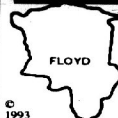


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A Rock and a Hard Place

Note: The following article appeared in the December 15 edition of Education Week and is reprinted with permission by Lonnie Harp. Riding high in his custom pickup truck, Terry Stewart is weaving through mountain valleys...

up behind a bus or coal truck or somebody slower, and you end up doing 35 anyway. On the road, the truck is going 35, but the first-year principal of South Floyd High School is in high gear...

as he turns into the school's entrance. The steep drive is walled by the rough brown face of rocks. At the top of Mitchell Hill is the new school and its striking view of the Cumberland Mountains that rise above Beaver Creek.

about all the new mixers that mean more participation in making yeast breads, and Cuisinarts that help students see how modern kitchens work, and a larger enrollment that might allow for adult classes after school.

Cops hope head start will curb accidents

In an effort to emphasize safety on Kentucky's roads this holiday season, the Kentucky State Police will start enforcement efforts early with "Late-Saver Weekend" slated for 6 p.m., Friday, December 17, until midnight, Sunday, December 19. Speed enforcement, visual radar (which displays the speed you are driving on an electronic sign as you pass), and sobriety road checks will be used in an endeavor to insure motorists' safekeeping on the highways...



Santa's in the hot seat

Christmas got a little too hot for Santa at the home of Malinda and Terry Hager of Alum Lick, on Caney Fork of Middle Creek. The couple created the cornical wooden display from a pattern. They have also made wooden cutouts of deer, cats and dogs.

Bill mix-up fouls up tax collections

By Susan Allen Staff Writer. If you haven't received a 1993 property tax bill, it doesn't mean that you don't owe any taxes. Approximately 1,000 tax bills—five percent of the total—were returned to the Floyd County Sheriff's office this month because of incorrect addresses.

million to the county tax rolls which is expected to generate over a half million dollars in additional tax money, Thompson said. To make the process of mailing out tax bills less expensive and to obtain more accurate addresses, the sheriff hopes in the future to be able...

Conflict over conflict to be investigated, attorney says

By Ronnie Parsons Staff Writer. Allegations of a conflict of interest arose again Wednesday during the regular meeting of the Floyd County Development Authority. Just prior to the development authority going into executive session Dolores Smith, a member of the development authority, announced she had brought her lawyer to counter allegations made by county attorney Jim Hammond that she was in a conflict of interest by sitting on the development authority board.

connection to R&S Body. Smith is the wife of R&S Body president William F. Smith, whose company is seeking development authority assistance in a relocation plan. Two months prior to the meeting Wednesday night, Hammond requested the resignation of Smith and the admonishment of the board in dealing with R&S Body until the alleged conflict of interest was settled.

Smith's attorney, Tim Mathews of Cincinnati, told the authority Wednesday that they "have heard the county attorney's point of view and I think it's important that you hear another point of view." Mathews referred to procedures on handling potential conflicts of interest, adding, "there is no statute or case law in the state of Kentucky that would require an officer to resign from his or her office from the result of a perceived or potential conflict of interest."

R&S Body will move, but hopes to stay home, too

By Ronnie Parsons Staff Writer. The President of R&S Body, William L. Smith, announced Wednesday night during the regular meeting of the Floyd County Development Authority that R&S Body will be relocating in the near future. During the meeting Smith broke the news by saying, "In a very short period of time, coming up quicker than I had anticipated when I first started thinking about it five years ago, we're (R&S Body) going to have to move."

communities' requests, he told them. "We were founded in Floyd County, we're Floyd Countians and Floyd County is going to have the first opportunity." R&S Body was originally founded in 1969 to produce steel products for the coal industry and has been in business for 25 years in Floyd County.

Holiday Deadlines. To accommodate the Christmas holiday, the news and advertising deadline for the December 24 edition of the Times will be noon, Wednesday, December 22. Our office will be closed December 23 and 24.

"We started in a 30,000 square foot building," said Smith. "In the mid-1970s we acquired a competitive facility to increase to slightly over 50,000 feet, that's where we stand today." R&S Body during the mid-1990s when the area faced a downturn in the coal industry, R&S was forced to consider the manufacture of products other than those related to coal. "While the coal business is a very important part of our business," Smith said, "it represents only 32 percent of our total volume. Seventy-eight percent of our sales are outside the state of Kentucky."



Return to sender. Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and office manager Chuck Hall ponder how to obtain correct mailing addresses for about 1,000 returned tax bills. Persons who own property in the county who did not receive a tax bill are urged to contact the sheriff's office or tax commissioner.



Gish attends open house

State school board member Tom Gish... spoke with John Rosenberg, center, and Lance Blackburn Wednesday about local school issues.

Gish visits Floyd center

One of the state's newest educational resource centers held an open house in Prestonsburg Wednesday to show off their new facilities and to offer the public a chance to review the services they provide. In a show of support, state school board member Tom Gish of Whitesburg attended the open house with Bob Lumsden, the associate commissioner for regional service centers.

Mix-up

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to have Floyd County's tax rolls included on a state-wide computer system. The computer program, Sheriff's Automated Collection System (SACS), generates ready-to-mail tax bills with the sheriff's copy attached...

R&S

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high as \$9 to \$9.9 million dollars and the cost for new equipment would cost approximately 1.5 million dollars. The development authority voted 18-15 in favor of the plan to bring R&S Body and associated Smithlocky would be looking for a site that would meet the requirements for relocation in Floyd County.

individual tax bills; tear out the sheriff's copy; place the individual bills into binders; and stuff, seal and mail over 21,000 envelopes. But Floyd County has too many individual taxing jurisdictions, including school, health department and fire districts, to be able to use the state-wide computer system.

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Cops

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**Receives GED diploma**

Marsha Bailey, JOBS participant, has completed all the requirements for her GED through the David School Learning Center at Prestonsburg. She is shown receiving a JOBS certificate of achievement from her case manager, Imelda Wright. Bailey plans on attending Prestonsburg Community College in the near future. Pictured above, left to right, Wright, Bailey, and Frank Salyers, JOBS coordinator with the Department for Social Insurance.

**Conflict**

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that she will do the right thing in all of her dealings with this board and we have very diligently researched this and came to the conclusion that the Kentucky laws are clear on this point, that it does not require her resignation for this board to consider matters which may affect R&S Body, with which she is affiliated."

Hammond, who did not comment during the meeting Wednesday, said later that he didn't "know where he (Mathews) got his law degree, but I have a feeling he needs to go back and get him one."

Hammond said the Constitution of Kentucky plainly states if you have a conflict of interest you cannot serve.

"There is already an official inquiry going on into this. It may be upgraded to a full scale investigation

by the appropriate police agencies of this commonwealth into this conflict of interest," Hammond said.

Hammond did not say what agency was reviewing the conflict allegations.

**Arthritis and Douglas fir**

The Douglas fir tree you just decorated for Christmas was named for the Scottish botanist and adventurer David Douglas, a well-known adventurer who also lived with arthritis, reports the Arthritis Foundation. Kentucky Chapter Douglas' botanical explorations during the early 1800's led him to discover gold 17 years before the Gold Rush began. But the young man kept surveying trees and paid little attention to the gold.

**Comment on Kentucky host Al Smith added to national talk show lineup**

Veteran journalist Al Smith, the longtime host of KET's Comment on Kentucky, will appear on the national PBS interview program America: Personal Conversations with Dennis Wholey, Friday, December 17, replacing the originally scheduled Phyllis George Brown. The Washington-based program is taping a series of shows from KET this week featuring Kentucky guests.

Smith was added to the schedule when Brown, a former Miss America, Kentucky first lady, and CBS sportscaster, was unable to complete the interview due to illness.

The program featuring Smith will air on KET at 6:30 Friday, December 17.

A half-hour of opinion and analysis airing on KET every Friday

evening. Comment on Kentucky focuses on the stories behind the headlines with its panel of journalists from around the state. Smith, who has hosted the program since its premiere in 1974, is a former newspaper editor and current host of the daily A-OK Primetime call-in radio program broadcast on 30 stations statewide.

The programs taped at KET—which feature jockey Steve Cauthen, Catumet Farm owner Henry deKwiatkowski, and U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell—are designed to "share with the rest of America some of the things that make Kentucky so special—its splendor, its contrasts, its rich heritage," said Wholey, a veteran PBS interviewer and author of several books, including the best-selling *The Courage To Change*.

**Task force recommends \$40 user fee for state's public defender system**

by Becky L. Meadows  
KPA News Bureau Director  
Help should be on the way for low income Kentuckians in need of sound legal counseling, but users of the state public defender system should expect to pay for it.

A task force has proposed implementing a \$40 user fee for public defender services, as well as increasing the driving under the influence service fee from \$150 to \$700, and dedicating 25 percent of that fee to public defense.

These are just some of the proposals. The Governor's Task Force on the Funding and Delivery of Quality Public Defender Services has forwarded to Gov. Brereton Jones an effort to revamp the state's public defender system. The proposals are aimed at elevating Kentucky's per-capita funding for public defender services from where it stands now, at lowest in the nation.

"The task force has recognized and recommended that funding public defense is a necessary governmental expense, not just an optional matter," said Allison Connelly, public advocate for the Commonwealth.

The changes were adopted by the task force at its last meeting in November. Now, Jones will decide which proposals to take to the 1994 General Assembly. The task force has been studying how to bring adequate legal services to low-income Kentuckians since July.

"We must make sure that these important recommendations get implemented to ensure poor Kentuckians continue to receive quality legal representation in the next two years," Connelly said. "These recommendations reduce the chances of a crisis while the task force studies long-term funding and delivery of services."

During its deliberations, the task force heard from Robert L. Spaigenberg, who has provided technical support on public defender systems to bar associations, task forces and state legislatures across the country. Spaigenberg told task force members that, in his opinion, legal representation for low-income Kentuckians has slipped below the borderline.

"The program has been carried on the backs of private lawyers, and the backs of underpaid public defenders for too many years," he said. "You should understand how serious the problem is in Kentucky right now, and how the lawyers have carried it on their backs."

Connelly stressed how important it is for the state to provide adequate funding to ensure every Kentuckian has proper legal representation.

**Optimist Club seeking new members**

Optimist International is a federation of clubs which allows each club to develop projects to meet the needs of their individual community.

The first Optimist Club of Floyd County is forming and is seeking Charter Members. Only a few more Charter Member positions are available. A meeting is scheduled to explain the organization, answer any questions, take on objectives and application. Bill Stoops, governor-elect for KY/WVA District and Ronnie Dunn, governor and branch manager of the Family Resource Youth Services Branch from Frankfort, will be there. For more information, call Len Cieslak at 377-6741 or 886-0205.

The meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Jenny Wiley Lodge.

"All people, rich or poor, have an absolute right to justice and equality before the law," she said. "Indeed, without a public defender in every courtroom and in every county, the criminal justice system will break down."

All recommendations by the task force included:

- Enacting legislation to require a fiscal impact statement to measure the effect of all pending legislation on the criminal justice system, including the public defender system.

- Increasing funding for death penalty cases. Representation in these cases should be a regionalized, state-funded and state-administered branch which would provide direct and consultation services at trial, appeal and post-conviction levels.

- Increasing substantially the funding for death penalty conflict cases handled by private attorneys.

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# South Floyd

Stewart smiles. The new principal is glad his school can at last be recognized as the modern, well-appointed facility it was intended to be. As something other than "the ongoing Left Beaver construction project." Something other than the butt of jokes about the "Electricity Construction Company." Something that sounds less like a fiasco.

People got out of heart with it," explains Luther Johnson Jr., a Wheelwright councilman and the president of the South Floyd High School booster club. "People believed it never would be done."

Launched in 1986 as a \$4.4 million project that would include a 700-student school building, gym and athletic field, South Floyd High School should have been a remarkable project of a state program that has provided \$1 billion in bonds for new schools across the state over the past eight years.

Instead, the project has come to illustrate how the deep pockets of taxpayers are plundered by local school boards and administrators unseasoned as managers and by state officials wary of questioning local spending of state funds. Since 1986, the cost of the project has climbed from \$4.4 million to \$4.5 million to \$4.6 million to \$5.0 million to \$7.4 million to \$8.9 million to \$10.9 million. And the price tag continues to go up as the district begins construction of the gym. They're running total, as close as anybody can tell, now hovers near \$13 million.

And that's without the football field, which is now a reddish muddy rectangle crowned with hapless sprigs of grass, bordered by a chain-link fence. The lot was a narrow strip of a full-sized football field and, somehow, is prone to puddle, despite remarkable drainage potential—a sheer drop on the other side of the fence plunges 150 feet.

Seven years after being chosen as the site for a new high school, Mitchell Hill has surrendered a good chunk of its forest and its sandstone, shale and coal for a troubled school-construction project notorious for expensive delays, miscalculations and its appetite for money.

For any greenhorn venturing into this section of the Appalachians, it quickly becomes apparent that the terrain dictates much about the way of life. Roads are generally folk creekbeds that meander through the valleys. Off these roads, houses and trailers occupy the few patches of level ground that they often share with a family cemetery, a satellite district of old furnaces, chickens, roosters and hunting dogs.

Builders and planners of large-scale construction projects face two choices. Carve level areas out of the mountains or build up from a flood plain.

Welcome to Floyd County and, for that matter, much of Eastern Kentucky. And welcome to Hi Hat, center of the remote southern section of Floyd County where the rules of the land and the heavy hands of Mother Nature are even more exaggerated.

"That area can be flooded before the river ever feels any pressure," says Jim Osborne, the chief of operations for the Floyd County schools. As tributaries of the Big Sandy River, many of these mountain creeks are the first to swell and the worst for flooding.

These geographical factors became paramount considerations in the mid-1980s when Floyd County suddenly found itself the beneficiary of money from the state school facilities construction committee. The panel was created to help overcome a long-standing and worsening state-wide deficit in school buildings—particularly in the poor communities of Eastern Kentucky.

In Floyd County, the promise of new money raised hopes. Since the days of the New Deal, with its burst of federally financed construction, the local school board had averaged only one new building every decade, slowly consolidating worn-out community schools.

In 1986, the state pledged \$23.9 million in bonds for the county with the promise of more in the next two-year budget. The much-needed money hit like a mountain thunder storm that transforms lazy creeks into gushing waterways.

Four construction projects quickly moved to the drawing board. By 1990, the board expected, Floyd County students would have a new middle school in Prestonsburg, the county seat; two new elementary schools in Allen and Garrett; and a new high school for southern Floyd County.

The three other projects moved along. But the high school, from the outset, was plagued by the geography of these mountains. Every site considered had significant drawbacks. The top choice, a plot on Mitchell Hill in Coalinga, sat in the flood plain and would have required landfill to raise the site. It was also distant from

Wheelwright, whose residents, like those in McDowell, were anxious about the consolidation.

"I thought if we could fly to Mars, we could remove a knob and clear a hillside, but this has been a monster."

In the end, the school board in June 1987 bought a longshot, Mitchell Hill—an ancient mound noteworthy only to railroad engineers as the rise of land at the south end of the Hi Hat tunnel. "A thorough search had been made for sites to no avail," board minutes state. Board members also noted concern that, unless they decided where to build, the state funds might be lost one year into construction.

Halfway between rivals Wheelwright and McDowell, and far from a flood risk, the hill even drew an unusual formal endorsement from the state superintendent of public instruction. The \$4.4 million South Floyd High School, first listed as a district priority in 1984, had finally found a home.

The fiasco was born, it now seems, along with the project itself. To manage its new portfolio of building projects, the school board chose to hire individual construction managers rather than general contractors. The managers sold themselves by promising to do a better job at a better price. By the time the managers argued, the board would avoid the markups associated with general contractors and achieve more flexibility and oversight at each step of the process.

A big winner in that decision was Sam Martin Jr., a prominent local builder and the president of Martin Engineering and Construction. Two days after hiring architects for its new buildings, the board tapped Martin as the school district's supervisor for the construction of the South Floyd High School and the new elementary school in Garrett.

Even as plans were drawn for the high school, the cost of the building rose. The mountain became a growing problem. Cost problems have lingered ever since, draining the district's building funds and forcing school board members to make most of their decisions in an atmosphere of crisis.

In June 1988, two months before the first bid was even approved, the board voted to ask the state for a five percent increase in all of its construction projects and, to save money, decided to delete the gym at South Floyd. When the excavation contract was awarded in August and work on Mitchell Hill was finally ready to begin, state officials told the Floyd County superintendent that, given the fact that the state funds aside for the high school were rapidly dwindling, it was time to rethink the project.

Citing an "inadequacy of funds," the state education department's director of buildings and grounds asked officials to project costs for the building would cost. By the end of September 1988, the board had paid more than \$200,000 each to its architect, James Ellis of nearby Pikeville, and Martin, the construction manager. By the end of October, the state calculated that \$1.8 million had already been obligated. The funds available for the rest of the 73,000-square-foot building would be inadequate to cover the cost. The county can no more than \$38 a square foot, an unthinkably low amount.

In a letter a few days later, Elise argued that a new location should be found for the school. Beyond the high excavation costs, he cited numerous other problems. The canyon in KY 122 at the school entrance could be a safety hazard for slow-moving buses; the steep driveway into the school faced north, which meant that water draining from the school would freeze and be slow to thaw; no one was certain how difficult it would be to connect the building to the nearest water main a mile away. He also warned of inadequate parking and the likelihood that the total project would be too narrow for football and impossible for baseball.

Even as work on the high school halted while the board weighed its options, Martin, the construction manager, stayed busy. In December 1988, the school board retained him to update the construction program and projects to be funded with the bond issue of state money. At the same time, officials were deciding to scrap a gym at the Garrett elementary school project that Martin was supervising because of cost overruns there.

By early 1989, the planners of South Floyd High School had regrouped and offered a new plan: splitting the work into two phases. The first phase, financed with the funds on hand, would build the hall of the school. The remainder would come from the next wave of state funds earmarked for Floyd County. Officials requested the maximum budget allowable, listing the new cost of the high school at \$4.6 million.

In September 1989, three years after the state approved the construction—Martin and district officials announced that they would soon bid the project. In December, contracts totaling \$4.6 million for the first phase were awarded.

In the fall of 1990, as the other schools approved in 1986 began to open, the South Floyd High School site was finally humming with activity. But almost as the construction began, change orders requesting more work and extra funds began pouring in from contractors. The district again requested a 10 percent increase. The state responded by asking for an updated final cost.

About one year into construction, Elise and Martin and the school board began trading charges about delays and changes. Elise was chided for now spending enough time at the building site while Martin was criticized for moving steel joists and other material onto an unfinished section of the excavation, delaying the project by months. The school board, meanwhile, had opted for a construction manager in order to have more control, often found itself flustered and confused.

As the project was spinning out of control, the state in August 1991 approved an additional \$3.2 million for the high school, bringing the total cost of the project to \$8 million.

The construction project became a source of controversy and lively gossip for local residents and officials.

## Change orders flooded in like a tide, steadily raising costs. At a June 1991 board meeting, 24 change orders, ranging from \$165 to \$79,653, were approved.

"In construction, you may have things that pop up, but it is not a wholesale, beginning-to-end occurrence like this has been," says Mike Luscher, the state's building and grounds director for most of the project. "This has seemed like anything that can go wrong will."

The firm excavating the mountain sited over a host of problems and delays, eventually winning a decision in the case, which is being appealed. Claiming that faulty engineering plans and numerous delays and problems led to extra costs, the excavator was awarded \$164,212 by a Floyd County circuit judge.

Litigation and controversy surrounding the building projects led the architect Elise to the edge of bankruptcy by May 1992, when his contract was terminated after he was unable to pay for professional liability insurance for his firm. In the meantime, the state approved another building request at South Floyd High, this time \$2.6 million for an expanded 2,000-seat gymnasium. Sam Martin was named as construction manager.

As the school building took shape, change orders funding the second half of its construction continued to flow in. In April, six change orders, ranging from \$2.6 to \$50,271, were approved. In September, as the school opened, still more came in, ranging from \$12,752 to \$36,672.

In October, when the board approved still more change orders, it also asked to update funding requests with the state for the high school gym, for which the foundation was being built. The new cost of the arena, officials said, was \$3.4 million.

Besides big numbers, the grand total represents growing frustrations, frayed nerves, and questions over how the project became so ridden with problems.

In a school district with so many obvious construction needs, why does it take nearly a decade to build a school? How can state and local officials allow a \$4 million school and gym to become an \$8 million school and a \$3 million gym and a football stadium somewhere down the road? And who is paying for all this?

After providing \$24 million in bonds during the first biennium of the new building program, the state sent \$15 million to Floyd County in 1988, \$9 million in 1990, and just \$1 million in 1991. Cost overruns on the early projects have taken a godly chunk of the overall funds, as evidenced by the South Floyd project,

which has logged substantial costs in each two-year cycle.

County officials estimate that 70 percent of the \$89.3 million the county has gone to address 40 funding of the district's building needs.

"It goes on and on and on, and it is still going," says Ed Billips, a regional sales manager for Teaco Coal who recently resigned in frustration from the Floyd school board. Elected as a reform candidate, Billips grips a Louisville Slugger as he expresses his frustration. He says it has become clear that no one is willing to put an end to the district's lingering construction programs. "It hasn't changed a damn bit, and I don't expect it to."

He is particularly critical of the district for failing to put a cost ceiling on any of its construction projects and of the state for refusing to step in and order that its money be used more effectively. He and others point to open-ended contracts with Martin as an indication that projects were launched without any expectation that they would be finished on time.

"It is set up to linger and draw, draw out," Billips says. "If Frank Lloyd Wright were alive today, we could get him for the same money that we're paying to build this school."

The bustling school construction business in Floyd and surrounding counties launched by the state's expanded building program has been a boon to Sam Martin Jr.

On South Floyd High School alone, Martin has been paid, to date, \$396,940. His construction management contract for the gym project

solicit bidders and "perform in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the interests of the owner."

While setting a 14-month construction cycle, Martin was also careful to make sure he would not be penalized—and indeed would be rewarded—if the project should linger. "No fixed limit on construction cost shall be established," the contract states. Later, it adds that the time line "is only a projected period of time and that many factors could cause necessary extension of time for the construction phase."

Under the contract, Martin's lump sum construction fee of \$191,422 would be paid in 14 monthly installments of \$13,673. Should the project linger, the monthly installments would continue.

Beyond the open-ended contract, critics also question Martin's handling of bidding on the South Floyd High project. Of the 33 contracts initially awarded in 1989, 19 went to subcontractors.

Martin himself won a \$90,000 contract for hoisting work and has made \$285,500 from contracts on his two Floyd projects.

At South Floyd, the two largest construction contracts were awarded to new companies with no bidding competition. T & C Construction, which won the contract for masonry labor, was legally incorporated more than a month after the bids were opened. T & C Construction was awarded \$387,600, the company had been paid \$658,604 through October because of change orders.

Warco Manufacturing Company, incorporated in October 1989, won contracts two months later for chain-link fencing and guardrails as well as for plumbing. The contracts one with no competition, the other with one competitor, totaled \$355,510. As of October, Warco had been paid \$568,991 for work at the high school.

By this fall, change orders accounted for 36 percent of the total construction costs at South Floyd High. Most state contractors have doctored the amounts of their original bids through the additional work.

A 1991 review of the change orders by the state education department's division of finance found that, even though all of finance found that the contracts all were proper and legitimate and that even more would be needed, the strategy of using a construction manager was proving unusually costly.

"The purpose of using a construction manager is to increase the number of prospective bidders as well as getting a better-built building," Artie White of the finance office wrote in a memo to facilities officials. "The bidders were few, and most of the companies were local. This situation is very unfortunate financially for this district." It was also, he added, beyond the jurisdiction of the education department.

Just as state officials felt helpless to act on behalf of the \$6 million they had invested in South Floyd High at the time, local officials showed scant signs of dissatisfaction.

"The attitude was, 'Whatever it cost, it cost,' says Elise, the Pikeville architect who had worked almost six years into the project after he was unable to pay his insurance costs. "I've seen some disgusting things going on—a hemorrhaging of taxpayer dollars."

Garrett in the project, Elise pelted local officials with memos critical of their site selection. As his frustration grew with the frequent delays in the project, he also became adamant in objecting to Martin's open-ended contract.

Only in neighboring Pike County, and only recently, have local officials begun to turn their attention to the work of the construction manager.

A Pike task force this fall issued a report examining similar construction problems there. The panel focused on a high school and two athletic facilities, all three of which were managed by Martin.

A common thread of construction management surfaced when these various projects were compared. "The Pike County school system has obviously not been well served by construction management in the process under reviewing."

In addition to recommending that a construction auditor be hired to more closely inspect the work, the Pike task force said that, if construction managers are used, they should have a solid background, sign a contract prepared by the school board's lawyer, forbid any items that don't draw more than a single bidder, and prohibit the construction manager from bidding on work at the site.

The group was clear in noting that its quality review was not the concept of a construction management, but rather with Martin's work.

"To discourage construction managers would be throwing the baby out

with the bathwater," says Bruce Hopkins, the spokesman for the Pike district and the head of the task force. "This is an area where because the public is upset with the lack of progress and the perceived costs of these buildings. There is still a stigma that somebody screwed somebody somewhere, and we need an independent source to sort through that."

Meanwhile, the state officials who oversee the use of the school construction funds have found little cause for concern in Pike and Floyd counties. Throughout the South Floyd High project, for example, they routinely approved change orders and higher cost estimates. And, in two separate reports examining the construction, their findings principally faulted the site selection, individual contractors, Elise, and the local board. While concluding that the project was not the ideal, one state official noted that "we have not found a smoking gun."

Yet, a 1991 report by the state auditor faulted the education department for not providing great scrutiny of the costly program.

"Through the state board's right to approve contracts and its mandate to oversee the use of state and local funds utilized in construction of state schools, the state board has responsibility to insure that funds are spent wisely," the auditor's study of construction in Floyd and Pike counties found.

State officials, meanwhile, say they feel no pressing need to closely follow how the construction funds—more than \$1 billion to date and most of it to areas with little experience in juggling building projects—are being spent.

Unlike new classroom programs, which must be planned and designed, construction is an area where school officials are always aware of where to target new money, says John Brock, the superintendent of public instruction whose term overlapped with much of the Floyd County controversy. "Because the school building program has always required school districts to have up-to-date facilities plans, we know where the need is, and the dollars can immediately be used there," Brock says.

In the case of Floyd County, Brock was familiar not only with the construction, but also with the people involved.

He confirms that he spent his 1990 Christmas vacation at the Martins' vacation home in Cape Coral, Florida. Brock says he has known Martin "for some time" but "did not consider the stay a conflict of interest."

"I had no decisions regarding those matters," Brock says of the South Floyd High project.

Throughout Brock's term as state superintendent, however, associates recall his being interested in how construction funds were targeted, particularly in his native Eastern Kentucky.

Regardless of Brock's role, state officials both before and after his four-year term have been willing to approve local construction decisions with barely a question and often scant attention to the findings of state investigations.

Two weeks after the 1991 report by the state auditor was released with great fanfare—one of its principal recommendations being the end of open-ended construction management contracts—Luscher, the former state building director, approved a new contract between Sam Martin and Pike County officials authorizing open-ended payments of \$15,857 a month at Pike Central High School.

A lack of both local and state supervision has been evident in most facets of the projects, particularly at South Floyd High School. In a deposition filed in a lawsuit over payment for excavation there, the lawyer for the excavator notes that, "by custom and usage," extra work was done with the assurance that the corresponding paperwork would be prepared, approved and filed later.

In what observers describe as an attempt to still integrity in its building program, the state board of education last month tightened its construction rules. Local districts must have proposals from at least three architects or construction managers before signing a state-approved contract. Major change orders can be approved by the education department, major change orders must win approval of the state board. The state education commissioner may also act as an architect or construction manager for maintenance or renovation.

In Floyd County, critics contend that, despite its laundry list of construction needs, the district has not made the most of nearly a decade of state assistance.

"The school finance construction commission dumped huge amounts of money on local boards that had no financial expertise to manage that kind of construction program," observes Scott Perry, the editor of The

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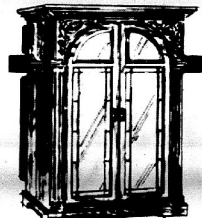
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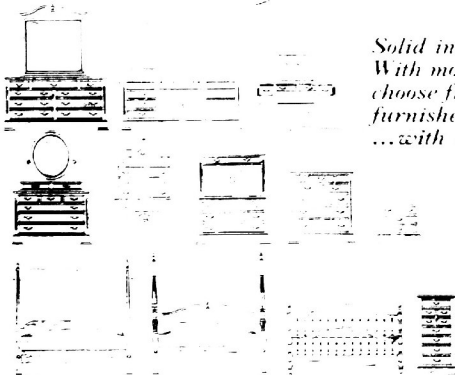
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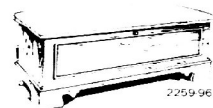


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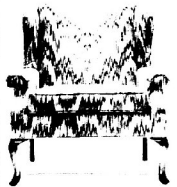


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# South Floyd

Floyd County Times, a twice-weekly newspaper that has written frequently about local construction issues. "The board tended to shove it off to the side and let somebody else handle it."

Board members also faced the new-found cash, in part, to indulge their own vanity, charges Billips, the former board member.

"Instead of having resolved the educational facilities needs of this county, we've got a bunch of monuments," he says. "We haven't given much thought to the education needs involved."

While the schools have been using the money, construction funds have been the mainstay of board members at the time. Two other board members will have gyms named after them, the gym at South Floyd, for example will bear Mary Hall's name.

Of the \$49 million in construction commission funds that have poured into Floyd County, \$32 million has gone to the four projects launched in 1986.

"Nothing ever exists what they say it's going to," Perry says.

Even when projects finish roughly on time, as was the case with the new James A. Duff Elementary school in Garrett — the problems do not end. Floyd County officials paid \$250 a week for more than a year to have a fire truck parked outside the school to test the water pressure necessary to operate the school's sprinkler system. Fixing the problem cost more than \$100,000.

Unexpected setting problems, meanwhile, have forced substantial extra work at James D. Adams Middle School — named after the former board chairman.

Stephen Towler, the superintendent in Floyd County for the past two years, acknowledges a host of logistical and management problems.

"I think the state is finding that, maybe, school board have not exercised enough oversight and, maybe, school personnel are not knowledgeable enough in construction. That maybe, not always, the best decisions have been made."

"You could write a manual here on how not to construct schools," Perry says. Even though it has recently hired people with a business background to manage its finances and operations, the district seems to have learned few lessons from its construction woes, he says.

"Maybe there is nothing criminal here, but it sure does look bad," he says with mounting frustration. "The state basically doesn't provide any direction at all—they haven't convinced me that they know any more than the local people running this."

The state stands off-stance, combined with weak business management within the district administration, make Floyd County's problems more glaring. Yet, Billips argues that the same problem festers throughout school administration beyond Floyd County and well beyond school construction.

"You've got to be strong-willed and focus on what you want to do, and I don't see that here or in the state education department," he says. "The only reason this school district is able to succeed is that it operates on an inexhaustible supply of money. There never is a ceiling; they always just say, 'We're going to build this school.'"

More expensive and lavish school have been built. Indeed, at South Floyd High, builders have repeatedly scaled back their original plans. And students more deserving of a building with modern equipment and an expanded curriculum would be hard to find. At times, it seems almost shameful to pick on this sorely needed

school.

"We're trying to keep this positive," says Stewart, the South Floyd principal who has spent his first few months engaged in public relations work in addition to the job of merging the staffs and students from two rival high schools.

"It's a wonderful building," concedes Billips, one of the project's most vocal opponents. "My question is, 'Should it have cost this much?'"

The answer to that is, "No."

As if to prove Billips' point, the new Otter Creek Correctional Center clings to a nearby mountainside. Its 75,000 square feet of building space makes it roughly comparable to the \$25 student South Floyd High. When full, it will accommodate 400 prisoners in its dormitories, which are supplemented by classrooms, a football field, basketball court, library, cafeteria and work shop.

Ground was broken last February. Construction began in May. The state granted U.S. Corrections Corporation, the Louisville, Kentucky based parent company, an occupancy permit in October, when prisoners be-

gan arriving.

The nine-month project was excavated, built and furnished on a \$5 million budget. A finished total of 80,000 square feet. In contrast, South Floyd High has cost \$17.2 million square foot.

"Building anything in the mountains is difficult," says Milton Thompson, the architect of the prison. "But once you get the site established, it is pretty normal except for getting things up there."

"Some people in Wheelwright still find it hard to believe that the place is open," given the span of other local construction projects.

"People are used to these things taking years," Thompson says. "But we move very fast; we needed to get the building open. This is our money, and we shepherd it very closely."

Thompson lets out a laugh when asked whether a prison project can rightfully be compared to building a school.

"I would put it up against any state facility—it is built to last," he says. "If you think kids are hard on buildings, you should try inmates."

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## Courthouse News

**Editor's Note:** All first offense DUIs are allowed to do two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the fine (one day and fine). All individuals with one charge on their record are allowed to do one day of public service.

Wesley D. Miller, 17, of Weedsburg, 1st offense—\$200, 28, 75, and 2 days public service.  
Albert Miller Jr., 21, of Beatty, At 1st 2nd offense, disorderly conduct—\$175.00 and 5 days probation for 1 year.

Rita Jo Yates, 32, of Prestonburg, theft by unlawful taking—\$67.50 and 5 days probation.

Cindy Sparlock, 28, of Printer, theft by deception (credit check)—\$57.50 and restitution, 5 days probation.

Dwayne Elliott, 30, of Harold, parent failed to send child to school (1st 2nd offense)—30 days in jail probation.

Larry Michael Shepherd, 18, of Martin, At 1st 2nd offense—\$200.

Greg E. Maynard, 28, of Beatty, At 1st 2nd offense—\$200.

Harley Kiburn, 31, of Martin, At 1st 2nd offense—\$82.50.

Patricia Gonn, 43, of Martin, At 1st 2nd offense—\$82.50.

Alma Gessel, 48, of Beatty, In instance—\$47.50.

### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Scott Harrison to Larry Hill, 1st property on Maxwell Road, 1st and 2nd properties, DeWald and Patricia Hill property on the 1st and 2nd.

John Brad, 1st property on Wesleya Middle property in Prestonburg, Donna and Barbara to Wade Hill, property on Mountain Road, 1st and 2nd.

John D. and Brenda Sue Johnson to Tim Brien and Paul Johnson, property on Rough and Trough.

John Meadows, 1st and 2nd to John Meadows, Betty and Quinn Beverly, Sheri Johnson, Eddie and Jerry Baucher, Cathell and Chris Meadows, Gailine and Alton Scatchfield, Joe W. and Betty Meadows, Curtis and Jackie Meadows, Arthur Lee Meadows, Silas and Paul Meadows, Merrin in Beatty, Mary Kay, Sally and Earl Adkins, and Wade Meadows to Bruce Justice, property location not listed.

Bruce Justice to Donald and Georgia Hatfield, property on right fork of Bull Creek; Bruce Justice to Rick Yates, property on right fork of Bull Creek;

Bruce Justice to Danny and Michelle Bragg, property on right fork of Bull Creek; Don and Betty Osborne to Charles and Rucella Hamby, property on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek;

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John G. Henize to John G. Jr. and Rhonda Henize, property in Prestonburg; Edward W. Wray and Gailie Fouts to Earl and Betty Hill and Jerry L. Burford, property on Middle Creek.

Bill and Darlene Hughes to Sam Hughes, property location not listed; Bruce Justice to Donnie and Michelle Hammonds, property on right fork of Bull Creek.

Hershel Newsome to Kermit Chester and Glenda Newsome, property at McDowell, Millie Howell Gallapio to Green Hill, property location not listed.

C.S. Transportation, Inc. to Ekkhart, Inc., corporation quitclaim property on Adams Road, 1st and 2nd, Beverly H. and Paul Mae Harm to Mawer, Rick and Sandra L. Bentley, property location not listed.

John C. Douglas Smith to James R. Kirt, Master Commissioner of the H. C. 20, 1st and 2nd, 1st and 2nd, 1st and 2nd, property on Back Branch of Martin.

The Bank Josephine to Larry Thompson, property on Mary Creek; Kathy Reynolds to Bonnie Reynolds, property location not listed.

Ruth Hamilton, Nashville, to David Salisbury, property on right fork of Bull Creek.

### Childbirth classes at OLB Hospital

Our Lady of the Way Hospital in collaboration with the Big Sandy Family and Childbirth Education Association will begin the next series of six weekly Childbirth Education Classes on Monday, January 18, 1994. The classes will run through February 1, 1994.

The following series will begin on February 14, 1994. A maximum of ten registrants will be accepted for the series. In order to secure a place in the class, it is recommended that you register immediately. There is no charge for the classes for participants who are registered in the Floyd County or Knott County Prenatal Programs. Interested couples or individuals may register for the series that will begin January 3 or February 14, by contacting the Community Health Education Office at 285-5181, Ext. 388 for more information.

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As the Christmas and New Year holiday draws closer, blood donations begin to decrease due to many activities which keep many people from donating. Most people are shopping, attending parties and family gatherings, while some are in area hospitals, unable to enjoy the festivities of the season. A blood donation may be the one gift needed to send a patient home to family and friends. Blood transfusions remain high in this area and travel-related accidents tend to increase at this time of the year. CKBC officials estimate that at least 900 blood donations are needed over the four day period to ensure patients who receive the blood they need over the holidays.

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## Community Calendar

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

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**Resource Center activities**

- GED classes, Thursdays, from 9-2.
  - Sewing and quilting classes, Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
  - Pikeville College Square Dance and Appalachian Storytelling Exhibition, December 17, at noon.
  - School Christmas Productions, in the auditorium, Tuesday, December 21, 12:30 and 6 p.m.
- For more information, call the center at 478-5550 or 452-4650.

**Santa Claus run**

The Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad will be giving toys and fruit to needy children on Saturday afternoon, December 18, at Station No. 2 at McDowell.

The annual Santa Claus run will be Sunday, December 19, starting at Drift at 1 p.m. and ending at Ligon Hill at about 4:30. The only change this year is that the stop at Hamilton's Video at Price has been changed to Little Nancy Church.

**Live nativity scene at Maytown**

There will be a live nativity scene this weekend, just off Rt. 80 at Maytown (in Gene and Betty Frasure's yard). The times will be Friday and Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 5-7 p.m. This is put on by the Maytown Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to stop by and experience the magic of Christmas. For more information, call 285-3136.

**Adams regular meeting**

The school council at Adams Middle School will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 21, at 7 p.m. at the school library. The public is invited to attend.

**Closed for Christmas**

Floyd County Solid Waste will not be picking up garbage Friday, December 24. If your pickup falls on that Friday, it will be picked up on the following Friday. There will be no Saturday pickup.

**Christmas homecoming**

Former and present students of Garth Vocational School are invited to attend the 1st annual Christmas Homecoming at Floyd County Technical High School (Garth A.V.E.C.), Monday, December 20, at 6 p.m. Activities include Christmas caroling, special singing, refreshments and door prizes.

**Parents Association for Handicapped Children to meet**

Parents Association for Handicapped Children Inc. will meet December 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd County Library conference room. Come and pick-up material from the conference for occupational children's programs in Kentucky Schools.

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**Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Larry Ruffell

**ABBOTT**  
**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek,** Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.L. Wright

**ALLEN**  
**Allen First Baptist Church, Allen,** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon

**Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster

**BETSY LAYNE**  
**Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne,** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul Granger

**Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.I. Gymnasium, Sunday School,** 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Dennis Love

**Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23, Sunday School,** 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caull

**E-tay Layne Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday School,** 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Travis Patton

**BLUE RIVER**  
**Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River,** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Vern

**BONANZA**  
**Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Bonanza Creek Road, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 p.m.,** Pastor, Herb Amis

**CORN FORK**  
**Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork,** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Darrell Howell

**COW CREEK**  
**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek,** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty

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**Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift, Prayer Services,** 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner

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**Weeksburg Church of Christ, Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall**

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**Wheelwright Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald R. Cox**

**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari**

**Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Barton, Wednesday, Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Lewis Sander**

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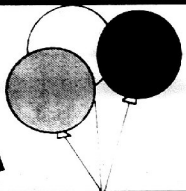
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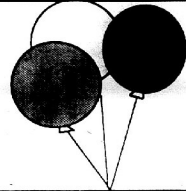
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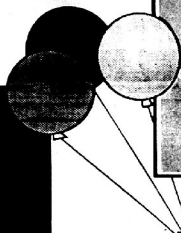


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Sara Hopson

ON YOUR TOES

It seems as if the only time extended families ever get together is for a marriage or a funeral. Sadly, our family just experienced the latter.

This past weekend, we had the unfortunate circumstance of attending grave site services in Prestonsburg for my husband's aunt, Flossie Minns. Flossie had not lived in Floyd County for thirty years; however the family cemetery plots are located there and her sister, Effie Hopkins, resides in Prestonsburg.

As grieved as my husband was upon learning of his aunt's death, it was one of the rare opportunities he had to sit down and talk with his first cousins.

During the course of the many conversations that were taking place in Jimmie's sister's house after the services, someone in the crowd mentioned a Hopson family trait. I was already familiar with the peculiarity of what Jimmie did with his toes. I just didn't know it was carried down from generation to generation like big feet and long noses.

"Has Jimmie ever wiggled his big toe for you?" Jimmie's cousin, Harold, asked me.

"No, but he thumbed his nose at me once," I laughed. "I'm kidding. He never stops moving his toes."

"Me, neither," Harold laughed.

"Does your brother, Eddie, do that?" I asked.

"Yes, as does my other brother, Jackie."

"Bonnie," Jimmie said to his sister, "remember when they were wheeling Dad back to his room after his hernia operation, and we all knew who it was before we saw his face because he was moving his big toes?"

"I sure do," Bonnie cackled. "I can't believe this!" Harold's wife, Roxie, exclaimed.

At this point, even I was speechless. These people were getting more conversation out of toe exercises than I could get out of a debate on health insurance.

Several years ago, Flossie and her three sons were all sitting in our family room with their feet propped up." Roxie began, "that's when the wives first noticed that all of them were moving their toes. Separately, we all knew our husbands did this. We just thought only the Minns' men were guilty. They must have gotten it from the Hopson side, though."

The entire time we were talking, Aunt Effie was grasping every word even though she was carrying on another conversation in the next room.

"What are you talking about?" Effie yelled from the other room.

"The Hopsons' toes," I answered.

"What's wrong with our toes?" she asked, as she moved into the room with us.

"Hopson people move their toes all the time."

"You know what we mean, Effie," Harold said. "It feels good to stretch your big toes."

"Damn right," Jimmie offered. "I don't know about that," Effie replied.

"Jimmie wiggles his all right long," I remarked. "He slides them up and down my legs, and he moves his feet all right, too."

"He's just checking to see if you're there," Bonnie laughed.

"He wouldn't have to use his feet to do that. He throws his leg over me and uses me as a prop," I smiled.

After talking a while longer, the relatives began saying their good-byes before starting back to their homes. As noticed by putting on their coats someone noticed that Effie had slipped off her shoes and was wiggling her toes.

"You're moving your toes," she said.

Smile B.21

THE TIMES' WEEKEND



WERE YOU BORN A GENIUS?

Scientists and psychologists agree, most people are using less than 10 percent of their mind's full potential. How often do you hear people complain about their poor memory, lack of concentration or creativity, low energy levels and seemingly unbreakable habits of procrastination?

With all of these shortcomings, is it possible that these people were actually born with the full capabilities of a genius? According to Dr. Patrick Porter, author of *Awaken the Genius*, it is not only possible, but likely. And, he says, there is something you can do to awaken that genius potential and overcome many of these self-imposed limitations.

Most people hold the belief that the human brain is somehow vacant at birth and as the child begins to grow and receive stimulus the neurons start making the connections that store memories and learned information. Dr. Porter said however, scientists are now discovering that the reverse may be true.

The newborn infant actually has far more neuron connections than most elderly adults, Potter said. It may be that learning does not happen by making new neuron connections, but rather by "weeding out" those that are not used. If this is true, then we are all, literally, born with brilliant minds and we must "use it or lose it," said the author.

As an example, most newborn babies will, in the first weeks of life, babble almost every possible human sound. Yet, these children will later lose the ability to make sounds that are not a part of the language they are trained to speak. Therefore, the child's environment and the thoughts and ideas presented by the people within those surroundings will play a tremendous role in brain development. If these ideas and beliefs are productive and positive, the child will naturally utilize more of his or her inherent potential. In other words, those genius neurons in the brain will keep on firing.

However, if these thoughts and concepts are laced with feelings of fear, inadequacy and lack, the child's innate talents and abilities become stuck within the confines of these limiting emotions.

Dr. Porter says that everyone is imbued with the ability to shine.

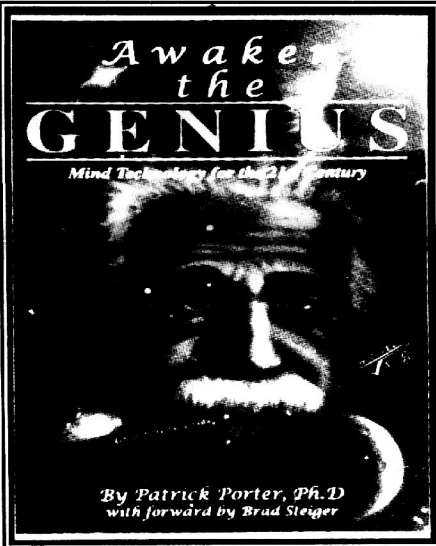
In addition to being born geniuses, could we also have been endowed with perfect memory and recall systems? Dr. Porter says this is definitely true. How else could we have learned to walk, talk, and read? Yet, as most people

move from childhood into adulthood they build limitations into their memory and recall ability, Potter said. The process of remembering an event is a full-sensory experience; it involves seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, tasting and doing. This method of full-sensory learning is what Dr. Porter calls "holographic learning."

As people attempt learning and remembering information, however, they tend to use only one or maybe two of their senses. They have only a few pieces of the whole. Thus, the information is not deemed "memorable" to their mind and is soon forgotten. Dr. Porter teaches each reader the specific techniques that will activate whole-brain thinking, enhance creativity, build a positive self-image and mental attitude and reengage that perfect memory and recall system. Each reader is given specific processes for setting goals and achieving them.

Dr. Porter presented his *Awaken the Genius* program to the Franklin County School System in Kentucky. They liked it so well that they invited him back to train the teachers in his innovative methods. One teacher of advanced mathematics reported an overall grade increase of one full point in just one semester! She attributes her students' new-found success and improved attitude to the methods she learned from Dr. Porter.

Dr. Porter was once himself labeled "learning disabled" and many of his discoveries came at an early age as he learned to overcome the label and limitations placed upon him. With the help of his father, he not only overcame them, but far surpassed even his own expectations. Dr. Porter holds a doctorate in psychology and his understanding stems from the experiences of those who have sought out his expert advice. *Awaken the Genius* is available at local bookstores or through Pure Light Publishing Co., P. O. Box 32036-N, Phoenix AZ 85064-2036 USA, 606-271-1791.



IT'S THE SEASON TO BE BRAIN-DIAP, OR ATTACK OF THE MALL ZOMBIES

For a change, am proud of myself. For I, you see, have all but completed my Christmas shopping. It's the end of an era.

Yes folks, believe it or not, the wife and I for the first time in recorded history have shunned that time-honored Christmas tradition of waiting up until the last possible second and then storming the Wal-Mart and K-Mart in a Kamikaze-style command raid and basically destroying everything in our path including small children and tiny woodland creatures on a last ditch effort to sit through whatever cheap plastic trinkets remain on the shelves so that we can make sure

that not a single one of our long-lost twice-removed-second cousins would have to spend yet another miserable year without the most basic necessities of life such as The Romance Salad Slicer.

Truth, Justice, and the American Way

Nope. THIS year... two whole weeks BEFORE Christmas... we gathered our courage and went to that strange center of culture and worship known in some remote circles as... the Mall. And fortunately, the X-rays came back negative.

Now for those of you who've never actually been brave enough to go to The Mall (and who could blame you?), it's this huge building filled with many small rooms called "stores," where, if you're lucky enough to find a parking spot without being run over by a maniac

in a broken-down Buck, you get to enter into hand-to-hand combat with rude, hairy, smelly people called "customers" for the right to peek out cheaply made, drastically overpriced "merchandise," which you take to an hour-long time to get to a place called "the register," where you are then humiliated and made to feel like a complete moron by long-haired dimwit students who were

without becoming Mall Zombies.

It's kind of like American Gladiators, but without the toxy babes in spandex drawers.

Anyways, the wife and I made it through The Mall without losing any major body parts and without becoming Mall Zombies ourselves.

Unfortunately, though, we didn't actually buy anything but a corn-dog-on-a-stick. So on the way home, we stopped at Wal-Mart. And we bought EVERYBODY... a Salad Shooter. Don't you just love tradition?

Paperri by Scott Perry

Ever since the original Christmas light...the Star of Bethlehem...directed the three Wise Men to their destination, the holiday season has played a key but little publicized role in almost all of our major commercial developments.

Few people know, for instance, that electricity was developed as a commercial product because people learned that decorating Christmas trees with lit candles had a direct impact on their fire insurance premiums.

The practical use of electricity was first demonstrated in the 1700s by Benjamin Franklin, who invented the prototype of today's most necessary Christmas utility...the extension cord...when he strung a line from a kite to a key during an electrical storm.

A bolt of lightning later and the race was on.

Tom Edison took over in the late 1800s, developing the lightbulb, a distant relative to the all-important Christmas accessory, the twinkle light.

Some other important inventions with direct ties to Christmas:

- The credit card. Developed by the federal budget office to give the common folk equal access to deficit spending.
- Tubeless truck tires, bricks and manhole covers...inspired by that Christmas delicacy, the fruitcake.
- Elastic and slip-on shoes. Invented as a direct consequence of the family Christmas dinner.
- The nap. (See Christmas dinner, above)
- Children. Originally thought to have been invented to propagate the species, later found to have been created by discount store chains to provoke Christmas shopping frenzy.
- Tranquilizers. (See children, above)

Of course there is one particular invention arising from Christmas that outdates all the others and has withstood the test of time for one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-three years... Christianity. Everything else is window dressing.



Where's the house key, Ben?

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Police in Taylorsville, N.C., arrested three women for a one-night shopping binge on Aug. 13. One woman was charged with smuggling a VCR out of a Western Auto store in the wasteland of her shorts, and another was accused of stuffing 57 packs of cigarettes into her bra and walking out of another store.

### NOTABLE NAMES

Science fiction author Lester del Rey passed away in New York City in May at age 77. His obituary gave his real name as Ramon El Crippe San Juan Marín Solbes y Sánchez Smith Heathcourt-Brace Sierra y Alvarez del Rey y de los Lardes.

In January, a woman, Rose Shou To Pieces, was convicted of selling alcohol on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota.

And in October, Kendall "Face" Pitts was sentenced to 15 years in prison in Durham, N.C., for a drug-related shooting.

The body of a Nashville, Tenn., woman who died in a fire in August was sent to her hometown of Bowling Green, Ky., where burial arrangements were made by the Barnum and Son Funeral Home.

A 1-year-old girl named Special Lemons survived a collision in July in which a car smashed into a bus-stop shelter.

In Miami in September, police stopped a man for speeding and found \$4,440 stuffed into one of his socks. A records check revealed that the man, named Promise, Marion Promise, owed more than that in child support, and the judge ordered the \$4,400 turned over to the child's

mother.

Salem, Ohio, police arrested the former James J. Corley 49, for trespassing after they found him selling at a restaurant's patrons. The man was identified as "Copley" on the arrest record although he had recently legally changed his name to Jim Crazy-for-Caring.

In the Nichiren International women's tennis tournament in September in Tokyo, third-seeded Kimiko Date of Japan defeated Taiwan's Shi-Ting Wang.

From recent obituaries: Mr. Orange Duckie, 90, passed away in Tours, La. The man who choked to death on food at the K&W Cafeteria in Winston-Salem, N.C., in June was 45-year-old Fleetus Lee Gobble. And in October, in Petersburg, Ontario, John Deadman, 53, was killed when he became entangled in heavy equipment while loading a silo.

The New York Times reported in October on the trend by Chinese people in Hong Kong to give their children Western names. Among the Chinese-surnamed people mentioned were those with first names of Cinderella, Onion, Creamy, Jackal, Civic, Scholastica, Egmont and Open. A woman named Neon Chang said that some Chinese complained about her name — not because it was too Western but because they thought Neon is a boy's name.

### WELL-KNUT

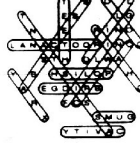
Cosach Phil Padilla of South Harrison High School in Bethany, Mo., asked at his sexual abuse trial (a charge for which he was acquitted) in August whether he had ever had an extramarital affair: "No, that I'm aware of."

— Eddie Robertson Jr., just sen-

tenced to life in prison without parole in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for rape, and against whom the judge had additionally imposed an automatic \$50 assessment for a victim compensation fund: "Fifty dollars for what? I got life without parole, and I got to pay \$50?"

Darce McNeill, 14, leading a Victoria, British Columbia, student rally against logging practices on Vancouver Island, urged school principals to permit students to attend the rally: "Any principals who would not let kids come today are fascist pigs who can rot in hell!"

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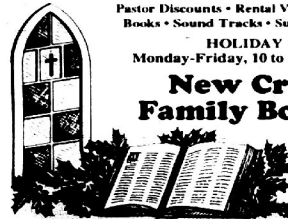
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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A romantic interest may need reassurance that you care this week. A difficulty between a partner and a friend may surface. Arguments between afar are in your favor. You could overlook something of importance. Partnership interests are highlighted in the New Year.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A family member may need extra consideration during the holidays. Though this week's business developments will lead to future gains, an immediate task may cause you some difficulty. You're not quite in sync with one friend later in the week. Advice comes now.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You may feel a child isn't listening to you this week. Try not to get agitated. Instead, throw yourself into the holiday festivities. Plans for travel in the New Year start taking shape now. Moving business and pleasure is not favored for a while.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're on the right track where work interests are concerned this week. New developments are in your favor. Guard against overspending on holiday items. Instead, kick back and enjoy the simple pleasures of home and hearth.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) To insure relationship harmony this week, you must be sensitive to a partner's needs. Avoid nagging behavior in your quest to have everything "perfect" for holiday entertaining. Romance sparkles over the week-end. Enjoy spontaneous fun.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A money situation could be hanging over your head this holiday week. Do not let temperament or hurt feelings undercut work efficiency. The weekend brings favorable home and family developments, especially during the holidays.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 22) A trip to the bank will get you in good stead. Luck and diplomacy are needed in dealing with children who may be asking for a bit too much from Santa this year. The weekend brings creative inspirations. Pasting in single's definition: a flake.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 to December 22) An older relative may need a heartfelt holiday greeting from you this week, so be sure to reach out. A shopping expedition leads to a surprise purchase. You're sharp-witted this week but remember to also be factual. Finish up home projects now.

**CAPRICORN** (December 23 to January 20) Minor friction is possible at the home front. Talk it up to holiday rituals. New ideas make

### Smile

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Effie Harold remarked: "Harold, I'm repulsed solemnly. 'Is that what all this talk has been about?' I've been doing that since before you were born. It took you a long time to find out about it."

"You mean you always knew about this toe wiggler?"

"Sure." I flipped the toe wiggler proudly. "Some families have a particular stance or laugh or walk certain way. Our family moves their toes. Now you all better get started. It's getting late, and you'll probably have to stop along the way to stretch your toes."

If it's discovered that someone in the Hopson family isn't a toe wiggler, someone's in big trouble.

you feel good about yourself as you take stock for the New Year. Social interests are favored now, but a friend could prove to be a bit tiresome.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You will resent it this week when someone tries to get you to do work for less than your usual fee. Still, your financial picture will brighten in the long run. Be decisive without coming on too strong. Measure words carefully.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Some you deal with this week may be temperamental. Avoid getting into a dispute about an ideological matter over the holiday dinner table. The weekend favors social interests. New friendships are likely. A friend entrusts you with a confidence.

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# Academics

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## Young Authors

The Floyd County Times and the Department of Instruction of Floyd County Schools jointly feature the student work of Megan Sullivan, a primary Young Authors' winner from Mrs. Terri Hall's class at Prestonsburg Elementary. Megan is the daughter of Dwayne and Jennifer Sullivan of Prestonsburg. Her grandparents are William Powell of Prestonsburg and Mary Powell of Belton, South Carolina and Bill and Barb Harris of Kinper. Megan has a younger sister, Elizabeth. Her book, *The Mesozoic Era*, which is printed with permission, was the winner in the primary "Non-Illustrated" book competition.

Megan has enjoyed reading and writing since she learned how to do both. One of her favorite books is *Charlotte's Web*. Megan was a room winner, a school winner, and a county-wide winner for the 1992-93 school year for her book. She received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond at a spring awards ceremony. Approximately 5,000 elementary and middle school students participated in competition throughout the county.



Megan Sullivan

**The Mesozoic Era**  
Hall Publishing Company 1993  
Dinosaurs lived 200 million years ago. The era the dinosaur lived in was called the Mesozoic Era. There were three periods in the Mesozoic Era. The first period was the Triassic Period. It was dry. There was a lot of deserts. The land was connected and called Pangea. The second was the Jurassic Period. This dinosaur walked on four legs. It was a plant-eater and a sauropod. A sauropod has a long neck and a long tail. It also has a huge body but a small head and brain. The thing I liked best about the brachiosaurus was that its nostrils were on top of its head. The third was the Cretaceous Period. Flowering plants appeared for the first time. There was a lot of water and the land looked almost like it does today.

Paleontologists, or fossil hunters, find the bones of dinosaurs and help us discover what the dinosaur used to be.

When they find a bone they pour some kind of oil on the bone so they can take it out of the rock without breaking the bone.

The dinosaurs died about 50 million years ago. Some people think that a big meteorite hit the earth and made big clouds of dust that blocked the sun's rays. This killed the plants. So the plants eaters died. Then, the meat-eaters died also. I liked learning about the dinosaurs. Maybe when I grow up I will be a paleontologist so I can learn more about the dinosaurs that lived during the Mesozoic Era.



**The 'Perfect Gift'**  
Governor Brereton Jones held up the tee-shirt given to him by students at South Floyd High School. (Photo by Willie Elliott).

## Governor Jones visits South Floyd

by Candi Holbrook and Jamie Cunningham

On November 17, Governor Brereton Jones stopped at South Floyd High School while spending the day at specific places in Floyd County. Gov. Jones was welcomed on the hill by South Floyd's band playing "My Old Kentucky Home," and students and staff cheering him on. He made his way through the hectic crowd trying to shake as many hands as possible. After he had shaken the hands of his welcoming crowd, he made his way up to the podium to address all the Raiders at South Floyd High.

During his speech he said many wonderful things, but one statement still always stays in the hearts and minds of those at SFHS. "I want to ask you to do four things. I want to ask you to drink, lie, steal, and swear." At this time the crowd was totally in disbelief at his unexpected statement. But Gov. Jones went on to say, "I want you to drink from the cup of life. I want you to lie in bed with a clear conscience at night. I want you to steal a few moments of each day to help someone less fortunate than you. And I want you to swear that you'll be a better person tomorrow than you are today."

After his spectacular finish he was given a couple of gifts, one of which was a South Floyd tee-shirt.

He continued his visit by touring SFHS, where he visited just about every room in the school, hitting key spots like the technology department. All in all, the Governor's visit was a great success, and he was very impressed with South Floyd High School.

## Think about it...

### A FAMILY GATHERING

It's that time of year again when families pile into the wagon and old Dad cranks the engine a few times and boom, pow, roar, it's off to the stores for some quality family time together.

I would like to be able to reflect back on when I used to go Christmas shopping with my family, but I'm afraid that I wouldn't have to do much reflecting since I just went last week.

I had come home from visiting my Dad last week and I was dragging around tired and sleepy as usual. It seemed the only thing to do was hit the bed and dream for awhile. That was when Mom came in, staking me from my bed and rolling me onto the floor.

"Come on, do you want to go Christmas shopping with us?"

I then mumbled something that only I could half understand and flopped back into bed and was snoring three minutes later. But as I lay there all snug in my bed, visions of sugarplums dancing through my head, I began to feel bad. I hadn't been with

my family Christmas shopping since Hector was a pup and I knew that I should. Because, if there is one thing about me, it's that I'm not ashamed of my family.

So, after a few minutes of gathering up the energy from my lazy bones, I pulled myself from the bed and grabbed a shirt, slipped it on, and ran to the front door sleigh without catching them before the little sleigh went flying off to the stores. I popped the door open and started to climb in, but saw quickly that it was going to be easier said than done. My youngest siblings, Brandi and Scotty, were traveling coach, with their heads pressing against the hatchback, and Bryan, Christy, and I were stuck in second class with our knees cramping painfully, and of course, the pilot and co-pilot had first class.

There was no complaining from any of us, though, the seating arrangement was almost a tradition. We just had to grin and bear it. It was a little strange for me because I had sat out the last three or four trips, and let me tell you, I've done some growing since then. My legs and backside

went pretty much numb, and once in awhile the lack of oxygen would cause me to forget where I was, but I think that on this trip I found that I had grown more in my mind than my body. I've always been an eighty pound toothpick, but I found myself thinking the whole time that this was going to be the last time I do this, and I could hardly believe I was doing it then. When you think about what I mentioned earlier about not being ashamed of my family I suppose I've given you the best proof right here. Not only did I go with my family Christmas shopping, but I enjoyed every minute of it.

When I got home that night and went to bed, I reminded myself to thank Mom the next morning for getting me out of the bed. And to think I could have slept through my final Christmas trip at home.

## Osborne Elementary names honor roll students

Paul D. Tackett—straight A's: Brittany Bailey, Candi Branham, Brent Cook, Kelly Engle, Myra Foreman, Lindsey Hall, Pam Hall, Jessica Hill, Rebecca Isaac, Erica Johnson, Lekita Johnson, Bradley Mullins, Jason Mullins, Margaret Morgan, Shane Newsome, Jamie Stone, Amy Tackett, Cindy Vanover and Bridget Yonts.

3.0-3.9: Justin Allen, Jared Allen, Tabitha Berger, Brittany Boyd, Sarah Boyd, Amanda Caudill, Danielle Caudill, Maggie Cook, Kermit Daley, Brandi Dannon, Justin Engle, Jackie Gibson, Katrina Gilliam, Angie Hall, Cassy Hall, Doris Hall, Holly Hall, Jane Ellen Hall, Jessica Hall, Justin Hall, Michael Hall, Sheena Hall, Brandi Hill, Eric Howell,

James Johnson, Jarrod Johnson, Kim Johnson, Misti Johnson, Regina Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Tim Johnson, Amy King, Chad Little, Heather Little, Mary Beth Little, Ronnie Little, Sam Little, Jeremy Meade, Alan Matthews, Bradley Meade, Amy Meyers, Tara Miller, Lynn Moore, Amy Morgan, Maquetta Mullins, Josh Newman, Adolfo Pineda, Jessica Reed, Keith Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, Brandon Stone, Heather Stone, Helen Stone, Ricky Stone, Kendra Stone, Teresa Stone, Johnny Spears, Olivia Stewart, Mary Stanley, Chastity Tackett, Patricia Tackett, Carlitta Trammell, Tiffany Triplett, Jonathan Turner, Jamie Tuttle, Amanda Williams and Tracy Williams.

## Prater Elementary lists top honor roll students

Fourth grade, James Frasure, teacher—A honor roll: Amanda Adkins, Angela Akers, Nina Boyette, Leigh Ann Carroll, Stephanie Hall, Wesley Meade, Jodi Stapleton, Amanda Walker and Matt Williams. Honor roll: April Boyd, Kermit Boyd, Kim Boyd, Timmy Boyd, Justin Conn, Craig Kethley, Lana Lackey, Billy Loper, Wesley Semers, Nick Spears and Ashley Stanley.

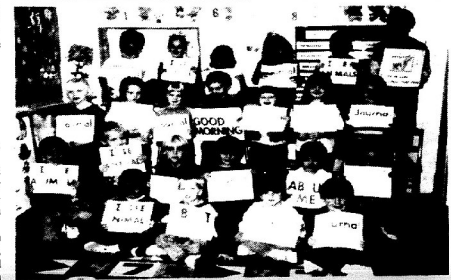
Fifth grade, Bonnie Harmon, teacher—A honor roll: Brandi Conn, Brendeaanna Conn, Ben Davis, Shaundra Hall, Sabrina Hughes, Jada Newsome and Jeremy Tackett. Honor roll: Jennifer Boyd, Adam Collins, Timmy Crum, Justin Hughes,

Tracy Lewis, Amber Roberts, Nathan Stone and April Thacker.

Seventh grade, Charles Hicks and Steve Romans, teachers—A honor roll: Wesley Nelson, Ashley Roberts, Nicole Samons and Brandi Watson.

Honor roll: James Akers, Kim Akers, Jason Bentley, Michael Boyd, Tiffany Conn, Tabitha Cox, Angel Griffin, Natasha Stone and Kenneth Webb.

Eighth grade, Charles Hicks and Steve Romans, teachers—honor roll: Amy Bates, Mandy Conn, Teresa Jarrell, Heather Kidd, Matt Kidd, Angie Oustley and Allen Stevens.



### Down on the farm

Goldie Hamilton's lower primary class at Betsey Layne Elementary has been very busy from day one of the new school year. They enjoyed singing, clapping, chanting, quacking, mooing, oinking and writing it down in their journals, as they worked their way through their thematic unit, Down on the Farm.

## WORD FIND

Circle the words from this month's GHOSTWRITER mystery hidden in this puzzle. They go up, down, across, and backwards.

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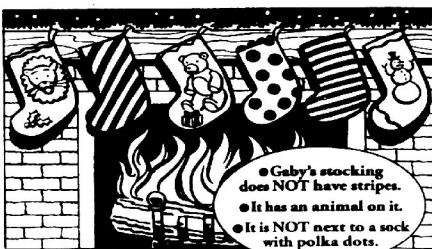
## ghost writer

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On your PBS channel. Check TV pages for day and time.

The kids on the GHOSTWRITER team solve mysteries with an invisible partner—Ghostwriter!

## STUFF

The team hung its stockings by the chimney with flair! Can you guess which stocking is Gaby's, using the clues below?



● Gaby's stocking does NOT have stripes.  
● It has an animal on it.  
● It is NOT next to a sock with polka dots.

## YOUNG AUTHORS

If you think only grown-ups can write books, read this!



- Latoya Hunter, a student in New York City, wrote *The Diary Of Latoya Hunter* which was published when she was just 14.
- Ally Sheedy, an actress and writer, wrote a book called *She Was Nice to Me* that was published when she was only 10 years old.
- S.E. Hinton began writing books for young people, like *Rumblefish* and *That Was Then, This Is Now*, when she was only 17 years old.
- Nila K. Leigh began writing *Learning to Swim in Swaziland*, a book about living in Africa, when she was just 8 years old.





# Betsy Layne's Newsome steps down as head coach

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

After 16 years guiding the Betsy Layne Bobcats boys varsity basketball team, Coach William Newsome Jr. called it quits.

Newsome resigned this past Monday after previous meetings with school principal Alan Osborne.

"Coach Newsome had approached me earlier about resigning and I asked him to wait a week, being he didn't have but one game, and to think it over. If he didn't come to me after a

week, then I would go on as if the conversation never happened," said Osborne. "He came to me this past Monday, and said that he couldn't keep from thinking about it (resigning)."

After the meeting with Newsome, Osborne notified the school's site-base council and procedures were put in motion to find a replacement.

In a statement Wednesday, it was evident that Coach Newsome was leaving a program and a sport that he loved.

"Basketball has been a big part of my life. I have really enjoyed it this time on my athletic director's

involved with basketball either as a player or coach for practically all my life.

"It's a great, game and I'll certainly miss it. It has come to the point where I wasn't having fun with it anymore and thought this was the best time to get away from it."

"I've always said that when it stopped being fun that I would get out of it. I guess you could say that I'm just burned out. I want to wish the new coach and team all the success in the world and I'll be one of your biggest fans or supporter."

"I just want to concentrate at this time on my athletic director's

duties and to coaching baseball in the spring.

Long-time assistant Keith Henry will take over an interim couch of the program until the end of this season at which time, according to Osborne, the position will be declared vacant and applications taken in March to fill the position. Osborne stressed the importance to have the vacancy filled by April if possible.

"With the tradition of Betsy Layne High School basketball, we are convinced that it will draw quality applicants."

Coach Newsome first came to Betsy Layne as head coach during

the 1975-76 season and won the 15th Regional tournament, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen in Louisville's Freedom Hall. He took his second team to the state tournament in 1980.

In 16 years, Newsome has compiled an impressive 351 wins and 148 losses. His teams won eight district tournaments and were runners-up five times. He guided the Bobcats to eight Floyd County Conference titles and placed second four times. He was the Floyd County Coach of the Year eight times, winning two championships



Junior Newsome

(See Newsome, B5)



Master of the court!

Corey Reitz (11) filled the lane and then dished off the basketball against Elkhorn City Tuesday night. Reitz pored in 33 points, a career high, as the Blackcats upset the highly regarded Cougars 101-78 for their third win in the last four games. The Blackcats are 3-4 on the season and will entertain the Pikeville Panthers tonight at the fieldhouse. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Blackcats rain treys in 101-78 win over Elkhorn City Cougars

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

I tried the three-point shot out for the little people.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats basketball team continued to be "giant killers" in the Blackcat "Big Three" 101-78 victory over the Elkhorn City Cougars last night. The Blackcats just wore out the Elkhorn City Cougars and their guards in Prestonsburg 101-78 win over the Cougars.

The Cougars came to town with the highly touted twin towers of seniors 1-4-11 Corey Rice, 5-11, and exchange student Matt Mindchevic, 6-10. As expected, I led the Cougars back to the 27-minute mark of freedom. Had some March.

In view of the hearty and presidential attack much of an impression on the Blackcats as they pressured the Cougars all night. Prestonsburg had knocked off Stephen Clark and Betty on the road before defeating Elkhorn.

Two Prestonsburg players did something that coach Gordon Pardo said had never been done on a team that he has coached — both scored over 40 points.

"I can't remember having two players score 30 points for me in a game. Chris Stone had a 30-point game once. But I can't remember having two players do it," said Pardo.

Senior forward Corey Reitz tossed in 33 points and Ryan Ortega added 32 to lead the Blackcats' attack that consisted of backing down three-point baskets. The Blackcats hit 14 treys in the game in 12 attempts. Tony

Robinson, who finished with 20 points, had six three-point baskets in the first half. In the second half, he had three as did Ortega.

"We knew that we were playing one of the top teams in the region," said Reitz. "We just wanted to prove that we're a contender this year. It was a big win, but we just can't let us off this one with. We have to work hard every day and improve it."

Reitz said that all the publicity surrounding money and Mandoljevic will not intimidate the smaller Prestonsburg players.

"Not really," he said. "We get up and beat on the court real quick and we're there down."

Both Ortega and Mindchevic would be seen trying to find their score. The lead in Prestonsburg kept the three-pointers and game basketball. Both players found themselves outflanked by two and three Blackcats when they touched the basketball.

Prestonsburg trailed the Cougars by four points, 32-18, after one quarter play. In the second period the Blackcats saw Elkhorn City extend the lead to 11 points at 31-20 until they went on a spurt of their own. Prestonsburg outscored the Cougars 16-2 to take a 36-33 lead with 2:45 left in the first half.

"That's one thing I try to tell my players," said Coach Pardo, "that the style of basketball that I play, 15 points up or down, you're still in the game. We turned being 11 down into an eight-point advantage by the end of the quarter."

Prestonsburg did hold an eight point lead, 47-39, at the half.

Mindoljevic was smooth on the

floor as the three-point circle seemed easy for him. He started the scoring in the first quarter with a rainbow shot and was a dominant force inside in the first period.

However, the Croatian exchange student ventured outside in the second half, at age with Cougars, and failed to dominate in the second half.

Prestonsburg left the three-point shot in the second half and played freeze basketball taking the ball to the goal, scoring and getting fouled.

"It became a layup and free throw contest in the second half after we shot some threes in the first half."

See Blackcats, B 5

# Eastern Homerun Club to hold Independent Basketball tournament

The Eastern Homerun Club will sponsor their second independent basketball tournament on December 22-23. After the two dates the tournament will resume on December 26 and run through December 28.

All games will be played at the Allen Center gym and entry fee for the double elimination tournament will be \$75 per team.

For more information contact Jackie Pick at 458-9856 or Don Handford at 458-9543. Interested teams may also call the school at 458-9543.

There is no limit to the number of teams that may enter.

# Martin's 18 points send Betsy Layne past P'burg

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Lady Cats kept their unblemished record intact Monday night when they hosted the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats in a conference game at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Senior Dee Dee Martin tossed in 18 points and pulled down five rebounds to lead the Lady Cats to their second conference win of the year and a 5-0 record. Christy Johnson and Misty Clark added 11 points each with Rhonda Conn netting 10 points and six rebounds. Misty Johnson had six points but pulled down eight rebounds and handed off four assists for coach Bill Newsome's ballclub. Christy Johnson had six rebounds and three assists for Betsy Layne. Jessica Hamilton scored eight points for Betsy Layne.

April Newsome led coach Bridget Clay's team with 12 points off the bench. Jamie Ratcliff totaled 11 points.

Prestonsburg fell behind and made two runs at the Lady Cats but could not sustain the drive. Down 26-7 early in the second period, Prestonsburg went on a 13-2 run to narrow the gap to 26-20. Betsy Layne went to the locker room with a 31-20 lead on a three-point basket by freshman Jessica Johnson.

Betsy Layne led 14-6 after the first period. Martin led a Lady Cat charge to start the second quarter and give the Lady Cats a 26-7 lead. Martin scored eight points in the early going. Three baskets came on an



Keith Henry  
New coach at Betsy Layne

# Dream come true...but!

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It was a dream come true for Betsy Layne assistant coach Keith Henry after learning that he had been named to succeed William Newsome Jr. as boys' head basketball coach at Betsy Layne. Newsome resigned the position this past Monday.

Henry was notified around 10:30 p.m. Tuesday at his home about the school's site-base council's decision. Henry had been interviewed for the job earlier in the day.

Henry and assistant coach Tim Rice were in the running for the vacancy. Henry has spent the last 10 years as an assistant to Coach Newsome and the departing coach said that Henry is qualified for the position.

"Both Tim and Keith have had some experience in the head coaching position," said Coach Newsome. "I think that will benefit Keith as he takes over."

"Coach Henry has been with me for 10 years. He knows our system. He may change some things, which I'm sure he will. He knows the kids in our program since he's had them since they were freshmen."

"Keith has a good rapport with the kids. He has a good knowledge of the game, and I'm sure he will do a good job as Coach Rice would have."

Coach Newsome said that the team under Henry would get better.

"This team will get better. The four games they lost, they were even in those games. That shows that they can play with the better teams."

Henry said that he didn't know how things were going to get because he found himself without a staff. He had been coaching the freshman team, a position that he has held for the past 10 seasons. And now he has been thrust into the head coaching spot and without a junior varsity coach.

"There has been a drastic change in just a matter of hours," he said. "I'm having a lot of thoughts on my mind. I'm asking myself a lot of questions. The program is squarely

on my shoulders."

Items on Henry's agenda include first finding the right kind of staff.

"You just can't take anybody and put them in charge of these kids," he said. "There are a lot of things to think about. I have to plan things, and there is going to be a lot of time involved. I just have to step back and take hold of it."

While Henry wasn't trying to downplay his new position, he was being Keith Henry — one who thinks of just the kids.

"I'm tickled to death to have the opportunity to coach this team," he said. "But it was handed to me all of a sudden and then you have to make quick decisions."

Henry said that it wasn't like being named coach in the summertime when you had all summer to plan for the first practice on October 15.

"It's a lot different. The kids come first with me. They are my first priority. Just like today (Wednesday), I have two practices: one a varsity and then a freshman. Like I said, there are not too many quality people out there to get to help out. I sure don't need more varsity now."

Coach Rice stepped down as the junior varsity coach, a position that he has held for several years. That leaves Coach Henry as not only the freshman and varsity coach but the junior varsity coach as well unless instant help can be found.

While Coach Newsome has stepped completely out of the picture, he remains the athletic director at the school and he is available to help in putting together a staff — if asked.

"If he asks me for help in putting together a staff he'll get it. Like I said, I'll support him 100 percent."

The new Betsy Layne coach said that he is looking for kids "with commitment."

"I'll look for kids that can play together and those that will play hard. I want to make it fun for them," said the new coach.

Coach Henry knows that the current Bobcat players are "wondering what's going to happen."

"It's a 90 degree turnaround for them," he said. "They worry about that."

Henry said that he wants his team

(See Newsome, B5)

# Rebels not sharp in 73-64 victory over Pike Central

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

In what Allen Central coach Johnny Martin said was the worse defensive outing for his ballclub, the Rebels held off a stubborn Pike Central Hawks team and posted a 73-64 win in a game that was closer than the final score indicated.

"We played the worse defense that we have played all year," said the Allen Central mentor. "We just played awful."

Coach Martin is nursing a bad cold and has been limited to practicing his ballclub.

"They were talking about putting me in the hospital, and I told them they would have to wait until Saturday to do it," he said. The Rebels face South Floyd tonight at South Floyd senior center Ronnie Sammons led the Rebels in a fourth quarter that saw them come from a 55-52 deficit to winning their seventh game of the year. Sammons scored eight points in the final quarter but at South Floyd senior center Ronnie Sammons led the Rebels in a fourth quarter that saw them come from a 55-52 deficit to winning their seventh game of the year. Sammons scored eight points in the final quarter but at South Floyd senior center Ronnie Sammons led the Rebels in a fourth quarter that saw them come from a 55-52 deficit to winning their seventh game of the year.

Jason Martin scored on back-to-back layups that gave the Rebels a 64-58 lead that they never relinquished. A three-point play by Sammons and a short jumper from Steve Turner gave Allen Central a six-point

(See Rebels, B 7)

(See Dream, B 5)

**Newsome**

and runners-up four times in the regionals. Out of the 16 years at Betsy Layne, only three times did one of his teams fail to reach the regional tournament.

Coach Newsome, last season, took the first month off and the program was under the direction of Keith Henry and Tim Rice, both assistants to Coach Newsome.

While Coach Newsome saw so many players go through his program, he still could not really pick his favorite team.

"I've had so many good players," he said. "No division one players, but some that went on to play small college basketball. Probably the best teams that I had were some of those that never made it to the regionals. I've just had a lot of good teams and a lot of good players."

While rumors had circulated that Coach Newsome's health was the determining factor in his resignation, he denied it, saying "I couldn't be in better health."

"There is no problem with my health," said the veteran coach. "No problem, whatsoever. That had nothing to do with my decision. I've been here long enough."

While the search has started for a new coach, Coach Newsome said that he wasn't involved in the selection process of finding an interim coach, but he will be part of the screening committee that will screen applicants in March.

"That goes with my job as athletic director," he said. "I'll just be part of the screening process."

After Newsome notified Osborne of his desire to step aside, coaches Keith Henry and Tim Rice were interviewed for the vacancy by members of the site-base council. Both coaches were offered the job as co-coaches to finish out the year.

After the interview, the two assistant coaches met themselves and decided that they did not want to be co-coaches.

"They felt that someone had to be in charge," said Coach Newsome. "That if one was named, he could do a better job. They also agreed that either one was named, the other would quit."

"Before naming Coach Henry, I met with Coach Newsome one more time and told him that strike three and you're out," said Osborne about giving the veteran coach

another chance to change his mind. "But he still wanted to step down. He definitely wanted out."

Osborne said that at 5:30 Monday he met with the team and they weren't that much in the dark over what was going on.

"They knew that it was coming," said Osborne. "Junior said that he just didn't have the energy level and was not excited about coaching anymore."

Osborne said that after he met with the players, he met with the school council and the kids.

"We told them the process that we would go through. We asked each one of them to write us their comments, pros or cons," said the school principal. "We wanted them to share with us how they felt and they did. I told them that we were interested to know what they thought."

Henry was the first one to be interviewed by the council at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening. Later Rice was interviewed. After the interviews, Osborne read aloud the statements of the players before the council with Henry and Rice absent.

"After that, we started deliberation and I called Keith Henry about

10:30 that night to offer him the interim position. I also told him of the position being vacated after the regular season and that his candidacy would be received if he applied for the job in March."

Mr. Osborne and the council felt this move would give the interim coach an opportunity to polish his skills as a head coach.

"It would give one of our two men a chance to take over the program for the remainder of the year and polish their skills."

Osborne stated that he and the council did not want to take time in naming a coach and wanted to deal with it in a business-like manner.

"I called Dr. (Stephen) Towler and told him of our decision, and he agreed with it. We are committed to a process and that is of being fair," said the Betsy Layne principal.

Terry Spears, the school board's public relations person, will announce the vacancy and take applications for the job in March.

"They have to advertise for 30 days, according to the law," said Coach Newsome.

"Both Tim and Keith have had some experience in the head coaching position," said Newsome. "No matter who the coach would have been, I would have been behind them 100 percent, because I'm for our basketball program. I'm for Betsy Layne High School. That's first."

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**Betsy Layne**

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outbounds play designed for Martin. "That is a set play we have for Dee Dee," said Coach Newsome. "She's hard to stop down under the basket. So, we try and get the ball to her."

Trailing by 20 points in the fourth period, Prestonsburg made their second run as they cut a 42-22 lead to 11 points, 46-35. Newsome led the charge for the Lady Blackcats, scoring six points.

Ratcliff seemed hesitant to shoot the basketball in the first, second and third quarters as she wasn't looking for her shots. The junior guard tried to take the game on her shoulders in the fourth quarter but could only manage a three-point basket.

Betsy Layne led 4-0 at the onset

on baskets by Martin and Chrisy Johnson. Misty Price made it a 4-2 game, but Clark's rebound basket and Conn's 14-foot jumper sent the Lady Cats to an 8-4 lead. Betsy Layne got baskets from Conn, Clark and Martin to close out the first quarter.

Betsy Layne scored the first eight points of the second quarter and had a 12-1 run to start the period.

Jenna Fannin had five points for the Lady Blackcats as did Heather Collins. Christy Little finished with four and Misty Price had three. Crystal Layne scored two.

Betsy Layne (5-0) faces Sheldon Clark at home in a top regional matchup (Thursday). The Lady Cats

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**Dream**

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to be a competitive team by March (district tournament time) and is looking to play eight to nine players by that time.

"I know that we will struggle at first," he said, "but these are good kids that can play basketball."

"I expect to do a good job. I have served under several good coaches. I served under Coach Newsome as well as Craynor Stone. I feel good about myself and I am confident that I can do the job."

The new Betsy Layne coach admits that there will be a lot of second guessing on the part of the fans.

"What pressure there is, it will be putting it there," he said. "I just want to do what's right."

Henry said that he met with the players Wednesday morning, and he let them know that he wasn't going to come and shake the world nor will there be any drastic changes.

"Coach Newsome had a good program here at Betsy Layne and a good system that worked," said Henry. "I'm not going to change things — that would be suicide."

"Coach Newsome was one of the top coaches in the state. I owe a lot to him. He gave me the opportunity to coach with a quality program. He

asked me to come into the program and help out with the kids.

"Where I am at right now, I owe to Coach Newsome. He's kept me on and showed confidence in me."

Henry stated that he is looking for the team to play hard and improve, but he is also being realistic.

"We may never win another game this year, but I just want the kids to enjoy themselves and I have a lot of confidence in them. The main thing is to find the right chemistry on the court. I want to get the program to where people dread playing us."

"We need for the program to move on and improve. I'll do the best that I can and I'll try and make it enjoyable for the kids. I just want the kids to play hard."

Keith Henry takes over a program that has a lot of tradition. Knowing the quality person that Henry is, the program is in good hands.

**PRESTONSBURG (42)**

players	fg	3pt	ft-a-m	tp
Ratcliff	2	1	5-4	11
Price	1	0	2-1	3
Layne	1	0	3-0	2
Fannin	1	1	0-0	5
Little	2	0	0-0	4
Collins	2	1	4-1	5
Newsome	3	1	2-3	12

**BETSY LAYNE (70)**

players	fg	3pt	ft-a-m	tp
Conn	5	0	1-0	10
M. Johnson	2	0	2-2	6
Martin	9	0	1-0	18
C. Johnson	4	1	0-0	11
Clark	4	1	0-0	11
Hamilton	3	0	2-2	8
Johnson	0	2	0-0	6

Prestonsburg.... 6 14 15 7-42  
Betsy Layne.... 14 17 15 24-70



**On the move!**  
Prestonsburg's April Newsome headed for the basket with Betsy Layne's Shanna Clark in pursuit. Newsome scored 12 points to lead the Lady Blackcats but it wasn't enough as Prestonsburg fell 70-42. (photo by Ed Johnson)

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**A Look At Sports**  
by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...**

My best friend and son Greg and his wife Susan. The couple just celebrated their third wedding anniversary this past Wednesday. Happy anniversary to both of you! Your mom and I love you!

**BOBCATS LOSE A GOOD ONE...**

I hated to see Betsy Layne head basketball coach Junior New some resign his position. Coach New some is a very good friend of mine and I appreciate all the time he put forth in teaching our kids in the county the game of basketball. New some will be missed by the many basketball fans who have grown accustomed to seeing him on the Betsy Layne bench. I still look forward to working with him when basketball season rolls around. He is also looking forward to the basketball season.

Keith Henry will take over the program at Betsy Layne for the remainder of the season. Keith will do a great job for the Bobcats. He is very knowledgeable about the game and will make a fine coach.

The third party in this triangle, Tim Rice, would have made a fine coach also. In other words, the Betsy Layne school council could not lose with the choices they had. Both are capable of holding a head coaching job.

Rice will step down, as of Wednesday, and give up his junior varsity and assistant job. I hate to see that. He could be a big help, not only to Keith, but to the kids. Tim just has a way of relating what he wants done on the court. Keith will not put together his own staff. The last time I talked to him he was going to have to coach the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams. But I'm sure there is help out there and those willing to help.

I would love to see Hayes Hamilton get back in coaching ranks and he would be a great asset to the program. I'm sure that Keith has his own choices and doesn't need any suggestions from anyone else.

I just want to say to Coach New some that he has been a great coach and earned the respect of fellow coaches around the state. I have found him always ready to cooperate with the media and I have enjoyed working with him in basketball.

Hey, he could be the official and permanent public announcer at the ball games. He did a great job last Monday night.

**Basketball attendance has really been down this season.** The gyms have not been filled like they used to. I think it is because there are no real rivalries here there used to be. Of course, at the games that have been played, there have been non-conference games. The attendance should pick up at the conference games.

As for girls basketball, the attendance at those games, and I have not been to any of them, has shown there is no game in the number of fans who normally attend a girls game. I believe for some teams the attendance is better.

I enjoy covering girls basketball. Some find it boring so they say, but I have seen some very good games. We have good players and they play just as hard as the boys.

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

Do you have a high school or grade school athlete that you would like to wish Merry Christmas to in the next two issues of this column? Call me or send the name to me by Tuesday of next week and I'll send those wishes along via this column. Be sure to include your name.

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**Crowded Layne!**

Prestonsburg's Crystal Layne found the lane crowded as she drove the baseline against Betsy Layne Monday night in conference basketball action. Prestonsburg fell to the Lady Cats 70-42. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**Blackcats**

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Said Pardo: "I told Ryan (Ortega) to just take the ball down the lane to the basket."

Ortega, like an obedient basketball player, pleased his coach and worked the lanes as well as anyone, making eight of eight from the free-throw line, something that has been missing from the Blackcat offense.

Coach Pardo said he has been very concerned about his team's poor performance at the charity stripe thus far this season. Those concerns may have been laid to rest because the Blackcats missed only four times at the stripe, connecting on 27 of 31 attempts.

The fans in the fieldhouse were not so satisfied with beating Lakemont City, but they saw a chance for the Blackcats to hit the century mark and they seized it on. With 21 seconds left in the game, Janis Jarrell hit a left-handed shot off the baseline to put Prestonsburg over the century mark. He was fouled on the play and earned the free throw for the final 101-78 count.

Lakemont City could only score two points in the final three minutes of the game and that was on a rebound basket. Reitz had 15 of his 33 points in the final quarter and none were on a three-point basket. Reitz used his body well to shield the ball and score on layups. He hit nine of nine from the free-throw line in the final quarter.

"Ortega is such a heady player," said the Prestonsburg coach. "He's so smart out there. You look at him and see that he's not a basketball player, it may be he's not a basketball player. He's not in great shape yet. Reitz is just coming off the football season. He's just going to keep improving."

"I was the first quarter that Ortega took a shot, he hit it high and shot into the ceiling of the gym."

"Pardo was quick out there," said Pardo.

"It was Roberson's long range shots that kept the Blackcats close in the first half as he hit five three-pointers in the first two quarters."

"Ortega had to set out a lot because of our foul trouble," said Pardo. "He had a good game for us."

According to Ortega, the defense was the key.

"We knew they were one of the top teams in the region but our defense was the key to the win tonight," said Ortega. "I thank God that we win tonight."

Reitz-Kobinson helped us out a lot. Every one was hitting. We got our offense and defense together and won."

Roberson said that the win will be a confidence booster for the Blackcats.

"It will help us winning this one," he said. "But we will have to be on our toes if they will beat us the next time."

Reitz-Kobinson tried to explain the success of this team over their last four games by putting things in perspective.

"We're shooting the threes real good right now," he said. "I think a lot of people have been underestimating us because of our size. Our attitude is good and we're a quick team. We like to hustle and shoot the threes."

Coach Pardo said that the fans

were warned not to give up on this team.

"We tried to tell the fans 'don't get down on this team.' We had some special problems," said the Blackcat mentor. "We had a football team that was playing in the state championship and that's a good problem to have. So we don't get our football players, but at the same time we don't get a chance to practice on Fridays."

"We went through a stretch before the preseason tournament that we practiced one time in 10 days on our floor. Other times we were looking around trying to find some place to get some work in."

Mindsheik led Lakemont City with 29 points hitting three treys in the game before fouling out. Coley finished with 22.

Prestonsburg entertains Pikeville tonight at the fieldhouse with game time scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

**Betsy Layne Junior Basketball**

**Junior Training League**

**Bulls vs Pistons**

Buddy Conn scored six points and Nathan Lafferty added the other four as the Bulls defeated the Pistons 10-5. Josh Lawson and Jonathan Tilford scored two points each for the Pistons with Brandie Rogers scoring one.

**Lakers vs Celtics**

The Lakers defeated the Celtics 28-4 behind Jordan Kidd's 12 points. Jordan Scarberry added six as did Josh Lafferty. Michael Warston and Whitney Lykens added two each. Brandie Rogers and Adam Roberts had one point each for the Celtics.

**Training League**

**Pistons vs Celtics**

Justin Martin scored 15 points and Daniel Knauer tossed in 14 as the Celtics handed the Pistons a 45-26 setback. Ricky Lewis scored 12 points for the Celtics with Chad Lassure and Joshua Allen adding two each. Grant Reitzley scored 16 points for the Pistons. Dustin Lukins had six points and Kyle Potter added four.

**Lakers vs Bulls**

Cassy Brown and Michael Rogers combined for 22 points as the Lakers posted a 24-17 win over the Bulls. Brown scored 12 points and Rogers added 10. Gene Burchett had two points for the winners. Justin Kidd led the Bulls with 11 points. Chase Hamilton, Brandon Kiser and Waylon Newman scored two each.

**Hawks vs Nuggets**

Brand Brooks had 18 points and Matt Hamilton scored 14 as the Nuggets got past the Hawks 34-24. Jordan Compton added four points and Daniel Tilford scored two. Ben Akers led the Hawks with 14 points. Chris Kidd scored four along with Steve Newsome. Wesley Howell had two.

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South Floyd to host Rebels; Henry gets first game and Blackcats host Pikeville

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Tonight three questions will be answered as the boys' high school basketball scene continues with one big conference game on tap.

Question number one will be whether Allen Central can contain the South Floyd Raiders tonight at the old Wheelwright gym and establish an early dominance in the conference?

The second question concerns new Betsy Layne head coach Keith Henry. Can Henry find the formula to make his team jell before the holiday break?

The third question is in regard to the torrid shooting displayed by the Prestonsburg Blackcats last Tuesday against Elkhorn City. Can they continue the pace both on offense and defense?

As the high school unfolds tonight these questions and others will be answered. South Floyd to host Allen Central This is the game that all of Floyd County will have their eyes on as the two district powers face each other for the second time this season.

The game was marred by a fight that broke out in the first half with five players being ejected. Two starters from Allen Central—Jason Martin and Steve Turner—went to the bench with three players (two starters) from South Floyd—Chad Stone, John Hall and James Patton—taking a seat.

Chris Hamilton and Ryan Hamilton came off the bench and almost led the Raiders to a come-from-behind win over the Rebels. The scene has changed from the Prestonsburg fieldhouse to the old Wheelwright gym where the Raiders play all their home games.

Chris Hamilton, who left the Raiders team and transferred to Prestonsburg where he is awaiting word on his eligibility. Allen Central coach Johnny Martin knows that winning at Wheelwright is not always easy.

"It's tough to play at Wheelwright," he said about the upcoming game. "I just dread playing there."

Rebels (Continued from B 4) advantage 61-55. Samons completed his second three-point play and it was a nine-point lead for the Rebels. Allen Central shut the door on Matt Carter in the final quarter. Carter's three-point shooting was a thorn in the side of the Rebels.

Allen Central's biggest lead came at 71-59 with 29 seconds left in the game when Phillip Patton dropped in two free throws. In fact, Patton lived on the charity stripe in the final 50 seconds of the game. He hit six of seven attempts.

Allen Central led 35-32 at the half after trailing at the end of the first period. It was the scoring of Martin and Jeremy Hall in the second period that brought Allen Central back from a 26-20 deficit to the halftime advantage. Hall hit two three-pointers in the second quarter in scoring 10 points. He had three treys in the first half.

Back-to-back baskets by freshman Thomas Jenkins gave the Rebels a six-point cushion at 43-37 in the second quarter. Pike Central ran off six unanswered points to tie the game at 43 before Hall's three-pointer made it a 46-43 game. David Tidman scored on a short jumper just ahead of the horn for a 46-45 Allen Central lead. Eddie Stump tied the game at 50 with a layup in the fourth period. A three-point basket by Carter and a layup by Carter gave the Hawks the 55-52 lead.

When I was a player in high school, it was one of my favorite places to play."

Both teams will be intact as it will be the first conference battle for each one. Allen Central comes into tonight's encounter with a perfect 7-0 record but has struggled in their last two games.

The Rebels had to go into overtime to hold off Powell County and a late fourth quarter surge led by Ronnie Samons overcame Pike Central this past Tuesday night. Until the Powell County game, the Rebels had been playing well and with some consistency.

"We're just not playing with any intensity," said the Allen Central coach. "Maybe our earlier wins came too easy."

South Floyd will carry a 4-2 record into the conference game and will be coming off a loss to regional power Shelby Valley on the road. The previous game saw the Raiders win over the Pikeville Panthers on the road.

Allen Central will have to have a good effort from their five starters to offset the depth of the Raiders. The Rebels offense will be led by junior point guard Jeremy Hall, who is averaging just over 20 points per game. Picking up assists is the thing that Hall does so well and he may have to be looking for his teammates more tonight than his shot.

Jason Martin carries a 15 points per game average into the matchup and is the key to the Rebels' offense. A streak shooter, but a solid player on both ends of the floor. Sometimes a little too unselfish.

The inside game will weigh heavy on the shoulders of senior Ronnie Samons. A workhorse on the board, Samons has been instrumental in leading several Rebel rallies.

Steve Turner, Thomas Jenkins and Phillip Patton, as well as Kevin Stumbo, will have to pull their weight against a backcourt that scored over 100 points the last time they played at home.

The Raiders will come at the Rebels hard in the persons of John Hall, Chad Stone and Charles Johnson. All three are threats from the three-point circle and that is something that Coach Martin will have his team guard against.

The key in tonight's game will be our defense," he said. "We played better defense earlier than we are playing right now."

"It's a big game. Fans are excited about it and that's good," said Martin. Will there be any tempers flaring up tonight?

"People have asked me about that," said the Allen Central coach. "I don't think so. At least not from my players. Now I don't know about the fans."

The Rebels or Raiders can't afford to have one of the five players who were involved in the earlier ejection get involved in a second melee. A second infraction could be the rest of the season for them.

"South Floyd has loads of talent this year. This will be a different team than we faced in the tournament. They are a very deep team. They are one of the few teams that are as deep as we are. It should be a great game," said Martin.

Coach Martin said that John Hall is as good as anybody in the region and his defense has to shade toward him. "Alan Joe Moore is a tremendous ballplayer," said the Allen Central coach. "He's a strong inside player. Matt (Rose) is an experienced player. (Charles) Johnson and (Chad) Stone can shoot the ball. Ryan Hamilton comes off the bench and plays very well."

This should be a good one. WMDJ radio will be on hand to bring all the action into the homes of those who are not able to be in attendance. WPRG-TV, Channel 5, will roll the cameras and play the game back the same evening.

"We're selling advance tickets to our students," said South Floyd principal Terry Stewart, "so they won't have to stand in line to get a ticket. We expect a big crowd."

HENRY GETS THE BALL IN HIS COURT... Keith Henry has taken the basketball court many times in the last 10 years as an assistant to coach Junior Newsome at Betsy Layne. But the new head coach will feel the butterflies as his team plays host to a former Floyd County coach, Johnny Ray Turner, and the Johnson Central Golden Eagles.

Henry is hoping that his team can find the right chemistry and build on it toward March Madness. "We just need to find the right chemistry out there," he said. "I'm looking for players that will play hard and with some continuity."

Coach Turner is in his first year at the Johnson County school and will come into the D.W. Howard fieldhouse with a 3-3 record. The Golden Eagles are led by junior Nathan Salisbury, who is averaging 21 points per game and is also the team's leading rebounder. Mike Jarrell plays the point for the Eagles and is carrying a 10-point per game average.

Todd Ward will play one forward slot for Coach Turner and he is averaging 13 points per contest. Barry Fannin averages just over eight a game.

The Eagles, led by Robert Orem, will go three deep off the bench. Kevin Hunter and Eric Timmie will also see action for the Eagles. Johnson Central will be coming off a 65-58 win over Sheldon Clark. They have dropped games to Painisville, Feds Creek and Millard.

Betsy Layne is expected to stay with their initial lineup. Keith Hamilton will play the point guard slot and Chris Potter, the two guard. Inside, the Bobcats will look to Brian Hunter with Derrick Newsome and Brian Newsome filling the corner positions.

The Bobcats are 1-4 on the season winning over Prestonsburg in the pre-season tournament. Betsy Layne fell to Magoffin County last week.

Prestonsburg NOT TO OVERLOOK PANTHERS Coach Gordon Parid's Prestonsburg Blackcats have been on a tear of late and regional teams have been feeling the wrath of their new attack this season. Prestonsburg, who has no player over 6'2", has gone outside the three-point arc and is destined to live and die by it.

Pikeville is struggling early this season after gathering some early postseason votes as one of the top five teams in the 15th Region. Pikeville will bring a 1-4 record to the Prestonsburg fieldhouse and hope that their defense can stop the rain of treys.

Toby Robinson, Ryan Ortega and Cory Reitz made havoc of the Cougars' defense, hitting 14 three-point baskets between them. But this will be a Pikeville team that will be looking for the shot and you can bet they will guard against it.

The Cats will need the same kind of effort against the Panthers as Dustin Wallen and company came to town. Wallen is the leading scorer thus far for the Panthers and a deadly threat from the circle. Inside play will be controlled by John Blair who can play the middle as well as anyone. A strong rebounder and outside scorer.

John Coats will run at the two guard with Stephen Kruetzer holding the one forward slot. The Panthers have had problems taking care of the basketball and that could prove fatal against the tenacious defense of the Blackcats. Coach Parid's club will come at their opponents with everything they have and the bench for Prestonsburg will be a big factor.

Off the bench for the Blackcats will be Jambo Jarrell, Jason Burke and Martin Newberry, along with Bret James and J.P. Skeets. WXXZ-FM radio, 105.5, will have all the play-by-play for those who have to work or stay home. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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Spring 1994 University of Kentucky Extended-Campus Programs Graduate Courses via satellite at Prestonsburg Community College ASC 410G-201 Horse Science: Art & Science of Equine Production 3 credit hours Discussion of the anatomy and physiology of the horse as they relate to the nutrition, reproduction, athletic ability, soundness and control of diseases and parasites. Fertilized divisions of management practices and facility design will also be delivered. A project will be assigned. Dr. Craig Wood 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 pm, rebroadcast 1 - 2:50 pm, Wednesdays, laboratory FAM 652-201 Readings in Family Theory & Research 3 credit hours Entry level course for graduate work in the study of the family with a focus on family theory and research. Conceptual frameworks and theoretical approaches to the study of the family together with extensive reading of relevant supporting research are covered. Critical evaluation of major theories and minor theories of the middle range and historical perspectives on the development and evolution of family theory are emphasized. Prereq: Six hours in family-related social or behavioral sciences or consent of instructor. Dr. Stephan Wilson 7:30 - 8:45 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays GEN 106-201 General Agriculture - Animal Science 3 credit hours Relationships of food production and consumption to income of humans throughout the world; major livestock breeds and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and horses production areas of the world; relationship between live animal merit and yield of retail cuts of meat; identification of skeletal components; identification and functions of reproductive and digestive tract components; characteristics of breeds of beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and horses. Also available for community college credit. For more info contact the local site coordinator. Dr. Carl Nichols 11:50 am - 1:50 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays MING 632-201 Mine Plant Machinery II 3 credit hours Analysis of major bulk handling machinery, including rail haulage, conveyor belt haulage, hoisting, and off-highway trucks. Use of available computer software for evaluation, selection, and design of haulage equipment by means of computer modeling and simulation. Emphasis on space utilization, selective haulage, and optimal sizing of mobile haulers. Dr. G.T. Limberry 6:00 - 7:15 pm, Mondays & Wednesdays Classes begin January 12th and end May 6th Telephone registration will be held January 4th & 5th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm est. To register or to learn more about these courses, call 1-800-432-0963 ext. 73377 in Kentucky, or 1-800-325-2766 ext. 73377 outside Kentucky. You may also call Bob Campbell, ext. 73377 Prestonsburg Community College, on-site coordinator, at 886-3863. This program meets the requirements of a sub-plan requirement and technical skills for the equine industry. A sub-plan requirement in a degree program. Prerequisite: Completion of a natural science, natural origin, handicap, or core.

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 CALL US TOLL FREE OR COME BY ASK FOR JIM GAUSE OR LEON BRAY.

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5" and 6" seamless gutters, shingle roofs, vinyl siding. Free estimates. Call James Hall, 285-9512

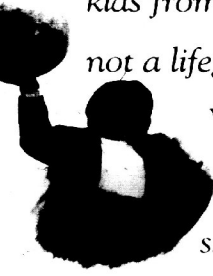
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Living room suits, daybeds, gun cabinets, bedroom suits, recliners, odd chests, dinette sets, bunk beds, odd beds, washers, used washers, dryers, refrigerators, and lots more! Call 874-9790


**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**  
Job Announcement Number: 93-145-91 Date: 12/13/93  
Position: Park Ranger  
Location: Jerry Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg, KY  
Grade and Salary: Grade 7, Salary \$1,054 Per Month  
**Minimum Requirements:** High school graduate. Experience in law enforcement will substitute for the education on a year-for-year basis, not to exceed four years. Must have a valid driver's license. Must be 21 years of age.  
Apply by submitting a state application (which can be obtained at the local Department of Employment Services or any other state government office) to:  
**Kentucky Department of Personnel**  
Room 384, Capitol Annex  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Job announcement number should be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the application in the "Special Announcement No." blank.  
Deadline for applying: You must qualify, test, and be placed on the register by January 13, 1994. Written test required. Test given Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Room 249, Capitol Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky (except state holidays).  
Official documents verifying education must be submitted with the current application (i.e. original college transcripts, original high school diploma, or original GED certificate). Original documents will be returned if a self-addressed envelope is included.  
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Bill Nave saved these kids from drowning, but he's not a lifeguard.



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# The Friday Comics

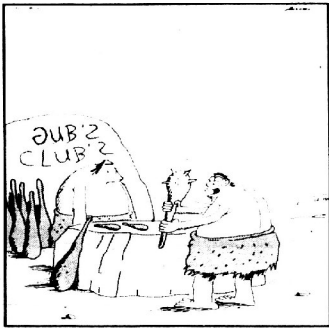
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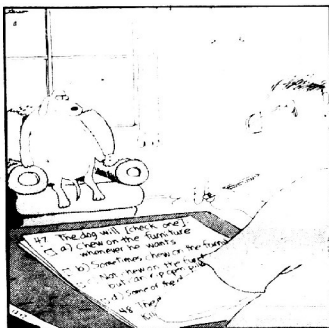
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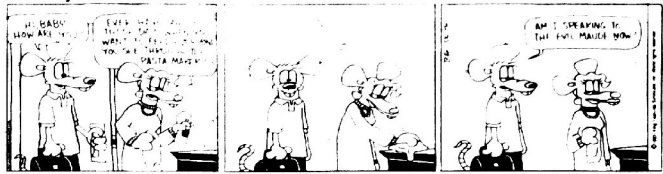
RATZ by BEN SMITH



"No, no... Not this one. Too many bells and whistles."



The questions were getting harder, and Ted could feel Lucky's watchful glare from across the room. He had been warned, he recalled, that this was a breed that would sometimes test him.



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



Farcus by David Waisglass and Gordon Coulthart

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



"What's to know?! Give 'em a lullaby, some formula, and before you know it — you've got a footprint on the bottom line!"



"My interior decorator is also a taxidermist."



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



I KNOW I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT GIFTS I RECEIVE FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

**MagicMaze**

**A TRIP TO THE DENTIST** (Answers on B 2)

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 C A A E G D I R B Y X V C U S  
 Q P R N M F C S E R U T N E D  
 K J H X F E C B S M U G Z Y X  
 V U T R O Y T I V A C P O M L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Abcess	Cavity	Filling	Root canal
Assistant	Chair	Gold	Tooth
Bridge	Crown	Gums	X-ray
Cap	Drill	Polish	

**Vision Teaser**

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

**Super Crossword**

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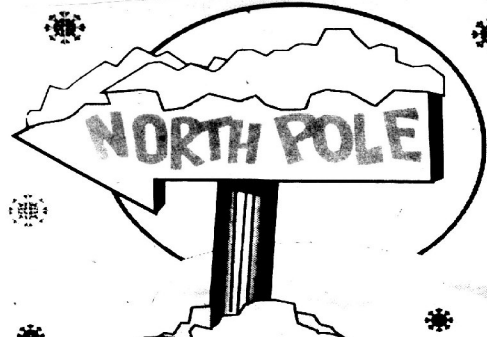
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- 18 Native American
- 19 Gypsy
- 20 Bert's forte
- 22 Pindar, for one
- 23 River flowing to Hudson Bay
- 25 Valuable dark wood
- 26 Huckleberry Finn's river
- 28 U. S. Mexico border river
- 30 Bat wood
- 31 TV soap star
- 32 Braden
- 33 Guido's highest note
- 34 Reticule
- 35 Dangerous curve
- 36 Presently
- 37 Game bird of the marshes
- 39 Pat of Nick and Nora
- 41 Recognizes as valid
- 44 Selects for special duty
- 46 Work

DOWN

- 2 Sinec
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- 4 Siamstress
- 6 Doctors
- 7 Warning
- 8 Element in moral philosophy
- 10 Dry, as wine
- 11 Political incumbent
- 14 Muriel or McCartney
- 16 Kareena
- 106 Capitol V/P
- 107 Lolon
- 111 Alabama
- 118 River rising in Big Stone
- 119 Uncomplaining one
- 120 Being in debt
- 121 Sicilian
- 122 Point of punctuation
- 123 Attack the ally
- 124 Rich sources
- 125 Blind
- 126 Hamilton
- 127 Sully
- 128 Gane
- 129 Logans
- 130 Mopam
- 131 Not ours
- 132 Ragin' one's health
- 133 Engenders
- 134 Meadow murcher
- 135 DOE's home
- 136 Minter
- 137 Cooking spice
- 138 Branching
- 139 American author/critic
- 140 Christie or Kareena
- 141 landed on Ararat
- 142 Washington
- 143 Alabama
- 144 Missouri
- 145 River leader
- 146 River rising in Ohio
- 147 Miss in Madrid
- 148 Cutting tool
- 149 Game bird
- 150 Construction
- 151 Game bird of the marshes
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- 153 Game bird of the marshes
- 154 Wife of Siva
- 155 Foolake organ
- 156 lakes of
- 157 judges
- 158 miter
- 159 Blasted
- 160 Betsy
- 161 Doctors
- 162 Warning
- 163 Element in moral philosophy
- 164 London fog?
- 165 Eden invader
- 166 Kind of sailing ship
- 167 Broadway musical
- 168 Kalia's friend
- 169 River rising in Ohio
- 170 Instrument
- 171 Members of the crew
- 172 Intoxicating plant juice
- 173 Corrosives used in soap
- 174 Eyebrow
- 175 Broadway hit
- 176 Flatter
- 177 Actor's sortof
- 178 Across
- 179 Military assistant
- 180 Goat
- 181 antiques
- 182 DOWN
- 183 Mopam
- 40 Obliquely
- 41 miter
- 42 Blasted
- 43 River rising in Great Slave Lake
- 44 Russian council
- 45 Drops in the middle
- 47 River feeding the Ohio
- 48 Chantouse
- 49 Home
- 49 Greenland settlement
- 51 Highly seasoned
- 52 sausages
- 53 Medium's sessions
- 54 Kind of race
- 57 Siamese
- 58 Like a pub
- 59 Like a pub
- 60 Drink
- 68 Ending in the intellect
- 70 Public warehouses
- 72 Actor's sortof
- 73 Esau's wife
- 74 On
- 76 Above in
- 78 Electic
- 79 Part of B A
- 82 Profrader's snark
- 84 Weight allowance
- 86 Sully
- 88 Cooling
- 89 Bassant
- 90 Resubive
- 92 Stolen goods
- 94 Kind of daisy
- 95 Redgrave of the theater
- 96 Forehead
- 98 Put forward in opinion
- 100 Swells with fluid
- 101 "girl" sessions
- 102 Observes
- 103 Struck
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- 112 Twining
- 113 Sicilian
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- 115 Makes
- 116 Meadow source
- 116 Small
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- 116 Squire (overly lusty one)



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**94' CHEVY S10**  
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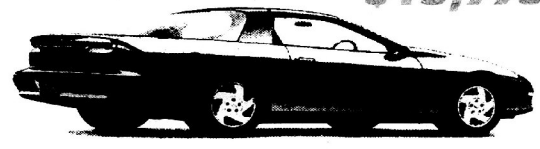
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4 Speed Automatic, Air, Driver & Passenger Side Airbags, 4-Wheel Ant Lock Brakes System, 3.4 Liter V6 with Sequential Port Fuel Injection, Fully Reclining Front Bucket Seats, Electronic Speed Control with Resume, Remote Hatch Release, Remote Keyless Entry System, PASS Key 1 Touch Parking System, Solar Ray Tinted Glass, 16" Aluminum Wheels with Locks, Tilt Wheel Adjustable Steering Column, Center Console with Cup Holder, Wraparound Instrument Panel, AM/FM Cassette, Fog Lamps & MORE!!!

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