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— Section B

briefs

Utility issues advisory

Following a water line break, Prestonsburg's Utilities Commission has issued a boil-water advisory for customers in the Prater Creek area.

Under the advisory, customers are instructed to boil drinking water for at least three minutes at a rolling boil.

The advisory covers residents from the Prater Creek Bridge to the J.R. Sammons residence and also includes the Rice Branch area.

The advisory was issued Tuesday as a precautionary measure, said Donald Compton, the city's chief water plant operator, in a statement released to the media.

Once the leak has been repaired, water samples will be taken in the area of the line break and will be sent to a certified laboratory for analysis. Once the sample results are received from the lab, the utility anticipates the advisory will be lifted.

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Oops ... Case dropped after evidence lost

by MARY MUSIC and SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITERS

A drug trafficking case scheduled in Floyd Circuit Court was ultimately dismissed Tuesday for lack of crucial evidence following an untimely fumble at the Martin City Police Department.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said his office was more than prepared to go to trial in the case against Martin resident Larry Edward Greer, 58.

In fact, Turner said his office spent most of the weekend preparing for the trial and felt "confident of a conviction" for Greer, a former bus driver for the Opportunities Unlimited School who faced felonious charges of trafficking in a controlled substance in or near school premises.

But it didn't happen. Jurors who turned out for the trial on Tuesday were sent home shortly after Judge Danny P. Caudill informed them of the dismissal.

"The system should work much better than that, and generally does work much

better than that," said Caudill Wednesday. "What we have here is an abnormal situation that, thankfully, is not a usual occurrence. It's aggravating and frustrating ... I'm not at all a happy judge. This is a serious matter, and everybody was deprived of their day in court, including the defendant in this case ... That kind of treatment is inexcusable and should not be tolerated. I don't expect this to occur again."

According to Turner, who said he was contacted by Martin Police Chief Jeff Powell at approximately 3 p.m. Monday

with news of the missing evidence, his office was forced to dismiss the case and forfeit a trial because the pills — three hydrocodone pills, generic for Lorcet — missing from storage at the Martin Police Department were the only evidence to support the prosecution's case against Greer.

"We've not received a satisfactory explanation as to what happened and without that evidence, it would be impossible for the commonwealth to prove that there

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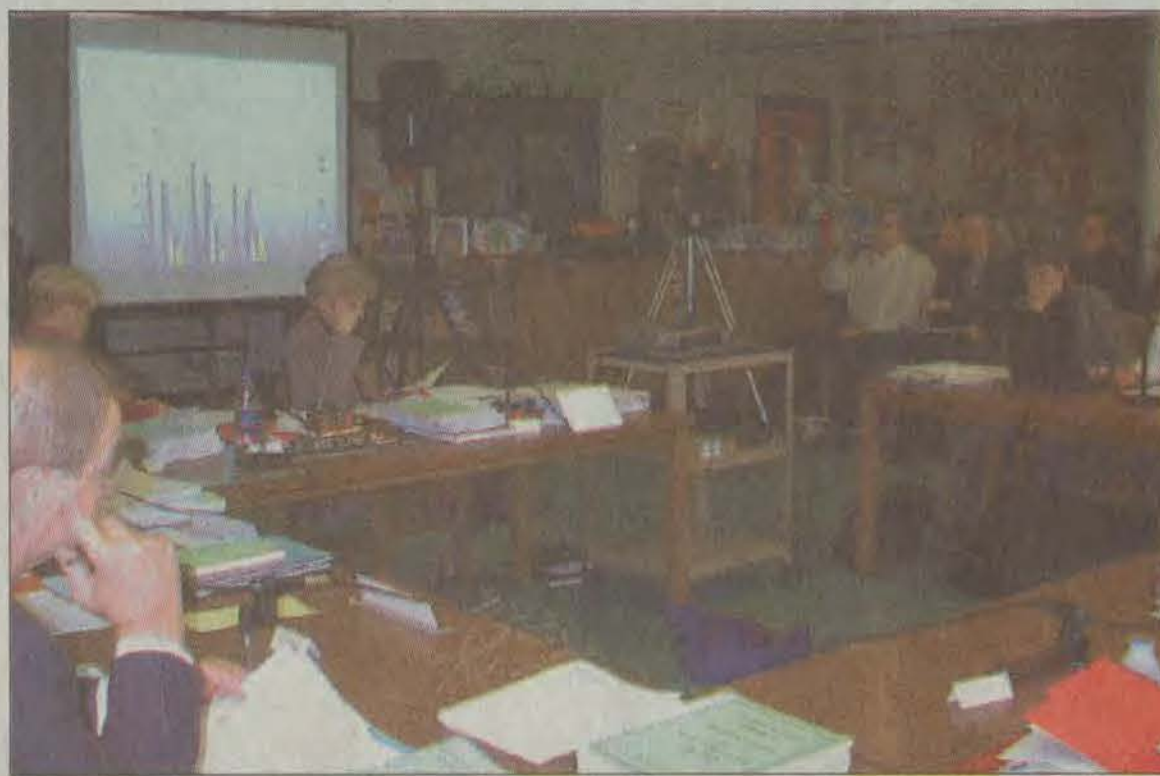


photo by Kathy J. Prater

Following a directive issued by Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, State Manager Zella Wells, top in front of screen, took her place at the board table during Monday night's meeting.

Board honors Blackcats, hears objections to GPA standards

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Although the members of the Floyd County Board of Education have stated on numerous occasions that academics, as opposed to sports, will be their collective area of focus, athletics was tops on the agenda at Monday night's meeting.

The board opted to spend the better part of the meeting's first hour in recognizing the Prestonsburg High School football team via video viewings of previously broadcast news clippings and breaks for photo sessions, while the principals of five county schools waited to deliver CATS (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System)

reports to their board.

The PHS team received state recognition when they played their way into the state football championship this past November for which they have already received much recognition on the county, district and state levels.

Tony Conn, a parent volunteer

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Principals report their schools' responses to showing on tests

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Betty Rowland, of the Floyd County Educator's Association (FCEA), sat in for FCEA president Donna Collins at Monday evening's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education to address the board with some concerns regarding the "abuse" of the newly implemented board policy

of "early Wednesdays." Collins was out of town on a family emergency.

Rowland reported to the board that school principals at several of the district's schools have been scheduling meetings during early Wednesday planning periods.

"When this policy was implemented people said that it was a policy that would be abused," Rowland said. "Well, it is being

abused, not by teachers, but by principals."

Rowland went on to say that the allotted time was intended for teacher planning and consulting, not for meetings and professional development sessions.

"We would like for this to stop," Rowland told the board. She also reminded the board that

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Commissioners' status up in air after charges fly at meeting

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

When the Wheelwright City Council convened Monday evening to discuss the dismissal of utility commissioners Arlene Hall and Marsha Johnson, few would have thought the special-called meeting would lead to a host of accusations against that city's government.

Wheelwright has, of late, struggled to

bring various city positions into an agreeable format having in the past year had conflicts associated with policing efforts as well as superintendent disputes, among other problems.

Now Hall, who was voted in as a utility commissioner in August and has now made public a slew of accusations against the Wheelwright city government, will remain on the utility commission along with Johnson, but the thwarted decision to

pull her from the commission did not keep Hall from putting the Wheelwright council on trial as a rebuttal for the attempted action taken against her.

Hall will remain on the commission as a result of a disagreement which occurred after a vote was presented shortly after the council returned from closed session Monday night.

As the council returned from closed session, discussion about Hall and Johnson

was moved up the list to be dealt with earlier. At that time, a shorthanded council — consisting of council members Bruce Johnson, Andy Akers and Mayor Marlee Sammons — utilized the "at-will" clause amended by the council earlier in the year, which stipulates that a commissioner can be removed from a seat at the discretion of the council and moved to remove Hall and

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photo by Sheldon Compton

These kids from the First Baptist Daycare Center in Prestonsburg were smiling all the way to the bank Monday morning. The group followed their teacher for a stroll to the First Commonwealth Bank to deposit a half-full, five-gallon bucket of pennies which the youngsters have saved during the holiday season so that needy children might also have presents come Christmas.

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Lost

was even a buy made, or that the pills purchased were controlled substances," said Turner. "We've expressed our unhappiness with the Martin City Police Chief (Jeff Powell) who has so far been unable to say what they did with this critical evidence."

Without the pills, the case was simply not there, said Turner, who also expressed disappointment in the fact that no other devices — such as an audio or video recording of the alleged buy — were used by the Martin police, which Turner

said is a technique often utilized by other agencies.

According to Powell, who took "full responsibility" for the incident Wednesday, the pills were locked in an evidence locker at the department since their return from a state laboratory where they were analyzed prior to trial.

Why or how the pills got misplaced, however, is something that remains without explanation, said Powell.

"I really don't know how to comment," said Powell. "I apologize to the system for this

unfortunate mishap. The evidence is on record. It's there. We've got the records showing we had it ... We had a good case against Mr. Greer."

According to Powell, all city police officials have keys to the evidence locker, a two-door cabinet in the evidence room at the department, and there was no sign of forced entry. At this time, Powell suspects no criminal intent within the police department with the disappearance of the evidence, and said he can only "speculate" how the "unfortunate mishap" occurred.

"I'm aggravated to death because of this," said Powell. "I've told everybody it's my fault because I'm supposed to keep up with this stuff. I racked my brain all night before the trial, and I can only speculate that it happened accidentally, with no intent on behalf of the department. These officers do a great job. Officer Myhner had

a solid case — had everything he needed for a conviction.

"This is not what we wanted. We wanted a conviction and we're very disappointed that it happened. There's a good bunch of officers here at Martin ... the public needs to know that."

Powell speculated during the interview the possibility that the pills were accidentally misplaced, thrown away, or destroyed with evidence which accompanied other old criminal cases.

Other drugs which were retrieved from the Greer home following his arrest — many of which were non-narcotic, prescription medications such as cholesterol or stomach medications — were still on hand and ready for trial on Tuesday, according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Turner said he plans to be in close contact with the Martin City Police Department to look into the situation and see if any changes should be made to the evidence storage facility.

The forced dismissal of a trial slated to begin only after extensive amounts of work had

prepared the case was something Turner said the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office did with much reluctance.

"This is something we did not want to do, but we had no choice," said Turner. "We're serious about prosecuting drug cases and our record reflects that, but we cannot take cases to court when the police lose all of the evidence. We have an obligation to the jurors, the commonwealth and the accused. We will not waste their time trying cases where there is no evidence."

The news of the lost evidence also eliminated the possibility of plans to merge Greer's original indictment with a new indictment Monday morning prior to the start of the trial, said Turner.

Greer's original indictment listed a charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school — a class D felony — but was upgraded, according to Turner, to one charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance with 1,000 yards of a school while in the possession of a firearm — a class C felony — after a search of Greer's home later uncovered a firearm.

Greer could be recharged later under the same charges if the lost evidence is recovered, according to Turner.

"Based on all of this, the commonwealth had to dismiss the case without prejudice," said Turner. "Which means, however, that he (Greer) can be charged again and prosecuted if the Martin City Police can recover the evidence."

Greer's attorney, Jerry Patton of Patton and Patton Law Offices in Prestonsburg, was "obviously pleased" with the unusual turn of events which led to the dismissal.

"Actually, he's a free man now, which is what we hoped

for before going to trial," said Patton Wednesday. "We feel vindicated. We feel that the commonwealth didn't have a substantial case against Mr. Greer."

McDowell Elementary honor roll

Fourth grade

■ **Misty Little:** 4.0: Clyde Hamilton, Ariel Salisbury, Megan Slone, 3.0-3.99: Ariel Adams, Corey Hall, Bailey Hamilton, Kyle Herald, Shana Hitchcock, Caitlyn Howell, Steven Johnson, Blake Martin, Corey Paige, Tim Tackett, Ashley Thomas.

■ **Ruth Hamilton:** 3.0-3.99: Brandon Bentley, Mark Case, Andrea Conn, Brooke Frasure, Dorsa Hall, Makenzie Lawson, Laken Maggard, Bridget Slone, Shannon Turner.

Fifth grade

■ **Gwen Hamilton:** 3.0-3.99: Stephanie Conn, Ethan Gayheart, Brittany Hall, Taylor Howell, Ashley Losinger, Kerry Meade, Danielle Tackett.

■ **Tonda Johnson:** 3.0-3.99: Trista Damron, Morgan Howell, Kody Little.

■ **Mylessia Little:** 3.0-3.99: Matraca Bentley, Zachery Brown, Chelsie Conn, Amber Hall, Alex Howell, Kyle Howell, Jay Marson.

Sixth grade

■ **Joy Adams:** 3.0-3.99: Megan Berry, Angelia Crisp, Kody Hall, Kody Howell, Kristen Losinger, Billie Stumbo, Corey Wallen.

■ **Rachel Crider:** Richard Bentley, Stephanie Fraley, Amanda Frasure, Ashley Knott, Andrew Moore, Chris Murphy, Kim Patton, Jordan Tackett, Kelly Wright.

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Wheelwright

Johnson.

A vote ensued with Bruce Johnson and Akers voting in approval of the removal and Sammons voting against the proposition, bringing what appeared to be an end to Hall and Marsha Johnson's tenure as commissioners.

However, the decision suddenly became disputable when a fourth council member, Ruby Johnson, approached the table.

"The vote wasn't done legally," Mayor Sammons said, as Ruby Johnson took her seat at the council's table. "Ruby (Johnson) is a member of this council and so her vote counts."

When Sammons asked Johnson how she voted, she said no, deadlocking the vote at 2-2 and allowing Hall and Johnson to remain on the utility commission.

Sammons' explanation was disputed immediately as Akers argued the vote had gone through before Ruby Johnson had entered the building.

In short, the council decided to bring the evidence of the two sides before city attorney Tim Parker, who will, according to council member Bruce Johnson, make a decision about the legality of the vote.

Now Hall, who has already made public her accusations will remain on the commission until a decision can be made concerning her status.

According to Hall, during her time on the commission "nothing has went right" with the general business of the city.

"They make personal loans out of public funds," claimed Hall in conversations prior to Monday night's meeting. "They let some employees use equipment after hours that's not covered by the insurance. They give and buy vacation time and stuff like that so employees can draw (benefits) while on work leave."

During her accusations, Hall pointed to one city employee as a prime example of these alleged violations — Utilities Superintendent Mike Tackett.

In documents provided to The Floyd County Times by Hall, it would appear that Tackett accepted an \$800 loan from the city in early September as the information is written alongside a written note saying, "September 6, 2001, \$800 loan, \$50.00"

According to Hall, Tackett took the loan with the promise

of paying the amount back at \$50 a month until his debt with the city was settled.

After Monday's special-called meeting, Tackett admitted to borrowing \$800 with the approval of three commissioners serving at that time — Hall, Marsha Johnson and another that could not be determined at press time — and says if something were wrong in his taking the loan, the fault should lie with the commissioners.

"It was \$800 for a truck ... but the truck wasn't worth it and I didn't buy it," said Tackett. "I bought another truck and it was for my own personal use."

Although Tackett admits to accepting the money, council member Bruce Johnson views the decision as lying in the lap of the utility commission.

"The utility commission voted to give Mike (Tackett) the loan," said Bruce Johnson. "Mike has no power. He cannot take money out himself."

According to both Hall and Tackett, their relationship became one of disagreement after a verbal confrontation surrounding an incident during which Tackett was injured.

Although the details of the injury are sketchy, Tackett did explain he suffered a slight head injury while working on a job without proper head gear. He said head gear was not provided.

"I told Arlene I was going to call OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) about when I got hurt, but I wasn't serious," said Tackett. "Then she said that if I didn't call them then she would ... After that, everything changed."

Regardless of how the relationship broke down, the decision to remove Hall and Marsha Johnson from the commission will have to be put on hold until the situation can be reviewed by city attorney Tim Parker.

"We'll let Tim (Parker) look at the tape of the meeting and decide if the vote was legal," said Bruce Johnson. "If it was, then Arlene (Hall) and Marsha (Johnson) will be off the commission ... if it wasn't legal then will go from there."

Bruce Johnson declined to comment if Hall's and Marsha Johnson's proposed dismissals would be stated, in the event the vote wasn't taken properly, for another meeting date.

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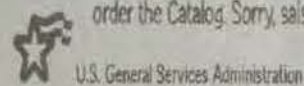


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the current policy states that "any attempt to mandate professional development or to schedule other activity on those Wednesdays will be viewed as a deliberate violation of board policy and as such, will be reported to the local board, the state board or the standards board as deemed appropriate."

Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning inquired as to where the violations were taking place within the county.

"I don't believe it is taking place in all schools, but it is taking place district-wide," Rowland replied.

Fanning informed Rowland that he would be attending a meeting with the county's principals on Tuesday and that he would investigate the matter and offer appropriate consult in regard to the scheduling of individual school meetings.

Reports from five county schools were presented to the board on Monday evening in regard to CATS (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System) scores, with Principal Jack Goodman of Adams Middle School being the first to present.

Goodman reported that his school garnered gains in the areas of reading, science, writing and math in the year 2001 over previous years.

He also reported that Adams suffered setbacks in the area of arts and humanities due to a vacant position in that area during one semester of the same year. To compensate, Goodman reported that currently eighth-grade students are receiving 45 minutes of visual arts daily and that the eighth-grade band meets daily for instructional sessions also.

In the seventh-grade area, Goodman reported that girls are outperforming boys "by a large margin" and that this is an area of concern that he and his staff are aware of and working on.

In regard to action taken for the current school year, Goodman said that the school is scheduling "master and flex time," and placing a greater "emphasis on open response," and "curriculum alignment."

Linda Gearheart, principal of Allen Elementary, informed the board that her school is concentrating on teacher workshop analyses to gain information from teachers from each grade level and content

area. She also said that she and her staff are utilizing "red flag analysis" to pinpoint "patterns" within their test scores.

"We did not meet our goal (for 2001) by 1.7 points," Gearheart informed the board. "Reading and social studies are two of our greatest areas of concern."

Gearheart also reported that the school is attempting to stay abreast of problems earlier this current year and that "letters are going out this week to parents of children who might have to spend one more year in primary."

In reference to the 2001 scores, Gearheart said "a lot of our test answers were left blank. We are sending messages to our students this year that test answers are not to be left blank."

Gearheart also reported that her school is above the district in reading, but below the state in reading, science, math, writing, social studies, arts and humanities, and practical living.

To remedy these problems, Gearheart said she is incorporating the use of "ongoing data analysis," curriculum alignment, the use of test scores to analyze curriculum gaps, and assignment of staff according to instructional strengths.

"We are also working on developing a criteria for exiting students," she said.

Wayne Combs, principal of Clark Elementary, reported to the board that "there are virtually no novice readers at Clark," as evidenced by the school's score of 82 in that subject area.

Combs reported that Clark has made, overall, steady gains in test scores over the past three years, especially in the areas of on-demand writing and writing portfolio work.

Math and arts and humanities are areas of concentration that teachers are focusing on during the current year.

Combs reported that the use of test analysis to locate curriculum gaps, professional development training, development of units of study, vertical and horizontal alignment performance standards, early Wednesday planning time, test preparations for Terra Nova testing, and ESS (extended school services) concentration on mathematics are all current advancement procedures in use by the school at this time.

"I feel that we have made good

progress," Combs said, "our goal is to just go slowly. One of our largest problems was in algebraic and geometric areas, we are trying to incorporate math into all areas."

When asked if the board could be of help to him in any way, Combs said, "It would be nice to have a music teacher. We were allotted one this year for two days (per week), but it's awful hard to go out and find someone to work just two days."

Board member Glenna Slone congratulated Combs on the school's high scores, to which he replied, "Congratulate the teachers, they do all the work."

Prestonsburg Elementary was next to report, with assistant principal Sherric Slone standing in for school principal Gwen Hale-Frazier.

The Prestonsburg team reported that in the area of reading, Prestonsburg Elementary exceeded the district and came close to the state. In arts and humanities, they exceeded the district and exceeded the state.

The team also reported that in school year 1999-2000, the school's scores exceeded the state baseline by 6.1 points and their own personal goal by 1.5 points.

Some of the "Steps for Success" utilized by the school include a "Reading Recovery" program with first graders, continued use of the accelerated reader program, and continued use of family reading night. In the area of mathematics, the use of manipulatives and AIMS training for professional development. The school also plans to keep a full time writing coordinator employed and to continue use of open-response and rubrics.

The school also has incorporated the use of new social studies textbooks that include Kentucky history segments and student-centered hands-on activities. Use of community speakers and field trips will remain on the school agenda as well as continued exposure to the related arts.

Ron Hampton, principal of Prestonsburg High School, was the last to present at Monday's meeting, informing the board that the school has been "a reward school since 1994."

Hampton's report also reflected a gain in reading, math, science, social studies, and arts and humanities since 1999. Gains in attendance were also reflected, as well

as a drop in the school's dropout rate since 1999.

Hampton also reported that PHS' percent of novice area student performances dropped 4.5 percent in 2001. "This was the best among Floyd County high schools," he said.

Some of the ways in which the school will move forward in the current school year involve the use of open-ended question policy, homework policy, core content and performance standards, departmental meetings, syllabi and lesson plans, horizontal and vertical alignment practices, assessment and planning committee, and visits to high performing schools.

Hampton also reported that programs offered to the school by The Floyd County Times and Lexington Herald-Leader, will be of continued use to encourage more reading of newspapers and journals. Hampton reported that this should improve student ability to address open-response questions.

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GPA

who has been active in coaching for several years, also appeared before the board with a sports-related concern. Conn addressed the board with "concerns that have been presented ... by parents and teachers across the district relating to the current board policy requiring student athletes to maintain a 2.5 GPA or better" in order to participate in middle school sports.

Conn said that the board's policy treats students with "inequity" by not outlining specific procedures by which schools should monitor and enforce the "inequitable and possible discriminatory" nature of the policy.

Conn told board members that he believes that the policy is not being enforced at all in some schools and that in other schools students have been "humiliated in front of the entire student body" when they have been taken out of extracurricular activities.

Supporting these activities which Conn says "foster teamwork, cooperation, and self-discipline," he posed the question to the board as to whether or not this is in the best interest of the involved students.

Conn said that not all students have "the encouragement, support or guidance ... to succeed academically ... Many students have parents or guardians that lack the skills to help their child. It isn't that they don't care about them, it is more that they do not know what to do for them. In return, they trust the school to provide fair policies and effective services that are in the best interest of their child to help him or her to succeed."

Conn posed several questions to the board in regard to the 2.5 GPA policy such as whether or not parents were being notified when their child was not meeting the policy standard, and whether or not "student-athletes were given counseling services related to goal setting and effective decision making."

"Is after-school tutoring

offered to student-athletes who are failing or performing poorly in their specific content areas?" Conn queried. "Are there school level committees in place to help determine whether or not all possible means have been exhausted to help a student-athlete, or any other student for that matter, succeed?"

Conn also posed questions in regard to the students who have shown significant improvement but haven't yet achieved a 2.5 GPA, "can you ... honestly say that this student has been given every possible opportunity within the school setting to help him or her return as a player ... or has this policy made them more of an outcast than they possibly were before?"

Conn said that "all schools need concrete, standard procedures" to be "implemented

across this district" and enforced in each school. He asked the board if there is a particular person or a particular office directly responsible for overseeing that the policy be enforced in a uniform manner district wide.

Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning replied that the board sets the policy, which is then implemented by his office and that the individual site-based councils oversee the policy.

Conn later said that he did not fully receive the answer he was looking for, but the board did request a copy of Conn's statement and said that they would investigate the situation at the individual schools and perhaps be able to more fully address the issue at a later meeting.

Helmets raised high in Prestonsburg

As I reflect back on the past 4 months, I can't express to all of you the love and respect I have gathered throughout these rough days. I couldn't have continued living productively without you and your support. The loss of my son, Josh, has been the hardest challenge I have ever had to endure, and without the good acts of many people where would I be?

Sometimes words aren't enough, but actions in a positive manner seem to be the element of healing. Just a smile or a hug can sometimes be just what one needs. I am one person that love in this community has truly touched. I'm so proud of this community and its heart-felt love that continues to inspire many that live here. Continue praying for those who are still out looking for good because it's all around us. It's like miracles; sometimes you have to look a little harder, but miracles are happening everywhere we look. We just need to look a little harder, a little harder, see, now you know what I mean ... Good will prevail over evil. I know God has a plan for all of us, so we must trust him and keep our faith strong and he will use us in his grace at his appointed time. So, believe the time we are living is the time to do our best 24 hours a day. Treat today as though it's your last day because you are not promised tomorrow.

Special thanks goes out to John DeRossett and his huddle made of 53 Blackcat players, assistant coaches, staff, booster club members, reporters, announcers, teachers and friends of Prestonsburg for the love you have expressed. You have to agree the huddle has grown and it's untelling how many faithful fans are out there that will never forget this past football season of 2001. Miracles have been performed, and I know so many of you have witnessed them, too. Prestonsburg is a small town gone big! I'm so proud of our Blackcat boys for showing us true strength and courage that has been demonstrated throughout this year. These are the reasons that I'm so proud to say I live in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Thanks for making me feel like family!

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Our View

Priorities, please

As if it were really needed, Monday evening-into-night's school board meeting served as a resounding exclamation point to criticisms levied against its members by Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit and State Manager Zella Wells.

In light of a report by Wells and two letters from Wilhoit outlining serious structural and procedural deficiencies, as well as incomplete tasks and outright blunders, one would think board members would walk into Monday's meeting ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work dealing with the criticism constructively.

What really happened? One board member took pains to explain that his remarks had been inaccurately portrayed in an Associated Press story, while another worried openly that news accounts of the criticism might cause people to make fun of the board.

In fact, board members chose to concentrate entirely on news accounts of the criticism, rather than the criticism itself.

And even that token response came only after the first hour of the meeting was spent recognizing the Prestonsburg Blackcats football team and watching a video of compiled television sports coverage of their march to the state finals. Then, the meeting was stopped so that the board could pose for pictures with the team.

Meanwhile, five principals waited patiently to give reports about their schools' showings on state tests — but they were only able to after the board extended its self-imposed three-hour meeting time limit by 90 minutes. An architect at the meeting to brief board members on the status of district projects finally gave up and left after waiting three-and-a-half hours for the board to get around to him.

Finally, a representative of the Kentucky School Boards Association who has been working with board members to help them find ways to function better was given the final five minutes of the meeting. While we suspect he could have made good use of more time, he was probably relieved to get to speak at all, since he had been trying for several meetings without success.

All in all, we don't think Monday's meeting was very beneficial in helping the board rebuild its image. In fact, if we were to point to the board's number-one image problem, it would be that members appear to be more concerned with image than with problems, and that point was underlined Monday night.

School board meetings would not need to run four or five hours if board members spent less time posturing for the camera and conducting public relations work, rather than dealing with real issues — such as those raised by Wilhoit and Wells.

For the board to react to news stories about those issues, rather than dealing with the issues themselves, proves that members missed the point entirely.

— The Floyd County Times

Today's Joke: Why did the chicken cross the road?



Answer: To get to Pakistan, of course!

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Mary's Musings

Yes, Virginia, there WAS a Santa Claus

For nearly a year now, I've met with you every Wednesday here in this little spotlight where I — finally — am allowed to put my two cents into the batch. Like most opinions, mine isn't always accepted, but that doesn't stop me from having one, nor will it ever prevent me from writing it. (Great country, isn't it?)

If you can recall, my opinion last week stirred a little bit of aggravation with the shopping crowd. My opinion? We lie to our children about Santa Claus. The reaction? "Santa Claus IS real, and he's very upset with you," "Teaching children there is no Santa Claus is taking God out of Christmas" (or, I like this one) "She better hide her face until after Christmas."

I must admit, I was a bit flabbergasted with last week's reaction. Some really respectable opinions, there, gotta tell ya, coming from adults and all. Had no idea you guys had it in ya.

So, I've pondered this all week, did some research, reread my column, thinking perhaps there was some misunderstanding ... Nope, these people actually believe that they are not lying to their kids (their children who depend on them to find stability and truth and guidance in today's misguided world).

My husband watched a television

program last week on channel 36, 'round about the time you guys were discussing me and my opinion on WMDJ. He said the program was quite interesting. Three scientists (SCIENTISTS) visited a group of third-grade kids to answer questions about this lively myth.

Question (third-grade children, innocent): How does Santa fly all over the world without getting lost?

Answer (middle-aged scientists, educated): He has a special radar that tells him where he's at all the time.

Question (third-grade children, innocently listening): How does Santa afford all those presents?

Answer (middle-aged scientists, educated adults): Why, he has a secret stash that only he and your parents know about.

Question (third-grade children, innocently listening, seeking truth): How does

Santa get down a chimney without getting burned?

Answer (middle-aged scientists, educated adults telling lies): Santa has a special flame-retardant suit, one like the astronauts wear in space.

(They couldn't explain to the children how Santa makes his reindeer fly.)

I assume, if any of you are as stubborn as me, then you probably still see no problem with telling children that Santa Claus, who knows all and sees all, who flies with his reindeer on Christmas Eve, who swoops down chimneys in his flame-retardant suit, is ultimately the "spirit" of the season.

For those of you, I have a special treat: a way out. You don't have to lie to

your kids anymore.

Following is an excerpt from an article written by Gretchen Passantino in 1996, published in the Discipleship Journal:

"When our oldest daughter was not quite 3, we told her about a special Christian who lived a long time ago. His name was Nicholas, and we call him St. Nicholas, because saint means someone who belongs to God, just like we do. In St. Nicholas' town there were many poor children. They didn't have enough food, clothes, or toys. St. Nicholas used his money to buy food, clothes, and toys for the poor children. He didn't want them to be embarrassed by his gifts, so he gave secretly.

"St. Nicholas also told everyone about Jesus and how much God loved them. Many people became Christians because of what St. Nicholas said. Then some mean people who hated Jesus put St. Nicholas in jail to keep him from telling people about Jesus and from helping people. St. Nicholas kept on telling people about Jesus until the mean people had him killed.

"Because of how much St. Nicholas loved Jesus, and because of the many gifts he gave the poor children of his town, we still remember St. Nicholas at Christmas time. All of the gifts he gave, and all of the Christmas presents we give, are to remind us of the very best gift anyone ever gave: when God the Father gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to us for our salvation.

"Today there are many people who don't know the truth about St. Nicholas. They call him 'Santa Claus,' and they tell children pretend stories about him living in the North Pole and having elves and reindeer. But we know the truth, and

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Guest Column

Clearing the air on the cigarette excise tax

by LYNNCAROL BIRGMANN

Kentucky is recognized with pride for our scenic mountains in the east, our shimmering lakes in the west and our vibrant cities and rural communities.

But how many Kentuckians are proud of the fact that the state ranks No. 1 in the nation for the lung cancer death rate? Or that we have one of the highest rates of teen smoking in the country?

Nearly 8,000 residents die annually

due to tobacco-related illnesses, the equivalent of everyone in Cumberland County, plus another 900 Kentuckians.

Equally appalling, almost 88,000 Kentucky children will die prematurely from smoking because of our high youth smoking rates. These statistics are way above the national average. Maybe it's because we have some of the nation's cheapest cigarettes.

At 3 cents a pack, the Kentucky cigarette excise tax is the second lowest rate in the nation. Kentucky's 3-cent tax hasn't been raised since 1970 and is a staggering 1,387 percent below the national average of 44.6 cents a pack.

The average excise tax for the states contiguous to Kentucky is 21 cents. Kentucky's cheap cigarettes make it a major contributor to cigarette smuggling. This black market isn't just a scattering of roadside vendors crossing state lines

with a few cartons of Kentucky cigarettes, but a lucrative and highly organized underground market.

Kentucky has a unique opportunity now, during a state budget shortfall, to tap a long neglected source of revenue and simultaneously provide a major public health benefit. Could there possibly be a better time to raise the state excise tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products to aid Kentucky's sagging coffers? As a bonus, research indicates that raising prices is the single most effective way to reduce tobacco use.

A 75-cent increase in the Kentucky cigarette excise tax could lower the youth smoking rate by nearly 15 percent and lower the adult smoking rate by 5 percent, according to a study by a health economist at the University of Illinois in

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Local child advocacy group seeking board members

A regional child advocacy organization is seeking volunteers to serve on the board of directors of Big Sandy Area CASA Inc., a newly-formed, non-profit corporation that advocates for abused and neglected children.

The group, which is an affiliate of the national Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization, became an official non-profit corporation in May and hopes to hire staff, find office space and serve clients early next year.

"We're very excited about starting up our operations in Floyd County in 2002 and expanding our services into other surrounding counties in the future," said Margaret Pelfrey, president of the Big Sandy organization.

Eventually, Pelfrey said, Big Sandy Area CASA Inc. will serve children in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

CASA began in 1976 when a Seattle judge came up with the idea to train lay volunteers to represent children in his courtroom. His strategy, which continues today, was to appoint lay persons to stand up for children in the court system.

Those representatives, vested with the authority of the court, would be able to investigate cases, make suggestions to social workers, teachers, parents and other persons in that child's life, and then report back to the court on any progress the child and her family had made.

The idea caught on and now

has spread across the nation.

Today, there are more than 950 CASA chapters in cities and counties across the nation. Kentucky alone has nearly 40 CASA chapters, according to the Kentucky CASA organizations website.

Once the Floyd County pilot program has an executive director, Big Sandy Area CASA Inc. will look for volunteers to represent the children in court.

Before they are able to go to court on behalf of a child, however, the volunteers must take part in a rigorous training program where they learn about the court system, social services and the need for confidentiality among other things.

James Talbert-Slagle, a former CASA volunteer in the

Henderson, Ky., organizations, explained that being a CASA volunteer means working hard but enjoying every minute of it.

"I spent a lot of time with the kids I was appointed to represent," he said. "I saw them at least once a week, tried to get better services for them from the schools and social services and eventually made a recommendation to the court. And the judge agreed with me. It was a wonderful experience."

Talbert-Slagle, now an attorney working with legal services in Prestonsburg, serves as a member of the board of directors for CASA.

Anyone who would like to work on bringing the CASA program to the Big Sandy region should contact Pelfrey at (606) 886-8572.

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Mary

when we see a department store Santa Claus or a picture of Santa Claus in a magazine, we remember the real Santa Claus, who loved Jesus so much and whose life and death remind us about God's gift of Jesus Christ to us." (You can access this entire article at www.answers.org/Issue/s/Santa.html.)

I enjoy taking the time to pick out something special for the people I love. I enjoy watching their eyes light up when they receive this symbol of love from me, a little piece of my heart tied

up in a box.

But sadly, with many people, it isn't that way anymore. By the time Christmas Day arrives, I am so sick of it, I just want barricade myself in the house with a big fat pepperoni pizza. Honestly, if I see one more parent standing in the middle of a toy aisle with a screaming child, telling them that Santa Claus is going to fill their stocking with a lump of coal if they're not good (while Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer chimes in the background), I'm liable to go berzerk. Who decided that

Christmas should be like this anyway? It's entirely too much for me.

Christmas began with the ultimate gift, and now it is so overrated with commercialization, that no one really notices anymore. We spend too much time being caught up in the rushing, the buying, we forget the beauty behind it, the reason we celebrate it in the first place. I realize that not all families are like this. I know that many people, thankfully, do put their heart into the season. But there are others, many other homes where children learn about Santa Claus long before they know who God is. It's the ultimate lie, and it's disgusting. I don't care if people say it's okay to teach our children these things, but I feel by sensationalizing this lie, we are cheating the ones we love the very best.

It was never meant to be this way. A child lives their life 7, 8, 10 years thinking, waiting, believing that some jolly old man brings them presents, then wakes up one day to realize that he isn't real, that it's a lie — a 7-, 8-, 10-year lie — what do you think it does to that child's perspective? His or her respect for their parents? And when he or she finally learns of God, does he or she expect Him to be just another 7-, 8-, or 10-year lie that will fade once they grow out of it? You can sit there and say that

the whole Santa Claus scenario is a harmless fairy tale that lifts the imagination of a 5-year-old child. You can even tell me how encouraging this untruth can be beneficial to children in certain ways, i.e., using it as an excuse to make your children behave. But it doesn't blow with me. I think all relationships, blood or otherwise, should begin with honesty and truth. If your relationship with your child — with anyone — begins with a lie, even if it's a tiny little white lie that's supposed to be good, then where does it go from there? Next, you'll have them believing in the Easter bunny.

Oh, and by the way, if some of you still believe that this little white lie is harmless to our children, here's some food for thought. While researching this information last night on the Internet, I found websites posted by two — count them, two — souls who said finding out there was no Santa Claus was totally devastating. They said that lie, along with others displayed and practiced in the "Christian tradition" led them to find a "better" religion. One is now an agnostic. The other, an atheist. (And both say they don't lie.)

But, never mind, it's tradition, right? And, of course, why should it be otherwise?

Guest

Chicago. It would help curtail the black market for cigarettes. It would further help to prevent 20,000 smoking-related deaths, many of them our kids, and result in \$974 million in total health care savings, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. That's almost \$1 billion that could be better spent on other goods, services and programs that benefit all of the residents of Kentucky.

Critics of the excise tax increase argue that the tax is regressive and unfairly targets the working poor. However, an excise tax increase would not affect the more than 70 percent of Kentuckians who do not smoke in the first place. While it is true that the working poor smoke at higher rates, an increase in the price of cigarettes will benefit that same group by prompting some to quit or cut back. Fewer smokers will mean improved health and lower health care costs for those who quit, including the working poor.

Certainly cigarette companies don't care about the welfare of low-income smokers, as evidenced by price increases from 1998 to 2001. During that time, the industry hiked the price per pack by \$1.24, spending half to offset the cost of tobacco lawsuit settlements and pocketing the rest as profit, according to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

The dynamics of the global tobacco market ensure that Kentucky tobacco farmers can absorb the state repercussions of an excise tax increase. A 75-cent per pack excise tax increase will result in a less than two-tenths of one-percent decline in demand for U.S. burley tobacco. Taking into account that smoking in Kentucky is responsible for only a tiny fraction of the global demand for tobacco grown in the state, the impact becomes even more negligible. Furthermore, revenue generated from a price hike and long-term health care savings would benefit all Kentuckians, farming communities included.

If Kentucky lawmakers raise the price of cigarettes, the revenue would fund critical state programs. Even more importantly, this forward thinking and courageous action by our law-

makers would decrease tobacco consumption and save lives.

The public health costs are just too high a price to pay for an outdated low excise tax that drives up cigarette smoking rates.

Our public officials can serve the public by taking steps that will not only reduce smoking but will provide revenues for programs that benefit all of us.

Birgmann is executive director of Kentucky ACTION, a statewide coalition of organizations dedicated to reducing the burden of tobacco-related disease and death in the state.

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SOMERSET — More than 800 families in Wayland will soon be able to utilize sewer service for the first time, thanks to a million-dollar PRIDE grant announced this week.

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers announced Monday that a total of \$13.8 million has been awarded to 18 communities throughout the region, enabling cities and counties across the region to extend sewage treatment lines into areas that currently have no service.

In Floyd County, the Southern Water and Sewer District will receive \$1,020,000 to extend treatment lines into Wayland and also provide an opportunity for more extensions later. This total project, when complete, will serve over 820 households.

"We're attacking the wastewater problem on all fronts," Rogers said today. "The 18 projects that have been funded will affect over 2,200 households, most of which current-

ly have straight pipes or failing septic systems. The good news is that matching funds are not required and the projects will not be unnecessarily delayed. PRIDE is an important effort to the health and well being of the citizens in Eastern and Southern Kentucky."

Monday's announcement is the first installment of construction grants made by the PRIDE initiative. Over \$63 million in applications were received by the program.

Secretary of Natural Resources General Jim Bickford praised the effort: "These projects are another step in the process to clean up Kentucky. Sewage from thousands of households will no longer pollute the rivers and streams of our state. Human health and the environment will be better protected by these efforts and I congratulate Congressman Rogers on this announcement."

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE — Personal Responsibility In a

Desirable Environment — was created by Congressman Hal Rogers and Kentucky Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet Jim Bickford. PRIDE is a comprehensive, region-wide effort that links local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's rivers and streams of garbage and sewage, to end illegal trash dumps and to promote environmental education and awareness. PRIDE is funded by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Other projects funded in Monday's announcement include:

■ Adair County - the City of Columbia has been awarded \$489,000 for the Russell Heights community. This project will affect 70 households.

■ Bell County - the City of Middlesboro has been awarded \$971,194 for Camony and 31st Streets. This project will serve approximately 70 households.

■ Casey County - the City of Liberty will receive \$300,000 for US Highway 127 South. This project will affect 21 residents.

■ Clay County - the City of Manchester will receive \$1,700,000 for the Paces Creek and Mill Pond area. This project will serve 280 households.

■ Harlan County - the City of Harlan will receive \$1,000,000 to extend treatment lines into Catron's Creek. This project will serve over 300 households and a 100-bed long-term care facility.

■ Lawrence County - Lawrence County Fiscal Court will receive \$510,300 to serve the Louisa-Clayton area. This project will provide service to 37 homes.

■ Lee County - the City of Beattyville will receive \$425,000 to provide service to South Fork Road. 33 households are affected.

■ Leslie County - the City of Hyden will receive \$750,000 to provide service to Rockhouse Creek. This project will affect over 120 residents.

idents.

■ Letcher County - the City of Fleming Neon will receive \$554,000 to provide service to Lower Boone Fork. This project will affect 97 households.

■ Letcher County - the City of Whitesburg will receive \$532,000 to provide service to Solomon's Branch. This project will affect 38 households.

■ Lincoln County - the City of Stanford will receive \$395,730 to provide service to the Rowland Community. This project will affect 47 homes.

■ Martin County - the City of Inez will receive \$1,000,000 to extend lines into the Deavella area. This project will affect 127 households.

■ Perry County - the City of Hazard will receive \$2,200,000 to provide service to the Bulan/Harburley area of the county. This project will affect 675 homes.

■ Pike County - the Mountain Water District will receive \$500,000 to extend lines into the Lower Shelby area. This is a portion of the funding for a much larger project that will affect 432 homes.

■ Pulaski County - the City of Burnside will receive \$600,000. This is also part of a much larger project that would be unable to proceed without PRIDE dollars. When this project is complete, it will affect 300 households.

■ Whitley County - the City of Williamsburg will receive \$463,930 to extend service on US 25W and Watts Creek Road. This project affects 30 households and a school.

■ Whitley County - Corbin City Utilities will receive \$423,250 to extend service to Barbourville Road and Knox Avenue. This project affects 50 households.

Smell

Campbell. "We're not as confident as we would be in some areas because in most cases these projects are based on criteria that includes a gain in users to the service."

Campbell said the enhancement project would be just that, and that the grants or loans to be awarded for the project would come with the understanding that the work to be done would not provide an increase in users to the system, but rather function as an improvement to the current system already in place.

"Anytime you're dealing with government grants or loans they like to see you providing more service to users," explained Campbell. "The more you gain, the better chance the project has."

But the commission and Fannin, as well as city utility management, remain optimistic about seeing funding becoming available, said Campbell.

"Both the mayor and the commission and the management here feel confident that the funds will come through," said Campbell, "because it's our number one priority to eliminate the odor in the downtown area. Seldon (Home) and the mayor have heard the complaints, and this has become our number one priority."

If the grants and loans become available, Campbell said the switch from the combined, open lines of the sewer and storm systems to the closed and separate systems would do better than reduce the downtown odor, it would eliminate the problem.

"The biggest thing is to separate the two lines, because that's where odor is coming from," Campbell said. "Since the two lines are combined right now, when you don't have much rainfall the sewer then dominates the lines which causes more odor ... during dry times things tend to just lay in the lines. With the improvements, the sewer would then be in an enclosed line instead of certain lines being open."

The plans are, of course, based on the assumption the grants and loans will come through, but according to Fannin, the process to correct the downtown sewer sys-

tem has been going on for some time.

"We started engineering work about two years ago," said Fannin. "It's a slow process, but we have all the engineering work done now and we're now going after the money to get it done."

Fannin, who was in attendance for Monday night's commission meeting, explained that plans are also underway to construct a proposed wastewater plant at Dwale which would serve to cure problems with downtown Prestonsburg's aging sewer system, something that has been approached many times in the past without much success.

"This has been looked at by every mayor for a long time" said Fannin, "but this is the first time something has been done to try and fix it."

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My first Christmas in Heaven

Paula Stanley

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below. With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear. For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear. But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description to hear the angles sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all "LOVE" is the gift, more precious than pure gold. It was always important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do. For I can't count the blessing or the love he has for you. So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear. Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

All My Love Forever

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by
Gary, Deanna, Scotty, Stacy,
all Aunts and Uncles

First grade

■ **Bethany Bingham:** All A's: Allyson Branham, Nikki Ellis, Trey Stapleton, Cody Holbrook, Alex Hunt. B Honor Roll: Austin Blanton, Rachel Dingus, Mitch Fields, Rachael Hall, Mikka Lowe Nathan Marsillett, Alex Poe, Aaron Sanders, Coty Shortridge, Austin Slone, Marissa Thompson.

■ **Christina Blair:** All A's: Megan Begley, Elizabeth Collins, Amber Jarrell. B Honor Roll: Dustin Bartrum, Austin Bertrand, Shelby Blackburn, Clarissa Bryant, Savannah Bryant, Paige Caudill, Ryan Flannery, Jessica Harris, Rami Iskandarani, James McCallister, Thomas Osborne, Destinee Stewart, Kinsey VanDine.

■ **Pam Collins/Vicky Stumbo:** All A's: Curtis Griffith, Elizabeth Vaughn, Christopher Worthington. B Honor Roll: Darren Burchett, Derick Burchett, Tamara Hamilton, Amber Hayden, Whitney Slone, Johnny Shepherd.

■ **Scott Tackett:** All A's: Colton Boleyn, Cheyenne Clifton, Grant Gearheart, Seaton Hall, Hannah Hitchcock, Clay Lemaster, McKinley Minix, Derek Newsome, Bethany Scarberry, Hannah Spurlock. B Honor Roll: Nathan Armstrong, Bobbie Blair, Nicholas Gibson, Tate Goble, Samantha Hall,

Shane Hall, Nicholas Hites, Rebecca Johnson, Brittany Osborne, Cody Parsons, Steven Reffitt.

Second grade

■ **Bobby Hackworth:** All A's: Jessica Lafferty, Shawn Ratliff. B Honor Roll: Josh Clifton, Anthony Collins, Blake Goble, Leanna Goble, Hannah Hackworth, Anna Hall, Dakota Hampton, Tucker Jones, Jonathan Murrell, Megan Newsome, Justin Riley, Matthew Roberts, Zachary Romans, Lakyn Strobel, Jamie Wallen, Kiersten Woods.

■ **Melissa Turner:** All A's: Victoria Hampton. B Honor Roll: Amanda Phillips, Corey Lewis, Charlie Joseph, Ashley Jervis, Kelly Miller, Brittany Paige Slone.

Second/third grade

■ **Tonja Little:** All A's: Kimberly Jarrell, Austin Newsome, Rheagan Willis, Kristany Setser, Latosha Lafferty, Brandon Quillen, Drew Diddle, Cheyanna Jude, Brian Branham, Frankie Conn, Ashton Sizemore, Amber Childers, Michael Marsillett. B Honor Roll: Casey Hall, Dakota Chaffins, Tyler Sparkman, Joshua Whitaker, Lanora Johnson, Clara Potter, Autumn Rose Davis, Brandi Frasure, Emily Hammonds, Adrian Neeley, Michelle Crider.

Third grade

■ **Jo Ann Conn:** All A's: Zachary Taulbee. B Honor Roll: Matt Crum, Tyler Goble, Kayla Hall, Jamie Marsillett, Spencer Newsome, Ashley Poston, Desirae Potter, Bethany Stephens.

■ **Diana Turner:** All A's: Kaitlyn Minix, Hannah Walker, Cassie Whitt. B Honor Roll: Jacob Branham, Elaina Calhoun, Julie Compton, Brittney Davis, Madyson Nunnery, James Sturgill, Tyler Whitt, Brittany Slone.

■ **Deborah Walker:** All A's: Wilson Allen, Alexis DeRossett, Tori Hunt, Kasey Moore, Kalan Wells. B Honor Roll: Warren Blackburn, Robert Grigsby, Logan Hunt, Shaina Hunt, Taylor Tackett, Courtney Williams.

Fourth grade

■ **Joan Cornett:** B Honor Roll: Jonna Craft, Beth Collins, Anthony Hallam, Kelli Maynard, Austin McKinney, Victoria Petry, Alex Reed.

■ **Debra Holland:** All A's: Cody McCoy. B Honor Roll: Elizabeth Baldridge, Micaya Canterbury, Nick Conn, Brittany Coyer, Josh Craynon, Jamie Hall, Heather Hunt, Courtney Marsillett, Ashley Martin, Franklin Nelson, Britney Owsley, Jessica Pennington, Brittany Rose, Nikka Shell, Brad Stanley.

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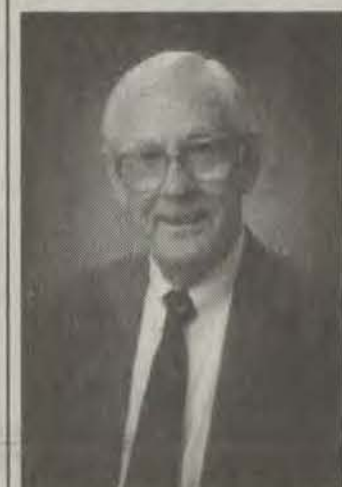
■ **Linda Combs:** All A's: Sarah Crider. B Honor Roll: Linsey Fields, Rachael Goble, Maggie Hall, Chelsea Lafferty, Whitney Layne, Jacob Burchett,

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■ **Susan Greene:** All A's: Alyssa Allen. B Honor Roll: Kayla Dingus, Cari Gayheart, Pam Gibson, Whitney Gibson, Rachael Hall, Michael Hicks, Allen Harris, Reannah Johnson, Mica Joseph, Adam Kimbler, Jessica Sparkman, Matt Sword.

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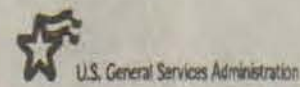
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Getaways: post-holiday shopping and sight-seeing, Kentucky style

by ANN LATTA
KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF
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Still have the shopping bug? What if you could find an assortment of Kentucky-made crafts, foods, art, books and music all within a single store? That's the idea behind The Kentucky Collection, an innovative program that gathers Kentucky crafts from around the commonwealth and presents them in a specific location.

The Kentucky Collection premieres this winter in select specialty stores. The first three

that will be carrying the collection are the Uniquely Kentucky shop at Crescent Springs in Northern Kentucky, the Cozy Corner in Eastern Kentucky at Whitesburg, and Hawley-Cooke Booksellers in Louisville.

The Collection includes some wonderful special items from the Wooden Utensil and Marianne Brown Pottery, Gastineau jewelry, Brushy Fork Creek carved wine toppers and wooden oil lamps and Soapwerks candles and soaps are a few of the other products that are available. Keep in mind that this is just a sampling.

Appalachian Crafts, which makes handcrafted corn shuck items, such as dolls, flowers, angels and nativity sets, as well as poplar and willow bark baskets, is also included in the Collection. Mary Reed, a co-owner with her husband of Appalachian Crafts, said she is very pleased with the new program that brings together quality Kentucky-made products.

"It's another avenue to highlight Kentucky craftspeople," she told me. "This collection combines different Kentucky items so that these items represent all of the arts and crafts of Kentucky."

Cordelia Schaber, owner of the Uniquely Kentucky store, says that shoppers are eager to purchase these selections because of the crafts' heritage and significance and the beauty and quality of the Collection. Kentucky's crafts give people a sense of pride in their state, she said.

The Kentucky Collection is a great new opportunity to find a good mix of our state's handcrafted products in one location. But don't forget that our state parks and many other gift shops across the Commonwealth also offer a good assortment of our artisans' works. Watch for the "Kentucky Crafted" logo to

assure quality and authenticity. Next spring, The Kentucky Collection will be expanded. More specialized products and three additional stores will be added. You can also get a free copy of our publication, "Sampler of Kentucky Arts and Craft," by phoning 800-225-8747 or asking for it online at www.kentuckytourism.com.

The Kentucky Collection is an initiative of the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program, a state agency in the Kentucky Arts Council, Education, Arts & Humanities Cabinet.

For more information about the Kentucky Collection, visit:

■ Uniquely Kentucky, 2341 Buttermilk Crossing, Crescent Springs, Tel: 859/426-8585, www.uniquelykentucky.com

■ The Cozy Corner, 127A Main Street, Whitesburg, Tel: 606/633-9637, www.cozy-cornercrafts.com

■ Hawley-Cooke Booksellers, Shelbyville Road Plaza, Louisville, Tel: 502/893-0133

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Ashland transformed to a 'Winter Wonderland'

During the holidays, many families are looking for fun activities to entertain out-of-town guests and children out of school. Luckily, there's plenty to do around the commonwealth even before the new year sets in.

Kids of all ages enjoy looking at dazzling holiday lights. This year, Ashland is transformed into one of the state's most impressive holiday showcases. Through January 2, you can walk or drive through a Winter Wonderland of more than 750,000 twinkling lights.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. each night, downtown Ashland and Central Park come alive with decorative winter displays. Now in its 13th year, the park features 37 displays and scenes, including an impressive igloo, a 15-foot Christmas stocking and a scene of a candy factory. There are even snowy displays depicting skiers flying off a ski jump and ice skaters on a pond.

The town becomes a big attraction with thousands of people visiting the area during the weekends. You can see the best views on Winchester and Carter Avenues.

"Winter Wonderland just keeps getting bigger and bigger each year," said Marion Russell, co-chairman of Winter Wonderland. "But the best time to see it is during the evenings." The park lights are on from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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The Family of Champ Clark Gibson

Card of Thanks

The family of Furman Dingus would like to thank everyone who helped us through our time of sorrow. If you sent flowers or food or just thought to say a prayer for us, we truly appreciate it. Ron and Mary Lynn Wright performed the wonderful music for the services. The Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints conducted a very moving program for the funeral. The Masonic Service was conducted by Dr. Robert Marshall and was well attended on Wednesday night. A special "Thank you" to Hall Funeral Home and their staff, for their kind and professional service. We also thank Hurshel Owens of the Sheriff's Department for the escort.

Charles, Delores, DeAnna and Kris Dingus

A special thanks to the following Pallbearers:

Pallbearers: James "Demp" Allen, Lemayne Dingus, Bob Simonton, Eddie VanHoose, Larry Thornsberry, Michael Click, Jerome Hicks, Merle Salyers, Paul Marsillett, Bobby Sherman Dingus, and Duran Jarrell. Honorary: Charles McDavid, Bill "Crush" Dingus, Philip Arthur Dingus, Jerry McGarey, Dr. James Douglas Adams, Dr. Debra Hall, Dr. Robert Marshall, Ernest Hayes, William T. Wolford, Harold "Flint" Osborne, and Estill "Buddy" Smith.

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11:30 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 25

10:00 a.m.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Martha Burke wishes to thank all those friends and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of Doug's wife and the children's mother. Thanks to all who sent food and flowers. A special thank-you to Pastor Jimmy Price, Pastor Tommy Nelson, and Pastor Ellis Stephens for their comfort and support. Thank you to the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist singers for the special songs that you sang at the funeral. We would also like to thank the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church for the dinner they served to the family after the funeral. The family would also like to thank Respond Ambulance Service, the Prestonsburg Fire Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, for all their support and assistance. A special thank-you to Larry Burke and the employees of the Burke Funeral Home. Mom will be sadly missed, but with God's help and prayer, we will meet her in heaven one day.

We love you and miss you,

Your loving husband,
Children,
Sons-in-law,
Daughters-in-law,
Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren



Blessings to All



As we gather together with friends and relatives, let us remember the real meaning of Christmas, God's love for us!

Keep Christ in Christmas
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Denzil Yates

Denzil Yates, age 74, of Printer, Ky., husband of Josephine Meade Yates, passed away Sunday, December 16, 2001 at his residence.

He was born October 12, 1927 in Garrett, Ky., the son of the late Andrew Jackson Yates and Maggie Moore Yates. Mr. Yates was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Martin, Ky., a retired coal miner, and a member of the United Mine Workers Association, Local No. 1373, Wayland, Ky.

Survivors include five sons, Steven Yates and Denzil Yates Jr., both of Printer, Ky., Danny Yates and Tim Yates, both of Garrett, Ky., and Carter Yates, Martin, Ky.; five daughters, Connie Mullins and Pearlene Yates, both of Printer, Ky., Nadine Herrell, Columbus, OH, Helen Isaac, Martin, Ky., LaDonna Briggs, Prestonsburg, Ky., two sisters, Ester Hall Lawson, Harold, Ky., and Katherine Meade, Printer, Ky., 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Chris Yates, two daughters, Gwinna Davis Carroll and Anna Doris Yates; two brothers, Andrew Yates Jr. and Clifford Yates; one sister, Ethel Elliott; four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Funeral services for Denzil Yates were conducted Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints officiating.

Burial followed in the Meade Cemetery, Printer, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky. Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers for Denzil Yates were Craig Isaac, Chris Yates, Shannon Yates, Justin Yates, Brian Yates, Allan Mullins, Ralph Justice, Randy Conway, Carl Ray Briggs, Richard Elliott, and Mike Handcock.

(Paid obituary)

Evan Akers

Evan Akers, age 57, of Galveston, Ky., died Friday, December 14, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on November 17, 1944, at Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of Oscar Akers, of Grethel, and the late Annie Evans Akers. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Sue Hamilton Akers; two sons, Stacy (Jessica Renee) Akers, of Grethel, Ky., and Tracy (Barbara Jane) Akers, of Galveston, Ky.; two daughters, Bonnie Faye Bryant, of Teaberry, Ky., and Linda Sue Akers, of Grethel, Ky.; three brothers, Windell Akers, of Dayton, Ohio, Lovel Akers, of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Austin Akers, of Grethel, Ky.; five sisters, Shirlene Akers, of Dayton, Ohio, Marlene Spears, of Harold, Ky., Magalene Patrick, of Tram, Ky., Amolene Damron, of Dayton, Ohio, Avonelle Spears, of Harold, Ky.; four grandchildren, Tricia Dawn Akers, Tyra Mashea Gambill, Jessica Nicole Bryant, and Bobby Evan Bishop; and one step-grandchild, Devon.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Akers.

Funeral services for Evan Akers were conducted Monday, December 17, 2001, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky. Ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiated.

Burial followed in the Akers Family Cemetery, Grethel, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Danny Wheeler

Mayo

Danny Wheeler Mayo, age 55, of Hager Hill, Ky., passed away Monday, December 17, 2001, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky., after an extended illness. He was born December 11, 1946, at Paintsville, Ky. A son of Royce W. Mayo of West Prestonsburg, Ky., and the late Garnet (Akers) Mayo. He was a disabled coal miner. A member of the Church of Christ. He was a Mason having belonged to the Thomas Cecil Lodge in Pikeville, Ky.

He is survived by one brother, Mr. Royce F. Mayo, of Pikeville, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Peggy Rice, of East Point, Ky., Mrs. Laura Hyden, of Martin, Ky., and Mrs. Sandy Alvarez, of Simpsonville, Ky.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 2 p.m. from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel in Prestonsburg, Ky. Officiating minister will be Evangelist Bennie Blakenship.

Burial will follow in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Friends may call at the Burke Funeral Home in Prestonsburg, Ky., after 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2001.

All arrangements under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

(Paid obituary)

Paul Newton Martin

Paul Newton Martin, age 72, of Allen, Ky., died Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky., following an extended illness.

Born June 9, 1929, in Whitesville, West Virginia, he was a son of Cary Martin and Ina Pearl Bales Martin. He was the owner of the Country Kitchen Restaurant, Allen, Ky. He was a member of the American Legion, AmVets, V.F.W., Disabled American Veterans, and served in the United States Army in the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars and the U.N. Service Medal.

He is survived by one daughter, Paula M. Layne, Prestonsburg, Ky.; one brother, Clarence Martin, Prestonsburg, Ky.; one sister, Florence (Shug) Music, Prestonsburg, Ky.; one granddaughter, Heather Ousley, Prestonsburg, Ky.; two nephews; and two nieces.

He is preceded in death by one sister, Carrie Pearl Wimer.

Funeral services for Paul Newton Martin were conducted Saturday, December 15, 2001, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg. The Rev. George Love officiated.

Interment was at the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Military gravesite services were conducted by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, D.A.V., Auxier, Ky.

Pallbearers for Paul Newton Martin were Chris Bailey, Neil Bailey, David Allen Layne II, Fred Martin, Reece Ray, and Mike Spradlin.

(Paid obituary)

Ethel Kendrick

Ethel Kendrick, age 60, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Thursday, December 13, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on March 5, 1941, at Prestonsburg, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Amos and Ann McGuire Poe. She was a restaurant worker.

She is survived by one son, Gene Kendrick, of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one daughter, Charity Kerr, of Prestonsburg, Ky.; three grandchildren, Margaret Lea Horn, Jason Mitchell, and Kay Ann Kerr; seven brothers, Amos Poe Jr., of North Webster, Indiana, Elbert Poe, of Austin, Texas, Isaac Poe, of Louisville, Ky., John Poe, of Blue River, Ky., Billy Poe, of Indiana, David Poe, of Winchester, Ky., and Ronnie Poe, of Indiana; three sisters, Lois Crace, of Prestonsburg, Ky., Mabel Rickle, of Indiana, and Lucy Davis, of Prestonsburg, Ky.

She is preceded in death by one grandchild, Chase Daniel Kerr.

Funeral services for Ethel Kendrick were conducted Saturday, December 15, 2001, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Clergymen Harold Lewis and Jim Smith officiated.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Laverne Reedy Slone

Laverne Reedy Slone, age 62, of Bevinville, Ky., died Friday, December 14, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on July 26, 1939, at Floyd County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late James Oscar Reedy and Virgie Honeycutt Reedy.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Slone.

She is survived by two sons, Denver Ray Slone and Ricky Dean Slone, both of Bevinville, Ky.; two daughters, Janet Reynolds, of Bevinville, Ky., and Theresa Ousley, of Martin, Ky.; two brothers, Troy Reedy, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Denver Reedy, of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Inez Owens, of Bevinville, Ky., and Rhonda Keith, of Denver, North Carolina; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Carlos Reedy, Hargus Reedy, Luther Reedy and Manis Reedy; and four sisters, Thelma Spivey, Ethel Click, Marie Hall, and Edna Reedy.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 17, 2001, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with the clergyman Rev. Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinville, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone, must stay that way.

I've found that peace, at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah, yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

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The things that seemed so important before.

Just aren't that important anymore.

I know you lived simple, down here, below.

And it still makes me smile when I think of how, when you had something to say, you'd be sure to let us know.

"Too much pride" I can still hear you say.

Then you would give that little smile,

in a mischievous way.

Our hearts are still broken, because you had to go away.

But slowly we are realizing that you just could not stay.

Your frail body was getting tired, it was time to rest.

For you certainly had your trials, and been put to the test.

But we know, Dad, that you don't live simple, anymore.

Now you live in a mansion, with streets of gold, outside your door.

I'm glad you & mom taught us to be close,

and raised us with love.

Merry Christmas, Daddy, from all of us, to you in your new home up above.

Love,

Your wife, children, and grandchildren

Card of Thanks

The family of Roger Lee Ray would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. All those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for their assistance in traffic control and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

The Family of Roger Lee Ray

Clark Elementary perfect attendance

Ms. Key
Terry Adams, Laken Burke, Mason Evans, Chris Lawson, Kevin Marsillett, Bradley Ousley, Johnathon Ousley, Austin Salyer, Candace Whited, Madison Wright, Chris Dingus.

Mrs. Hunsucker
Sara Shepherd, Kyle Chaffin, Logan Evans, Victoria Hammonds, Catherine Henson, Samantha Howard, Tyler Lee, Wesley Robinson, April Spears, Candace Triplett.

Mrs. Barrows
Michaela Parsley, Kendra Hayden, Brandon Owens.

Mrs. Blanton
Casey Campbell, Ina Lawson, Sean Ly, Angela Marsillett, Courtney Shepherd, Dalton Shepherd, Josh Stambaugh, Megan Ward, Makalya Williamson, Brittany Hayden, Sean Shepherd.

Mrs. Warrix
Lauren Colburn, Monica Walker, Melissa Walker, Jeremy Yost, Adora Bryant, Colten Duvalle, Austin Holbrook.

Ms. Dingus
Amanda Collins, Casey Conley, Morris Gilstrap, Lottie Howard, Samantha Jones, Michael Ousley, Tyler Poe, Kyle Shepherd, Casey Tackett.

Mrs. Parsons
Destinee Bryant, Jerry Hicks, Mason McCoy, Jonathan Prater, Dixie Shepherd, Joshua Dingus, Della Chaffins.

Mrs. Starr
Isaac Bentley, Kristen Little, Michael Campbell, Kyle Hall, Nick Henson, Megan Mullins, Brandon Ratliff, Christie Shepherd, Chris Stone, Aaron Ward, Jordan Watkins, Nick York.

Mrs. Madden
Sheena Bays, Brittany Compton, Justin Jones, Jake Layne, Brittany Miller, Nick Stone, Stephanie Spears, Chad

Wallace.
Ms. Osborne
Jordan Baldrige, Kevin Burchett, Hillary Cline, Brandon Conley, Stephanie Hackworth, Mason Holbrook, Danielle Ousley, Nathan Ousley, Jeani Prater, Tiffany Schall, Justin Trout.

Ms. Bingham
Ashley Blackburn, General Lee Sward.

South Floyd Middle School announces honor roll, perfect attendance

Joan Hamilton's class Honor roll
■ Steven Blanton
■ Christina Blocker
■ Angela Buelis
■ Katie Cook
■ Jarrod Gibson
■ Stephanie Slone
■ Heather Vance

■ Zachary Crum
■ Jamie Hall
■ Sheena Hall
■ Jeffery Hunter
■ Sean Lamartz
■ Amanda Lindemulk
■ Ben Martin
■ Brittany Puckett

Perfect attendance
■ None

April Bradford's class Honor roll
■ Kendra Blankenship
■ Megan Castle
■ Eva Cook
■ Kasey Elkins
■ Ashley Johnson
■ Christal Ramsey
■ Jayme Staggs
■ Whitney Vance

B. Hamilton's class Honor roll
■ Sara Bakay
■ BreaAnna Daniels
■ Leslie Holbrook
■ Matt Johnson
■ Tyler Martin
■ Nikki Mitchell
■ Vicky Page

Perfect attendance
■ Kendra Blankenship
■ Eva Cook
■ Kasey Elkins
■ Chris Hurst
■ Jamie Osborne
■ Christal Ramsey
■ Jayme Staggs
■ Whitney Vance
■ Erica Vanover

Perfect attendance
■ Sara Bakay
■ Leslie Holbrook
■ Gary Johnson
■ Paul Johnson
■ Ryan Johnson
■ Tyler Martin
■ Vicky Page
■ Crystal Pennington
■ David Tackett

Jackie McKinney's class Honor roll
■ Tiffany Collins
■ Donovan Dye
■ Cassie Elkins
■ Tiffany Hamilton
■ Sandra Hunter
■ Tiffany Tackett
■ Sunni Williams
■ Sandra Johnson

**S. Little's class Honor roll **
■ Bianca Bailey
■ Chris Hamilton
■ Eric Lawson
■ Tara Little
■ Kayla Sizemore
■ Kayla Tackett

Perfect attendance
■ Cassie Elkins
■ Ellery Herrington
■ Sandra Hunter

Perfect attendance
■ Bianca Bailey
■ Anthony Barker
■ Shaina Hall
■ Whitney Hall
■ Marquita Little
■ Dazney Newsome
■ Kayla Tackett
■ Myron Williams

Melinda Osborne's class Honor roll
■ Lacey Blankenship
■ Jesse Brown
■ Megan Daniels
■ Tara Gearheart
■ Sarah Harris
■ Victoria Hopkins
■ Morgan Johnson
■ Paige Johnson
■ Mary Williamson

Perfect attendance
■ Lacey Blankenship
■ Jesse Brown
■ Courtney Bryant
■ Tara Gearheart
■ Ethan Johnson
■ Morgan Johnson
■ Joseph Hamilton
■ Mary Williamson

Mrs. Isaac's class Honor roll
■ Tera Addis
■ Courtney Blevins
■ Heather Dean
■ Kim Elkins
■ Kateland Hall
■ Tiffany Hall
■ Jessica Howell

Perfect attendance
■ Tera Addis
■ Kim Elkins
■ Heather Dean
■ Kateland Hall
■ Staniella King
■ Jeffery Martin
■ Heather Newsome
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■ Mrs. Starr: Isaac Bentley, Vincent Hayes.

(3.5) Fourth grade
■ Mrs. Madden: Brittany Compion, Cortneh Cottrell, Roger Hayton, Ashley Johnson, Brandon Bays, Samantha Owsley, Justin Jones.
■ Mrs. Parsons: Lathoshia Ferrell, Elizabeth Justice, Brooke Meade, Stacy Perry, Joshua Dingus, Mason McCoy.

Fifth grade
■ Ms. Osborne: Heather Blankenship, Dustin Campbell, Stephanie Hackworth, Ameer McCoy, Jeani Prater, Billy Robinson, Stevie Terry.
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Patton announces cuts to budget

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton Monday announced that he is asking Kentucky's postsecondary education system to cut its budget by only 1.8 percent or \$18.4 million while sparing the state's K-12 education system.

"We must stay the course with our commitment to KERA and our 176 school districts throughout the state," Governor Patton said. "With K-12 education comprising \$3 billion of our total budget, it was very difficult to balance this round of cuts without impacting elementary and secondary education, but we have done so. Nothing we can do is more important."

Along with postsecondary education, Patton also announced previously unidentified budget adjustments — totaling \$34 million — necessary to balance the current budget.

■ The realization of \$10.6 million in savings on Maintenance & Operation costs for new facilities in the current year — facilities that will not be completed this year;

■ The capture of approximately \$5 million in appropriated tobacco funds for the Early Childhood program that will not be needed in the current year; and,

■ The transfer of \$500,000 in interest income earned on tobacco funds in the current year.

The cuts in the budget are a result of the October 15 general fund revenue revisions of the Consensus Forecasting Group. On October 20, Governor Patton announced the framework for ensuring a balanced budget for the current fiscal year, and last week the Consensus Forecasting Group indicated that there would be no further revisions in the general fund estimates for the current year.

Patton also announced today details of 2-percent budget cuts to state agencies that were previously announced.

In October, the governor announced that each cabinet of state government would be required to identify a 2-percent cut in their budget to help balance the state budget.

"We instructed our cabinet secretaries to do everything possible to protect the delivery of important services to the people of Kentucky and to try to avoid layoffs at this time," Patton said. "Our cabinet secretaries have implemented numerous management initiatives such as reduced travel, reduced cell phone and reduced overtime and

compensatory time."

These management initiatives have allowed the state to minimize the impact on program and service delivery, he said.

"But it is impossible to cut that much out of the budget without having some impact on programs and services important to our people," Patton said. "Our task becomes more difficult as we try to prepare our budget recommendations for FY03/FY04, which we will present to the General Assembly in January."

"Slow growth in the national economy translates to modest revenue growth in Kentucky. To minimize pain in the current year, the state has utilized one-time resources that create a structural imbalance that must be addressed in the next biennium. We must expect tight fiscal constraints into the future."

In October, the state did not identify how it would manage the total of the budget adjustments that would need to be made, he said.

"We believed it most prudent to wait until December to see if the Consensus Forecasting Group further revised the current year estimate," he said. "They did not do so, so we have now identified all of the adjust-

ments that need to be made."

Patton further commented that, unfortunately, it was necessary to cut the budgets for postsecondary education institutions and that postsecondary education had been exempted from three previous rounds of budget cuts.

"Throughout modern history, the first area cut during a revenue shortfall was higher education. We were able to exempt higher education through three rounds of cuts last year and this year; unfortunately, we could no longer make the numbers work without a cut at this time," Patton said. "I have been assured by President Gordon Davies and the leaders of our campuses throughout the state that they have been preparing for such adjustments and that these cuts will not sidetrack the progress we have made in implementing the Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1997."

Patton also commented that the \$5 million of unneeded Early Childhood funding in no way lessened his commitment to this important initiative. The Governor noted that, as with any new startup program, it takes time to implement the numerous components comprising the program's budget.

Early Childhood Development Director Dr. Kim Townley "has been fiscally responsible in her program development to ensure that we were not just spending money to spend money, rather we are spending our funds to ensure that our Early Childhood initiatives are phased in to have the maximum benefit on our young people," Patton said.

Patton further noted that he continues to be committed to designating 25 percent of the tobacco funds received from the Master Settlement Agreement to the Early Childhood Program in the future.

Infant mortality rate drops to all-time low

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's infant mortality rate — a common measuring stick for child health — has reached an all time low.

The rate for 1999 was 7.1 deaths per 1,000 births and the provisional rate for the year 2000 is 6.9 deaths per 1,000 births. These rates are part of a trend that reflects a 25 percent decrease in infant mortality in Kentucky since 1991.

"These figures reflect better health care for babies and their mothers," said Gov. Paul Patton. "Our Early Childhood Development Initiative is helping continue this trend by providing assistance to Kentucky families and their children."

Patton's Early Childhood Initiative, known as KIDS NOW, was approved by the 2000 General Assembly and provides various services to families, including folic acid to women to help prevent birth defects, substance abuse treatment for pregnant women, and home visitation services for first-time parents.

Public health officials in Kentucky attribute the decrease to three areas: fewer birth defects, fewer low-birthweight babies as a result of prematurity and fewer cases of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Numerous public and private campaigns aimed at educating parents about appropriate prenatal and infant care have been carried out.

The Folic Acid Partnership, a group of public and private organizations including the state

Department for Public Health, began promoting the use of the vitamin folic acid in 1999 to help prevent birth defects. The number of deaths attributed to congenital anomalies in 1999 and 2000 was 80 and 79, respectively. The number exceeded 100 deaths a year between 1991 and 1999. Folic acid is currently part of the Early Childhood Development Initiative. More than 40,000 women received free folic acid tablets during the last year from local health departments.

Infant mortality due to low birthweight and short gestation decreased by 27 percent over the 10-year period. The death rate in 1991 was 1.95 cases per 1,000 live births, compared to a rate of 1.42 in 2000. Public health officials in Kentucky have encouraged women not to smoke during pregnancy because it is contributing factor to a child's birthweight.

That effort continues under Gov. Patton's smoking prevention and cessation program approved by the 2000 General Assembly. That plan has coordinators in all local health departments who help educate citizens about the health risks of smoking. Pregnant women are one of the target populations.

Another KIDS NOW program, voluntary home visitation for first-time parents, also encourages women not to smoke during pregnancy. The home visitors also educate parents about the effects of second-hand smoke on infants.

The infant mortality rate for SIDS decreased from 1.58 per 1,000 live births in 1991 to .67 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2000, a 57 percent drop.

"These improved statistics show what our physicians, hospitals and children's advocates can do by working together to make our babies healthier," said Dr. Rice Leach, the commissioner for public health. "Government policies and programs set goals and get us started but it's the people on the line going to work every day who make things like this happen."


There is still a large gap in the infant mortality rate when comparing whites and blacks. The infant mortality rate for African Americans has decreased by 17 percent between 1991 and 2000, compared to a 26 percent decrease for whites.

The white infant mortality rate for 2000 is 6.3 deaths per 1,000 births, compared to a rate of 12.9 for African Americans.

The national infant mortality rate for 1999 was 7.1 deaths per 1,000 births; the preliminary national rate for 2000 is 6.9.

In a related initiative, the state's Department for Medicaid Services began a new program Nov. 1 that allows eligible pregnant women to receive prenatal care for up to 90 days while Medicaid eligibility is determined. This program — called "presumptive eligibility" — is designed to improve a woman's access to prenatal care and thus help their children get off to a healthier start.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature as of Monday, October 8. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Red Cross moves to new location

The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone 886-8330.

Senior Citizen Holiday

Covered dish dinner, live entertainment, games, gift exchange and door prizes all at the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center, located at Archer Park, on December 21, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Ruth Owens or Avanel Hicks at 886-6588.

Earn college credits before graduation

Don't let the lack of a high school diploma keep you from earning your college degree or diploma. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may still qualify for financial aid while attending college level courses. Contact Jennifer Leedy at Mayo Technical College for more information. 789-5321 extension 291.

Love Line Christmas donations

Bring toys or food to the following locations: John Gray Pontiac, Paintsville, 606-297-4066; Gloryland Church, Pastor Jim Riddle, 270-622-5266. Contact "Love Line Outreach" at 606-889-9056 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., or fax to: 606-889-9092, or write to: 57 Hopson Street, Auxier, Ky.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derosssett at (606) 874-9514.

Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two-18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info. call 886-2668.

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Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) throughout Nov., and Dec. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung and accepting

applications for social security numbers.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new

housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt.

321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

SHARE group meeting

A Highlands SHARE Pregnancy & Infant Loss support group meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, from 7 pm until 9 pm in the Floyd Room at Highlands Regional Medical Center. "Coping with the

Holidays" will be the topic discussed. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jeanie O'Bryan at 886-7468.

■ Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets every 3rd Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of

each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.



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FINAL RECORD

13 Wins

2 Loses

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Allowed (13 PPG)

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5-0 District Record

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Belfry 14

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- (06) Jamerson, Nicholas
- (07) Brooks, Brandt
- (08) Dixon, Adam
- (09) May, Greg
- (11) Jervis, Kevin
- (12) Clark, Austin
- (17) Willis, Joey
- (19) Chaffin, Jesse
- (20) Crider, Chris
- (21) Hunt, John
- (22) Slone, Matt
- (23) Caudill, Kory
- (28) Jervis, Chris
- (30) White, Tony
- (32) Blackburn, Joe
- (33) Setser, Matt
- (34) Neeley, Aaron
- (36) Morrison, Michael
- (39) Clay, Nick
- (40) Carr, Jeremy
- (41) Howell, Andrew
- (44) Fannin, Mikeal
- (50) Stephens, Matt
- (51) Burchett, Andrew

No. Name

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- (53) Allen, Chad
- (54) Stephens, John M.
- (55) Younce, Kevin
- (56) Williams, Matt
- (57) Caldwell, Jordan
- (58) Whitt, Shawn
- (62) Pennington, Josh
- (63) Warrix, Michael
- (65) Lafferty, Zach
- (66) Webb, Elzie
- (67) Ousley, Chase
- (70) Hall, Goble
- (71) Hall, Jason
- (73) McNutt, Evan
- (74) Johnson, Charlie
- (75) Vanhoose, Adam
- (77) Garrett, Jeremy
- (78) Sergent, Josh
- (79) Pennington, Rudy
- (80) Ousley, Kyle
- (83) Bennett, Bart
- (85) Hicks, Billy
- (86) Lewis, Grover
- (87) Porter, Patrick
- (88) Nelson, Thomas
- (96) Goble, Jeff

HEAD COACH:

John DeRossett

2001 RESULTS

Sheldon Clark	34 - 12
Bell County	25 - 16
Paintsville	43 - 23
Whitley County	13 - 16
Portsmouth East	41 - 6
Whitesburg	39 - 7
Betsy Layne	85 - 0
Belfry	40 - 14
Pike Central	54 - 8
Shelby Valley	62 - 0
Powell County	79 - 20
Leslie County	33 - 0
Belfry	34 - 14
Mason County	18 - 13
Bardstown	16 - 47

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- Dewey Jamerson
- Jackie Crisp
- Jackie Bush
- David Barber
- Mark Stephens
- Don Compton
- Michael Blackburn
- Clyde Johnson
- Johnny Harris
- Claude newberry
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Bridget Bellamy
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Molly Burchett
Samantha Goble
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Heather Gray
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Megan Hyden
Bethany Joseph
Kate Lowe
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Heather Gray
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Tabitha Hughes
Bethany Joseph
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Allison May
Miranda Morris
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Ashley Thomas
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Hope Sanders
Morgan Slone
Jerri Mitchell
Stacy Clark
Teela Gayheart

Freshmen
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Emily Jamerson
Laura Hall
Alli Myers
Michelle Lackey
Ashley Collins

A Note of Thanks

The 2001 Blackcats would like to personally thank everyone for the support you gave us during our championship season. Our season started with the greatest loss a team must endure; the death of a teammate. With your support and prayers, this team had an outstanding season. The 2001 season will be remembered for a lot of great achievements. Both individually, but most importantly, for what we did as a team and community.

Bear Bryant once said, "Tough times don't last, tough people do." This season proved what can happen when people work together to achieve a common goal. Coach DeRossett would like to thank the City of Prestonsburg, Floyd Countians, and all the great people of eastern Kentucky for their dedication and support. It has been an honor to coach these young men.

Ugly weekend incidents

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

In every professional sports crowd there are some hooligans who think the purchase of a ticket gives them the right to behave in an unruly fashion.

Consider, if you will, a couple of ugly incidents last week. One left a respected NBA coach in tears, his future in question. The other touched off a scary riot at the end of an NFL game.



For a quarter of a century, Dan Issel, the all-time leading mens' scorer in University of Kentucky history, has been as classy a guy as you can find in pro basketball. He was a scoring machine for the Kentucky Colonels of the ABA, then the Denver Nuggets of the NBA. When he retired, the Nuggets gave a way posters of Issel in a tux, standing next to a Rolls-Royce.

But last week Issel, now the Nuggets' coach, made a mistake that will dog him the rest of his life. Leaving the floor after a Nuggets loss at home, Issel paused to scream at a heckler sitting above the tunnel leading to the team's locker room.

"Go have another beer," Issel angrily yelled. "Go have another beer, you Mexican piece of —!"

The repercussions were swift and terrible. Civil rights leaders branded Issel as a racist and demanded that he be fired. A Hispanic legislator claimed that the incident revealed Issel's true inner self. A group was formed to ask Hispanics — a third of Denver's population — to boycott Nuggets games until Issel was gone. Kentucky Farm Bureau named Issel as its spokesman.

It made little difference that Issel tearfully apologized to the heckler, the organization, and the city. It made little difference that this was the first unseemly incident in his long and distinguished career. As golfer Fuzzy Zoeller found out

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Little League

Little League announces new eligibility standards

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Standards and verification procedures for eligibility of players in all levels of Little League Baseball and Softball have been strengthened for the 2002 season, it was announced today by Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball.

Strengthening the process became necessary following the conclusion of the 2001 Little League Baseball World Series when a player (Danny Almonte) on the Rolando Paulino Little League team from the Bronx, N.Y., was found to be ineligible. The team finished third in the 2001 Little League Baseball World Series, but subsequently forfeited all of its victories after the ineligibility of the player was established.

"We took a long and careful look at all of the standards and verification procedures," Mr. Keener said. "We also reviewed hundreds of suggestions from Little League volunteers from around the world, and we consulted with many authorities, including those in the U.S. government. Although

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Lady Rebs cruise

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Lady Rebels took a big step toward getting the upper hand in the girl's side of the 58th District race by handing the South Floyd Lady Raiders their first loss (59-46) of the season Friday night.

South Floyd came into the contest with a perfect 3-0 record on the young season while Allen Central had struggled early compiling a

2-3 mark in the early going. The 58th District seems to be a wide-open district this year and early wins against district foes could prove to be important down the stretch.

Allen Central came into the game showing a lot of confidence from the start. The Lady Rebs sprinted to an early 15-4 lead and never looked back. Allen Central's solid halfcourt defense caused problems for the Lady Raiders

(See REBS, page three)

photo by Jamie Howell

Sharee Hopkins (10) looked for room as Allen Central's Terri Mullins (12) and Megan Harris (21) defended.



photo by Jamie Howell

Michael Hall (10) worked the baseline against Allen Central defender Neil Allen. The Rebels scored the win the first meeting between the two teams this season.

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

REBELS claim win over South Floyd

Friday night at Allen Central High School the South Floyd Raiders and the Rebels of Allen Central squared off in a rematch of last year's 15th Region championship game. The Rebels of coach John Martin had revenge on their mind, as the Raiders claimed last year's crown and a trip to the sweet sixteen in Lexington and in doing so brought Allen Central's dream season to an end. The winner of the game would also give their team a leg up in this season's race for the district title. Both teams brought huge followings, as the gymnasium filled quickly. The two teams both have some of the top players in the 15th Region, the Raiders have the hot shooting duo of Rusty Tackett and Michael Hall, and Allen Central has the talented Shawn Newsome. South Floyd is a team that really likes to

(See REBELS, page four)

Betsy Layne girls roll past Paintsville, 62-46

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Monday night at Betsy Layne's D.W. Howard Field House, the Ladycats showed just how important having good depth on a basketball team can be.

Betsy Layne used 11 players as Coach Cassandra Akers kept her team fresh for the later stages of the game, and the strategy paid off as the Ladycats looked much stronger than Paintsville in the final period en route to the win (62-46).

Betsy Layne didn't seem to miss a beat as many different combinations of players were used throughout the game. Whitney Lykens led the Ladycat attack with a game-high 14 points, Betsy Layne held the advantage in the paint as they continuously got the easy lay-ups on the back door cuts, and screens. The third quarter was the difference in the game as the Ladycats outscored Paintsville 15-9 to build a 10-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

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photo by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne sophomore Whitney Lykens (5) faced off with an opposing player from Paintsville. Lykens and the rest of the Ladycats were back in action last night against district rival South Floyd.

Pikeville College

Lady Bears outlast Alice Lloyd women in 3 OT game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pikeville College women's basketball team traveled to Pippa Passes Saturday to take on the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles. The Lady Bears went into the contest with a 5-6 record, looking to go to .500 on the season, and they did, thanks to an 89-83 win.

Alice Lloyd came out in the first half and jumped on top of the Pikeville, 27-23 by the quarter's end. Visiting Pikeville rebounded in the second period, outscoring the ALC women 32 to tie the game at 55 and send it into overtime. The two teams scored 11 points each in first two overtime periods to send the contest into a third overtime where the Lady Bears went on for the win, outscoring host Alice Lloyd 12-6 en route to the six-point win.

Alice Lloyd placed four players in double figures scoring in the loss. Lady Eagle Delores Jenkins

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Collins takes top honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pikeville College junior forward Amanda Collins has been named Mid-South Conference Player of the Week.

The 5-11 junior from Raccoon in Pike County helped lead the Lady Bears to road wins over both of its regional rivals last week, including a triple-overtime decision over Alice Lloyd College on Saturday. The wins came in Pikeville's final two games of the Fall Semester, evening its mark at 6-6. This is the first time the Lady Bears have reached .500 all season.

Collins averaged 18 points, 7.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 2.5 steals per game. During that stretch, Collins shot 45 percent from the field and an a red-hot 77 percent from three-point range.

It was the second time Collins has taken the honor in only five

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ACHS Basketball Homecoming slated for Friday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

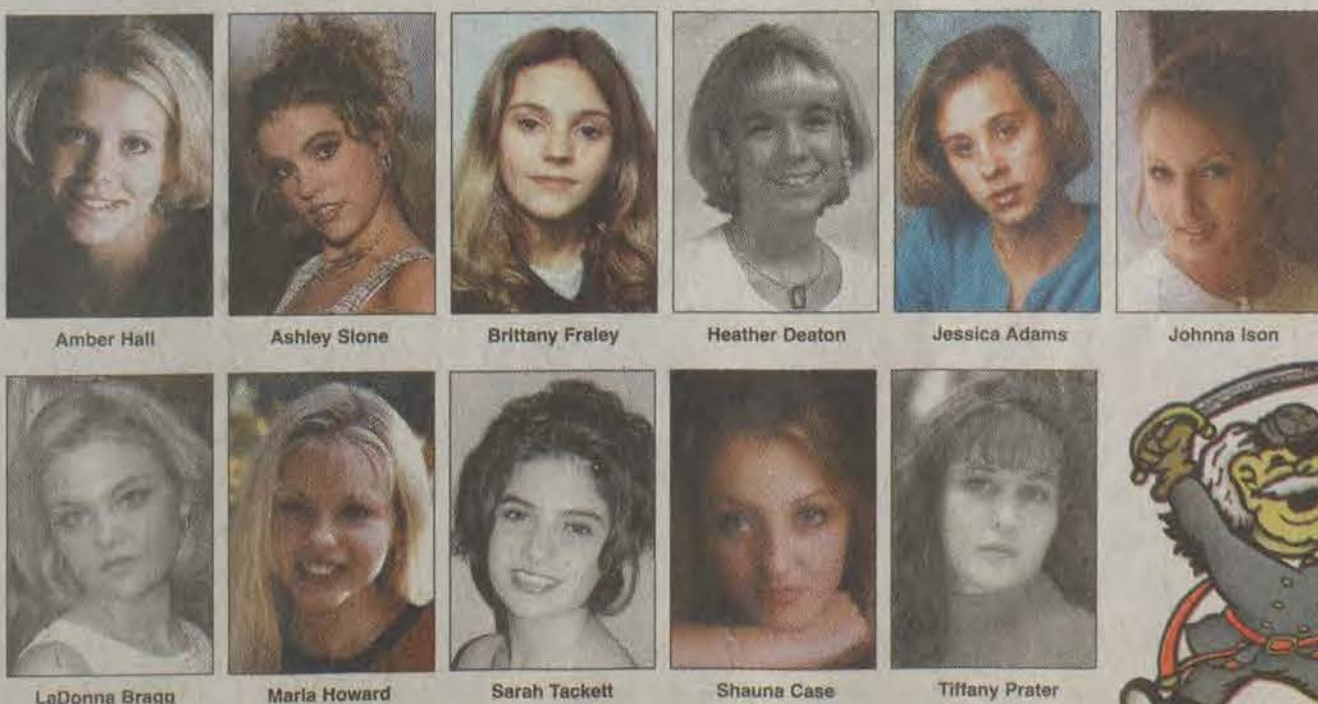
Allen Central High School will hold its Basketball Homecoming Friday. The opposing team in Friday night's game is the Piarist School. Homecoming activities will begin at 7 p.m.

Senior candidates for Queen are Jessica Adams, LaDonna Bragg, Shauna Case, Amber Hall, Marla Howard, Johnna Ison, Tiffany Prater, and Ashley Slone. The junior representative is Heather Deaton. The Sophomore representative is Sarah Tackett and the freshman representative is Britta Fraley.

■ Jessica Adams is the daughter of Rocky Adams of McDowell and Denise Johnson of Prestonsburg. Her escort is Kyle Webb.

■ LaDonna Bragg is the daughter of Donald and Tammy Bragg of

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Amber Hall

Ashley Slone

Brittany Fraley

Heather Deaton

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Johnna Ison

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Marla Howard

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Reed

when he made his lame joke about Tiger Woods before a rolling CNN camera, a perceived racial slur is an unforgivable sin in today's politically correct society.

So because of one mistake, Issel today is a broken man. It wouldn't be surprising to see him resign soon instead of facing hecklers everywhere he goes in the league. The NBA grind is difficult enough without adding emotional baggage.

On Sunday, while the sports

world still was analyzing the significance of Issel's problem — the team suspended him for four games — an even uglier incident happened at the end of the Cleveland Browns-Jacksonville Jaguars game in Cleveland.

With 1:06 remaining and the Jags clinging to a 16-10 lead, Browns quarterback Tim Couch, the pride of Hyden, Ky., appeared to compete a pass to Quincy Morgan for a first down at the Jacksonville nine-yard line. With

no timeouts remaining, Couch quickly brought his team to the line of scrimmage and spiked the ball with 48 seconds left.

According to NFL rules, the game officials, the only individuals who can call for instant replay analysis in the final two minutes, can't undo a play after another has been run. Nevertheless, the officials belatedly studied the

Couch pass to Morton and ruled the receiver never had full possession. So they negated the

completion and gave the ball to Jacksonville.

That's when the crowd went berserk. All manner of debris was hurled from the stands, including hundreds of beer bottles. It's unclear why would any franchise in its right mind think it was a good idea to serve beer in bottles. Many of the thrown bottles were at least partly full, making them lethal weapons.

The teams and the officials beat a hasty retreat to the locker rooms

in a hailstorm of debris. It's lucky that the officials, who aren't equipped with helmets and pads, weren't injured.

The frightening incident is certain to inspire renewed debate about the use of instant replay, which solves one set of problems but creates another.

The officials claimed they didn't analyze the disputed play right away because there was a "malfunction" in the buzzer connecting the official in the press box with the referee on the field.

It's also another black eye against the NFL game officials, who seem to blow a lot of calls these days. Every time there's a controversy, the officials' credibility is eroded a bit more. But there's no way to justify the action of the Cleveland rowdies. It's okay if fans want to boo. But

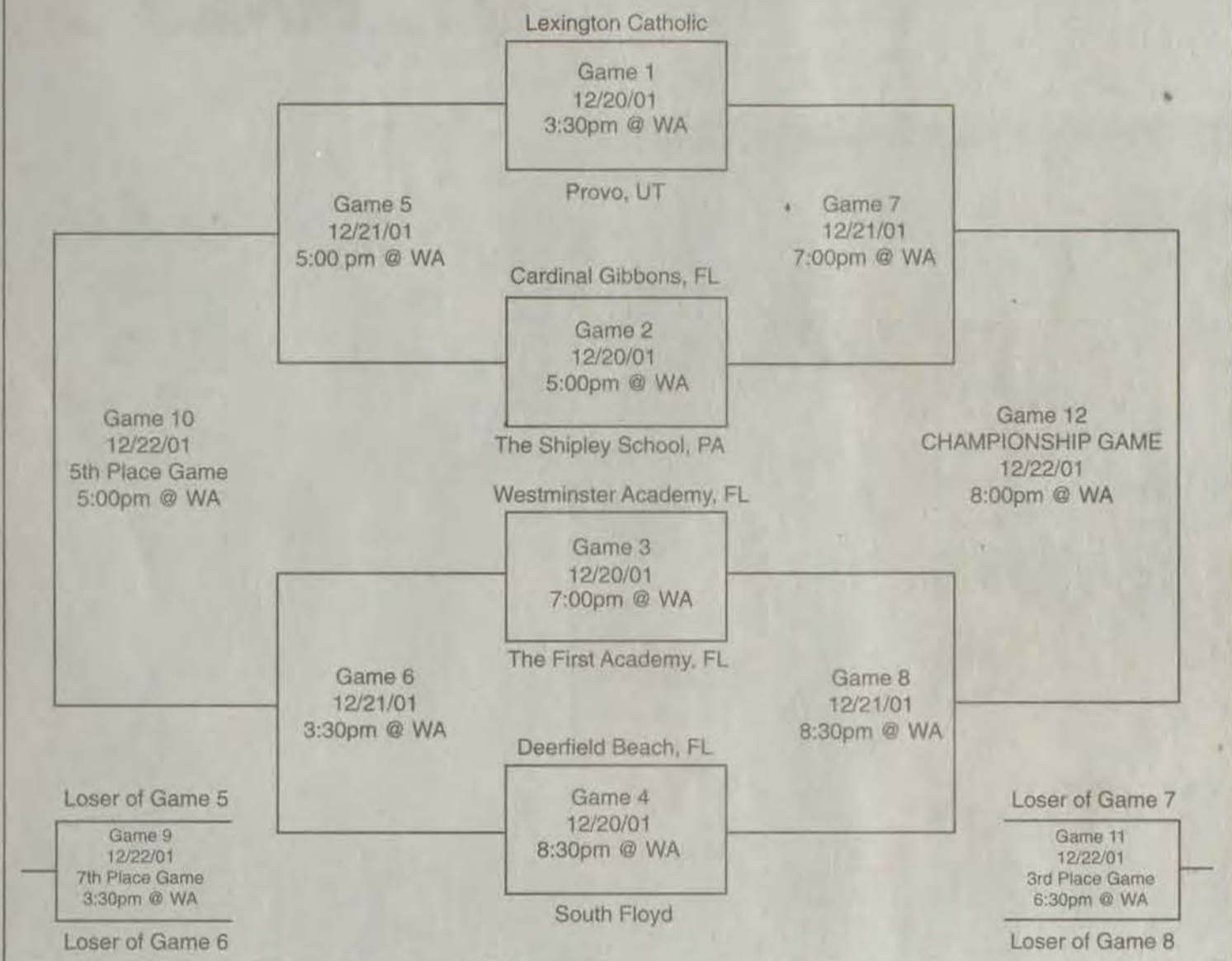
a ticket doesn't give a fan the right to curse or abuse the coaches and players. Not should a fan ever throw anything on the field. That's simply unacceptable behavior.

But what, if anything, can Tagliabue do? Should he fine the Browns because of their fans' ignorance? Should he overrule the officials and order the final 48 second to be replayed, with the Browns in a second-and-goal situation at the Jacksonville nine?

There's no good solution, except to add security and crack down on anybody caught throwing anything on the field. Maybe the offenders should be required to attend a class on sportsmanship and manners, a couple of concepts that have all but disappeared from professional sports.

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Collins

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weeks this season.

Collins had 12 points, eight rebounds and a blocked shot in Pikeville's 82-61 win over U.Va.-Wise last Monday night. This was followed by Saturday's 89-83 win in three overtimes at Alice Lloyd College. In that contest, she finished with 24 points, seven rebounds, five steals and three assists.

For the week, she averaged 18 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals, 1.5 assists and 0.5

blocked shots per game.

Collins is averaging 17.7 points per game for the Lady Bears, which is good for second in the MSC. Her 62.9 shooting percentage leads the league. She is also third in the conference in rebounding, averaging 7.9 per game and sixth in free-throw shooting, hitting 77.8 percent.

Pikeville resumes play on Thursday, Jan. 3 when it begins Mid-South Conference play by hosting Lambuth (Tenn.) University at 5:45 p.m.

Georgetown claims second consecutive national title

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SAVANNAH, Tenn. — No. 1 Georgetown College (14-0) became the first team in 12 years to win consecutive football national championships with a 49-27 victory Saturday against the University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) in the 46th Annual NAIA Football National Championship contest at Jim Carroll Stadium in Savannah, Tenn.

Three-time NAIA National Player of the Year Eddie Eviston threw for 188 yards and a pair of touchdowns in leading the Tigers to victory. Eviston also earned NAIA Offensive Player of the Game honors for his performance.

Georgetown, the No. 1 team in the NAIA, finished the year with a perfect 14-0 record for the second straight year, running its winning streak to 28 games. Sioux Falls had its 10-game winning streak snapped with the loss. The Cougars end the year at 12-2.

In claiming the title, Georgetown is the first NAIA school to win consecutive national championships since Carson-Newman College (Tenn.) accomplished the feat in NAIA Division I and Westminster College (Pa.) did the same in NAIA Division II in 1988-89. This is the Tigers' third NAIA national championship, having also earned the title in 1991.

"I've been proud of our kids all season long, and I'm really proud of them today," said Georgetown head coach Bill Cronin, who also guided the Tigers to the 1999 NAIA championship contest. "This was a goal we set for ourselves, and we achieved that. I'm proud of the focus we showed this year."

Georgetown struck first on a 13-yard run by sophomore running back Ryan Payne six minutes into the game. Sioux Falls answered right back as senior quarterback Dax Michelena connected with senior wide receiver Zach Rutten on a 20-yard scoring pass to tie the game at 7-7.

The teams traded touchdowns early in the second quarter before the Tigers took command late in the period. A one-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Jason Tenkman gave Georgetown a 20-13 lead with 3:15 left in the quarter. With 24 seconds remaining until halftime, Eviston hooked up with senior wide receiver Brandon Midkiff on a 35-yard scoring pass to extend the margin to 28-13 at intermission.

The Tigers added two more

scores in the third quarter, highlighted by a 51-yard touchdown run from Derrick White, to pull away to a 42-20 lead. Eviston complete 16-of-28 pass attempts, and added 25 yards on the ground. Eviston's favorite target was Derrick White, who caught four passes for 51 yards. Payne led the Tigers with 78 yards rushing on 20 attempts.

For Sioux Falls, Michelena was 16-for-40 on the day for 232 yards. He also threw for a pair of touchdowns. Rutten grabbed six passes for a game-high 140 yards. Junior running back Nick Kortan led the Cougars with a game-high 85 yards on 21 carries.

Georgetown's B.J. Mattingly notched NAIA Defensive Player-of-the-Game honors by recording 11 tackles, including eight solos. He added three pass break-ups and a sack.

The 76 points scored by Georgetown and Sioux Falls are the most combined points in an NAIA final since East Central University (Okla.) defeated Glenville State College (W.Va.) in the 1993 NAIA Division I championship game, 49-35. The 49 points scored by Georgetown are also a school record for a championship game.

Georgetown (14-0) becomes the ninth team in NAIA history to win back-to-back titles and the first in 12 years. The Tigers complete their second consecutive perfect season at 14-0 and move to 41-1 in the past three seasons combined.

Senior quarterback Eddie Eviston finishes his collegiate career in third place all-time with 12,703 yards total offensive yards in his career. Eviston finished 204 yards behind first-place Jon Kitna and just 64 shy of second-place Kirk Baumgartner.

Senior kicker Kevin Davis finishes his Georgetown career as the all-time PAT leader. Davis was 5-of-6 on Saturday, bringing his four-year total to 234 career point-after attempts.

Tiger seniors include: Derek Potter, Nic Winters, Stoye Young, Eddie Eviston, Michael Caba, Kevin Davis, Matt McHale, Dan Woolley, Josh Pniewski, Hunter Ballard, Walt Delong, Joey Vicini, Brandon Midkiff, Tony Steele, Paul Habas and former Tiger and current student assistant coach, Jason Skirvin.

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NASCAR makes public age requirement

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Following its recent announcement that all pit crew members will be required to wear fire-protection equipment and full-face helmets in 2002, NASCAR announced Thursday that drivers, crew members and other participants in the Busch

series, Truck series and all NASCAR Touring series must be age 18 or older in order to compete. This rule merely extends one that already applies to Winston Cup racing.

New safety regulations by NASCAR next season require pit crew members who go over the wall during races or practice

to wear helmets and fire-resistant clothing.

Drivers also must wear helmets and fire suits during practice, qualifying and competition, something that has been routine for some time but is now a rule.

"After careful consideration and deliberation, we concluded it was in the best interests of

safety, competition and professional development that we institute these new age requirements," NASCAR president Mike Helton said in a statement.

"Younger competitors need as much experience as they can accumulate before competing at NASCAR's professional levels. They need to hone driving

skills, knowledge, and judgment that is best learned at the local level, as with NASCAR's weekly racing series. After the age of 18, and with this experience, younger competitors should be better prepared for regional or national competition."

Thursday's statement also reiterated that NASCAR would

require crash-data recorders — so-called "black boxes" — in cars next year. Furthermore, Thursday's release states that "all parts of a driver's body must be protected by fire-resistant clothing and/or equipment."

Previous to this, NASCAR

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League

we believe the incident following the Little League Baseball World Series was an isolated one, we felt it necessary to take proper steps to help ensure it is not repeated."

Eligibility of Little League participants pertains to the player's age, residence of the parent(s) or legal guardian, and, for tournaments, the additional requirement to participate for at least one-half of the regular season in the local league as of June 15 of the year in question. Participation in a game by a

player who is ineligible for any of these reasons may result in forfeiture of one or more games, as well as individual punishments for those responsible, by action of the Charter Committee at Little League Baseball International Headquarters.

Regarding age, in previous years, an original statement or certificate issued by a government authority was acceptable, regardless of the date of issue. Starting in 2002, the date of issue (or record date, registration date, file date, etc.) of the

original birth document must be within 30 days of the date of birth. For those parents not able to produce such a document, several other supporting documents will be required for their child to become eligible, including notarized statements from several persons with personal knowledge of the child's actual birth date (such as doctors, hospital administrators, clergy, etc.).

Regarding residence, a new tournament rule has been added which requires a participant to

be a citizen of the country in which they wish to play, to be eligible. Exceptions are made only if (1) the participant is in the country legally on a visa that allows him or her to be in that country for a period of at least a year or (2) the participant is in the country legally through prevailing laws allowing him/her to be in the country for at least a year or (3) the participant has established a continuous residence in that country for at least two years prior to the start of the regular season.

The tournament affidavit, the document carried by every tournament team manager, has also been updated. Previously the affidavit only listed the players' names, dates of birth, addresses, and the team for which they played in the regular season. The new affidavit will require separate statements for each player, attesting to eligibility under all three conditions (age, residence and participation). In addition, the team manager will be required to carry photocopies of the original birth records for each player, as well as a map showing the location of the residence of each player's parent(s) or legal guardian.

"I am confident that these new standards and procedures will be well received by the 1 million volunteers of Little League around the world," Mr. Keener said. "We all realize that no procedures can be 100 percent effective. To a large extent, we must continue to depend upon the honesty and integrity of the adult volunteers at the local league level to ensure a level playing field."

Danny Almonte was declared ineligible by the Little League Baseball Charter Committee on Aug. 31, when it was determined that he was 14 years old. Little League rules require that eligible players must be no older than 12 during the regular season, and cannot turn 13 earlier than August 1 of the year in which they are competing.

Little League officials in New York, in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament, and in the Little League Baseball World Series that ended Aug. 26 in Williamsport, were provided with government-issued documents asserting Danny Almonte was born April 7, 1989. Another document, shown to Little League officials the day after the World Series ended, was also issued by the Dominican Republic government, indicating he was born on April 7, 1987.

The national public records office of the Dominican Republic concluded an investigation on Aug. 31, determining that the correct date of birth for Danny Almonte was in 1987, meaning he was 14 years old. It also concluded that the document listing the later birth date was obtained illegally.

It was also discovered, after the Little League Baseball World Series ended, that Danny Almonte had entered the U.S. on June 28, 2001. Media reports said school records in the Dominican Republic indicated that Danny and another player on the Rolando Paulino Little League team (Francisco Peña) attended school there during the spring and into late

June, meaning they could not have played half of the regular games for the Rolando Paulino Little League in as of June 15, 2001, as required by Little League rules.

As a result of Little League's review, Rolando Paulino (a team coach and officer in the local league) and Danny Almonte's father (Felipe de Jesus Almonte) were indefinitely removed from any further involvement or association in the Little League program worldwide. No action was taken or is being contemplated against Danny Almonte or any other players on the team.

"The players of this team were clearly used by adults in a most despicable way," Mr. Keener said. "They were deceived, their opponents were deceived, and all of us in Little League Baseball were deceived."

Although the charter for Rolando Paulino Little League was not revoked, an internal review of the local league management and operations continues. The results of the review will have a bearing on whether teams from the Rolando Paulino Little League will operate in 2002, and if it will be permitted to take part in playoffs.

"One of our tasks is to find competent leadership in the Bronx to assume the administration of the local Little League," Mr. Keener said. "It is imperative to send a message to the thousands of children there that they do have adults in their community who are willing to play by the rules and act in their best interests."



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central and South Floyd players battled inside. Both teams returned to action on Tuesday night with the Lady Raiders taking on Betsy Layne and Allen Central squaring off against Prestonsburg.

Betsy Layne

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Betsy Layne's Natasha Stratton also helped to keep the Lady Tigers at bay — she added 12 points for the Ladycats. Coach Akers also has the luxury of having some good frontcourt players. Kim Tackett and Kesha Newman both form a formidable middle for the Ladycats. Tackett works hard and has a very nice touch around the goal; and can shoot the long-range jumper as well. The Ladycats play together very well; good ball movement on the offensive end of the floor kept the Lady Tigers a step slow and accounted for several good looks to the Ladycats.

In the fourth quarter with the Lady Tigers trying to fight their way back, good patience and

ball control helped Betsy Layne hold its lead and come away with the win, 62-46

Desiree Haney led the way for Paintsville with a team-high 13 points. Stacey Music and Savannah Moore each had nine points apiece for Paintsville.

Betsy Layne scoring:

■ Tabitha Mitchell 7, Devon Reynolds 4, Kim Tackett 4, Tiffany Meade 3, Natasha Stratton 12, Whitney Lykens 14, Kesha Newman 6, Tabetha Witt, 4 Kim Clark 8.

Paintsville scoring:

■ Desiree Haney 13, Ashley Hall 4, Whitney Reynolds 2, Stacey Music 9, Heather Staniford 6, Shanna Preston 3, Savannah Moore 9.

Ladycat Notebook

Whitney Lykens had 11 rebounds and seven assists to go with her game-high 14 points against Paintsville on Monday night. Tiffany Meade added five assists and Tabetha Witt added seven rebounds in the winning effort. As a team Betsy Layne had 38 rebounds, 14 turnovers and 22 assists on the night.

Betsy Layne was back in action last night, playing host to the South Floyd Lady Raiders. Results from the Betsy Layne-South Floyd game were unavailable and will appear in Friday's Times Sports. The Lady Raiders entered last night's game following a district setback to Allen Central last Friday night.

— Steve LeMaster

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Eastern. Her escort is Austin Francis.

■ Shauna Marie Case is the daughter of Wesley and Lynn Case of Martin. Her escort is Shawn Newsome.

■ Amber NaShea Hall is the

daughter of Dean Hall of Lackey and Phylliss Hall of Eastern. Her escort is Daniel Szabo.

■ Marla Howard is the daughter of Marvin and Linda Howard of Martin. Her escort is

Mike Slone.

■ Johnna Ison is the daughter of Johnny and Regina Ison of Martin. Her escort is Neil Allen.

■ Tiffany LeAnne Prater is the daughter of Rhonda Ousley of Hueysville. Her escort is Z.W. Chaffins.

■ Ashley Gayle Slone is the daughter of the late Lisa Slone and Dale and Amanda Slone of Langley. Her escort is Greg Ison.

■ Heather Danielle Deaton is the daughter of Julian and Alberta Deaton of Hueysville. Her escort is Paul David Francis.

■ Sarah Lindsay Tackett is the daughter of Dr. Denver and Cathi Tackett of Minnie. Her escort is Ross Sammons.

■ Britta Deneene Fraley is the daughter of Fred and Recilla Shepherd of Langley. Her escort is Nathan Lafferty.

The 2001-02 ACHS Basketball Homecoming Queen will be announced Friday night during the festivities.

Rebs

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and forced several turnovers in the early going. The Lady Rebs were led in scoring by Becky Thomas with 15 points, followed closely by Jessica Isaac with 11.

South Floyd could manage only one player in double figures against the Lady Reb defense. Megan Ousley played a nice floor game for the Lady Raiders and tossed in 19 points to lead South Floyd. Allen Central held a 10-point halftime lead 30-20, and continued to keep that lead in the second half. The Lady Rebs placed three players in double figures for the game.

South Floyd managed to put together a run early in the fourth quarter. Kandice Mitchell and Sharee Hopkins kept the Lady Raiders close with some clutch shooting in the fourth period.

Allen Central held a 43-32 lead after three quarters of play, and extended the lead late to post the win by a final score of 59-46.

Leading scorers for the Allen Central Lady Rebels were as follows:

■ Becky Thomas 15, Jessica Isaac 11, Jaclyn Martin 11, Megan Harris 7, Tonya Howard 6, Terri Mullins 4, Tiffany Turner 3, Jackie Brown 2.

Leading scorers for the South Floyd Lady Raiders were as follows:

■ Megan Ousley 19, Kandice Mitchell 8, Sharee Hopkins 7, Ashley Johnson 6, Sarah Johnson 2, Stephanie Skeans 2, Brandi

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Kentucky Sportsline... by Tom Leach

For all of the gaudy statistics Jared Lorenzen has posted in his first two seasons at Kentucky, to me, the most impressive aspect of his game is how he has developed as a leader.

If Kentucky is going to reverse its football fortunes in 2002, it'll be due in large part to number 22. Just look at the UK teams that went to bowl games in the last quarter of century. Every one of them had a strong

leader at the QB position. There was Dusty Bonner, Tim Couch and Bill Ransdell.

But for my money, the best leader Kentucky has seen, in any sport, in my lifetime, is Derrick Ramsey.

And it was 25 years ago this month that he led the Wildcats to a 21-0 Peach Bowl win over North Carolina on a frigid day in Atlanta. That ended a 25-year drought between postseason

trips for the Wildcats.

"The relationship that I had with my guys here surpasses anything I had with any team I've ever been associated with," said Ramsey, who played in Super Bowls for both the Oakland Raiders and New England Patriots. "We had a special group of guys."

Indeed they did—because when the 1976 season began, few expected much from a Kentucky team that went 2-8-1 in the previous season.

A 22-6 win at Penn State in the fourth game of the campaign sent a strong message that this was a much different UK team, but the Wildcats struggled over the next month.

They beat LSU but lost to Mississippi State, Georgia and Maryland to stand at 4-4 heading into November.

And that's when the leadership of players like Ramsey, Art Still, Jim Kovach and others showed itself. Kentucky beat Vanderbilt 14-6 before upsetting a bowl-bound and top 10-ranked Florida team 28-9.

Standing at 6-4, Kentucky needed a win over Tennessee in Knoxville to secure that elusive bowl bid and Ramsey provided the big play. He hit running back Chris Woods on a swing pass that turned into a 62-yard touchdown and the defense made it stand up for a 7-0 victory.

"Fran (Curci) told Art and me when he recruited us that he had assembled the best class in America and it was true," Ramsey recalled.

According to Ramsey, the team's success did not surprise the players.



South Floyd's Charles Ray (second from right) looked on prior to Friday night's game between the Raiders and Rebels.

NASCAR

couched many of its proclamations on safety equipment such as fire suits and even seat belts as simply a "recommendation." However, the full text of these recent amendments, which was included in a long technical bulletin sent to teams in late November, continued NASCAR's

long-standing tradition of leaving the safety onus squarely on the driver.

Kyle Busch, 16, competed in six Craftsman Truck Series races in 2001.

"Each competitor is solely responsible for the effectiveness of personal safety equipment used

during an event. NASCAR is not responsible for the effectiveness of any personal safety equipment," read the longer technical bulletin.

Thursday's press release also stated that all cars will have to have a fire extinguisher in the cockpit, within the driver's easy reach, beginning next year.

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Several of those eight losses the previous fall came in close games against good teams and there were unfounded rumors of misdeeds that dogged the squad as well. With better karma and kinder bounces in '76, the fortunes changed, but Ramsey also knows that the leaders of players that were mostly juniors that season had an attitude that would allow them to accept nothing less than success.

"Our class, in 1974, and throughout the years that we were there, our class took control of that team. We did everything together. For example, our intramural basketball team. We let no one but (members of) our class play on that team and we never lost a game in four years. When we would play softball after football was over in the spring, our class would stay together," said Ramsey.

UK officials had the option of accepting their one-year post-season ban from a looming NCAA probation in '76 or wait-

ing until the next year. And with the Wildcats having not played in a bowl in a quarter of a century, they opted for the sure thing.

Of course, the next fall produced one of the best seasons in UK football history, with a 10-1 record and a top 10 ranking, but no bowl game.

This year's Wildcats were somewhat like that group in '75 in that they lost a number of close games to good teams and were dogged by adversity. However, there's one major difference—most experts would agree that the talent pool is markedly more shallow now than it was then, especially if players like Derek Smith and Dennis Johnson opt to jump to the NFL next spring.

Nevertheless, Ramsey is optimistic that Morriss can be that long sought-after coach to reverse UK's football fortunes.

"I think Guy is going to do a tremendous job. I just hope they're patient with him," said Ramsey, now the athletics direc-

tor at Kentucky State University. "He's been there. He's played at every level. He understands how difficult it is to play in this conference and he understands what it is like to be at the bottom and build a team."

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County chapter schedules next meeting

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its next meeting in January. The meeting will be held Jan. 3, 2002, 7 p.m. at the Middlecreek Sportsman Club Fire Department.

For more information on the upcoming meeting, call either Mark Wallace at 358-4908 or Johnny Lafferty at 874-9884.

Blackcats pull away from Elkhorn City

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball team got another win Friday night when it downed visiting Elkhorn City 81-68.

The Blackcats came out and went ahead 17-6 by the end of the first quarter before heading into the half with a 35-28 advantage. Elkhorn City was able to outscore host Prestonsburg 22-18 in the fourth and 18-13 in the third frame before losing the fourth quarter and losing the game, 81-68.

Chris Kidd scored 20 points to lead Prestonsburg past the Cougars. Matt Slone had 15 points while Justin Allen and T.C. Hatfield each fired in 14 points apiece. Brad Bevins, Josh Murdock and Joey Willis all had six points apiece in the win.

Will Sellards paced Elkhorn City with 20 points. T. R.

Adkins had 16 points and Cody Strugill 12. Brandon Ratliff added 11 points for the Cougars.

Elkhorn City held a slight 34-31 rebounding advantage.

Prestonsburg returned to action last night on the road at Allen Central. Results were unavailable and will appear in Friday's Times Sports.

Big fourth quarter lifts Allen C-Team over McDowell

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Eagle C-Team junior varsity came from behind in the fourth quarter to beat a good McDowell team in grade school basketball. Allen fell behind early in the game and trailed 16-13 at the half. McDowell was led in scoring by Kyle Howell with 12 of his team's 24 points. The Eagles found themselves down by one after three quarters of play, 22-21, and really turned up the pressure in the fourth quarter. Raymond Woods and Josh

Head both pitched in fourteen points each for Allen, and Austin Ward added five. The Eagles' Brandon Blair also connected on a free-throw for his one point. Allen outscored McDowell 13-2 in the final period to win going away.

Allen Eagle scoring:

■ Josh Head 14, Raymond Woods 14, Austin Ward 5, Brandon Blair 1.

McDowell scoring:

■ Kyle Howell 12, T. Mitchell 6, S. Turner 4, B. Martin 2.

Bears

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led all scorers with a game-high 29 points to go along with nine rebounds and three steals. Leah Whitley had 15 points and 13 rebounds; Andrea Kelly tossed in 12 points and Kelly Turner flipped in 11.

Amanda Collins led Pikeville College with a team-best 24 points. Teceoa Gallion added 21 points and Caitlyn Ryan 10 for the Lady Bears.

Necha Combs contributed eight points for Alice Lloyd

while teammates Ashley Rosen and Shannon Sizemore scored six and two points, respectively. Sizemore, a graduate of Allen Central High School, got her two points on single free-throws.

Charity Burke finished with nine points for Pikeville while Ashley Melvin added seven.

Stats were near identical for both teams. Pikeville was 29-of-81 on field-goals attempts while Alice Lloyd was 26-of-

79. The Lady Bears hit on 4-of-16 three-point attempts and Alice Lloyd was 3-of-18. The Lady Eagles hit on 28-of-41 free-throw attempts and Pikeville made good on 27-of-37 free tosses.

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Officials for Saturday's game were Lynn Griffith, Mark Hale and Butch Patterson. Attendance for Saturday's game was 400.

Rebels

shoot the perimeter jump shots, as was evident in the fact the Raiders took twenty five three point shots in the contest. Allen Central, behind Newsome took their share of long-range shots as well. The two teams combined to hit 20 three-point shots in the game. When the final horn sounded, Allen Central had scored a five-point win.

Johnny Martin has maybe the top player in Eastern Kentucky in Newsome the young man consistently has 25-35-point games on a regular basis, and in most games he has an opponent constantly chasing him throughout the game. Friday night, South Floyd attempted to slow down Newsome by using several different defenders on him, and nothing seemed to work as Newsome ended the game as the leading scorer for both teams by scorching the net for a game-high 30 points.

On several occasions, Newsome would have a Raider defender in his face and still pull up and hit the long-range shot. The first half was a seesaw affair as both teams exchanged baskets throughout the first period and after one quarter Allen Central led the Raiders 19-17.

South Floyd was hurt by the lack of playing time for Rusty Tackett who was saddled with early foul trouble, and spent much of the second half on the bench. Allen Central held a two-point lead with :20 remaining in the first half, and played for the final shot of the half. Mike Slone got the ball into the hands

of Newsome with 10 seconds remaining and he took the pass, made a nice move on the defender and sank the three-pointer at the buzzer to give Allen Central the lead at the half 36-31.

In the second half of play with Rusty Tackett on the bench, the Raiders looked to someone to provide a spark for their team. Michael Hall and Tyler Hall stepped up in style for South Floyd by keeping the Raiders close with the three point shot. As the Rebels looked to pull away in the second half, South Floyd would stay close and make the game exciting heading into the final stanza. The Allen Central Rebels have a strong supporting cast as well and Johnny Martin has other options in his lineup. Rebels Brian Paige and Mike Slone both made big contributions in the contest, Paige tossed in 10 points and Slone added 11. Allen Central held a slim lead at 62-59 with 1:00 left on the clock, and the Raiders had to foul with under a minute left.

South Floyd sent Shawn Newsome to the line and he calmly sank both free throws to push the lead to 64-59. South Floyd would attempt a long three that would miss the mark. The Rebels would connect on two more free throws and pull off the win, 66-62 over visiting South Floyd.

Allen Central scoring:

■ Shawn Newsome 30, Mike Slone 11, Brian Paige 10, Neil Allen

6, Daniel Sazabo 5, Ross Sammons 4.

South Floyd scoring:

■ Michael Hall 26, Tyler Hall 18, Joe Skeans 8, Rusty Tackett 8, Jack Slone 2.

15th Region Boys

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	5-0
Paintsville	5-3
Sheldon Clark	4-2
Elkhorn City	4-2
Allen Central	3-2
Pike Co. Central	3-2
Prestonsburg	3-2
South Floyd	3-3
Johnson Central	3-5
Millard	2-3
Pikeville	2-4
Betsy Layne	2-4
Belfry	1-1
Phelps	1-3
Magoffin County	1-4
Feds Creek	1-4
Piarist School	0-6

15th Region Girls

Team	Record
Sheldon Clark	5-1
Betsy Layne	5-2
Shelby Valley	5-2
Magoffin County	5-3
South Floyd	4-1
Belfry	4-3
Pikeville	4-6
Pike Co. Central	4-6
Johnson Central	3-1
Allen Central	3-3
Paintsville	2-4
Elkhorn City	2-6
Feds Creek	1-1
Phelps	1-5
Prestonsburg	0-3
Piarist School	0-6
Millard	0-7

Yesterday's Christmases

by CLYDE PACK

There must be more to my appreciating the Christmases of my childhood more than Christmases now besides the fact that in the 1940's I still had my youth. And as I've gotten older, I think I've zeroed in on one of the reasons why that's so.

Without entering into verbal confrontation with those of similar raising regarding how my upbringing would "out poor" everybody else's upbringing — even though we did have poverty before you could make a good living at it — I think it's because everybody had so much less than everybody has now.

Although the gifts I received as a kid were not restricted to an apple, an orange and few pieces of hard candy (as generations older than mine have claimed), my toy intake was pretty much limited to one or two relatively inexpensive items. A set of cap busters or a checker board, both made at the North Pole by Santa's elves who had

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Christmas Divinity (it's not as difficult as you think!)

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup white corn syrup
1 egg white stiffly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup broken nut meats (optional)
Pinch of salt
Food coloring (optional)

Beat the egg white in a large bowl and set aside. In a saucepan, boil the sugar, water and syrup while stirring gently. The mixture is done at 235 degrees or if it forms a soft ball when a tablespoon full is dropped into cold water. Pour the mixture over the beaten egg white, beating continually. Add vanilla, nuts and a pinch of salt. Add a few drops of red or green food coloring if desired. Beat this mixture until it is almost hard, then drop by the teaspoonful onto waxed paper.

Makes about 35 - 40 pieces.

Cranberry Christmas Punch

2 cups cranberries
2 cups water
1 cup sugar

Cook to pulp, strain. When cooled, add

Juice of 3 lemons
Juice of 1 lime
1 quart ginger ale
Red and green cherries

Serves 6 - 8

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DREAM FACTORY



Christy Hamilton was all smiles as she chatted with her mother, Christina Goble, and her sponsor, Floyd County Atty. Keith Bartley.

Christmas dreams of song and cheer

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The board of directors of The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, Inc., are a little like Santa Claus - they never stop working at their task of making the dreams of children come true.

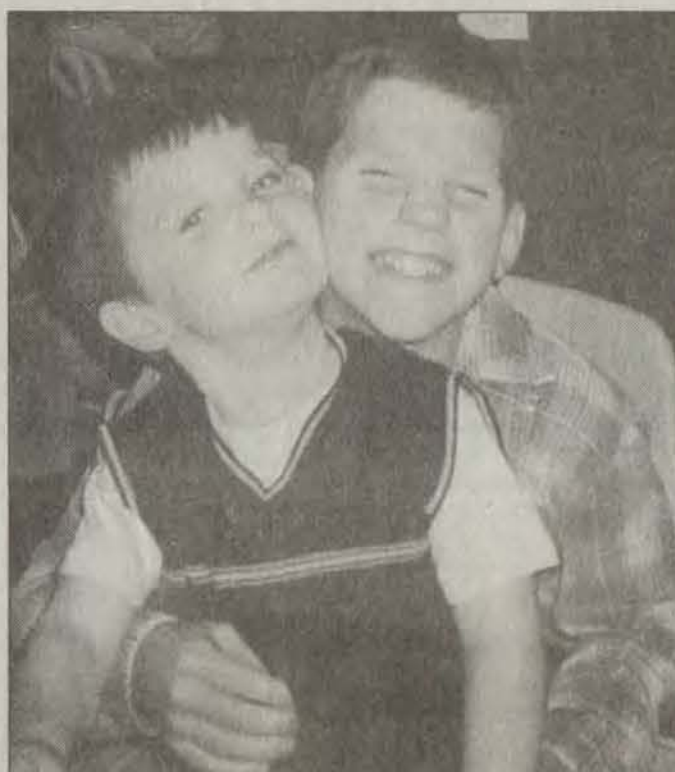
In less time than it takes for a child to be born, the Dream Factory has granted the dreams of seven children in Eastern Kentucky since they began their work anew in April of this year.

Jerome Greathouse, president of the organization, said Sunday afternoon that "the work of the Dream Factory is all about the children. It is about what they want." Greathouse has shown much dedication to locating "special children" and overseeing the work of granting the special dream of each child since he picked up the helm in early spring. He is quick, however, to shift the emphasis from his own work to the work of others, "without my board of directors and all the community support we've received, we couldn't do it."

"My board and the city (Prestonsburg), Mayor Fannin, all our



Kayla Deanne Hall was her usual happy and friendly self at the Dream Factory's Christmas banquet held Sunday afternoon at the Mountain Arts Center. The children were treated to a meal catered by Reno's Roadhouse, the Kentucky Opry's Christmas show and were given gifts by local sponsors.



Curtis Lee Jarvis, Jr. enjoyed playing with his brother and the Lego's playset given to him by Asst. Judge-Executive, Brett Davis.

officials, they've been great. Linda Wright has been a great help, too. She located about four of the children we've helped this year. I don't take credit for myself, it's all these people."

The Dream Factory held a Christmas banquet this past Sunday for the children that have had dreams granted this year, and their families. The banquet was held at the Mountain Arts Center, "Mayor Fannin made arrangements for us to use the facility, free of charge," Greathouse said, "and Debbie Scott has helped us feel comfortable each step of the way, she came in today, opened the room, showed us where everything was. Everyone here at the MAC has been wonderful." The event was catered exclusively by Reno's Texas Roadhouse of Prestonsburg. "Terry Fitzer donated the entire cost of the meal," Greathouse added, "Reno's prepared the food, served the food, and even brought their own china, they've been great."

The children and their families were treated to roast beef,

(See DREAM, page three)

FYI

To contact The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, call Greathouse at (606) 886-0556, or fax to (606) 886-2284. You may also write to: The Dream Factory, P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602.

Seven Safety Tips for Winter Holiday Travel

(NUE) - There's nothing like an auto breakdown to turn you into a Grinch. Besides dampening your holiday spirit, mechanical failure can be dangerous in winter's harsh conditions.

Here are tips from the experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence to help keep you snug and safe. Some of the tips are easy but others require a professional technician:

■ Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules. Even today's rugged sport utility vehicles and trucks need routine care.

■ Remember "safety first." Inspect lights and bulbs. Replace worn wiper blades. Carry emergency gear: a shovel, sand or cat litter for traction, a blanket, boots, snack food and a cell phone.

■ Check the battery. The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment, but motorists can clean corrosion from posts and cable connections. Remember to wear eye protection and gloves.

■ Inspect the cooling system. The level, condition and concentration of antifreeze should be checked periodically. The cooling system should be flushed and refilled as recommended. Let the engine cool down before removing the radiator cap. The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a professional technician.

■ Monitor engine performance. Rough idling, hard starts, stalling and diminished power need to be corrected before cold weather sets in. Describe any changes in performance to the service manager or a qualified technician. You'll improve your gas mileage, too.

■ Check the tires. Rotate them about every 5,000 miles. Check air pressure monthly. Be sure to let the tires cool down first. Examine tires for cuts and nicks, uneven wearing, and cupping. Check the spare, too.

■ Use professional technicians. Look for repair facilities with modern equipment, polite staff and ASE-certified automotive technicians.

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Small World

A Time to be Born

"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman..."
Galatians 4:4

The days are flying by so quickly and Christmas is almost here. We want to honor You on Your birthday, Lord, and worship You in the way the shepherds did all those years ago. But so many things are clamoring for our attention. The sheep might patiently have waited for the shepherds to return; they weren't going anywhere anyway. But all these things before us seem so urgent and we really don't have time to pause and worship You the way

we'd like to do.

Maybe in January or February, when the snow is on the ground and all this rush is over, we will take time to behold Your glory and ponder all the things Mary experienced as she submitted to be Your humble servant. But right now we need to sweep the floors, change the linens and decorate the tree.

We've heard the story from the Bible about the wise men who brought gifts to celebrate Your birth. No doubt they were wealthy and shared from their abundance, but we're not wealthy, Lord, and You likely don't need our gifts anyway. Friends and relatives are expecting gifts, and many organizations are soliciting. What we have to offer seems so insignificant by comparison to the wise men.

There are so many demands on our lives, so many needy people about us, and You know we'd like to help them all. We hope to do that when we've caught up on the obligations we've already made. You said yourself, "the poor you have with you always," and we can never eliminate all the needs, but we try to help in the ways we can.

We apologize, Lord, that Your entrance into the world happened in a lowly stable. Our hearts are much like that Bethlehem inn that was so crowded with the throngs of people who were so busy they couldn't make room. But when we go to church on Sunday and listen to the preacher explain about You and Your holiness - when the music lifts our spirits and friendly people shake our hands - our hearts

will open wide and there will be plenty of room for You. But this is a weekday, Lord, and it's not like we'll never make room at all.

We're so glad You chose people like Mary and Joseph to be your earthly caregivers. They had a special grace about them and could accept the scorn of the multitudes; and they had the courage to go to all lengths to protect You from the threats of a jealous king.

We're glad, too, that people like Joseph and Mary didn't offer excuses or explanations, and didn't ask You to come at some more convenient time. As we study their example, maybe we can finally understand that Your time is really the only time that matters.

After all, had they been more like us, we might never have had Christmas at all.



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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their home-room teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: 874-0621

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

McDowell Family Resource Center.

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family

Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary

Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Adult education classes available.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ Dec. - Nutrition program and "Shop with a Cop."

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Poison

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flown them to the folks at Montgomery Ward for distribution, were considered a real haul.

But there was something magical about the season in those days. As the song suggests, Christmas was a feeling, a time when even without a hushed warning from Mom, my little brother Joe and I knew we'd "better be good."

"Santa Claus has his little Brownie Men (that's how she referred to the elves) out watching everybody," she'd say. "Better be careful."

That remark would usually lead to a discussion about where we thought they might be hiding around our house, and usually ended with the conclusion that the chimney was most likely the spot.

As far as we were concerned, department store Santas were as much a myth as the jolly old elf himself and neither of us ever had the opportunity to sit on the old feller's lap. Neither did we ever see him, not even parading on TV, since it hadn't been invented yet. We did write him letters and sent them to the radio station where he'd come by a couple of afternoons a week and read them on the air.

But the glitter we enjoyed came

mostly from within, not from lights strung from pole to pole across city streets. There were no streets in a coal camp, nor sparkling store fronts. The only store we had was the one operated by the Northeast Coal Company. During the Christmas season, as it did the rest of the year, it spent its nights in darkness.

The season was special at school and church, too. I can't recall ever being in a Christmas play at school, but I was one of the best wisemen you ever saw at church. I mean, I could point and follow that little pasteboard star all the way to Bethlehem with the best of them. And if I do say so myself, I cut a dashing figure in my sister's chenille bathrobe.

It probably makes no sense to anybody else, but even in a modern world with technology advanced to the point where that everything we ever wanted is pretty much available, I still like yesterday's Christmases better.

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Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (Dec. 18 and Dec. 20, 1991)

A Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy was the target of a hit-and-run attempt early Tuesday morning in the driveway of his home, near Ligon. An individual who is believed to have knowledge about the incident was questioned by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and deputies, Tuesday evening. Deputy Sheriff Larry Newsome of Beaver said someone made two attempts to run him down with a car at 4 a.m., Tuesday morning, after someone pulled into his driveway and blew the car horn...State education officials will be asked to appraise the old Prestonsburg Drive-in property as a site for a new Prestonsburg High School. Floyd County Board of Education members voted at their December 12 meeting to contact Mike Luscher, director of facilities management for the Department of Education, to commission the appraisal and to contact the property owner(s) of the drive-in site to determine if the site is available...An elderly Floyd County man who was reported missing Sunday night was spotted, Tuesday morning, walking on KY 80 near Allen...Claude Patton, 78, of Eastern, was last seen by family members at 8 p.m. Monday evening, near the home of his sister, Martha Tuttle. Patton lived with Tuttle but occasionally spent the night in a one-room house adjacent to Tuttle's home...Floyd County school students and teachers were caught by surprise, as well as the flu bug, Monday when schools closed early prior to the holiday break due to the rising rate of absenteeism. Average daily attendance (ADA) dropped to 81 percent, this week closing Floyd County schools until Monday, December 30, according to assistant superintendent Pete Grigsby...Oral arguments will be heard December 30 in Johnson Circuit Court, in a civil suit concerning appointments to the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport board. The suit, filed last month by Paintsville attorney C.K. Belhasen, challenges the legality of six appointments to the board, made jointly by Mayors Ann Latta of Prestonsburg and John Preston of Paintsville...Santa Claus is coming this Christmas, but his sleigh may be somewhat lighter than in previous years. With the increase of unemployment in local industries and the cost of living on the rise, Christmas shopping is proceeding steadily, but cautiously, this season...A boil water advisory, which began last week for residents of Mud Creek, will probably remain in effect throughout the remainder of the week. Seven water samples were taken last week by employees of the Mud Creek Water District, and tested for contamination by McCoy and McCoy, Inc., of Pikeville...A redistricting plan approved by the General Assembly, Wednesday will put U.S. Democratic Congressman Perkins in a district with Republican contender Congressman Hal Rogers. Reaction to the state's plan brought mixed reaction from the congressmen and a warning from the state's Democratic chairman. "It makes possible for the Republicans to win the congressional district in the

east," said Grady Stumbo...Payments to the construction manager on the Left Beaver High School project were resumed Wednesday by the Floyd County Board of Education after an attorney for the company threatened to take legal action against board members. Board members voted at the December 12 meeting to suspend payments to Martin Engineering and Construction Company on the advice of their attorney Cliff Latta. Latta told the board he had "serious questions" if the monthly payments were a contractual obligation and asked them to stop payments until he reviewed the issue...A midnight fire claimed the life of a Floyd County man at Cow Creek, Wednesday night. Donald Ray Goble, 35, of Slickrock, tentatively identified by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, was dead at the scene following a blaze that leveled his hillside home. Goble's wife, Jane, and three children escaped without injury through a bedroom window, according to Nelson...There died: Kenneth Eugene Ward, 37, of Van Lear, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Myrtle Kendrick Conway, 83, of La Grange, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Tri-County Community Hospital in La Grange; Raymond Hamilton, 72, of Marshall, Michigan, Friday, at Tendercare of Marshall; Nim Patrick, 90, of Hazard, Thursday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Charles V. "Chuck" Ormerod, 57, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at his residence; Lloyd "Hop" Salisbury, 66, of Hunter, Saturday, at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Bill McCoy, 77, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Carl Caudill, 61, of Melvin, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lela Tackett Elkins, 83, of Myra, Saturday; Fred Amburgey, 78, of Mallie, Monday at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Emmogene Turner, 60, of Vermillion, Ohio, Sunday, at Lorain Community Hospital, in Ohio; Paul Saunders, 87, of Delaware, Ohio, Monday, at his residence; Lucy Hackworth Shell, 81, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Edward B. Jarrell, 74, of Banner, Monday, at his residence; Maggie Marie Hall, 84, of Flat Gap, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Johnny Milton Osborne, 53, of Eastern, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ruth "Fox" Patrick, 75, of Martin, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Theodore Warrix, 54, of Hager Hill, Saturday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Anna Lee Gambill, 81, of Thelma, Saturday, at her residence; Bradley Lewis, 54, of Daniels Creek, Banner, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Angie Douglas "Doug" Harmon, 66, of East Point, Thursday, at Humana Hospital in Louisa; Sallie Ratliff, 92, of Langley, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Oscar "Nig" Mosley, 82, of Minnie, Tuesday, at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Twenty Years Ago (December 23, 1981)

The death penalty will be asked in the trials of four

Floyd County men, Denver Patrick, Otis Lee Wallen, Elijah Branham Jr., and James Noel...Torrence Wright, 41, formerly of Printer, was convicted by circuit court for murdering his wife, Barbara Wright, and sentenced to 20 years in prison...Robert Craft Sr., 64, of West Prestonsburg was returned to jail after he had been released for medical treatment, for the shooting of Prestonsburg City Police Chief Keith Lawson in March 1980...Kentucky Department of Mines reached the conclusion that a misfire was the cause of a blast that killed eight at the Adkins Coal Company Mine at Topmost...There died: Junior N. Napier, 77, of Martin, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Jenny Owens, 68, of Banner, last Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Orville Moore, 72, of Price, last Thursday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; John C. McNeil Jr., 69, of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of Wheelwright, December 8, at Serene Manor Nursing Home; Ida Bentley Shumate, 56, of Flatwoods, formerly of Wheelwright, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way; Lucy Whitaker Hackworth, 73, of Abbott Road, last Wednesday, at HRMC; Linzy Hicks, 92, of Garrett, Tuesday at Knott Health Care Center; Maggie Ousley Hicks, 53, of Middle Creek, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (December 23, 1971)

A new four-lane, high-speed toll road from Prestonsburg to Ashland and on to Alexandria, Ky., as a part of an eastern Kentucky highway connection with the Cincinnati area was proposed by the FIVCO Area Development District's board of directors...The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, federally financed legal services agency with headquarters here, has met opposition to its request for refunding, failing to win approval of the Floyd County Bar Association and apparently incurring the disfavor of the Big Sandy Community Action Program as well...The East Kentucky Welfare Rights Program is seeking an audit of the Big Sandy Community Action Program alleging misuse of funds by Big Sandy CAP in its expenditures on the Floyd County Comprehensive Health Program...For the fifth year, the U.S. Shoe Corporation marked the Christmas season at its Prestonsburg plant by giving shoes to Floyd county churches for distribution to needy children. The future of the Combs airport is uncertain in view of Federal Judge Mac Swinford's recent award of \$46,425 for about 14 acres taken by condemnation for the airport, plus an estimated \$15,000 in interest due...The northern end of Floyd County, including Prestonsburg, had only one ambulance in operation this week, as a result of failing cash income for operators...Harry T. Hill, of the Abbott road, was elected chairman of the Floyd County ASCS Committee...There died: Frances Bolling, 77, of West Prestonsburg; Albert Collins, 74, of Cliff; Teddy S.

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Weddings



Howard-Hyden to wed

Jayne and Joe E. Howard, Jr., of Martin, are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Susanne, to Joe Shannon Hyden, the son of Betty and Dr. Alan Joe Hyden, of Prestonsburg. Amy is the granddaughter of Loraine Halbert, of Martin, and the late Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, and Georgia and Joe Howard, of Florence, Ky. Josh is the grandson of Dixie Hyden, of Martin, and the late Dr. Joe Taylor Hyden, and Opal Greer, of Prestonsburg, and the late Jake Shannon Greer. The wedding ceremony will be held on January 5, 2002, at the Allen First Baptist Church. Attendance by invitation only, please.



Hardy-Strader to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hardy, of Lake Road, Prestonsburg, are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, April Dawn, to Nicholas Strader, the son of Clyde Strader, of Fremont, Ohio, and Karen Strader, of Lorraine, Ohio. The couple will be joined in holy matrimony in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, December 29, 2001 at the Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, at the afternoon hour of two o'clock. Following the ceremony, the couple will reside in Sugar Grove, W. Va., where they both serve as Petty Officers for the United States Navy.

Pageants

Title winner

Haggin Sexton, the one year old daughter of Crystal Salisbury and Darrin Sexton, of McDowell, recently participated in the Appalachian Fancy Dolls Pageant held September 7, 2001, at the Allen Park Convention Center.

She received awards for "Overall Beauty," "Prettiest Smile," and for "Dazzling Doll" and "Overall Denim Wear" for the 0-1 age group. She is the granddaughter of Rebal Salisbury, of Minnie.



Denim Queen

Jerica Harshaw, the seven year old daughter of Ula and Billy Harshaw, of Minnie, was crowned "Denim Wear Queen" at the recent Appalachian Fancy Dolls Pageant, held September 7, 2001 at the Allen Park Convention Center. Jerica has won other titles in past pageants, also.

Birthdays



Trevor is turning two years old!

Trevor Lee McKenzie, the son of Rodney and Lora McKenzie, of the Mountain Parkway, will celebrate his second birthday on December 22, 2001. He will be treated to a "Winnie the Pooh" theme birthday party that will be held at Dairy Queen. Trevor is the grandson of Robert and Lemozine Willis and James and Linda Trusty, of the Mountain Parkway.



Kendra is one year old!

Kendra Nicole Newman celebrated her first birthday on December 9, 2001 with a party held at the Plaza Pizza Hut. Kendra is the daughter of Kenneth II and Jessica Newman, of Grethel, and the granddaughter of Kenneth and Mary Kidd Newman, also of Grethel, and Jerry and Jerrell Swain, of Teaberry. A host of family and friends joined Kendra in celebrating her special day.

New Arrivals



It's a girl!

Joshua and Ashley Wilson Meade are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Katelin Ashleigh Meade. The infant was born on October 7, 2001 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. She is the maternal granddaughter of Rex and Brenda Wilson, of Prestonsburg, and the paternal granddaughter of John and Brenda Meade, also of Prestonsburg.

Dream

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chicken, vegetables, rolls, drinks and desserts. "The Pepsi-Cola Corporation donated the drinks," Greathouse said.

And, to make the day even more special for them, each child had a special sponsor who presented them with a Christmas gift. Additionally, the Dream Factory presented the children and their families with custom designed tee-shirts displaying the Dream Factory's colorful logo.

As if this was not enough to make any child's Christmas dreams come true, they were also issued tickets to Sunday afternoon's "Kentucky Opry" Christmas show where they delighted in the antics of "Munroe" and a visit from Santa Claus, as well as experiencing an up-close view of song and dance routines that rival even Broadway's very best.

"Mayor Fannin provided the tickets," Greathouse said. "About seventy in all."

Observing the faces and wide smiles of the children present during the banquet and taking note of their mesmerized gazes throughout the show, there is little doubt that Christmas 2001 will be long remembered by these children and their families as a very special holiday season of dreams come true.

One Dream Factory recipient, however, was not able to attend Sunday's festivities. Richard Allen Rohr, Jr., who is paralyzed from the neck down, was unable to attend because a wheelchair lift van could not be located for use. Mayor Fannin was Richard's sponsor and Greathouse said that Richard's gift

would be delivered to him.

Sponsoring the other children were: Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who sponsored Kayla Deann Hall, the first recipient of a Dream Factory dream, a Gateway computer. Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson sponsored Ashley Nicole Blackburn, whose Dream Factory dream was a K-Mart \$1,000 shopping spree. Floyd County Clerk, Chris Waugh, sponsored Andrew Howard Vangor, who also received a \$1,000 shopping spree. Kathy and B.J. Newsome sponsored Cory A. Prater, who received a trip to Florida's Disney World in July. Christy Hamilton, whose dream of a \$1,000 Wal-Mart shopping spree was granted in August, was sponsored during Sunday's Christmas gift give-away by Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, and Curtis Lee Jarvis, Jr., who received a \$1,000 dream shopping spree in September, was sponsored on Sunday by Floyd County Asst. Judge-Executive, Brett Davis.

"We're always looking for special children who need our help," Greathouse said. "we have granted seven dreams since April. We are debt-free and we have money in the bank. If there are kids out there who need us, we sure want to know about them."

"Donations are always accepted and appreciated," Greathouse said. "if you want to help make children's dreams come true, or if you know of a child who needs us, let us know."



Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh and his wife looked on as Andrew Vangor opened his gifts Sunday afternoon.

Yesterdays

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Burchett, 54, of West Prestonsburg; Darbin C. Skeans, 60, of Martin; Elzie Gene Yates, 66, of Hi Hat; Thelma Meek Harmon, 71, at Ashland; Mary Tussey, 82, of West Prestonsburg; Oakley H. Coburn, 63, of Mousie; Grace M. Reitz, 74, of Allen; Mousie Collins, 88, of Wayland; Etta Jane Cornette, 90, formerly of Cliff; and Virginia Kidd, 55, of Harold.

Forty Years Ago (December 21, 1961)

At Wednesday's meeting of the Community Development Council, plans were announced to launch a fund-raising drive for the purchase of a junior college site here, and to fight a legislative battle for the college next month...Three newly-elected county officials took the oath of office this week and qualified to enter upon their official duties, January 1. They are Henry C. Hale, of Blue River, sworn in Monday as in-coming sheriff by County Judge Henry Stumbo, and Lawrence Hale, jailer-elect, sworn in an hour or so later by the same official. Representative C. Ollie Robinson, who will become County Court Clerk, January 1, took the oath, Tuesday afternoon...Trouble allegedly initiated by jobseekers at sites of bridge and culvert work barely started here, and on the Prestonsburg section of the Eastern Kentucky highway resulted this week in court action...Fifty-one registrants were called by Local Draft Board 166 here for preinduction examinations December 11...Three Boy Scouts were invested with the Eagle Scout rank, November 27. They are Carl Chaffins Jr., James Goble and Larry Spradlin...A 13-year-old Ivel Boy, Willie Ray Howell, and John Ed Carroll, 20, of Tram, were electrocuted Saturday afternoon while attempting to erect a television antenna on the roof of a home at Ivel...Jimmie Thompson, native of Wayland, has been named senior administrative assistant to Kentucky Commissioner of Economic Security Earl V. Powell, it was announced recently...The wedding of Miss Sarah Elizabeth Burchett and Mr. Robert Allen will be solemnized at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church here, on December 26...There died: Janetta Smallwood, 88, Monday, at her home at Bevinsville; Ellen Brown, 84, of Garrett, Monday, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J.A. Stumbo, of Martin; Lon Workman, 79, Monday, at his home at Allen; William Dingus, 82, of Hite, last Wednesday; Ida Hall, 76, last Tuesday at her home at Topmost; James M. Clark, 77, last Tuesday at his home at Honaker; Polly Gearheart, 78, last Thursday, at her home at Hueysville; Martha Hamilton, 86, Monday, at the home of a son, Ben Parsons, at Allen; William Sammons, 67, of Wheelwright, at a Lexington hospital, last Tuesday; Brucon Thacker, 48, Friday, at his home at Langley.

Fifty Years Ago (December 20, 1951)

The names of two Floyd County soldiers have been released this week as prisoners of war held by Communist China. They are Pfc. James C. Bales, son of Mrs. Zephia Parker, Prestonsburg, and Pfc. Charles R. Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Worley Boyd, Prestonsburg...State Senator Doug Hays, of McDowell, this week drew support from the Committee on Function and Resources of State Government, which may make of his plan for state-owned liquor stores one of the outstanding legislative features of the coming General Assembly session...The three winners of the essay contest of the Floyd County Development Association were guests of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, Thursday evening. They are Vivian Howard, daughter of Mrs. Luna H. Salyers, of Garrett, winner of a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; Rhodella Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allen, of Pyramid, winner of a \$75 bond, and Mildred Kilgore, daughter of Mrs. Lettie Kilgore, of Garrett, winner of a \$50 bond...The Patsy Coal Tennessees traveled to Huntington, last Friday, to sing at the Veterans Administration Hospital there. They, with their director, Mrs. Harry Fiedler, will go to Louisville this week where they will appear at the VA Hospital there...Twice-beaten Garrett continued this week to rule the basketball roost in Floyd County after handling the neighboring Wayland Wasps a 79 to 54 defeat...The marriage of Miss Ruth Lucille Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Mayo, of Prestonsburg, to Mr. William O. Goebel Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Goebel, of Prestonsburg, will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, December 26...There died: Chester A. Daniels, 27, of Justell, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Wednesday; David C. Layne, 63, Sunday, at the home at Pyramid of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Rice; Polly McKinney Parsons, 64, of Honaker, Wednesday morning at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; John W. Stanifer, 57, Tuesday at his home at Glo; Cpl. Roy L. Layne, 23, son of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Layne, of Betsy Layne, killed in action October 9, in Korea.

Sixty Years Ago (December 18, 1941)

Floyd County farmers are among the first in Kentucky to report that they are ready and willing, not only to meet but to exceed, the increased production asked of them in the Food-for-Defense program...Floyd County this week moved to set up its own Civilian Defense forces as further evidences that "it can happen here" became more manifest...Two of Floyd County's heaviest gas strikes in years are reported this week from the Maxon formation...With the arrival Wednesday, of steel for construction of the Nation Youth Administration machine shop here, and six truck-loads of machinery with which the shop will be equipped, it was predicted that actual training of youths in handling precision machinery such as is used in defense plants may be underway next month...Screening examinations for 83 Floyd Countians for possible army service will be conducted by Floyd County physicians Monday, December 22...All Prestonsburg churches will take part in the White Christmas service to be held Sunday evening at the Methodist Church...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lafferty here on December 7, a son, their second, Earl Ray...There died: Robert Graham Harris, 57, prominent Texas insurance man and native of Prestonsburg, last Thursday in an El Paso hospital; Glenn Homer Burke, 26, of Wayland, of injuries received in an auto accident at Lackey Saturday night; Deward Stratton, 29, of Ivel, December 10, at the home of her mother; Hulda Cole, 58, of Melvin, Saturday, victim of an auto accident in Letcher county; Bill Weddington, 32, of Mossy Bottom, Saturday, after being struck by an automobile in Pike County; Lizzie Beach Wright, 74, Sunday morning, at her home in West Prestonsburg.

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550-Land & Lots

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Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 12.0 acres located 0.15 miles east of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed facility is approximately 0.67 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80 and is located 1.0 mile Southeast of Martin. The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 19 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 58 seconds.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5429, Amendment No.1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd and Magoffin Counties. The amendment will redesignate 88.79 acres of underground acres as surface disturbance and auger area, making the total area within the permit boundary will be 1058.8 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.5 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with Ky Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin, Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour and auger methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Roy Shepherd-Heirs, Betty Reed, Bobby & Lenora Slone, and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc. It will underlie lands owned by Roy Shepherd-Heirs, Betty Reed, Bobby & Lenora Slone, and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director,

Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 01-CJ-00114

DANIEL MAY, ET AL PLAINTIFFS VS. BILLIE JEAN MAY, JR., ET AL DEFENDANTS

AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 20th of November, 2001 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, to determine the divisibility of said property, 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 27th day of December, 2001, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following property commonly known as a house and 10 acres located at 16907 Ky. Rt. 979, Hi, Hat, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at back of Bottom of Charley Perry lot on a rock; thence strait line to a marked maple; thence strait up the hill bearing right to top of point to Fayette Renolds line; thence Down the hill with Fayette Renolds line to a Buckeye; thence lot running with said lot to the Beginning, Including Ten Acres More or Less running with said Riley

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Beginning on a stake at Lot No. 7; thence down the County road right of way 50 ft., to a stake at Lot No. 9; thence across the bottom a straight line with Lot No. 9 100 ft., to a stake; thence up the bottom 50 ft., a straight line to a stake at Lot No. 7; thence 100 ft., a straight line and Lot No. 7 to the stake the beginning, this is known as Lot No. 8. Containing 1/4 acre more or less. All the coal and mineral, oil and gas and all subterranean substances are excepted on this lot and are not included in this deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and 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.

(b) 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.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
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For the Project Titled: **ADDITION AND RENOVATION JOHN M. STUMBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
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Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for construction of the above named project until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, December 27th, 2001, at Greg Adams Office located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of the construction of a single-story addition of 20,647 square feet. The addition contains classrooms, art room, music room and a gymnasium. A media center addition comprises an alternate to the project.

The structure will be a combination steel frame and masonry bearing walls with concrete foundation and spread footings. The roof structure will be single-ply roofing and insulation over steel trusses and joists.

Exterior walls will be a combination of face brick and metal panels. Interior partitions will be concrete masonry units.

Windows will be color anodized extruded aluminum, projected, with insulating glass. Exterior doors will be hollow metal with tempered glazing. Interior doors will be factory-finished solid core wood in hollow metal frames.

Finishes include vinyl composition tile, ceramic tile, carpeting, paint over gypsum board and masonry, and suspended acoustic panel ceilings.

Specialties include toilet compartments and accessories, metal lockers, visual display boards, protective covers and signage.

Alternates include the construction of a single-story media center addition of 4,076 square feet, metal roofing over the gymnasium in lieu of membrane roofing, installation of telescoping bleachers, and installation of wood athletic flooring in lieu of sports carpeting.

Site work includes walks, curbs, drives, parking area, storm water lines, site structures, utility work, and seeding and sodding.

Heating and cooling will be a geothermal heat pump system with floor mounted and above-ceiling heat pumps. The system includes hydronic loop piping, circulating pumps, and chemical treatment.

The addition and existing building will be fully sprinklered.

Exterior lighting will be H.I.D. fixtures. Interior lighting will be primarily fluorescent lamps with incandescent fixtures for accent. Emergency lighting will be self-contained battery self-packs.

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All bids shall be accompanied by Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Bid Form included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the Owner's office.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Owner.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 19th, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the office of Mr. Greg Adams, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III Bond Release for Increment No. 1 on permit No. 836-5116, which was last issued on Sept. 18, 1998.

Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 542.68 acres. The operation is located approximately 2.3 mile south of Langley in Floyd County.

The permit area is 0.5 miles south of KY 777's intersection with the Hayes Branch Road. The Latitude is

37°-27'-49" and the Longitude is 82°-47'-01", and is located on the Martin and Wayland 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in affect, and the original bond for the increment is as follows:
Inc. No.1, Current \$ 8,500.00, Original \$29,600.00

100% of the original bond amount is included in this request for release for bond release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1996. Results thus far achieved for Increment No. 1: establishment of the postmining land use.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by Feb. 1, 2002

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for Feb. 4, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Feb. 1, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the Floyd County Fiscal Court requesting that Brandy Keg Church Road, located at Corn Fork, and the Davis Road, located at Prater Creek, be discontinued. The petition requesting discontinuance of these roadways are on file for review by any interested party, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. A hearing regarding discontinuance of these roadways, in question will be conducted on December 21, 2001, immediately following the regular meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, scheduled for December 21, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., in the Floyd County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 28, 2001, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 11/03/98.

1999 Chevy Pickup, S/N 3344

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Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82, Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 860-5164, Increment Number 2, which was last issued on 06/13/01. The application covers an area of approximately 695.85 acres, located 4.1 miles southeast of Kite, Knott County, Kentucky, in Floyd and Knott Counties.

The permit area is approximately 0.7

mile east of the junction of KY 7 with KY 1498, and 0.08 mile east of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 14 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 45 minutes, 15 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 860-5164, Increment Number 2, is a surety of \$ 3 4 , 9 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$27,600.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the fall of 2001. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate condition for the surrounding wildlife.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 8, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 11, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No.: 836-0025

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brashae Coal Company, Inc., Box 628, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment #1, of Permit number 836-0025, which was last issued on 11/06/01.

The application covers an area of approximately 442.39 acres, located 0.5 mile southeast of Manton, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile north-east of Wolfpen Branch Road's junction with Kentucky Route 1210, and located 0.5 mile northeast of Wolfpen Branch. The latitude is 37° 34' 22". The longitude is 82° 48' 25".

The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$11,000. The entire remaining bond amount of \$11,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and tree setting, completed in summer 1991; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

Written comments, objections or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 8, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 12, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF BRANCH APPLICATION

First Guaranty Bank, Martin, Kentucky, is applying to establish a branch office at 420 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director (Division of Supervision) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office, 5100 Poplar Avenue, Suite 1900, Memphis, Tennessee 38137, not later than January 4, 2002. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase II bond release on Permit No. 836-0216, which was last issued on August 21, 2001. The application covers an area of approximately 1054.61 acres, located 3.79 miles north-east of Ivel, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 3.79 miles northeast from U.S. 23's junction with Ivy Creek County Road, and located 0.95 mile north of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 18". The longitude is 82° 37' 35".

The bond now in effect is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$615,200.00. Approximately 85% of the original bond amount of \$2,204,900.00 is included in the application for Phase II Bond Release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of initial growth of vegetation completed spring, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 11, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 8, 2002.

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NASCAR's wish list

by STEVE MICKEY
NASCAR COLUMNIST

Hard to believe it is once again time for me to write my annual letter to Santa on behalf of all of those who make a living in the sport of Winston Cup racing. Before you read it, keep in mind that I have no control over who has been naughty and who has been nice (sorry Tony Stewart). All I can do is ask, Santa has the final say on who gets what — much the same way that Mike

Helton has the final say from February to November.

Who knows, we might just catch Santa in a good mood this year and actually see some of these suggestions actually taken serious and delivered on Christmas Eve. Now lets get on with the business at hand.

Dear Santa,
I know you have been waiting on this letter all year and that your "pit crew" is eagerly awaiting your decisions on what to load up for

your swing through NASCAR country. I remember asking you last year for a win for Michael Waltrip and you sure didn't take long in granting that request. This year I want to bring Mikey enough racin' luck to get him a top-10 finish in the point standings and it wouldn't hurt if you would stuff another win or two in that stocking also.

Santa, just because some drivers have been around awhile doesn't mean that they stopped

believing in you. Terry Labonte and Mark Martin might be what you would call cagey veterans of the sport, but they also are a couple of drivers who would love to see a map on Christmas morning that would show both of them the way back to victory lane.

Here is one wish that could take care of the needs of two people. Santa, if you would bring Andy Petree a new sponsor for his No. 33 team, he would then hire Michael Wallace as full-time driver of that ride. Michael finally got the big break of his career when he was asked to fill in for Jeremy Mayfield and he responded by showing the series that with the right equipment he could get the job done. Wallace wasn't able to cash in on his suc-

cess so a sponsor for Petree would also give Michael a great Christmas.

Morgan-McClure Motorsports has become a revolving door for drivers in recent years. It's sad to see a team that was once one of the best on the circuit have to dwell at the bottom of the sport.

Santa, Mike Skinner is slated to be the driver in 2002 and a win for the Kodak Chevrolet will end a couple of losing streaks. Skinner has competed in 167 races without a win and it has been years since he saw a "Kodak moment" in victory lane.

I don't want to forget Mike Helton and the boys that call the shots in the sport down at their ivory tower in Daytona Beach. I'm

sure all they want is a season where the only controversy comes from the action on the track and not from seat belts, investigations and having to move a race to Thanksgiving weekend.

Santa, Dale Earnhardt Inc. is a huge part of the legacy that the intimidator left on the sport. The three teams have been very competitive in the series, but what the organization really needs is for one of them to become a very serious player in the chase for the 2002 championship. The best scenario for the sport would have the No. 8 team in the thick of a very tight points chase as the schedule goes to the last race of the season at Miami.

Rusty Wallace will have a new teammate next season in Ryan Newman and Santa, why don't you bring both of them a chemistry set to see if they can come up with the chemistry that Rusty and his old teammate Jeremy Mayfield never did find.

Santa, this last request is for all of the fans who have been reading this article over the years. I have enjoyed all of the comments they have given me (even some that turned my face as red as your suit). If I had my way each one of them deserves a couple of tickets to the night race at Bristol, a winning combination in their fantasy racing league and the latest piece of diecast of their favorite car.

That may be a tough demand of you Santa, so just bring to each one and their families the peace and security of knowing what took place on Christmas some 2,000 years ago is just as real today as it was then. The death of Dale Earnhardt reminded everyone that there is no guarantee of tomorrow or another race, but the events of that first Christmas do bring the hope of not only another day, but a better day!

Now, get ready to eat more than you ever thought possible and see more relatives than you knew you had. Enjoy every minute of it, Merry Christmas from my family to yours!

Sports

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And (I like) the coaching staff that he has surrounded himself with—guys with experience at winning at this level, and at good schools."

Lost in the shuffle

It was hard for UK fans to understand how the Kentucky football players could have went to Indiana with so little passion for the season finale.

But the players are human and not robots and after going to the emotional well to recover from so many tough losses, it was not surprising that UK would have trouble bouncing back from that heartbreaking setback against Tennessee.

That's a setup to point out that the basketball game against Indiana falls in a very for the Big Blue. It's after a much-hyped game against number one Duke and just before the much-hyped game against the Louisville Cardinals and Rick Pitino.

I don't really think Kentucky's players would overlook a very good Indiana team, but all of the fans' focus will shift to Louisville after the Duke game is over and the players invariably pick up on that. So that's the challenge Tubby Smith will face this weekend when he takes his team to Indianapolis.

Case leads Allen past McDowell in grade school action

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Brennan Case scored 17 points to lead the Allen Eagle C-Team past McDowell in grade school basketball.

Coach Ashland Gearheart's young team led 29-13 at the half and cruised the rest of the way to pick up the win. The Eagles placed three players in double figures, Frankie Stanley and Adam Gearheart also scored double figures for Allen. McDowell was led in scoring by C. Hayes with 15 points. Allen managed to score 29 first-half points thanks to the easy transition baskets on missed shots by McDowell. Allen held a 41-19 lead after three quarters of play, and went on to win by a final score of 48-30.

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