his parents include a sister, Tracie Renee Stewart of Hi Hat; and his maternal grandmother, Della Casebolt of Mousie.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Don Fraley Jr. and Rodney Mosley officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Aaron Hamilton

Aaron Hamilton, 62, of Grethel, died Saturday, November 25, 2000, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, following an extended illness.

Born on November 19, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Chester Hamilton and Opal Johnson Hamilton. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Daisy Mae Tackett Hamilton.

Survivors include three daughters, Arlene Bentley of Frenchburg, Michelle Hamilton, and Abigail Wellman, both of Grethel; four brothers, Ishmael Hamilton, and Randall Hamilton, both of Columbus, Ohio, Daniel Hamilton of Teabery, Amos Hamilton of Jonesville, Michigan; three sisters, Barbara Keathley of Elyria, Ohio, Helen Hamilton of Albion, Michigan, Joyce Coleman of Grethel; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, at noon at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Grethel, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Blanche Opal Hall

Blanche Opal Hall, 77, of Langley, died Sunday, November 26, 2000, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born on October 15, 1923, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Melvin and Elizabeth Anderson Osborne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Hall.

Survivors include six sons, Jimmy Marshall and Carlos Marshall, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Harlos Marshall and Fred Marshall, both of Langley, Clyde Douglas Marshall of Lexington, Bobby McGuffy of Scottsville; four daughters, Rebecca Hall of Martin, Ada Weaver of Cement City, Michigan, Sue Spangler of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Cindia Hall of Langley; three brothers, Bill Osborne of Langley, Doug Osborne of Hunter, Solomon Osborne of Pike County; three sisters, Katherine Hall of Martin, Gladys Adkins of Wilson Creek, Corrine Marshall of Washington State; 28 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Randolph Crisp officiating.

Burial will be in the Hagans Cemetery, Langley, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Donald Elliott

Donald Elliott, 51, of Printer, died Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on June 6, 1949, in Martin, he was the son of the late John Elliott and Ethel Yates Elliott. He was a disabled coal miner and a veteran.

Survivors include one son, Richard Elliott of Printer; three daughters, Marilyn Conn of Dana, Cathy Hunt and Donna Elliott, both of Honaker; two brothers, Ronald Elliott and Jonathan Elliott, both of Printer; one sister, Rita Faye Hancock of Printer; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, November 30, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bruce Coleman officiating.

Burial will be in the Meade Cemetery, at Printer, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Earl Evans

Earl Evans, 70, died Thursday, November 23, 2000, at his home in Newman Lake, Washington.

Born on April 13, 1930, in Grethel, he was the son of the late Charlie and Arminda Evans. He worked as a coal miner into his 20s, then went west to Southern Idaho and became a bricklayer. Later he became a construction engineer and supervised numerous projects around the Inland Northwest. Last October he was honored by the bricklayers union with a 40-year pin. In 1976 he retired to Newman Lake, Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Evans.

Other survivors include two sons, Gary Evans of Indianapolis, Indiana, Earl D. Evans of Warsaw, Indiana; two daughters, Kimberly Hoff and Debbie Evans, both of Newman Lake, Washington; three sisters, Verlie Hall of Warsaw, Indiana, Ethel Williams, Hazel Hamilton, and two brothers, Kennis Evans, and Butler Evans, all of Grethel; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, November 29, at the Hazen and Jaeger Valley Funeral Home, Spokane, Washington.

Greta Glo Clark

Greta Glo Clark, 65, of Harold, died Monday, November 27, 2000, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on January 2, 1935, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Kit and Verdine Hall Stumbo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil B. Clark.

Survivors include one step-son, Kenneth Ray Clark of Pikeville; one daughter, Vanessa Dawn Clark of Harold; six brothers, Paul Stumbo, Klein Stumbo, Larry Stumbo, and Carl Stumbo, all of McDowell, Don Stumbo of Martin, Larry Stumbo of McDowell, Johnny Stumbo of Hippo; two sisters, Helen Hall and Nancy Gibson, both of McDowell; one step-grandchild and two step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, November 30, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

James Dempsey "J.D." Clarke

James Dempsey "J.D." Clarke, 78, of Harold, died Saturday, November 25, 2000, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born January 20, 1922, in Pikeville, the son of the late Victor Clarke and Oriole Price Clark. He was a retired maintenance of way, Chessie system employee, clerk and deacon of the New Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Harold, a WW II Army Air Force veteran with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Sue Layne Clarke.

Other survivors include one son, Gary Edison Clarke of South Point, Ohio; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, at 1 p.m., at the New Salem Regular Baptist Church, Harold, with John Paul Hamilton, James Branham, Hillard Newsome and Danny Hurley officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Orvel Lawson

James Orvel Lawson, 80, of Waverly, Ohio, died Saturday, November 25, 2000, at the Pike Community Hospital, Waverly.

Born on April 23, 1920, in Tazwell, Virginia, he was the son of the late Clinton Lawson and Florence Lowe Lawson. He was a retired coal miner and construction lineman, and was a member and First Elder of Agape Family Center.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Mae Wills Lawson.

Other survivors include six daughters, Janice Henson, Geraldine McBriar, and Dorlas Flannery, all of Prestonsburg, Rejeania Mosier of Waverly, Ohio, Neoma Myers of Columbus, Ohio, Patricia Hardee of Beaver, Ohio; two sons, Robert Hardee of Prestonsburg, Ray Hardee of Piketon, Ohio; one half brother, Benny Morgan of Virginia; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, at the Agape Family Center, Waverly, Ohio, with Marilyn Good officiating.

Burial was in the Mt. Latham Cemetery, Waverly, Ohio, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly.

Jay Blevins

Jay Blevins, 72, of Honaker, died Thursday, November 23, 2000, at his residence.

He was born April 7, 1928, in Johnson County, the son of the late Everett Blevins and Minnie Spears Blevins. He was a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Mary M. Ratliff Blevins.

Other survivors include seven sons, Darrell Blevins, Joey Jay Blevins, Kenneth Blevins and Paul Blevins, all of Columbus, Ohio, Larry Blevins of Fairborn, Ohio, Randy Ratliff and Tony Ratliff, both of Honaker; three daughters, Linda Goodman of Columbus, Ohio, Margaret Tackett of Printer, Sandra Lane of Perry County, Ohio; three brothers, Thomas Davis of Johnson County, Bill Davis of Jacksonville, Florida, Hershel Blevins of Minnie; one sister, Bethel Fulton of Van Lear, 36 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Rodger Thornsby and Joe Adkins officiating.

Burial was in the Blevins and Ratliff Cemetery, Big Branch, Honaker, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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Robert Weideman
Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Reynolds Weideman.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, November 25, at noon, in the Slone Cemetery, at Raven, with Johnny Green officiating.
Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

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First Lady Judi Patton, joined by her granddaughter Judith Paige Johnson and grandsons Chase and Jan Johnson Jr., placed her second First Lady doll in the showcases at the Capitol, on November 27. Mrs. Patton is the first First Lady to have two dolls to mark consecutive inaugurations.

The dolls are provided by the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, which started recreating the inaugural gowns of first ladies in 1971. The Bowling Green Woman's Club and the Bowling Green Junior Woman's Club sponsored Mrs. Patton's second doll.

Phoebe McCoy of Catlettsburg, costumed the doll, which wears a dress identical to the one worn by Mrs. Patton for the second inaugural ball.

The First Lady dolls are on display in the Capitol during regular visitor hours.

Obituaries

Leona Gott Cooley

Leona Gott Cooley, 93, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 25, 2000, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg.

She was born August 30, 1907, in Richmond, the daughter of the late Willie Ray Gott and Ethah Wilson Gott. She was a retired teacher in the school systems of Floyd and Franklin counties, a fund raiser for the American Heart Association, member of the Eastern Star, retired teacher association, past president of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, John Graham Chapter.

Her husband, William Ward Cooley, former Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Cooley of Prestonsburg, William Thomas Cooley of Louisville; one daughter, Winniford Cooley Akers of West Chester, Ohio, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 29, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Rev. Wayne Sayre officiating.

Burial will be in Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Marvin Rowe

Marvin Rowe, 90, of Calvert City, died Monday, October 16,

2000, at Brithaven Healthcare in Benton.

He was the son of the late Miles and Minnie Helton Rowe. He was a maintenance worker at SKW Alloys, and was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 543.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Flannery Rowe.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ford and one son, James A. Rowe, both of Calvert City; two half sisters, Pearl Davis of Shelby Gap, Mae Wright of McRoberts; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 18, at Collier Funeral Home Inc., with Ralph Rudolph and William Franklin officiating.

Burial was in the Marshall County Memory Garden in Benton.

(Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home)

Talmadge Vanderpool

Talmadge Vanderpool, 76, former resident of Estill, died Tuesday, November 28, at Transylvania Memorial Hospital in Brevard, North Carolina. He has resided in North Carolina for seven years. He was retired from Flowers Bakery.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis C. Vanderpool.

Other survivors include one son, Phillip Walker Vanderpool; one daughter, Judy V. Webb; one sister, Loreda Conley of Estill; three grandsons, two granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be conducted at Rocky Hill Baptist Church, Cedar Mountain, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 30, at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in the family cemetery in Crockett's Cove, Wytheville, Virginia, on Friday, December 1, at 1 p.m.

Thomas C. "Tommy" Boyd

Thomas C. "Tommy" Boyd, 75, of Stanville, died Sunday, November 26, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born October 25, 1925, at Wayland, the son of the late Minnie Boyd. He was a retired basketball coach and teacher for the Floyd County School System, and a U.S. Navy veteran.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 29, 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Minister Mark Tackett officiating.

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

Regional Obituaries

Knott County

Marcus Johnson, 80, of Hindman, died Monday, November 20, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 24, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Burchell Jacobs, 63, of Hollybush, died Tuesday, November 21, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Francis Slone Jacobs. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jimmie Amburgey, 60, of Carpentersville, Illinois, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, November 25, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Sue Amburgey. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m., at the Mallett Fork Regular Baptist Church at Pinetop, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

J.C. Mosley, 59, of Hindman, died Friday, November 24, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Combs Mosley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pike County

Myrtle V. Baldwin, 93, of Burdine, died Tuesday, November 21. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Woodrow (Pep) Green

Woodrow (Pep) Green, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 26, 2000, at his residence.

Born on January 26, 1923, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Roe Green and Dolly Robinson Green. He was a retired coal miner and a World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Della Prater Green.

Survivors include one step-daughter, Dorothy Jean Prater; six brothers, Paul David Green of Prestonsburg, Bob Green of Lexington, Carl Green of Warsaw, Indiana, Bill Green of Garrett, Frank Green of Alabama, Glen Green of Wabash, Indiana; one sister, Alice Farrow of Dayton, Ohio; two step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Gary Mitchell officiating.

Burial was in the Fitzpatrick Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Masonic Christmas party

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and Hadassah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Martin, will conduct their annual Christmas party at the lodge hall on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 4 p.m. Santa Claus will be there, and there will be food and entertainment. All members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

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Willard Blackburn, 76, of Toler, died Friday, November 25, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

County Appalachian Regional Hospital in West Liberty. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 19, under the direction of Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Dorsey Robinson Cox, 89, of Christiansburg, Virginia, died Wednesday, November 22. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, under the direction of Horn Funeral Home.

Doria M. Abdon, 71, of Chelsea, Michigan, died Friday, November 10, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 13, under the direction of Cole Funeral Chapel.

Richard Cline Gibson, 75, of Hellier, died Wednesday, November 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Mildred England Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Carmaletta Bailey, 60, of Salyersville, died Monday, November 20, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22, under the direction of Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

William "B.J." Hodapp, 23, of Bryan, Ohio, died Thursday, November 23, at Community Hospitals of Williams County-Bryan in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Roth. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 27, under the direction of Rice Funeral Home.

Homer May, 95, of New Boston, a former resident of Rigrish Addition, died Saturday, October 28, at Greenbriar Convalescent Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 1, under the direction of Caniff Funeral Home.

Norma Ratliff Reed, 77, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, November 24, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Thomas Litteral, 87, of Ashland, formerly of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, November 15, at the King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 18, under the direction of Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Anna Mae Coleman Rogers, 59, of Regina, died Thursday, November 23, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

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Susie Spaulding, 81, died. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Alice Jean Workman, 65, of Williamson, West Virginia, formerly of Stone, died Friday, November 24, at St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Marsella Clark, 93, of Michigan, formerly of Pikeville, died in Michigan. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

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Kentucky Wildcats are on the Prowl!!!

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A Look at Sports

High school hoops!



Well, it has arrived. The high school basketball season and already there is a boat load of games on tap with early tournaments the thing.

The Tip Off Classic at Pike County Central is certainly going to be good, with teams like Leslie County, Prestonsburg, South Floyd, Belfry, Pike Central and Elkhorn City taking part.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will travel to Perry Central for tournament play this week.

When the high school season begins, usually that means that coverage of grade school games ends. But that will not be the case this year as we still plan to give coverage to the lower grades as often as we can. But coaches can help us out by sending us their score sheets by fax. We will try and drop by for some photos when we can.

Coach Brent Rose took his Bobcat team to Magoffin County this past Tuesday night (results in Friday sports). The Bobcats looked very, very impressive in the Sheldon Clark panorama last Saturday. What a come from behind win.

The South Floyd Raiders closed out their exhibition season at Hazard and the Raiders are looking good.

In both scrimmage games, South Floyd built big leads only to see teams come back and then the Raiders winning out by 10.

Against Paintsville, they went in front by 19 before winning by 10. This past Saturday, they led Hazard, who is tapped as the 14th Region's second best team, by 24 points and won by 10.

"We played well against Hazard," said Coach Henry Webb. "In both practice games I think we did all right. Both of them were nice wins for us."

Coach Webb said his team still has some work to do before they get deep into the regular schedule.

"We need to improve our rebounding and work on our interior defense," he said. "When we press, our big kids have a tendency not to rotate causing some break downs."

Up at the Piarist School in Martin, the school announced they have dropped the girls basketball program. That may leave some of the county teams scrambling to fill a date on their schedule.

Coach Gary Kidd told me, when his team played Buckhorn, that the possibility existed that the program could fold.

"We only have five girls," he said. "There is no way we can have a basketball team with just five girls."

Kidd has hoped, under Title IX, to add the five girls to the men's team. But our understanding is that KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout, vetoed the idea. Wondering out loud, will the Piarist School have to play a forfeit fee for games they have scheduled and contracts signed with other teams?

We wish the Knights the best this season. I have never seen a group play as hard as they do to be outmanned when they go the court.

For the next three months, it will be hardwood basketball at its best in the mountains. I think the best basketball in the state will come out of the 15th Region.

Is it time for Tubby Smith to go?

A 1-3 start for the University of Kentucky Wildcats has fans wondering if he can do the job. Some are calling for a benching of key players and playing the young freshmen.

Let's face it, Tayshaun Prince, Marvin Stone and Keith Bogans do not have to worry about turning pro after this season. What Tubby has to worry about is keeping the likes of Jason Parker (freshman) and Erik Daniels (freshman). These two can play the game of basketball. Even Marquis Estill has looked good at times.

I really look for Smith to consider leaving UK after this season. Now, I said, consider leaving. He may have already entertained that thought after last season.

The Cats face a very grueling schedule and the way this team is playing, they could very well have nine losses before the always tough

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South Floyd vs Pike Central

Turnovers hurt South Floyd

Johnson, Ousley score 13 in 52-38 setback

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a much closer game than the final 52-38 finish would indicate but Coach Melenda Osborne made her high school debut with a

loss, but she had to be happy with the way her freshmen played.

In fact, it was the frosh who ignited a third quarter comeback that tied the game at 32-32 heading into the final period.

Pike Central, out of the 59th District, could not put the Lady Raiders away as they scrapped their way back into the game.

Megan Ousley and Ashley Johnson, both freshmen, led South Floyd with 13 points. Johnson, a smooth outside shooter, drained two three point baskets and Ousley used her quickness for easy baskets underneath.

Looking onto the court in the third period, Coach Osborne had four freshmen playing and they were playing well. With the performance of the frosh, the future looks good for South Floyd girls basketball.

Pike Central held a 23-18 lead on a basket by Fallen Sparks. But Johnson drained her first three-point basket and later scored on a lay in to make it a 25-23 game.

Pike Central led 26-23 on a basket by Sparks and an Ashley Russell free throw but with 2:10

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photo by Ed Taylor

FROM THE CORNER South Floyd senior Minnie Tackett (23) launched a shot in tournament play at Pike Central Monday night. It was the season opener for the Lady Raiders.

Leslie spoils opener



Five score in double digits as Prestonsburg falls 79-72

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG (72)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Howell	1	1	6-5	10
Coleman	2	0	8-6	10
Hyden	8	0	5-5	21
Music	6	0	6-6	14
Conley	1	0	13-8	10
Bowling	2	0	0-0	4
White	0	0	2-1	1

LESLIE CO. (79)

players	fg	fta-m	tp
Collett	3	1	5-2
Benton	5	0	6-2
Simpson	4	0	12-8
Roberts	5	1	12-9
Rice	2	0	8-4
Chapell	1	0	0-0
Farmer	1	0	4-3

Prestonsburg13	27	19	13 - 72
Leslie Co21	22	19	17 - 79

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats (0-1) put enough points on the scoreboard but could not keep smaller Leslie County (1-0) from driving the lanes en route to a 79-72 win over the Lady Blackcats.

The two teams met in the opening game of the Tip Off Classic at Pike County Central Monday night. It was the season opener for both teams.

Prestonsburg placed five players in double figures but the Lady Blackcats forgot two important phases of the game: making free throws and interior defense.

All night long, Leslie County found the lane to the basket open and took advantage of the Prestonsburg mistake.

Megan Hyden tossed in 21 point to lead Prestonsburg's scoring. She also picked up four assists and had seven rebounds.

Ramanda Music finished with a strong game with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Angela Howell, Amelia Conley and Brook Coleman

(See **LESLIE**, page two)

PRESTONSBURG'S ANGELA HOWELL (3) went up strong for two points against Leslie County. Howell scored 10 points in a 79-72 loss to Leslie Monday night.

Lady Rebels drop opener on the road at JCHS

Sizemore leads Allen Central with 11

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Lady Rebels hit the road for their season opener Monday against the Lady Eagles of Johnson Central High School. Coach Cindy Halbert was making her debut as Allen Central's new girl's coach, and found things rough her first time as the Lady Rebels head mentor against Coach Phillip Wireman's Lady Eagles.

The two coaches had some classic battles while Halbert was at Belfry. Halbert won her fair share of those

games. However, on this night it would be Wireman and the Lady Eagles who would come out on top.

Allen Central fell behind early and found themselves down and shutout 12-0 at 3:45 in the first period.

The Lady Rebels could never recover from the slow start and came away from Johnson Central with a 71-31 loss.

The Johnson Central senior starting five of Selena Williams, Emma Burke, Emily Salyer, Goldie Wells and Becky McKenzie led the host Lady Eagles out to the commanding lead. The five seniors combined for 48 points, with Wells leading all scorers with 17.

Allen Central senior Shannon Sizemore broke the ice with a short turnaround jumper. Sizemore put her second basket of the first quarter in on

(See **LADY REBELS**, page two)

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SHANNON SIZEMORE (10) is defended by Johnson Central's Tiffany Howard (53). Sizemore led the Lady Rebels with 11 points in their 71-31 loss to Johnson Central.



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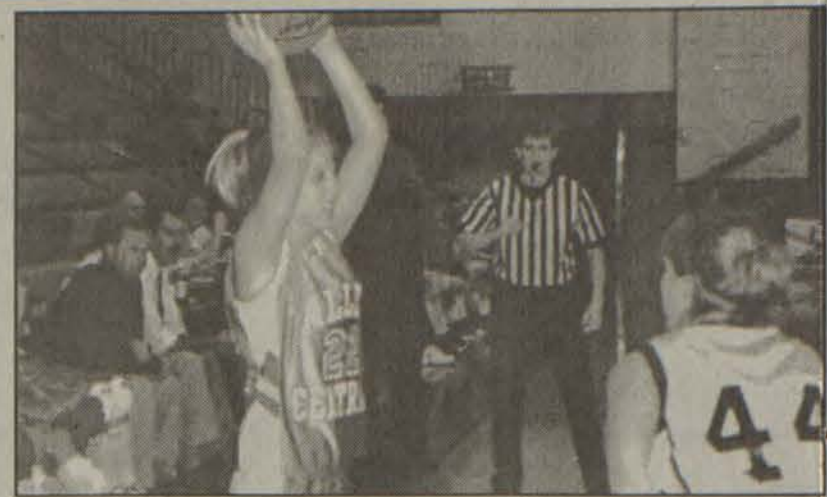


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JENNIFER RISNER (22) looks over Beth Meade (44) of Johnson Central. Risner was injured in the second half of Monday's game at Johnson Central, but returned to the game. She connected on a three-point field goal early in the fourth quarter, giving Rebel faithful something to cheer about.

Lady Rebels

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an acrobatic lay-up one minute later and the Lady Rebels went into the second stanza trailing 14-4.

The Lady Rebels came out strong in the second period going on a 6-0 run. Sizemore, Terri Mullins and Kari Osborne each had a basket in the six-point run. The Lady Eagles led 14-10 at 5:57 in the second quarter, when Johnson Central's Beth Meade ended the Lady Eagles scoring drought with a pair of free throws. Johnson Central went on to score 16 unanswered points.

Sizemore was fouled with a minute to go in the half and made good on both free throw attempts to give Allen Central their last basket of the half.

Burke connected on a three for the Lady Eagles and Williams completed a three-point play the old fashioned way by connecting on a lay-up at the halftime buzzer and draining a free throw to give Johnson Central a 36-12 lead at the half.

Allen Central came out of intermission and played their best quarter of the contest in the third quarter.

Williams put Johnson Central's first score on the board in the third quarter with a running lay-up.

Sizemore went to the charity stripe and connected on Allen Central's first points of the game, a pair of made free throws.

With her team trailing 42-14, freshman point guard Terri Mullins drained a jumper to cut into the big Johnson Central lead.

Down 48-17, Coach Cindy Halbert called a full time-out.

Johnson Central sophomore Ashley Wireman led a Lady Eagle charge coming out of the time-out, with two buckets back-to-back, one

a three-pointer and one a two-point basket, giving Johnson Central a 53-17 lead.

Mullins and Osborne each had a bucket in the final minute and Sizemore was 1-2 from the charity stripe just before the quarter's end, as the Lady Rebels trailed 56-22 after three quarters.

Following a basket from Johnson Central sophomore Michelle Music, Allen Central senior Jennifer Risner answered with a three-point basket. The trey would account for three of Allen Central's nine points in the final quarter.

Johnson Central got out to a 65-25 lead before Mullins broke the Lady Rebels fourth quarter scoring drought with a jumper.

Sizemore remained steady from the charity stripe midway through the quarter when she drained two more free throws.

Freshman Tonya Howard scored Allen Central's final basket on a put back.

Sizemore netted 11 points for Allen Central in the road loss. Mullins finished with nine, while Osborne had four. Risner finished with three and Howard and Spurlock each had a basket apiece.

Burke completed Wells' game-high 17 with 14 points of her own for the Lady Eagles. Williams rounded out the Johnson Central double-figure scorer with 11 of her own.

Johnson Central sophomore Ashley Wireman finished with seven markers coming in off the bench.

"We knew coming in that we would be playing a regional contender in Johnson Central," said Allen Central Coach Cindy Halbert.

"We have a lot of things to work on."

Leslie

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netted 10 points apiece. Coleman had six rebounds as did Conley. Vicki Bowling had four points in the game but came up with a block shot and four rebounds in a good outing.

Valerie Roberts scored 22 points to lead Leslie County and all other scorers. Tabatha Simpson netted 16 with freshman sensation Heather Benton tossing in 12. Jesse Pennington finished with 11.

The game was tied five times the last being at 66-66 mid way of the fourth quarter with just over four minutes to play.

Leslie County went up for good on a basket by Roberts, only the second scored by Leslie in the fourth quarter. While Leslie was cold from the floor, they were the opposite at the charity stripe, attempting 22 free throws in the final eight minutes and hitting 13. For the game, Leslie attempted 41 tosses and made 25.

The interior defense of the Lady Blackcats seemed to break down as they allowed Roberts, Simpson and Benton to drive the middle as though they owned them. However, Prestonsburg coach Harold Tackett said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"I like our effort but we had trouble covering our mistakes," he said. "Against good ball teams mistakes will hurt you."

Coach Tackett looked for the positives from the loss and concluded playing good competition makes you a better team.

"When we play teams like this it only makes you better," he said. "I don't think we will see many teams in our region as good as Leslie County."

Prestonsburg turned the ball over 21 times in the game and that did not set well with the Prestonsburg coach.

"We just did not take care of the basketball," he said. "The bench played well and everyone contributed. The enthusiasm is there, we just came up on the short end tonight."

The Prestonsburg coach said his team has not learned to slide their

feet to explain the reason for so many easy baskets for Leslie County.

"But we will," he promised. "We just gave them, I'd say, 15 short jumpers. If we were to play this team later in the season we would be much more competitive."

Prestonsburg had to foul toward the end of the game and Leslie hit six of eight attempts to put the game away.

"By Christmas we will have some time off and we can correct a lot of these things," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "But I am pleased with the first game."

Coach Tackett said his team did not press last year and it will take time for them to learn it. He then gave forth a warning.

"They just didn't get up and down the floor last year but they will learn it," he said. "When we get all the pieces there, watch out."

Prestonsburg fell behind Leslie County by as many as 15 points twice in the second quarter. They trailed 31-16 before they rallied back with their full court pressure. At half time Prestonsburg had cut the deficit to three points, 43-40 as the two teams headed to the locker area.

With 1:40 to play in the third Prestonsburg had wrestled the lead away from Leslie County led by Coleman, Vicki Bowling, on a good play down low, gave the Lady Blackcats a 59-58 lead with under a minute to play. The game was tied at 59-59 until Roberts sank a long three just ahead of the horn for a 62-59 Leslie County lead.

After Coleman had tied the game with 5:12 to play in the first quarter, Conley completed an old-fashioned three-point play that gave Prestonsburg a 9-6 lead. Tied at nine on a three-point basket by Samantha Collett, Leslie County went on a 12-4 run that gave them a 21-13 lead at the first stop.

Prestonsburg attempted 40 free throws in the contest but could only connect on 29.

Prestonsburg returns to the hardwood tonight in a 8:15 tip off against Elkhorn City.

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Courtside with Ed...

Raiders no soft show anymore

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

When the South Floyd basketball program got its initial start five seasons ago, everyone wanted to schedule the Raiders for their homecoming night, but how things have changed the past two seasons.

Today, the Raiders are the last team to receive such an invitation because they are one of the region's premier teams.

Coach Henry Webb believes, as well as his team, that the Raiders are the team to beat in the 58th District and one of the top three teams in the region.

Coach Webb took time to break down the 58th District for us.

"I think Allen Central is going to be strong," he said. "They lost some key players from last year. That is going to hurt them but they have a couple players back that did not play last year."

"I don't know how deep they are going to be but Johnny (Martin) and I have become friends over the last two years and, as I have said before, he knows how to win. I look for them to be a strong contender."

Coach Webb is a former classmate with Betsy Layne coach Brent Rose when both played on the great 1989 McDowell team.

"Brent did a great job last year at Betsy Layne and he stepped into a great situation," said the South Floyd coach. "He works his players hard. He is a good guy, good character, and he knows a lot about basketball. They are going to be awful strong. They have good perimeter players. They have good inside players and pretty good depth. They are going to be strong and tough to handle."

Coach Webb said there was a lot of pride at Prestonsburg and he said this will be a different Prestonsburg team than we saw last year.

"They won the district championship three or four years in a row," said the Raider mentor. "I look for them to be strong and a competitive team."

"In our district there are no so-called cup cakes. When you go to play you had better come to play or you are going to get beat."

Webb, always the optimist, said that his Raider team was the defending district champions and "we're the team to get!"

"That is the way I am and that is the way I want our kids to be," said Webb. "When we go out we expect to win. We don't say we are going to play to win, but now we are saying that some one is going have to play their socks off to beat us."

Bears win Thanksgiving Invitational

Tournament MVP Ricky Freeman tossed in 29 points and grabbed eight rebounds as Pikeville College won a wild championship game of the Pikeville College Thanksgiving Invitational 95-89 over Rio Grande Saturday night.

Freeman, a 6-5 senior was 10-of-15 from the field and 9-of-10 from the stripe en route to the title.

Pikeville (5-3) had an outstanding night from the floor, hitting 52.5 percent (31-of-59) from the floor and 43.8 percent from the three-point stripe. The Bears were also solid from the free-throw line, hitting 26-of-37 for 70.3 percent.

"We've done a nice job of scoring this year, that hasn't been a problem," said Randy McCoy, head coach of the Bears. "But we struggle sometimes on the defensive end. Still, this was a great win for these guys."

The win kept Pikeville perfect in four home games this season. The next game at the Pikeville College Gym will be a good one-Pikeville's first home Mid-South Conference matchup is Saturday at 7:45, hosting No. 8 Georgetown College.

The Bears had four players in double figures, including junior Adam Reed, who had 17 points and eight assists. Josh Walker, who was 4-of-8 from the three-point line, had 14 points, while Craig Ratliff had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Rio Grande (6-2) placed five players in double figures, paced by Nathan Copas, who had 19 points and seven assists. Chris Ballenger finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Others in double figures included Joe Delaney with 12, Joe Martin with 11 and Scott Davis with 10.

Pikeville took advantage of some 21 Redmen turnovers to keep the pace fast. The Bears turned the ball over 13 times themselves.

Shelby Valley is one of the region's favorites to win this year and Coach Webb looks at the Wildcats as a definite threat.

"Coach (Rodney) Rowe does a great job at Shelby Valley," he said. "We split the two games we played them this summer. They are going to be very tough."

"Of course, Magoffin County is going to be awful tough with the big kid they got."

The boys and girls 15th Regional tournament will be held at Shelby Valley this year and both Wildcat teams will be favored to win it all.

However, the season has just started and there is a long ways to go before March.

Q95 CLASSIC

Radio Station WQHY-95 will sponsor the first annual Q95 Floyd County Classic on Saturday, December 9 at the Prestonsburg gymnasium.

Sportscaster Rick Hughes has worked hard to put together the Classic and it will feature six teams from the 15th Region and two from the 16th.

"My original plan was to bring in teams from the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th regions," said Hughes. "But we got East Carter and Lawrence County from the 16th. The rest comes in from the 15th."

Admission to the four games slated for the day is only \$5 for all four games. What a bargain! That is just over \$1 per game. The admission price is for both adults and students.

"We wanted to make it affordable for the students to come to the games," said Hughes. "Also, all the proceeds from the tournament, once expenses has been taken out, will be split between the eight teams."

The first game will pit Betsy Layne

against Joe Marson's Millard Mustangs. Game time is set to tip off at 1:30 p.m. Game two will feature Johnny Martin's Runnin' Rebels of Allen Central against Lawrence County in a game slated to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Prestonsburg will meet East Carter in a 5:30 p.m. start of game three.

Game four could very well be a preview of the regional finals when Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders meet Magoffin County at 7:30 p.m.

"We started having it first at Prestonsburg because it is centrally located," said Hughes. "But we will

rotate it each year at a different location."

Each team will receive 20 t-shirts and a Player of the Game award will be presented to each team. Three-men crews will handle the officiating of the four games.

"We have some good people helping us out with the games," said Hughes, "like Pepsi, T&D Sporting Goods, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen and East Kentucky Graphic."

This is going to be one big day of high school basketball and don't confuse this with those preseason panoramas.

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Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Derek Smith could be tonic for Tubby's lethargic Wildcats: UofL football has 'opportunities'

Little wonder Tubby Smith is scratching his head after his team's 1-3 start. More than a few of us are puzzled too. Atrocious shot selection, bad free throw shooting, and mindless defense. But the real puzzler is UK's shamefully lethargic and passive play against Penn State and before

that St. John's. Best news this week for frustrated UK fans? Sophomore Derek Smith will put on a uniform. Curious how quickly after

the football season Hal Mumme stamped this one for approval. Derek Smith could be the healing tonic Kentucky needs. A young man who plays with passion and pride in the school name written across his chest. A kid who knows what it means to put on a Kentucky uniform.

Won't happen of course, but Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans should be benched until they exhibit maturity and selflessness. Their performance so far is a demonstration of how infecting an NBA dream can be. Their on-court attitude and lack of enthusiasm and absence of smart basketball, has shown that both are playing for themselves and their dream.

It will be interesting to see if Tubby Smith is able to 'persuade' them to change priorities.

UofL FOOTBALL'S OPPORTUNITIES

Thirteen college head football coach openings so far. One of them is Arizona State, said to be interested in Louisville's John L. Smith. But the skinny is this job goes to TCU's Dennis Franchione if he wants it. Florida State offensive coach Mark Richt is also interested.

ASU's request to talk with Louisville football coach about its job opening is an opportunity for the Cardinals coach and UofL fans. 1. Smith has a chance to indulge himself in a bit of flattery, then say, "thanks for the free trip to Tempe and for dinner, but no thanks. I have a good job in a good community in the eastern time zone where SportsCenter is seen at a reasonable hour and we're moving on up. I have a good (football-minded) boss, a shiny new stadium, a program that just cracked the Top 25 and is number one in our state. (Arizona State is generally considered second banana to Arizona in the Sun Devil World).

2. Smith's flirtation with ASU, if that's what it is, can be a starting gun for UofL fans to make a public show of support at precisely the moment when Louisville football has reached a plateau, the top side of which, Cardinal fans have not enjoyed since Howard Schnellenberger's Cards routed Alabama in the 1991 Fiesta Bowl in, yes, Tempe, Arizona.

While waiting around for the Liberty Bowl Dec. 29, fans can write letters, postcards and e-mails and make telephone calls to the athletics department.

Romance John L. for his team's 9-2 season and league title. And remind him of his Thanksgiving week bonanza. The university put bonus money in his pocket twice for winning C-USA and getting UofL into the Top 25 for the first time in a dozen years.

3. Striking the iron while it's hot. Louisville Cardinals is still playing in a year when the team down I-64 isn't. And it comes at a time when the Commonwealth has more and better D-1 high school prospects than at any time in a decade.

Louisville is in ideal position to reap a bountiful harvest. The key is keeping Smith, keeping the media spotlight, trumpeting coaching staff stability, and fans making their support loud and frequent.

REX CHAPMAN

Rex Chapman's play-for-pay basketball days are over. Doesn't seem possible. Yet, since

his days in Owensboro, the Dixie Chicks grew up and arrived, Michael left, came back and left again, and Kentucky has had four basketball coaches.

Changing of the guard.

Barely 14 years ago Chapman was Kentucky Mr. Basketball and the darling of a generation of hoop kids. His No. 3 jersey number was as popular from Ashland to Paducah as Tim Couch's No. 2 a decade later.

Chapman was a fascination and arguably yes, this is a mouthful the finest player ever in the Bluegrass. Not for 2,286 he scored at Apollo High or 1,073 in two seasons at Kentucky, but because of his grace and dynamism and 39-inch vertical leap.

It is to his credit that the King Rex appendage and crushing celebrity were embarrassments more than pleasures. As much as Cotton Nash, Dan Issel and Jack Givens basked in the Lexington limelight, Chapman seemed to hide. He found it suffocating and was forced to leave before it was time as UK headed for NCAA probation.

To me, Rex Chapman was the embodiment of Robert Redford's Roy Hobbs in *The Natural*. A mystical innocent from the farm flatlands gifted with a coalition of grace and savvy, anticipation and passion. A sparkle in the eye. And recognition: when to pass, when to shoot.

In large part, Chapman's pop-star quality off-court and instinctive charisma on it, were enriched by a disdain for showboat. He made basketball a ballet some of us graybeards remember before NBA marketers corrupted the game.

What now for the rich 33-year-old father of four? Coaching, Chapman was asked? His father Wayne did so successfully. And, father-in-law Dean Hobbs squired Breckinridge County to the State championship in 1995. Changing of the guard.

PARTING SHOT

Duke's Shane Battier to USA Today: "I'm just one person trying to live right."

There is this idea that you can't win in sports unless you're mean. I want to show that you can live the right way, enjoy life and be successful." And so it goes.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to bob Watkins at P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740 or on the internet at Sprtsinky@aol.com. And visit our website www.bobwatkins.com

Turnovers

left in third, Johnson buried her second trey to tie the game at 26-26.

After a short jumper by Sparks gave the lead back to Pike Central, Ousley went on a spurt of her own and scored six consecutive points in 31 seconds that gave South Floyd a 32-28 lead. But Weddington hit one of two free throws and connected on a three-point basket just as the horn sounded to tie the game at 32-32.

At the onset of the fourth quarter, a new lineup was inserted and South Floyd lost some of their quickness and ball handling skill. The Lady Raiders committed 12 turnovers in the fourth quarter as Pike Central began to put some distance between them and South Floyd. Weddington hit a three-pointer and Russell completed an old-fashioned three-point play to give Pike Central a 39-34 lead.

South Floyd turned the ball over on six of eight possessions and the Lady Hawks took the lead to 11 points, 45-34 before Mitchell's basket. The biggest lead for Pike Central came at 51-36 before Ousley's steal gave the final margin of 52-38.

Senior Minnie Tackett finished with six points and Mitchell added four. Stacia Stanley added two.

Russell led all scorers with 22 points. Sparks netted 13 and Weddington finished with 12. Thacker and Hall had one point apiece.

GAME NOTES:

• All-Regional player, Ashley Melvin, did not play for the Lady Hawks, having undergone surgery Tuesday for a knee injury. Melvin could be out until late in the season, according to Pike Central coach Tammy Tussey.

"It will take her about eight weeks of rehabilitation and then it will be late in the season when she returns," said Coach Tussey. "But she could be back sooner than that."

Melvin had already committed to play basketball for Pikeville College next season and Pikeville coach Bill Watson said she will be all right.

"She will be ready to play next fall," he said. "It is going to take time but she is a good kid and she will be ready."

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Dec 9	@ Ga Tech	Atlanta	ESPN	Noon
Dec 16	@ Michigan St	E.Lansing	CBS	1:00
Dec 22	vs Indiana	Louisville	ESPN	9:00
Dec 27	HIGH POINT, NC	Lexington	UKTV	8:00
Jan 2	@ Louisville	Louisville	ESPN	7:00
Jan 6	GEORGIA	Lexington	FoxSn	8:00
Jan 10	SO. CAROLINA	Lexington	JP	8:00
Jan 13	NOTRE DAME	Lexington	CBS	2:00
Jan 16	TENNESSEE	Lexington	ESPN	9:00
Jan 20	@ Ole Miss	Oxford	CBS	1:00
Jan 27	VANDERBILT	Lexington	Fox SN	8:00
Jan 31	@ Georgia	Athens	d-UKTV	7:30
Feb 3	@ So. Carolina	Columbia	JP	1:00
Feb 6	FLORIDA	Lexington	ESPN	9:00
Feb 10	MISSISSIPPI ST	Lexington	JP	1:00
Feb 14	@ Tennessee	Knoxville	JP	8:00
Feb 17	@ Vanderbilt	Nashville	JP	1:00
Feb 21	LSU	Lexington	JP	8:00
Feb 25	@ Arkansas	Fayetteville	CBS	1:00
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STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS...

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Fast Lane Classic a classic!

Saturday afternoon, I made my way over the hill from house in Johnson County to nearby Martin County and Sheldon Clark's Fast Lane Tip-Off Classic.

Johnson Central opened up the panorama by falling to West Virginia's Guyan Valley. Talking to new coach Les Trimble after the ball game, he mentioned that his team could score, but have yet to play very much defense.

"We are not playing defense,"

said Trimble. "We have scored in both of our preseason scrimmages, but we're still not playing defense the way we should."

The Golden Eagles also lost a pre-season scrimmage game to 12th region power Lincoln County a couple weeks back.

Coach Brent Rose and his Betsy Layne Bobcats looked great in their Fast Lane Classic game with Huntington High.

The Bobcats took to the floor in the second game of The Classic and found themselves down by a double-digit deficit before climbing back into game and winning out in

the end.

Senior Brock Keathley lived up to his preseason billing as one of the best players in the region. The entire Betsy Layne team played good for that matter.

I was particularly impressed with the play of junior Brandt Brooks coming in off the bench. Brooks had a good season on the

gridiron, despite fighting injuries. He looks to be equally as good on the hardwood.

Coach Rose and his team will be a force in the 15th Region this season. Folks in Betsy Layne have a lot to

My only question after watching the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals in Saturday's Fast Lane Classic is simply this: Can anyone beat this team?

As I watched the Lady Cards

Saturday is any indication, could perform well enough to come out of the district and make their way into the 15th Region Tournament at Shelby Valley.

Time will only tell. That's all for now, get out and catch a basketball game. The high school hoops season is here and many a basketball fan couldn't be happier.

Roundball Notes....

look forward to this season as both the boys and girls are playing very well heading into the start of the regular season. The 58th District tournament will be held at Betsy Layne this season, so that's also a plus for Bobcat fans.

Blackcat football leftovers

With Matt Stone, Chris Spriggs, Kevin Jervis and Joey Willis all returning next season, the Prestonsburg Blackcats would have to be the preseason number one coming into the season. I know it's early, but I'm already excited about Spring football practice.

One question lingers: Where will the Blackcats hold their spring drills, if the new field under construction?

It doesn't matter. This year's team had heart, they never gave up and they played it until the final horn sounded. Despite being behind by five touchdowns, Prestonsburg never gave up against Boyle County last Friday night. You have to admire that in a high school athletic team in these days of prima donnas know-it-alls.

Coach DeRossett and his team of Blackcats brought s all a bunch of excitement throughout the high school playoff season.

Lady Cards dominate, Cards also look good

opponent Chapmanville High (WV) war up, I saw a team that ran a good three-man weave and a team that hit over three-fourths of their jump shots and nearly all of their free throws. However, as they began the game with the Lady Cards, things drastically changed. Morehead State signee and Miss Basketball candidate Mandy Harmon had her way on the post. Sophomore center Kelli Moore also had her way all night long. These Lady Cards are for real.

As soon as the Sheldon Clark Cardinals tipped off against the Tolsia Rebels in the nightcap, I could tell this was a much different Cardinal team. First-year coach J.R. Hammonds is the coach and the Cardinals are playing much-improved basketball. Although the football players had yet to join the basketball team, the Cardinals still looked impressive. Junior Ryan Howell played very well at a guard position for Sheldon Clark. The steady junior stepped to the line in the first half and sank two free throws with ease. Ryan's older brother senior Chad is also a guard for the basketball Cardinals. He joined the Cardinals earlier this week and will be a valuable part of Sheldon Clark's offense.

Sheldon Clark will have home court advantage when the district tournament tips off. The Cardinals host the district this season and, if

New course at Pine Mountain gets official name

The championship golf course now under construction at Pine Mountain Resort Park in Frankfort has an official name.

"Wasioto (wah see OH tah) Winds" takes its name from the Shawnee word meaning Valley of the Deer. The Shawnee used the word to describe the land that became the eastern portion of Kentucky.

Park commissioners Kenny Rapiere chose the name from among three choices (of 481 entries) submitted by a seven-person local committee. The other finalists were "Devils Backbone" and "The Narrows."

Wasioto Winds is expected to be opened next spring. The 18-hole championship course was designed by internationally recognized golf architect Michael Hudson.

Assistant Athletics Director featured at UK Alumni Club meeting

Sandy Bell, assistant athletics director-compliance at the University of Kentucky will be featured at the fall meeting and banquet of the Big Sandy UK Alumni Club at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. A reception begins at 6:30 p.m.

All alumni and friends of UK are invited.

For more information contact Drew Anderson at (606) 886-2206.

CORRECTION

Leslie Dotson, a 16-year old sophomore at Prestonsburg High School, was recently crowned the Racking Horse Youth World Grand Champion. An article in Sunday's Sports reported that Dotson won reserve honors, when she actually won first place honors and a Racking Horse Youth World Grand Championship. Congratulations to Dotson for her great accomplishment.

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SEC schedule.

The Wildcats looked horrible against unranked Penn State who shot the daylights out of the Cats with a three-point barrage by two brothers — Joe and John Crispin. I can see one player bomb you out of the game but not two. I wonder what Tubby was thinking on the bench when the Crispin Brothers were "burning to Crisp" the nets at Rupp Arena.

It was the first time since 1988 that Kentucky lost a home opener.

There was absolutely no defense on the part of Kentucky out around the perimeter. These guys were hitting treys behind the NBA arc.

It doesn't get any better come Saturday when the Cats have to travel to Chapel Hill and face North Carolina. After a date with Travis Ford's ECU Colonels (he should be encouraged by the Cats losing) Kentucky must face Georgia Tech and Michigan State on the road before going to Louisville and playing Indiana.

After that, try playing Georgia (who is playing great basketball), Notre Dame and Tennessee. It is possible for the Cats to be 4-11 at mid January.

If the way Kentucky is running the ball can be called an up tempo game, then we can classify a stall an up tempo game. The pressure defense the Cats play is a token one. Just to let the opposition know they actually did get off the bus.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Feature:



Warm winter thoughts

I guess I ought to be ashamed to admit it, but as I scraped thick frost from my windshield the other morning (a morning reminiscent of those when I was a kid and Dad and a bunch of neighbors would get together and kill a hog), I never once thought of global warming.

Then again, neither did it come to mind three or four months ago when it was 110 in the shade and a black dog's tongue nearly dragged the ground.

The topic did occur to me this past weekend, though, as I read the Sunday paper and came across a headline that read: "No accord reached on global warming."

I seldom read stories buried that deep in the paper, but to be quite frank, there was little else worth reading, what with page after page being dominated by tales of pregnant chads and Supreme Court rulings in Florida. Even the sports pages were a downer since UK lost another game it should have won.

Anyway, the gist of the global warming article was that for the past couple of weeks there's been a big conference going on in the Netherlands between negotiators from countries all over the world. The express purpose of the meeting was to try and find common ground on ways to end the greenhouse gases emitted by every smokestack and tailpipe on the planet. A worthy way to spend two weeks if there ever was one.

However, the story was not about what was being accomplished, but rather focused on the opposite. Now, it seems, everything's been called off because European and US negotiators have fallen out, because one group—I can't remember which one, not that it really matters—accused the other of getting the best end of the bargain.

Hello? Say what? I mean, if these people are so worried that carbon dioxide (the dominant greenhouse gas) is destroying the ozone and eventually the earth and everything on it will be reduced to mere crispy critters, why squabble over who has an advantage?

It sort of reminds me of the time back in the mid-1940s when my Uncle George came to visit and told little brother Joe and me he was going to give each of us a dollar. We were delighted, of course, and immediately began making plans how to spend it. Then he told us he was going to give one of us a dollar that weekend and give the other a dollar the next weekend. All we had to do was decide between us who would get the first dollar.

We couldn't, and he kept his two dollars.

If two little boys can't agree on something as important to them as that (two dollars in 1945 was a flat fortune), I suppose we can't expect 170 countries to agree on anything, either. If global warming is indeed occurring, I guess it'll likely continue to do so.

Good neighbor

Beautifying the neighborhood

by PAM SHINGLER
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Off the main roads is often where you find the sweetest treasures. So it is on North Central Avenue in Prestonsburg. Go a block behind Layne's Hardware, and you'll see a neighborhood of yards that look as if the owners hire professional landscapers for design and maintenance. Not so. Despite the fact that most of the lawns look as if they could be featured in posh magazines, these folks don't really spend a lot of time and

money on them. They just happen to be lucky enough to live on the same block as their good neighbor, Paul Setser. "Paul is the neighbor everyone would love to have," says Sherry Shepherd, who, with her husband Greg, is among the beneficiaries of Setser's generosity. Shepherd, who took these pictures to prove her point, wants people to know how much the neighborhood values Setser. Assisted by his wife Pat, Paul Setser has landscaped the yards of five of his neighbors, plus his own, Shepherd says. In addition to the Shepherds'

yard, he has worked on the lawns of the Earl Castles, Danny and Lora Hamilton, Carl and Robbie Bingham, and Lon and Denise May (formerly the home of the late Buster and Delphie Patton). "He always has time for questions in regard to the care of plants and shrubs, and he doesn't mind showing you how," Shepherd says. She adds that the retired teacher and principal also volunteered his landscaping skills to Johnson Central and Porter Elementary schools. Shepherd says she and her neighbors are grateful to Paul and Pat Setser for their help in making the neighborhood attractive and worth driving through.



Good Neighbor

Do you have an exceptionally good neighbor? Write down what makes him or her an asset to you and your neighborhood. Send it, with pictures if possible, to Pam Shingler, *Floyd County Times*, PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Include a number where you can be reached during the day.

Setser, center, assists Greg and Sherry Shepherd in redesigning their lawn.

Paul and Pat Setser are valued neighbors in their Prestonsburg neighborhood. They've helped landscape five lawns, plus their own.

Reverse Psychology

If child psychology is the study of child behavior and how to deal with children, then the adult version must be the reverse. I haven't heard of any such courses for children but I know of a child who could come across as a graduate. At least he knows well how to handle two grandparents.

Donovan Stumbo is the four-year-old son of Michelle and David Stumbo of McDowell, and he enjoys visiting Michelle's parents, Linda and Troy Samons of Banner.

Linda works at the Betsy Layne Branch of First Commonwealth Bank, but she has the weekends free for visiting grandchildren. Donovan came on Saturday morning recently and, as soon as he walked in the door, he said, "Mamiaw, I'm so happy about you today." And of course she told him she was happy about him, too.

He complimented her on how she looked and offered to

go shopping with her in case she needed to go out for anything. That meant he knew the way to Wal-Mart, and I don't mean the road.

Donovan's grandfather, Troy, is not the same easy mark that Linda is for him. Sometimes he has been known to scold him, like the day he was taking a nap on the couch and the child woke him up to play a game. He didn't get too upset about the scolding but searched

until he found a rubber band. He said, "Here, Papaw, I want you to put this on your wrist." Troy said, "Why do I want that thing on my wrist?"

"Because," he answered, "the next time you wake up

pull the band back and flip yourself on the wrist. Maybe that will remind you not to

be so cross."

I think Donovan ought to get his diploma.

A Full Service Store

I stopped by P & H Hardware in Harold a few days ago to have some keys made. It took a while to process the

keys so I passed the time by looking around at the different merchandise they carried. Then I spotted a sign they had posted behind the counter.

Evidently they've had a few customers who didn't take care of their accounts promptly, for the sign read, "TO OUR PAST DUE CUSTOMERS, WHEN YOU DIE, PLEASE LET US BE YOUR PALL BEARERS. WE'VE CARRIED YOU SO LONG WE'D LIKE TO FINISH THE JOB."

Get Well Wishes

Russell Jacobs is a Regular Baptist minister who is recuperating from quadruple by-pass open heart surgery. I'm sure many friends join me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

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SMALL WORLD



in a bad mood, you can
by Aileen Hall

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Organizations

Prestonsburg Woman's Club stays active

The GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club began the 2000-01 club year with a meeting the first week of September at its clubhouse in Archer Park.

Plans for the year were discussed, including informational programs to be presented, fun projects and service projects to be implemented, and that each meeting would have a different community service focus.

During the October meeting, Dr. Tom Matijasac of Prestonsburg Community College spoke to the club about Kentucky's Progressive Movement and women's suffrage.



Dr. Thomas Matijasac of Prestonsburg Community College was the October speaker at the Prestonsburg Woman's Club meeting. He was greeted by president Judy Bowen.



Prestonsburg Woman's Club members who attended the district conference included, from left, Joyce Short Allen, Judy Bowen, Melissa Forsyth, Garnett Fairchild and Burieta Gearhart.



Club members gathered at their clubhouse in Archer Park for the September meeting of Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

His presentation was scheduled as part of the General Federation and Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC/KFWC) "Get Out the Vote" theme for the year, encouraging women to exercise their right to vote.

In support of this, prior to the voter registration deadline in early October, local club members handed out get-out-the-vote flyers at local businesses.

The community service focus for October was on Berea's New Opportunity School for Women. Members donated office supplies to be mailed to the school.

Also in October, the seventh district fall conference was held in Whitesburg, featuring district and state goals. In attendance from the Prestonsburg club were seventh district governor Joyce Short Allen, who presided over the conference, PWC president Judy Bowen, corresponding secretary Melissa Forsyth, and members Burieta Gearhart and Garnett Fairchild.

At its November meeting, the Prestonsburg club members worked on arts projects in decoupage and ceramics. For the monthly community service focus, members brought children's hats, coats and mittens to be donated to the local family resource center.

Also in November, PWC members Joyce Short Allen, Judy Bowen, Burieta Gearhart and Pam Weiner Skeen went to Louisville to attend the GFWC's southeastern regional conference.

At the conference, they met with club women from Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee to discuss new ideas for service in the areas of community improvement, women's health, and domestic violence prevention. Additional priorities for women's clubs across the country include efforts to improve literacy, support libraries, develop leadership skills, and encourage voter participation.

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (November 28 & 30, 1990)

Local police have identified a motive and a possible suspect in the savage slaying Saturday of an 85-year-old Hueysville man... "This is the largest cocaine bust ever made in the City of Prestonsburg," said Prestonsburg City Detective Jeff Stumbo as he displayed large and small bags of white powder, marijuana and \$900 in cash. A total of 53 grams (approximately \$5,300 worth) of cocaine was confiscated during the raid... There died: Billie Hughes, 85, of Hueysville, Saturday, at his home, victim of a gunshot wound; Florence Moore Hinkle, 86, of McDowell, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sidney Lou Flanery Fraley, 61, of Ashland, Friday, at King's Daughters' Medical Center; Carolyn S. Cook Stephens, 48, of Corydon, Ind., formerly of Drift; Whitney Nichole Scott, infant daughter of Dwayne and Gladys Faye Marsillett Scott of Ivyton, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Arnold Hughes, 73, of Albany, formerly of Drift, Tuesday, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Bessie Ann Halbert, 82, of Langley, formerly of Martin, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Matt V. (Fat) Owens Jr., 65, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Elliott Zane Rice, 33, of Jones Fork, Mousie, Saturday, at Tri-County Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (December 3, 1980)

Floyd County's first slaying in a period of 16 months took place at Garrett, late Thanksgiving Day, when Frankie Gibson, 24, allegedly shot and killed his brother, Grover Gibson, 29, at the home of the victim. The record of no homicides, which began in July, 1979, was unprecedented in the history of the county and is believed to have been one of the longest in the nation for a county of 45,000 population... Following recent criticism by county and ADD officials, a State Parks Department spokesman was anxious this week to clear up any misunderstanding concerning remodeling presently underway at May Lodge... Among the federal programs facing an uncertain future under the new Republican administration is the \$300 million program that funds legal aid for poor people in non-criminal cases. Affected could be some 8,000 eastern Kentuckians, the number seen in an average year by attorneys with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund... Martin's new water commissioners met a second time with city and county officials last week, pledging their best efforts to resolve that town's chronic water and waste water problems... There died: Eunice Akers, 63, of Dema, Saturday; Cora Cook, 83, Tuesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Rhonda Handshoe, 86, of Hueysville, Saturday at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Ellis Bolen, 74, of Hueysville, Saturday at his home; Lucretia Spurlock, 57, of Hueysville, Wednesday at her home in Sun City, Ariz.; Goldia T. Curnutte, 89, of Auxier, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Butler Horn, 72, of Auxier Road, Sunday at St. Josephs Hospital; Lawrence A. Hicks, 73, of Wheelwright, Tuesday at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Isaac Fitzpatrick, 70, of Middle Creek Road, Saturday at his home; Andrew I. Stephens, 75, of Harold, Saturday at his home; Bill Sizemore, 77, a native of the Prestonsburg area, Nov. 13 at Kalamazoo, Mich.; Angeline B. DeRossett, 65, of Hager Hill, Nov. 26 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Delmer Banks, 49, Tuesday at the Veterans' Hospital, Lexington; George Campbell Jr., 31, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday at St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus; Alex Handshoe, 84, of Gunlock, Friday; Joshua C. Hackworth, infant son of Charles and Janet Lee Dotson Hackworth of West Prestonsburg, Monday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Mary Adkins, 69, of Wayland, Monday at her home; Hazel V. Turner, 75, of Ravenswood, Thursday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (December 3, 1970)

The health department, Dr. Russell L. Hall, county health doctor, wrote, is "ominously understaffed," with only two sanitarians to cover the whole of the county with its many restaurants, schools, public buildings and public water supplies... Floyd County apparently will start the new year without VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), one of the earliest poverty groups to come to the county after the OEO program to combat poverty in Appalachia was instituted... The first rate increases under the state's new insurance regulations were approved by Insurance Commissioner Robert D. Preston... The seven-member committee that conducted the recent investigation of Kentucky school conditions will reconvene in early February to complete the tentative draft of its report to the National Education Association... There died: Nona Eunice Anderson Wolford; 79, at her home at Ratliff Creek; William Lewis Music, 85, of East Point, Sunday at a Prestonsburg hospital; Edna H.

Stanford, 69, of Wayland, at Hazard Regional Hospital, victim of a head-on collision near there; James Handshoe, 59, of Shelby, Ohio, formerly of this county, in a Shelby Hospital, Wednesday; Ray Trent, 75, at his home at Tram, Saturday; Bertha Bays, 58, of Georgetown, Ind., formerly of this county, in Palmyra, Ind., Wednesday; Lewis Wallen, 48, of Oakdale, Calif., formerly of West Prestonsburg, in Oakdale, November 21; Roger Vanover, 20, of Russell, son of Roscoe Vanover, of Wheelwright, in a plane crash at Huntington in which 75 persons were killed; Nona Bradley, 62, formerly of Risner, Friday at Pierce (Ind.) Nursing Home; Vina Reynolds, 77, of Beaver at a McDowell hospital, Saturday; Curtis S. Layne, 59, formerly of Betsy Layne, in an Elkins, W. Va. hospital; Riley Shepherd, 73, of Martin, in a hospital there Monday.

Forty Years Ago (December 1, 1960)

An agreement effected between the city council and the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company last Friday set the gas rate to be paid by the city at 31 cents per 1,000 cubic feet — a raise of 6 cents above the contract rate previously in effect here... Distribution of one of Floyd County's popular books, the telephone directory, will start on Dec. 8, with this issue of the directory, Wayland will be able to call all of Floyd County without a long distance charge... "Operation Bootstrap" the drive launched recently to raise funds for construction on the Prestonsburg High School grounds of a complete athletic field, drew within \$9,235 this week of its \$30,500 goal... Paris Conley of Cliff, veteran teacher and a former Bookmobile driver-librarian, was named this week by County Judge Henry Stumbo to fill the vacancy created on the board of education by the resignation of Lon C. Hill, of Prestonsburg... There died: Lilly May Kilgore, 69, of David, Monday at the Paintsville Hospital; Wallace Dewey Hackworth, 13, of Bonanza, Sunday morning as the result of a hunting accident, Aggie Hamilton Allen, 85, of Risner, Friday; Fair Handshoe, 65, Friday at his home near Hueysville; Julia Osborne, 77, of Allen, last Monday at her home; Emma Johnson Stephens, 74, of Cliff, Monday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Albert Hicks, 86, of Wayland, Thanksgiving Day at his home; Isom Hicks, 75, formerly of Floyd County, last Thursday in Ohio; Mason Tussey, 70, of Garrett, last Wednesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago (November 30, 1950)

The appointment last Wednesday of Commonwealth's Attorney John Chris Cornett to the circuit judgeship of the Knott-Magoffin district left that district, the 31st, without a prosecutor. County Attorney W. M. Burchett is substituting for Cornett... Ten inches of snow fell in this county last weekend during a period when a large part of the county was storm-paralyzed... The new assessment here places the actual worth of Prestonsburg real estate improvements and personal property at \$10 million... State Representative Paul E. Hayes has been appointed by Governor Clements to the Workman's Compensation Board... Twenty-nine Floyd countians have volunteered for Army and Air force service from Sept. 21 to Nov. 21, recruiters said this week... Lawrence Wetherby was inaugurated Governor of Kentucky last Monday, succeeding Earl C. Clements who resigned to become U.S. Senator... "Set" Branham, former Prestonsburg High School football star, scored three of Utah University's four touchdowns over the Utah Aggies, Nov. 10... There died: Virgil Coburn, 25, of Garrett, result of a gunshot, Saturday; Emma Stumbo Moore, 85, Friday at Drift; George Goodman, 57, formerly of Dwale, Nov. 21, of Marshall, Mich.; Bessie Symons, 66, of Manton, last Wednesday at a Martin hospital; Sylvester Jones, 69, Monday at his home at Ligon; Opal Akers, 38, Tuesday at her home at Honaker.

Sixty Years Ago (November 28, 1940)

"Aunt" Nancy Ann Clay, who moved from Floyd County to Wayne County, W. Va., when John Tyler was president, died Nov. 13, at the age of 103... The F.F. Williams building at Maytown was gutted by fire early last Sunday and the entire stock of its occupant, Lambert's store, was lost... The Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company has announced plans to extend a high tension power line to the proposed site of Middle Creek mining operations... B. F. Combs, Prestonsburg attorney, last Tuesday was named chairman of the Sixth district Selective Service appeal board... Mr. and Mrs. Guy Horn observed their 35th wedding anniversary here on Thanksgiving Day... There died: Irene Dillon Burke, 70, Friday at the home of her son, E.R. Burke; Iris Collins Burkett, 21, wife of Henry Burkett, last Thursday at Garrett; Herbert Scott, 21, Sunday at his home on Stone Coal.

School happenings...

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central High School
 ■ 12/11: Deadline for parents to nominate themselves or another parent for the SBDM Council. 3:15 p.m., school office.

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

member. Any parent of an ACHS student may vote in the election.

Clark FRC
 After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available. Nurse is in the center on Fridays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

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

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

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

■ Child Care, from school dismissal -5 p.m., \$20 per week/per

child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

Prestonsburg Elementary
 ■ 12/4: SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., school auditorium.

South Floyd Youth Services Center
 ■ 12/4, 5, 6: Presentations on alcohol prevention.

■ 12/8: Presentation on smokeless tobacco

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

Alice Lloyd College/June Buchanan School
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Having fun at the Red, White & Blue



Among the "royalty" participating in the festival parade was Alyshia Collins.



Having fun during the recent Red, White & Blue Day parade in Martin were Rosanna Stone, Sarah Nichols, Andria Jones, Shanna Howell and Ethan Conley.

ATLA Consumer News

New Toys, Same Safety Precautions

by FREDERICK M. BARON & PENNY GOLD

They are coming to your town: small, metal scooters—a new millennium version of the ones so popular in the '50s—that whiz around on roller blade-style wheels. They're the hot new thing, and people love them—especially kids.

It's probably no coincidence that the number of scooter-related injuries has risen sharply over the last few months. The government's Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) says that 9,411 injuries had been reported as of the end of August. About nine out of every 10 of those injured has been a child under the age of 15.

Why are so many people getting hurt? One reason is that these scooters

are much faster than their 1950s relatives. The wheels on the new versions are built for speed, and the lightweight metal design enables users to race along at high rates.

Another reason for the injuries is that people are using the scooters without wearing protective gear. While most consumers understand the importance of wearing helmets and other protective equipment while biking, skateboarding, and even skiing, not every child (or child-at-heart adult) has gotten in the habit of strapping on a helmet and pads. As a result, the CPSC says, scooter-users are visiting emergency rooms at alarming rates seeking treatment for broken bones (mostly in arms and hands) and minor head injuries.

So what should safety-conscious scooter-riders do? Invest in safety gear, of course. The same equipment used for in-line skating—helmets, elbow and knee pads—should be used while riding scooters. Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent and brain injury by as much as 88 percent.

That's why trial lawyer associations in Alaska, Connecticut,

Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, and Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Washington, D.C., have started programs that provide helmets to children who can't afford them.

Committed to safety, the Association of Trial Lawyers believe that more children wearing helmets could mean fewer unnecessary injuries in neighborhoods across the country.

If you buy your own helmet, however, remember to take care that the one you pick has been approved by the CPSC. Recalls of helmets occur from time to time; in fact, the agency has recently participated in two recalls you should know about.

Rand International recalled about 70,000 bicycle helmets this year because they failed impact testing and labeling. The L.A. Crusin' bicycle helmets were sold in youth and adult sizes (the youth and adult-sized helmets are white or black and the child sizes are either blue or pink) and labels in the helmets read "Manufactured by Rand

International," and MADE IN CHINA." Writing on the packaging reads, "RAND," "L.A. Crusin'," and "Meets CPSC & ASTM Standards 78."

Cycle Express Inc. recalled about 9,000 bicycle helmets in July because they failed impact testing and labeling requirements. The recalled girls' helmets are mostly pink mixed with silver glitter. The pink portion of the helmet is bordered by purple tape. Decals on the helmets read "Hearts & Flowers." These helmets, for ages 2 through 5 years, include a label inside that reads "DISTRIBUTED BY: CYCLE EXPRESS."

The helmets were packaged in a box that reads, "Hearts and Flowers Helmet Combo Value Pack" and "Item #10235." The helmets were sold with a bike bag-purse combo and hair accessories. Toys R Us stores sold these helmets with accessories nationwide from October 1999, through April 2000.

For more information on these and other product recalls, visit the CPSC web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. Don't forget to check the site regularly to make sure the products you and your family use are safe.

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



Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn was among those participating in the Red, White & Blue Day parade.



Riding in the Red, White & Blue Day parade with Smokey the Bear were Ethan Conley and Makala Jones.

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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Hold down holiday spending with homemade gift certificates

Exchanging gifts during the holidays is a wonderful tradition. The giving and receiving of carefully chosen presents warms our hearts and brings delight to the faces of both young and old.

But, in today's excessively materialistic world, we often forget the true spirit of giving. And on a practical level, sometimes we just can't afford to purchase all the gifts we want to give without winding up in serious debt.

To help sidestep these problems, why not consider using personal gift certificates that focus on creatively giving of ourselves to family members and friends, while spending little or no money?

In addition to the nice touch of a homemade gift, do-it-yourself gift certificates address several specific objectives. They:

- Provide an alternative to purchased gifts
- Reduce holiday spending
- Nourish generosity
- Encourage interpersonal creativity
- Strengthen relationships

Creating your own gift certificates is part of the fun. Let your creativity flow.

markers to put an artistic touch on the envelopes.

What type of gifts might you give? A 12 year-old young man might give his stepmother a Saturday morning off, starting with breakfast in bed. An older teen-ager might give his or her adopted grandparent three gift certificates, each one good for a round-trip drive to the grocery, a friend's home, or the doctor's office. A father might take his daughter out to her favorite restaurant. An uncle might take his nephew to a major league baseball game.

The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Here are some additional idea starters: a walk together at a nearby state park; a springtime picnic for two; a backyard cookout for your son's friends; a three-minute shoulder rub; 10 minutes of my time to do any chore you would like; cooking a meal for you; washing your car-inside and out; weeding the garden; washing the dishes; 20 minutes of reading to you from a favorite book; a 15-minute personal concert of your favorite music (piano, guitar, voice); cleaning the bathroom, or kitchen floor, or living room windows.

When giving a homemade gift certificate, follow-through is essential. Make it very clear to the receiver that this is a serious, valid offer and that you expect him or her to make use of it.

The giver should be sure that he or she has the time and resources to follow through with the service indicated on the certificate. Consider carefully what you promise and don't offer anything that you think might be too difficult, expensive, or impractical to provide.

In addition to using homemade gift certificates yourself, the idea also works well in a variety of small group settings. Try it as a 4-H youth development club activity; a 20-minute pre-holiday workshop; brief mini-lesson prior to the main focus of a workshop; religious education class at a church, synagogue or mosque; or a pre-holiday classroom activity for students pre-adolescent to adult.

Store-bought gifts, particularly when lovingly selected with the unique needs of the recipient in mind, carry the beautiful spirit of the holiday season. Likewise, created-by-you gift certificates can also play a special role in your expressions of thoughtfulness and love.

In offering a homemade gift certificate to a loved one, you are sharing three of your most valuable treasures-yourself, your energy, and your time.

Prepared by Sam Quick, Ph.D., Human Development & Family Relations Specialist, and Peter Hesseldenz, M.A., Staff Support Associate.

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By the way, one or a number of these gift certificates fit nicely into a standard 4-3/8" x 5-3/4" envelope. Kids of all ages will enjoy using a colorful array of magic

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Your stock portfolio may benefit from a quarterly review

Submitted by J.R. Blackburn

Evaluating your portfolio's performance on a regular basis is an important step toward reaching your investment goals. While many investors wait until year-end to assess their stock portfolios, it is important to review your invest-

ment portfolio throughout the year to be sure it remains in line with your objectives. In fact, many financial advisors suggest that their clients examine their equity holdings every quarter to get a clear picture of how their stocks are performing.

If you haven't done so in a while,

now may be a good time to take a fresh look at your holdings. Some investors like to make a list of the stocks that have achieved their potential and another of those that have been disappointments. This initiates the portfolio grooming process whereby you consider whether some stocks should be sold

or "swapped" for others in the same sector or price range and begin to evaluate new stocks or new sectors that may enhance your portfolio.

Since diversification can help reduce volatility, you can consider selling stocks from sectors in which your portfolio is overweighted and buying stocks in areas where your portfolio lacks exposure. A good rule of thumb is to adjust your portfolio as your objectives change and not when the market fluctuates. Your financial advisor can help you decide which stocks to add to, or

delete from, your portfolio. You can also seek guidance from your tax and/or legal advisors.

Stay focused on the long term

The most important thing to do as you evaluate your portfolio is stay focused on your long-term goals. With a long-term approach, you have the potential to reach your long-term financial objectives. Furthermore, a regular portfolio review can help ensure that your portfolio is primed to take advantage of changing markets and eco-

nomie conditions that complement your long-term objectives.

This article is published for general informational purposes and is not an offer or solicitation to sell or buy any securities or commodities. Any particular investment should be analyzed based on its terms and risks as they relate to your circumstances and objectives.

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SBD center nominates four for honors

The Morehead State University Small Business Development Center is recognizing four area persons for their contribution to the small business community in eastern Kentucky.

The four persons were nominated for Small Business Advocate Awards in their respective fields at the local level and will compete at the state level. The state winners will be invited to Washington, DC, during the

National Small Business Week 2001 in late spring for a series of special events in their honor.

The nominees are Lynette Schindler, Dennis T. Dorton, William Ed Isom and Pam Shingler.

Schindler was chosen as Accountant Advocate of the Year by the SBDC. Criteria for the award requires the selection of an individual who has contributed as an accountant to a better economic and financial climate for small companies in the area.

She owns and operates the accounting firm of Lynette R. Schindler, CPA, PSC, at 217 College St. in Pikeville.

Dorton was selected as the Financial Services Advocate of the Year. The award is based on an individual who assists small businesses in obtaining financing, either directly or through advocacy efforts to increase the availability of financial services.

He is the president and chief executive officer of Citizens National Bank, headquartered in Paintsville.

Isom was chosen as a representative for the Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year. The criteria for this award recognize an individual who has fulfilled a commitment to support minority entrepreneurship.

He is owner and operator of Ed's Super Vac Inc.

Shingler was nominated for Small Business Journalist of the Year. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a journalist representing television, radio, electronic or print media.

She is senior editor for the Floyd County Times in Prestonsburg and frequently writes stories about small businesses.

The MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center is a partnership program with the US Small Business Administration. The office is located at 3455 North Mayo

Trail, Suite 4, in Pikeville.

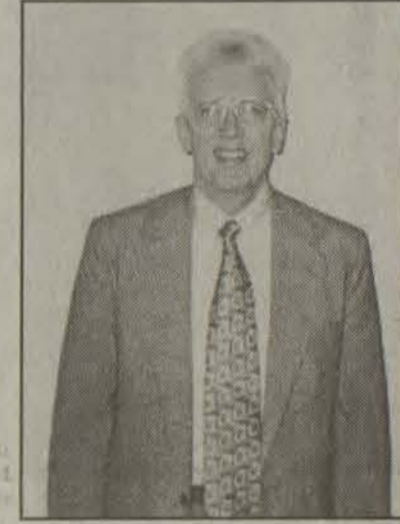
All nominees for the National Small Business Week Awards must be residents of and employed in the United States. Small businesses owned and operated by nominees must comply with federal civil rights laws and meet the US Small Business Administration's size standards in considering a business as small.



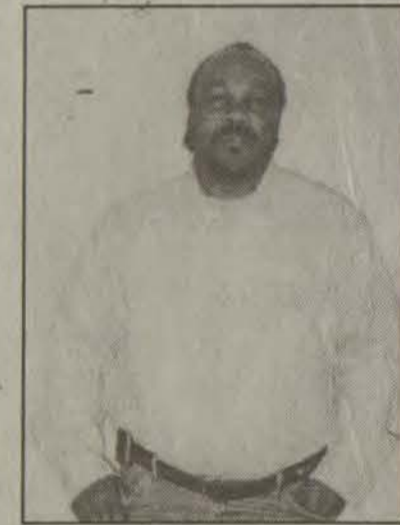
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Small Business Journalist



Lynette Schindler
Accountant Advocate



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Financial Services Advocate



William Ed Isom
Minority Small Business Advocate

Chamber Notes...

The Chamber 1st Club

by Regina Becknell
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The primary goal of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is to promote our members. We strive to expand with the growing needs of our membership. In doing so, we are proud to offer The Chamber 1st Club, a collaborative effort not only to promote products and services, but also to strengthen Floyd County. Strong businesses will build a stronger county.

Participation in The Chamber 1st Club is twofold: You and your employees will be able to take advantage of the special discounts offered to Chamber members only. To become a participating business, you need only decide what type of discount or promotion you would like to offer other Chamber members and their employees.

The Chamber 1st Directory will list your business and promotion. This opportunity will market your products and services throughout

the year. The directory will be updated quarterly to make it possible for you to strategically plan promotions and advertising.

Make sure that you check out your December newsletter; a flier on this and other Chamber benefits will be included and allow you to register your business. Let's continue to keep our dollars working in Floyd County. If you are interested in Chamber benefits, contact the Chamber office 606/886-0364.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce reminds the business community of our next membership meeting on December 4 at noon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. We will be introducing two new members to our organization: Williams Printing and Maynard Insurance Agency.

If you are a member, mark your calendar, because WYMT-TV will be present to give away another \$300 worth of advertising.

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Somerset Technical College introduces Pre-Licensing School of Insurance

Somerset Technical College has received approval from the Kentucky Department of

Scholarships available for workshops

Partial scholarships are available for representatives of non-profit organizations to attend three days of grant writing workshops, set for January, in Lexington.

The workshops will be presented by Zocklein and Associates at the Best Western Regency Inn in Lexington.

The workshops and dates are: Beginning Grant Writing, Wednesday, January 10; Intermediate Grant Writing, Thursday, January 11; and Advanced Grant Writing, Friday, January 12. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information, call Zocklein and Associates, 800-371-5703.

Insurance for a Pre-Licensing School of Insurance. This course is designed for those who are preparing to enter the insurance industry as life and health representatives.

Somerset Technical College has also been granted approval to offer continuing education for licensed insurance agents. Insurance is a major industry in Kentucky with several thousand licensed life and health and property and casualty agents. Somerset Technical College is providing a leadership role for southern Kentucky in offering continuing education services to area insurance agents.

According to David Wiles, community and economic development coordinator, this added service to the insurance industry reflects STC's mission of meeting the training needs of business and industry.

Wiles stated, "People interested in pursuing a career in the insurance industry must now attend 40 hours of classroom instruction

either in Lexington or Louisville. By providing this service locally, prospective agents will be able to attend any of the scheduled classes at a more convenient time at a considerable savings."

It is anticipated prospective agents from throughout the southern Kentucky region will take advantage of this opportunity by attending "The School of Insurance" at Somerset.

The college has additional services planned for the insurance field. A goal is to expand the program to include a testing center for

the state Department of Insurance. Agents will then be able to take the licensing examination locally instead of traveling to Frankfort.

This and other continuing education and workforce development programs are some of the initiatives being implemented through the Community and Economic Development Office at Somerset Technical College.

For a copy of the schedule and more information about the Pre-Licensing School at Somerset Technical College, call 606/677-4049, extension 134.

Remember this

"Memory Magic" is the title of a seminar being offered by the Morehead State University/Small Business Development Center on Tuesday, December 5.

The seminar is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Landmark Inn Conference Room in Pikeville.

The seminar fee is \$25, and a luncheon will be served.

Brad Humphrey, award-winning psychologist and educator, will lead the seminar, which is designed to triple the participant's ability to remember people, places and dates.

For more information or to pre-register, call the SBDC office at 606/432-5848.

HRMC names 4 to board

Highlands Regional Medical Center (HRMC) has named four new members to the board of trustees.

They are David Jenkinson, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon; James Campbell, D.O., internal medicine specialist; Lon Lafferty, M.D., family practitioner and Martin County judge-executive; and Dennis Dorton, president of Citizens National Bank.

Other members of Highlands board include Edward R. Nairn, Burl W. Spurlock, Robert M. Duncan, Paul D. Nunn, Greg Wilson, Dewey Bocook Jr., James L. Reed, and Rodney Handshoe, M.D.

David White, M.D. retired earlier this year from the HRMC Board and O.T. Dorton and Homer Short have assumed Board Emeritus status.

However, White, and Short remain members of the Consolidated Health Systems (CHS) board of directors, the parent company of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Highlands lost its two most senior board members this year with the deaths of Edward Music and O.J. Arnett.

Highlands board members volunteer their services to the not-for-profit organization. They are chosen to represent the interests of the individual counties (Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin) which make up Highlands' primary service area. Board members provide knowledge, leadership and guidance and work with medical center administration in strategic planning to help Highlands fulfill its mission in the communities it serves.

Board leadership has made it possible for Highlands Regional to remain a community-owned and operated health care facility in a time when much of the nation has seen large managed care corporations purchase independent hospitals and move their management out of state.

Highlands board members live in and operate businesses in Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties. As such, they are familiar with the needs of people in the area and have a personal commitment to provide area residents with continued access to high quality health care services. Board members also work with medical center administration to recruit and retain a highly trained staff of physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals.

Highlands board members are "ambassadors" for the medical center conveying the message to area business people and civic groups that Highlands Regional Medical Center is here to serve the community with high quality health care services and to be a community education resource for health and medical education needs.

In medical education, Highlands is an AOA (American Osteopathic Association) approved medical internship site for the Pikeville College Osteopathic School, with new board member, James Campbell, DO, serving as

Highlands Medical Director for Osteopathic Residency students.

Lafferty will bring to Highlands board the added expertise and perspective of a physician and a county judge. He is familiar with the medical needs of the residents of Martin County and will share his knowledge to help Highlands improve health care services for residents.

Jenkinson has many years of experience serving on various boards in the Canadian Health Care System where he worked for almost 20 years before relocating to eastern Kentucky. His knowledge of health care from a medical as well as a governance perspective will be of great value to the board.

Dorton, will bring additional financial insight to the board, as well as represent the needs and interests of the residents of Johnson County.

Highlands' Chief of Medical Staff also serves as a member of the HRMC Board of Trustees. Alan J. Hyden, MD., family practitioner from Prestonsburg, was elected this fall as the new chairman of the HRMC Medical Staff and as such will also assume his position on the board.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2000 AT 1:00 PM
AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY OF A HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT 41 MART MEADE BRANCH NEAR PRESTONBURG - IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a two bedroom masonry siding home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, and bath. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$7,100.00.
Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 7, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., at the property site, at 41 Mart Meade Branch, near Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$42,312.85 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$3,915.00, plus interest in the amount of \$6,890.21 as of February 14, 2000, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$7,260.40 per day from February 14, 2000, until the date of judgement, plus interest on the judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgement) at the rate of 6.375% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 00-15, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on August 3, 2000, in the case of United States of America vs. Tony E. Dutton and Stella Dutton, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Abbott Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, and thus described: Being Lot No. 3 of the Little Abbott Creek Subdivision, recorded on Plat No. 1-1-108, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated June 3, 1994, recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 332, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 6.375% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendants, and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s), reflecting the right of the defendant(s), to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under Law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquiries should be directed to:
THOMAS W. KEITH, Community Development Manager
Rural Development
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Phone: 606-886-9545

Fall poisoning hazard reminders from the Kentucky Regional Poison Center

One of nature's most beautiful seasons poses special hazards for the unsuspecting child or adult. Fall's colorful berries and plentiful bulbs are a problem for the untrained youngster. Listed below from the Kentucky Regional Poison Center of Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, are some of fall's particular hazards.

Berries

Berries, most bountiful in the fall, are a natural food for birds and small animals. When children view birds eating the colorful berries, they mistakenly believe that they, too, can eat them. Holly, taxus, mistletoe and privet are just some of those that pose a potentially serious poisoning

hazard. Symptoms may include cardiac and gastrointestinal disturbances and dermatitis. Information regarding toxic and nontoxic berries can be obtained from the poison center.

In the case of accidental ingestion of berries, immediately call the poison center for information. If possible, obtain a sample of the berries and plants from which they came.

Fertilizer

Horticulturists recommend that heavy rates of fertilizers be applied in the fall. Ingestion of fertilizer can cause mild symptoms including nausea and vomiting. Another problem arises when children are present in the application area, because as the fertilizer is applied, children (as well as adults) can get fertilizer dust or particles in their eyes, causing a pain and irritation. If this happens, flush the affected eye or eyes with water for a full 15 minutes. Generally, no permanent damage results to the eye if the eye is flushed right away.

Fertilizers are often applied with other toxic chemicals, therefore, children should not be allowed to play in an area where fertilizer is being applied or has just been applied. Keep the number of the poison center handy, and be sure to call in case of any exposure involving fertilizers.

Paint

Cheerful, bright paint is very inviting to youngsters, especially, when it is flaking and peeling from walls, woodwork, furniture and toys. This increase the risk of small chil-

dren chewing or swallowing small pieces of paint. Even though current federal government requires strictly regulate the amount of lead in paint, there were millions of gallons of paint manufactured before 1973 with high levels of lead. Thus, the paint your child may ingest might contain high lead levels.

Excessive amounts of lead in the body can cause a wide range of problems including brain damage. That's why it is important to repair and repaint with low lead paint in all areas when paint is chipped, peeling or flaking. Be sure to avoid exposing children to the dust and paint chips while you make repairs.

Also, when decorating children's clothing articles or furniture, be sure to use nontoxic paint. Contact the poison center in case of exposure to lead-based paint.

Mushrooms—Many common species are capable of causing illness or even death if eaten. Any time a child ingests a wild mushroom there is potential danger. Contact the poison center for advice.

Pesticides—Many, but not all, of these products are toxic to humans just as they are to their intended victims. Pesticides should be kept well out of the reach of children. Additionally, children should be kept away from areas in which they are being used. Whenever you see their products, read the instructions carefully and always store them in their original containers.

Carbon Monoxide—Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced in fires, from car exhaust

systems, faulty home heating systems and charcoal grills that can cause death when people are exposed to it for a long period of time. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache and dizziness. Get fresh air immediately if these symptoms occur.

The Kentucky Regional Poison Center of Kosair Children's Hospital is a non-profit resource center for information about poisoning in both children and adults. It is the only regional poison center in Kentucky. The poison center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. It is staffed by nurses and physician toxicologists specially trained to handle poison exposures. The service is free. A wide variety of

resources are used including a computerized poison information system, texts, journals and special consultants nationwide.

The poison center can help with many different types of poisonings from hazards including medicines, cleaning products, plants, bites, stings, tainted food and industrial exposures. The staff of the center can help determine if a doctor or emergency room visit is necessary when an exposure occurs.

Pamphlets, telephone stickers and educational programs are available. For more information call the center's education telephone line at 502/629-5428 or 1-800-722-5725 during regular business hours. Or visit www.krpc.com on the Internet.

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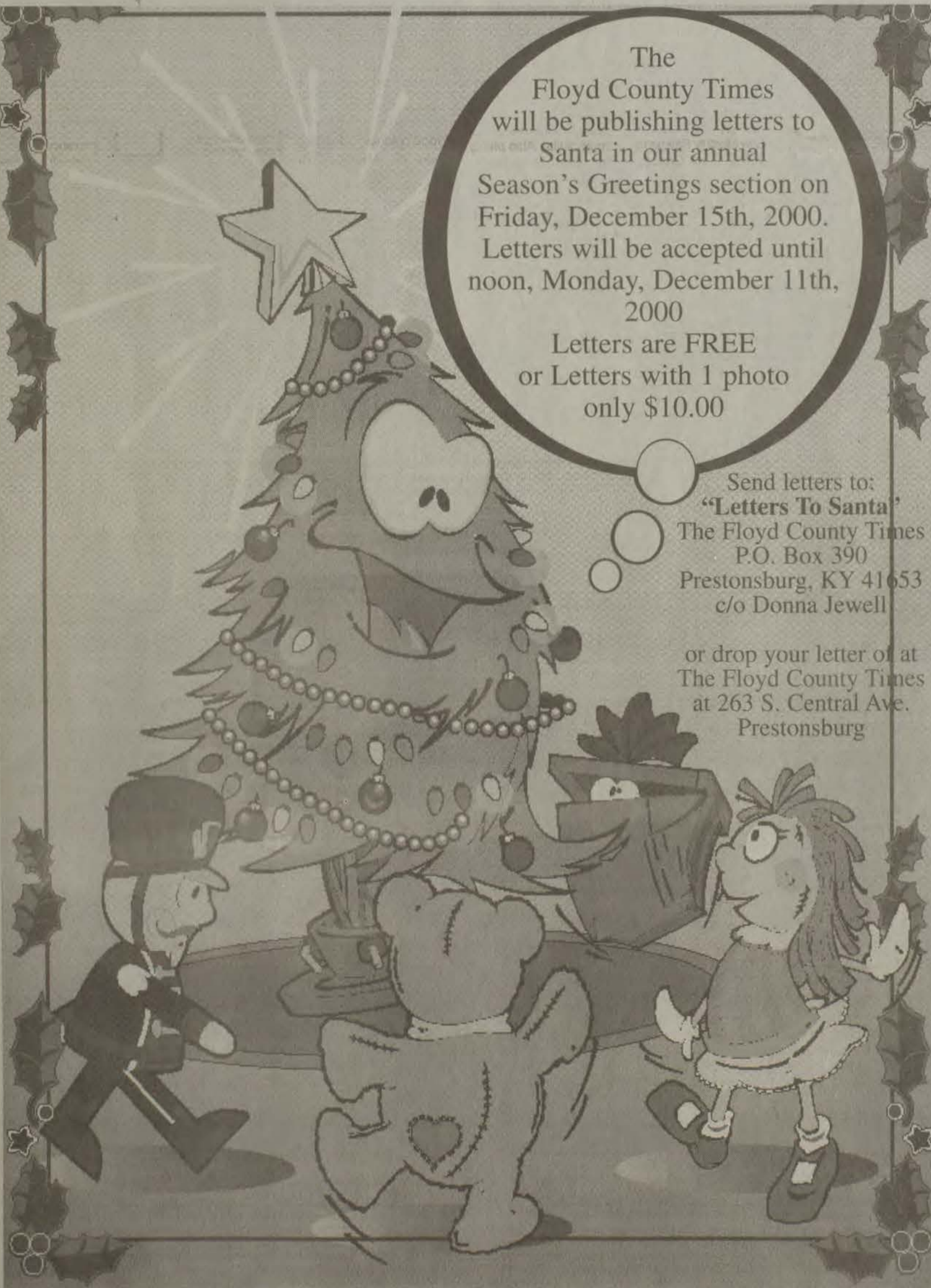
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Letters to Santa

The Floyd County Times will be publishing letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greetings section on Friday, December 15th, 2000. Letters will be accepted until noon, Monday, December 11th, 2000. Letters are FREE or Letters with 1 photo only \$10.00

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Parents can save time preserving babies' special moments

(NAPS)—It's no surprise that parents are busy. In fact, 80 percent of parents wish they had more time with their children, according to a recent study by Gerber® Products Company and Yankelevich Partners. Parents' harried schedules can keep them from taking the time to document their babies' firsts.

The good news is there is a way to capture these mementos with a time capsule designed just for busy parents who want to store their babies' keepsakes—without spending a lot of time doing it. Gerber Products Company offers some suggestions below for preserving babies' special moments from their Gerber Millennium Baby Time Capsule, which is available for \$9.95 by logging onto Gerber's website at www.gerber.com:

Include Pictures, Firsts and Keepsakes:

- Portraits of baby and family
- Pictures of baby's room, home and neighborhood
- Pictures from birthdays, celebrations, vacations and special events
- Home movie videotapes
- A lock of hair
- Baby's first shoes
- Baby's hospital bracelet
- Baby's favorite toys, pacifier, blanket, books, etc.

Include Information From Baby's World:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Pictures of fashion trends, movie stars and musicians of the era
- A "compilation" video tape of highlights from television shows, news programs and commercials popular during baby's first years

Tips for Sealing and Storing:

- Protect items by wrapping them in tissue paper, sealing them in plastic or placing them in airtight containers.
- Store time capsule in a cool dry place. Avoid basements or attics as dampness and heat may damage contents.
- Do not bury your time capsule underground or store outdoors. It's likely to get lost or damaged.
- Remember to put a sticker or piece of tape with each child's name on each capsule if you make more than one.

"We know the challenges parents face when they try to find time to organize their babies' keepsakes while also juggling their daily activities. We want to help preserve those special memories effortlessly through our Gerber Millennium Baby Time Capsule," said Mack Jenks, director, consumer promotions for Gerber.

The Gerber kit is available through December 31, 2000, and comes complete with a time capsule tin, instructions, memory booklet and a certificate of authenticity. For more information, parents may call the Gerber Parents Resource Center at 1-800-4-GERBER or visit the Gerber website.

Gerber Products Company is a part of Novartis Consumer Health, a world leader in healthcare with core businesses in pharmaceuticals, consumer health, generics, eye-care, and animal health.

Learn contractor's language before replacing your roof

When it's time to replace the roof, most homeowners find they know very little about roofing materials, or what to ask for when getting a cost estimate.

A good way to improve your "roofing IQ" is to become familiar with common roofing terms so that you and your roofing contractor will be talking the same language.

The Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA) recommends that consumers understand the following basic roofing terms before re-roofing a home.

Flashing—Pieces of metal or other roofing materials used to prevent water from seeping into a building at points where the roof intersects or meets a projection, such as the chimney, vent pipes, dormers, etc. Loose or deteriorated flashings are frequently the cause of roof leaks, and should be replaced before re-roofing.

Deck—The structural surface of the roof, usually plywood or oriented strand board, to which the roofing materials are applied. The key to a good roofing job lies with a roof deck in good condition. Rotted, warped or deteriorated decking should be replaced, and large cracks repaired, before a new roof is installed.

Underlayment or felt—A sheet of asphalt-saturated material (often called tar paper by laymen) used for moisture and additional protection between the roof deck and the shingles. The entire roof deck should be covered with overlapping sheets of underlayment for a watertight roofing system.

In regions where ice may form along the eaves, a self-adhered underlayment is often installed over the decking along the eaves for additional moisture protection.

Square—A measure of surface area equal to 100 square feet (10 feet by 10 feet). Roofing materials are generally

measured in squares.

Granules—Ceramic-coated crushed rock or mineral granules applied to a shingle's surface. Granules protect a roof from the sun's ultraviolet rays, provide important water-shedding properties, and determine the "color" of the roof. Zinc- or copper-coated ceramic granules are often used in warm, humid parts of the United States to protect against algae discoloration.

Valley—The internal angle or "valley" formed where two sloping roof planes come together. Valleys serve as waterdraining channels and require proper flashing to ensure proper drainage and to prevent leakage along the valley joints.

There are several ways that shingles can be installed at valleys. Before re-roofing, ask the contractor to show you different valley styles to determine which you prefer.

Hip—The external angle formed where two sloping roof planes come together. Hips are the opposite of valleys. Special shingle caps at a roof's hip and ridge planes give a finished look to a roof.

Laminated or architectural shingles—Asphalt shingles containing one or more layers of "tabs" or cutouts, along with shadowing effects, to create additional thickness to the shingle and give visual depth to a roof.

Increasingly, homeowners seeking a custom look for their roofs are purchasing laminated shingles.

A more complete glossary can be found on the ARMA Web site at www.asphaltroofing.org.

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DIVISION NO. 1
CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-00221

WILLIAM R. WELLS, PLAINTIFF
VS:
REGINA SETSER, TINA MARIE MILLER, YVONNE WELLS, BRET JOHNSON, NORMA SUE WELLS REYNOLDS, DONALD J. WELLS, DREMA WELLS, WILLIAM M. WELLS, and VICKIE WELLS, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th day of October, 2000, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for reason of indivisibility of real estate, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of December, 2000, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Tract #1:
Beginning at drain at the Bert Calhoun line; thence running up the river bank to a Wild Cherry Tree; thence a straight line across the road to a marked elm; thence a straight line to the top of the ridge to Abe Green line; thence around the ridge to Emery Clark line; thence with his line back to the beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells, from William Martin Wells by deed dated the 14th day of November, 1980 and recorded in Deed Book #358, Page #294, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Grantors having acquired their interest in the above property as the heirs of Rina Mae Wells by virtue of her last will and testament contained in Will Book # of the Floyd County Clerk's office.

Tract #2:
Beginning at Bert Calhoun's line and Rina Mae Wells line and running with said Calhoun line to the river; thence down and with the river to Anderson Lafferty line; thence with Anderson Lafferty line to a chimney rock; thence with his line to the top of ridge to the Abe Green line; thence around the ridge to the line of Rina Mae Wells and her husband; thence with the line back to the beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells, from Herbert Baldrige and Nannie Goodman Baldrige by deed dated the 20th day of August, 1960, and recorded in Deed Book #175, Page #101, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Grantors having acquired their interest in the above property as the heirs of Rina Mae Wells by virtue of her last will and testament contained in Will Book # page # of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Beginning at a chimney rock at the corner of Ned Horn; thence straight line to a stake at low water mark; thence down the river with its meanders so as to make an acre in width; thence straight line one acre in length; thence a straight line up the river to a stake; thence to the beginning. Beginning at a stake opposite the chimney rock on line of Isadore Horn; thence up the bank to two cedars; thence a straight line up the hill to a stake; thence to the top of the ridge to a straight line of Isadore Horn line; thence down the hill a straight line with Isadore Horn's line to the river, the place of beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells from Charlie Lafferty and Mornor Lafferty by deed dated the 16th day of October, 1969 and recorded in Deed Book #201,

Page #298, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells from George C. Perry and Julia Ann Perry; Freddie Williams and Lois Mae Williams by deed dated the 2nd day of November,

1978, and recorded in Deed Book #237, Page #88, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. The Grantors having acquired their interest in the above property as the heirs of Rina Mae Wells by

virtue of her last will and testament contained in Will Book # page #

There is hereby excepted in the portions as applicable in Tracts 1,2 and 3 that property conveyed by William R. Wells and the deceased Rina Mae Wells by deed dated November 2, 1987 to Clidcon Ray Ash and Bruce Robert Ash. A description of property being contained in Deed Book # 314 page # 356, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The property hereinabove described will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court both separately and as a whole (whichever brings the greatest sum of money) and the proceeds therefrom shall be distributed as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy: 1) Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed on the property, (2) sale costs and fees, and (3) attorney fees. The Master Commissioner shall pay the balance of the proceeds of the sale, after payment of any delinquent taxes, sale costs and fees and attorney fees, directly to the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk pending further orders of the court as to distribution of the remainder of the proceeds.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 20% of the purchase price down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force

and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 428.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2000, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd

County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
THIS THE 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2000.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
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This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk,

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