

THIS REPRODUCTION IS COMPRISED  
OF THE BEST AND MOST COMPLETE  
SET OF ORIGINAL IMAGES AVAILABLE  
AT THE TIME OF THIS PROJECT'S  
INITIAL START. THE ORIGINAL PAPER,  
INK, FONT, FONT SIZE AND QUALITY  
OF THE MICROFILMED IMAGES  
CONTRIBUTE AND AFFECT THE  
QUALITY OF THE FINAL PRODUCT.

487416 10 C 12/31/99  
 UNIVERSITY OF  
 CENTRAL SERIALS RECORDS  
 MARGARET I KING LIB  
 LEXINGTON KY 40506

# Merry Christmas!

She's Got the Look  
 Extra

WEEKEND EDITION  
 December 24, 1993

Making A List  
 Viewpoint



Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

## The Floyd County Times

Speaking of and for Floyd County

USPS-2027-0000  
 Volume LXVI, No. 102

50¢

### Green light given to three projects

by Susan Allen  
 Staff Writer

With the clock ticking, Floyd County school board members voted Tuesday to move ahead with three school construction projects in an effort to prevent the loss of state construction funds.

Planning will continue on build-

ing a new elementary school to consolidate Maytown and Martin, building a 21-classroom addition at Betsy Layne Elementary, and site acquisition for a Betsy Layne Middle School.

The board voted to take the district Local Planning Committee's recommendation for the sites and to move forward immediately with acquiring sites for a Martin/Maytown school

and a Betsy Layne Middle school. The proposed locations for those sites were not publicly disclosed.

Also Tuesday, superintendent Steve Towler recommended that board members proceed with the original plans to build a classroom addition at Betsy Layne Elementary. Previously board members asked Betsy Layne addition architect Paul Hoffman and consulting architect Nick Feldman to look at scaling down the project to cut the cost of the proposed \$3.2 million addition.

Last month Hoffman told the board that the original plan for a two-story structure could be redesigned into a one-story building with the deletion of the kitchen/cafe/teria. Hoffman estimated it would cost approximately \$100,000 to redesign the project.

Towler recommended that Hoffman be directed to work with the existing plans for the Betsy Layne addition and to separate the new structure from the existing gym. He added that the project should be ready to bid, at the latest, by March 1994.

Originally, plans called for the two-story addition to be connected to the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Towler suggested that the complete project be bid and that the kitchen/cafe/teria and several classrooms could be bid as alternates in case the project comes in over budget.

Hoffman said that there would be limited redesign of the current plans and that he would prepare a cost estimate of the changes.

Hoffman added that state officials were "not against" the one-story building concept and that the existing kitchen/cafe/teria could be used.

The board voted 4-1 to continue

### Accidents in Floyd, Johnson claim two

by Ronnie Parsons  
 Staff Writer

Two separate vehicle accidents Tuesday evening claimed two lives and left three hospitalized.

The first accident occurred at the junction of Ky 122 and Route 2030 at Printer leaving one person dead and three hospitalized.

According to a state police report, Polly Hall, 29, of Martin, was a passenger in a vehicle, driven by a juvenile, traveling eastbound on Ky 122.

The police report indicated the juvenile lost control of the vehicle and crossed into the westbound lane striking a 1980 Ford truck driven by Kenneth Spurlock and his wife Alva, head-on.

Hall was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Spurlock and his wife Alva were transported to McDowell ARH and were listed in satisfactory condition. The juvenile was taken to Our

Lady of the Way hospital, in Martin, and later flown to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. where his condition is unknown.

Earlier in the day an accident on Ky 1428 at East Point in Johnson County claimed the life of a Johnson County man and sent a Floyd County man to the hospital.

Douglas Ratliff, 23, of Thelma (in Johnson County) was traveling North on Ky 1428 in the southbound lane when his 1987 Pontiac Grand Am struck a tractor trailer head-on that was driven by Joseph Coleman, of Betsy Layne.

State police reports indicate Ratliff's vehicle burst into flames after impact.

Johnson County Coroner, J.R. Frisby pronounced Ratliff dead at the scene.

Coleman was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Both accidents are still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

### Concept approved, but site for treatment program is opposed

by Susan Allen  
 Staff Writer

Floyd County school officials are collaborating with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to implement a day treatment program to offer services to severely emotionally disturbed school children.

At Tuesday's school board meeting, the board voted 4-1 to pursue

developing the concept of the program despite objections from board member Hutae Owens.

Deputy superintendent Gary Frazier told board members that the program is tentatively scheduled to be located at Maytown Elementary because site-based council members, parents and teachers welcome the idea. He added that the Maytown school would be more centrally lo-

cated within the county.

Owens said that she had been contacted by parents at Maytown who expressed concerns about emotionally disturbed children coming to the school. She added that Maytown would not be centrally located for Betsy Layne students.

Frazier assured Owens that the

(See Treatment, page two)



**Ice covered bridge**  
 Lena Brown, of McDowell, lost control of her Toyota pickup Tuesday morning while travelling eastbound across an ice-covered four-lane bridge on Route 80 next to Duff Elementary school. Brown was taken to McDowell ARH where she was treated for minor head injuries and held overnight for observations. (photo by Ronnie Parsons)

### Making memories



Storyteller Linda Olczak listened to her young audience's response to her storytelling session held last week at the Floyd County Library. (photo by Polly Ward)

### Weaving yarns in a closeknit fashion

by Polly Ward  
 Times Feature Writer

"There are no new stories — just new storytellers."  
 — Linda Olczak  
 professional storyteller

Last Thursday afternoon, December 16, about 40 children and their mothers gathered in front of the huge Christmas tree at the Floyd County Public Library and listened to Christmas stories told by professional storyteller Linda Olczak.

They sat spellbound as two folk tales, "Donkey Ears," a story about a prince who grows donkey ears and "In the Great Walled Country," a story about the true meaning of Christmas, slowly unfolded.

As the children listened, intently watching Olczak's facial expressions and the movement of her hands, they responded with gleeful laughs, questions and "oohs" and "ahhs."

"Some storytellers want the audience to remain quiet while they tell a story," Olczak said later. "I like interaction with children and I like them to respond to me."

Children have been responding to Olczak's stories for some time. Olczak, 42, and a native of Pennsylvania, began telling stories at church when she was 16 years old.

"I always enjoyed using my imagination," she said during an interview at the library. "I told stories then, but they were just not that important to me."

She married and after her three daughters were born, she got serious about storytelling. Katie is now 11 and twins Jennifer and Ashly are 9 years old.

"I wasn't doing professional storytelling until my girls came along," Olczak said. "There were not a lot of stories to tell my daughters, so I searched through the library for stories. Then I joined a storytelling group at the library."

Her work took off from there. In Pennsylvania, she told stories

at churches, schools and to other interested groups. She earned \$75 an hour for her ability to weave a mesmerizing tale. "I tell stories for adults, teenagers and children. If a group has a particular theme, I gear my stories to that. I enjoy working with different groups. People identify with stories. For adults, it brings back memories from childhood. For children, it



These two preschoolers were mesmerized by Olczak's rendering of the story "Donkey Ears."

builds memories."

Two years ago the Olczaks moved from Pennsylvania to Paintsville, Olczak's husband, Joe, works for Kentucky/West Virginia Gas Company. Olczak is a volunteer with the Johnson County literacy program and she is taking elementary education classes at the Morehead State University extended campus at Prestonsburg. Each experience has helped her further develop and refine her repertoire of stories.

"I took an Appalachian Literature course this fall to use with storytelling," she said. "When I first came here, I had no Kentucky stories. I had Pennsylvania sto-

(See Stories, page two)

### Intertrack wagering to make a comeback

by Susan Allen  
 Staff Writer

Horse racing enthusiasts and bettors can start gearing up for the return of intertrack wagering to Floyd County with the scheduled January 1 reopening of Kentucky Downs in Prestonsburg.

Local businessman Clyde Woods, who is also a stockholder in Mountain Racing Inc., said Tuesday that intertrack wagering (ITW) will resume at his Center Stage nightclub at noon on the first day of 1994.

Woods' company was awarded ITW dates by the Kentucky Racing Commission in November, provided that Mountain Racing had signed construction contracts to build a harness racing track in Floyd County.

On Tuesday, Woods said that contracts have been signed to build the stadium facility and horse barns and that live racing is set to begin in Floyd County on July 3.

"We'll have gala affair when the racetrack opens," Woods said Tuesday.

During the latter months of 1992, Woods was granted an ITW license from the state racing commission, but the license was not renewed for 1993 because the racetrack was not built.

Floyd County was awarded a harness track license earlier this year after a long and bitter fight with the racing commission. The commission first awarded Floyd County live racing dates for 1993, but that license was withdrawn when it was apparent the facility could not be built in time.

Stockholders of Mountain Racing and Floyd County residents fought for a second chance at a track and racing commission voters approved a track for Floyd County and 1994 ITW dates if the company complied with commission mandates.

Woods added that Floyd County could see an economic boom if state leaders endorse and voters approve casino gambling in the state.

"We could create 500-600 jobs in Floyd County if casino gambling is approved," Woods said.

State legislators are expected to debate the casino gambling issue during the 1994 session of the General Assembly, which begins next month.

State legislators are expected to debate the casino gambling issue during the 1994 session of the General Assembly, which begins next month.

### Auditor says activity funds need review

by Susan Allen  
 Staff Writer

Problems continue to exist with accounting procedures used for school activity accounts and records show that unauthorized long distance telephone calls have been made from several Floyd County High Schools.

Results of the school district's 1993 audit were presented Tuesday night to school board members by auditor Don Wallen of Pikeville, who reported that school activity accounts were the biggest areas of concern.

Wallen added that problems with school accounts were not only present in Floyd County, but were found in most schools in Eastern Kentucky.

Board chairman Eddie Patton commented that the same types of problems with activity accounts were reported in last year's audit and

(See Audit, page three)



**A gift in time of need**

Debbie Endicott of Highland Heights accepted a \$100 Wal-Mart gift certificate from Ronnie Burke, sergeant and chaplain of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, Monday. Endicott is a single mother with two children. "It makes me feel good to see someone who is in need taken care of," Burke said. The department's donation to a needy family. Starting at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Santa Claus will make his annual candy run on a fire truck through Prestonsburg. (photo by Polly Ware)

**Treatment**

(Continued from page one)

Children would pose no harm to other students at the school and there is no effort to force the location at any school.

Owens later said that she was also concerned because she had children who attended Maytown Elementary. Maytown's Comprehensive Care Counselor Rita Conley, who is director of the project, told the board that the school system currently did not have the adequate space and materials to address these children's problems and that there would be strict supervision of the students. She reminded the board that it is the law to provide all children with an adequate education.

"These children are already in school," Conley said. "There is no where to work with them appropriately. We will be working with young children at first... preventative work. These are our kids and it's the law. We can't say no to any child."

Board member Brent Clark asked if having emotionally disturbed children in the Maytown school would lower that school's student test scores.

Frazier, who appeared in some of the updated 1993 Clark that may would affect students test scores and that the emotionally disturbed students did not have learning disabilities.

"These children are not mentally retarded," Frazier said. "They have behavior disorders. This will also help regular classroom teachers." Frazier explained that the children would receive one-on-one counseling and therapy that would allow regular classroom teachers who have been working with the special needs children to concentrate more on their classrooms.

Conley chimed in that locating the program at Maytown was the "heart location, where it needs to be."

Board chairman Eddie Patton sup-

ported the concept and said that the issue of where to locate the program could be decided later.

"This program is nothing but a plus to the children and the school system," Patton said. "We've got to take care of these kids. The location doesn't matter."

Also Tuesday, board members heard a report on the district's special education program which received bad marks from state officials after an October review.

Superintendent Steve Towler told board members that improvements are being made in the department and lauded the formation of a special education advisory group.

Special education director Larry Jarvis outlined the training sessions that special education teachers have attended since July and added that the teachers' worst problem is record keeping.

"We have excellent special education teachers," Jarvis said. "They may not be the best record keepers, but they are great special education teachers."

Board member Tom Harris said he was concerned that school administrators and employees should be more concerned with special education needs.

"We have a special education advisory group that is doing a good job of identifying what we should show we're concerned and that we care. We need to make an extra effort to address their concerns in the right way. We ought to be happy to see these things."

Special education consultant Tom Howard invited board members to go to the schools with them to gain a better understanding of the problems they face and the materials they have to work with.

Board members did not respond to the invitation.



**Presidential pose**

Flanking Prestonsburg Community College president Dr. Deborah L. Floyd, center, at the college's recent Open House were Dr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell. Dr. Campbell served as the college's president from its opening in 1964 until his retirement in 1991. He remains a member of the PCC advisory board. Members of the local community, as well as PCC faculty, staff and students, attended the December 10 event.

**Holiday gas prices lowest since 1986, AAA reports**

Motorists planning to travel over the Christmas-New Year holidays should pay the lowest average gasoline price in seven years. AAA Blue Cross/Kentucky reports.

The auto club's most recent survey shows the national average of self-serve regular unleaded is \$1.09 a gallon. Statewide, the average is 99.6 cents and in Lexington the average is 91 cents a gallon, down two cents from Thanksgiving. The Lexington area survey of 43 stations showed a range in price of 91 to 99 cents a gallon.

During the Christmas weekend, 42 percent of stations will be open

nationwide and 33 percent will be open 24 hours.

AAA expects more than 45 million people will travel during the Christmas-New Year holidays, up slightly from a year ago. Three-fourths of them will travel by motor vehicle. Fifty-five percent of holiday travelers will stay with family or friends. AAA's travel projections are based on a national telephone survey of 1,500 adults conducted by the U.S. Travel Data Center.

Increased consumer confidence, lower gas prices and settlement of the American Airlines strike are helping to encourage holiday travel.

**Stories**

(Continued from page one)

ries. So I did research. It could take two or three years of research to find good stories. For Christmas, you may go through 25 to 50 stories to find the right one you're comfortable with."

The storyteller's facial expression and voice adds a lot to a story, she noted.

"A lot of stories use expressions," she said. "It takes a lot of creativity to hold the listeners' attention. The story has to mean something to you as a storyteller to keep their attention. A storyteller takes a story and makes it her own."

One of her main goals is to get children interested in reading and using their imagination.

"For too long we've let TV take care of it," she said. "Children need to use their imagination again. I want children to know books are enjoyable, that reading is fun. I could read books to them and show them the pictures, but I want them to imagine them. I want them to find the stories in books in the library and read them."

Which makes the library the perfect place to tell a story.

Diana Harmon, children's program director at the library, set up the half-hour Christmas storytelling session after her experience with Olezak during the library's summer reading program. "The librarian at Painesville told me about her and we used her in the summer reading program," Harmon said. "The kids respond well to her. She seems to have a rapport with them. She is also very nice and very cooperative."

Shelia Burger was at the library with her grandson, Nathan, a preschooler who listened to the Christmas tales. At one point, Nathan managed to make his way up front as there he plopped down beside Olezak. As he sat happily listening, he began making some facial expressions of his own. The magic of a good story had captured him in its spell.

And Olezak had built a memory.

**Projects**

(Continued from page one)

with the original design of the project with District Three board member Brent Clark casting the only dissenting vote.

By September 30 the board must obligate state school construction monies and sell bonds for local building projects or he'll be plumped down approximately \$5.4 million.

Joe Nance, representing the board's bonding agent, Ross, Sinclair and Associates, told board members Tuesday that the school system's bonding potential stands at just over \$14 million by combining state and local monies. Nance warned board members that they needed to move forward quickly with school construction projects.

The board decides to obligate the entire \$14 million in bonding potential available, the system would be "billed out" for the next several years if no additional funds become available, Nance said.

The three building projects the board approved are estimated to cost \$11 million. An additional \$500,000 is earmarked for a classroom addition at James Middle School.

**Closed for Christmas**

Household waste, Solid Waste will be closed for pickup on Friday, December 24. If your pickup falls on that day, it will be picked up on the following Friday. There will be no curbside pickup.

**1987 Ford Escort Wagon**

4-cylinder, automatic, air, white, 4-door

**\$2,200**



**Guarantee Auto Mart**

We buy clean used cars

**285-3773**

We buy clean used cars.

Located at the "Y" in Martin

**• LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS •**

**BRAND NAMES**

GUESS  
 NIKE  
 FOG  
 LEVI'S  
 JANTZEN  
 KSWISS  
 ARROW  
 Lieke/airborne  
 BUGLE BOY  
 LESLIE FAY SPORTSWEAR  
 I.I.V.Y.  
 b.u.m. equipment  
 CONNIE  
 KRAZY KAT  
 DEXTER  
 COTLER  
 Alfred Dunner  
 Lee  
 HAGGAR  
 KEYS  
 DOCKERS  
 AT  
 SEASON TICKET  
 NATURALIZER  
 USA  
 JARS  
 JAGGAR

**MARTINS**

Glyn View Plaza — Prestonsburg

Visa MasterCard

• LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS • LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS • LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS •

• LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS • LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS • LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS •

**• LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS •**

THE FAMILY OF  
 PHILIP MORRIS COMPANIES INC.  
 WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
 THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS  
 AND THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.

PHILIP MORRIS COMPANIES INC.



**New Year's wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Woods announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Duane Allan, to Robin Paulette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hall. The wedding will be January 1, at the Benedict Baptist Church at Silk Rock. Service will begin at 3 p.m. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed. A reception will follow at the church.

**Winter months can be deadly, coal miners warned of hazards**

For federal mine safety enforcers, December brings more than anticipation of the holidays. It brings heightened concern over the increased winter risk of a deadly mine explosion. And this year, it brings a campaign of unprecedented scope by the U.S. Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to alert miners and mine operators to winter hazards.

"Historically, winter is the most hazardous time for coal mine explosions," said Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich. "This winter, we are redoubling our efforts to reach every mine operator and miner in the country with the message: these tragedies can be prevented."

Last December, eight Virginia miners lost their lives in an explosion. Three weeks ago, a mine explosion in Kentucky claimed another miner's life.

"I've directed that MSHA inspectors, supervisors and specialists," Reich said, "conduct special inspections at every underground coal mine in the country. They will check for critical safety violations and talk directly to mine operators and miners about winter hazards that can result in mine explosions."

The special inspection effort will take through January to reach all underground coal mines.

In the next few weeks, more than 1000 MSHA inspectors, supervisors and specialists will conduct special inspections at the 2000 underground coal mines throughout the country.

For the first time ever, MSHA today is broadcasting a coal mine safety alert video by satellite. A 7-minute video, including stock footage of mine explosions and an interview with Marvin Nichols, administrator for coal mine safety and health, on winter mine safety concerns will be broadcast by satellite.

In addition, the agency recently supplied 200 radio stations with public service announcements on coal mine safety.

The most devastating mine explosions in U.S. history have occurred in the colder months. Of these, the worst was on December 6, 1907, when 362 miners lost their lives in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, W. Va.

An explosion on November 30 of this year claimed the life of one miner at AA & W Coals Inc.'s Elmo No. 5 Mine near Feds Creek. MSHA and the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals are investigating.

Eight miners died in an explosion that occurred December 7, 1992, at Southmountain No. 3 Mine in Wise County, Virginia. MSHA cited the Southmountain mine operators for 33 mine safety violations found in their investigation and have assessed over \$400,000 in civil penalties for the violations.

"The greatest explosion hazard in coal mines is from methane gas," said Nichols. "All coal seams contain some methane, and when the barometer falls, more of that methane tends to migrate into the mine air."

Coal mine dust is another explosion hazard. "In summer, warm air coming into the mine brings moisture that condenses on mine surfaces and helps trap the coal mine dust," Nichols said. "In winter, the air dries out. It's easier for the fine coal dust to get suspended in the mine air, and that dust also can contribute to an explosion."

"In winter, good mine ventilation

and frequent checks for methane are even more important," Nichols said. "Mine operators and miners also need to guard against fires, roof collapses, and other accidents, whatever the season."

"Today, no matter what the weather conditions," Nichols said, "mine operators and miners can prevent explosions and other accidents. What it takes, is going by the book—following mine safety regulations and approved mining plans at all times." Every federal coal mine inspector, supervisor and specialist will take part in spot inspections to alert miners and mine operators to winter hazards, Nichols said. While MSHA has previously conducted winter alert campaigns, this is the first mine through both inspector contacts and broadcast information.

Earlier this year, MSHA inspectors discussed the findings in the Southmountain mine explosion and investigation with management and miners at every underground coal mine in the U.S. The agency's winter hazard campaign will re-emphasize some of the same messages.

"It may sound surprising," Nichols said, "but one of our greatest concerns is at mines where large amounts of methane normally aren't present. Not finding methane when you make your checks day after day could contribute to a feeling that 'it can't happen here.' But it can happen at any mine. Something interrupts the ventilation, and methane can build up in any mine. It's a colorless, odorless gas—unless you are making thorough gas checks, you would never know. Some tragic mine explosions have happened at mines that had rarely or never recorded a significant amount of methane—such as Southmountain and AA & W. That's one message we want to be sure and get through to miners—no matter how much or how little gas you think you have in the mine, go by the book. It can save your life."

Key lines of defense for preventing coal mine explosions include:—following the mine's approved

ventilation plan at all times;—thorough pre-shift, on-shift, and weekly checks by mine personnel for methane and other hazards;—keeping potential ignition sources out of face areas;

—through rock dusting (blanketing mine walls and floors with a layer of nonflammable, powdered rock dust) in all areas of the mine;

—a thorough search program by the mine operator to prevent smoking materials from entering the mine; and—never smoking or carrying smoking materials into the mine, nor allowing others to do so.

"Ventilation is especially critical in and around areas of a coal mine that are inactive," emphasized Al Davis, Nichols's director of safety. "In many past explosions, our investigators have found that methane built up in idle or mined-out areas. Drops in the barometric pressure can contribute to this hazard. Proper examinations are key to detecting methane in these areas. We're asking mine operators this winter to pay even more attention to their ventilation systems and their required safety checks in idle and mined-out areas."

"Tragic mine explosions can be prevented simply by following basic federal mine safety standards," Nichols said.



**Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cartmell Celebrate 50th wedding anniversary**

Thanks for all you've done, And all that you still do. Thanks for being patient And understanding, too. Thanks for all the help you give. And all the joy you bring: To put it very simply, Thanks for everything. Love, Teresa, Bonita Stephanie and Ryan Happy 50th!

**Audit**

(Continued from page one)

thought the problems had been corrected.

Operations Chief Jim Osborn told the board that he and David Johnson, the director of finance who resigned earlier this month, had planned to audit each school, but were unable to do so. Osborn added that when the new finance director is hired, he plans to visit each school to address the accounting problems, which include incomplete free lunch applications; schools paying sales tax to vendors; contract labor being paid for with school funds; and receipts not being attached to invoices.

The report presented Tuesday also noted that telephone calls to authorized long district numbers were

found at Allen Central and Prestonsburg High Schools. Chairman Patton suggested that each school have a block installed to prevent calls being made to unauthorized long distance numbers.

Osborn concurred and said he would follow up with getting the telephone blocks in place.

Another area of concern, Wallen pointed out, is the amount of money the school district has in a contingency fund. The auditor said that last year's \$797,927 general fund balance was an inadequate contingency.

"The June 30 balance was a respectable fund balance," Wallen said. "But you need to shoot for a 10-day reserve. The June 30 balance represents a four-day reserve."

Wallen said the school system needed to have about \$1.9 million in contingency and school officials "have a long way to go if they reach that level."

Patton said that the board would be reviewing and discussing the audit for the next several months.

Also Tuesday:

- the board approved the district's 1993-94 working budget;
- the board tabled proposed new athletic policies and voted to send the policies back to the athletic committee for further review;

- Chairman Patton failed to get approval for policies to ban Sunday activities on school grounds and to prohibit students from being penalized for attending Wednesday church services instead of school functions;

- Board member Ray Brackett's motion to purchase plaques for new school facilities which list board members and contractors failed for lack of a second;

- the board heard a report on extended school services and the Ahead program at South Floyd High School;
- the board approved reestablishing the position of school psychologist;

- the board voted to hold two monthly meetings, beginning in January, and move the meetings to the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.; and

- the board approved a policy that would prohibit seniors who do not take the state KIRIS test from being able to graduate.

All board members were present at Tuesday's meeting and the next meeting of the board is set for Monday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. The location of that meeting is to be announced.



**Employee of the year**  
Marvella Hood, of Wheelwright, was chosen as employee of the year at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. Hood, an employee of two years in the housekeeping department, was presented the award Wednesday by Gene Luka, general manager of the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn, during the employee of the year dinner.

**Floyd awarded FEMA grant**

The Kentucky Division of Water has been awarded a grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide technical assistance and floodplain management expertise to communities participating in the Nation Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). One of the counties receiving Community Assistance visits during fiscal year '94, is Floyd county.

Communities are chosen for a Community Assistance Visit based on a variety of methods. FEMA selects communities from a priority listing based on population growth potential, number of policies, number of claims, property at risk, and other community data. The Division of Water selects communities from the FEMA's priority list and also responds to requests from communities and citizens.

The Community Assistance Visit is a comprehensive meeting that may take up to three days. It includes a check of the community's floodplain to determine the amount and type of construction occurring. The visit also meets with local government officials. Typically, this includes the chief executive officer (mayor or county judge-executive), NFIP local administrator, city manager, city engineer, building inspectors and city planners.

The Division of Water will review the community flood damage prevention ordinance and the community's procedures for administering and enforcing the ordinance. The community is asked to provide records including floodplain permits and elevation certificates, and the NFIP maps and studies are evaluated.

**New Clinic Opening January 3, 1994 Physicians After Hours, Inc.**

208 Archer Clinic  
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
Hours: Mon. thru Friday  
6:00 pm-10:00 p.m.  
Sat., 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Drs. Charles Arnett  
Don Chaffin  
Allen Hyden  
Robert Roy

Blake Burchett  
Charles Hieronymus  
Roger Jurich

Phone 886-6011  
Walk-Ins Welcome

**Big After Christmas SALE**

SALE BEGINS SUNDAY, DEC. 26.

1 CT. \$799 **\$10\* down LAYAWAY**

**EVERY ITEM IN THE STORE ON SALE!**

**30% OFF**

Our Everyday Low Price

LAYAWAY NOW FOR VALENTINE'S DAY & MOTHER'S DAY

PRESTONSBURG VILLAGE  
Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
New Year's Eve & New Year's Day  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**CENT. FAUCH**  
JEWELERS

1/2 CARAT \$15  
EXTRA HEAVY \$19.97  
GOLD CHAINS \$349  
10mm Water \$15  
SUPER SPECIAL! 1/10 CT. \$39.97

**Holiday Party & Dance**  
Friday, December 31  
(New Year's Eve)  
8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

**Buffet Breakfast**  
12:30 a.m.

Music by The Jaguars

Jenny Wiley Convention Center  
\$25 per couple

Proceeds to  
Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital

Good Music, Good Food, A Great Cause!

# Viewpoint

Friday, December 24, 1993



## The Floyd County Times

Published  
Wednesdays and Fridays each week  
FLOYD COUNTY NEWSPAPERS, INC.  
Phone 886-8506  
27 South Central Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

Entered as second class matter, June 18, 1972, at the post office at Prestonsburg, Kentucky under the act of March 3, 1879.  
Second class postage paid at Prestonsburg, Ky.

Subscription Rates Per Year  
in Floyd County \$28.00  
Outside Floyd County \$38.00

Postmaster  
Send change of address to: The Floyd County Times  
P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul.—V. stare

## Making a list . . .

by Scott Perry

'Tis the day before Christmas,  
soon Santa will stop  
Time to say thanks  
to the folks in our shop.

To Charlotte and Karl,  
for watching my back,  
for fending off salesmen  
and taking their flak.

To Celeste and to Susie  
who manage finances,  
for keeping us straight  
when we want to take chances.

To Jodi and April and  
all of their crew  
For making darn certain  
you don't miss an issue.

To Shawn, to Rebecca, to  
Becky and Pam,  
whose ad sales make certain  
we don't have to eat Spam.

To Willie, to Jerry, Hannah,  
Mace and Tim, Betsy

Whose composing room ef-  
forts, make everything work.

To Janice to Tammy, Susan,  
Polly and Ron,  
For giving our readers  
news they can chew on.

To Jim for the proofreading  
care that he takes,  
We get to blame him  
for all our mistakes.)

To Ed, who's a wizard  
when it comes down to sports.  
For blanketing the fields, the  
diamonds and courts.

To Zyndall and Johnny and  
Chris on the press  
for putting the finish  
to all of this mess.

That's the gang at the Times  
and we'll sing all their praises.  
Isn't that better than  
big salary raises?

Merry Christmas to all

## —Letters to the Editor—

### Hospital completes diabetes education

Editor:  
During the month of November, Our Lady of the Way Hospital presented its annual Diabetes Series in recognition of National Diabetes Month. The series was offered free to anyone who has diabetes or is interested in diabetes care and management. Weekly classes were held and numerous guest speakers from the medical community were available to offer current information on diabetes, the treatment/management of diabetes and ways to promote a more healthy lifestyle.

This year, fifty-six individuals took part in the series representing Floyd, Knott and Pike counties. Weekly attendance prizes were also given away, including blood sugar meters and supplies, which were donated by area businesses in support of diabetes education. Our Lady of the Way would like to express its sincerest gratitude to these businesses for their assistance which contributed greatly to the success of this year's series: Harmon-Medical Inc., Wal-mart Pharmacy of Prestonsburg, Martin Prescription Center, Reid's Pharmacy, Boehringer Mannheim Corporation and the Johnson and Johnson Company.

Kim Blocker,  
Community Health  
Outreach Educator,  
O.L.W.H.

### Sugarplum visions become a reality

Editor:  
Hats off to the Woman's Club at Archer Park.

The children sure did enjoy their trip to see Santa Claus. They all had a lot of fun and they saw the beautiful park all lit up. It was worth driving several miles to see the beauty, the cross and all the pretty lights, to celebrate Christmas with. The nativity scene was just so pretty.

I invite you all who have not brought your children to see Archer Park, please plan to come this week to see it. Let your children see the beauty of the park in the winter as well as the summer. Archer Park has something for all ages. In the summer, it's a real fun place to be.

I'm proud to enjoy the senior citizens part of the park. I enjoy all the activities they have there daily. So all you nice folks young at heart, come out and enjoy the park this time of the year with your grandchildren as they see the park all lit up at night.

Ralph (Little) outdid himself this year. It's really spectacular. Come one and all.

Merry Christmas to you all from the happy grandmother who enjoys the park daily.

Wanda and John Rodebaugh  
Prestonsburg, Ky.

### Price of gasoline appears excessive

Editor:  
Why is the price of gasoline so high in Pike and Floyd counties?

I was in Indiana December 8 and the price for a gallon of eighty-seven octane was ninety-three and nine tenths cents per gallon, and this was about one hundred miles from the refinery and the gasoline price in Indiana has been around ninety-four and nine tenths cents per gallon and up to one dollar four and nine tenths cents per gallon, for the past year.

It is approximately the same distance from the Kentucky refinery to Pike County as it is in Indiana. So, why the big difference in price? In Winchester, it was ninety-eight and nine tenths cents a gallon.

So freight shouldn't be twenty-one cents difference from Winchester to Pike County on a gallon of gas.

I have my opinion as to why it is so high. What is yours?

Marvin Williamson  
Betsy Layne

**Got  
Something to Say?  
Say it in a  
Letter to the Editor**

## Our Yesterdays

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

### Ten Years Ago

A year after the skeletal remains of Zelma Anderson were discovered in an abandoned strip mine at Orkney, members of the dead woman's family announced that they are offering a substantial reward for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who murdered her. An amended complaint filed in the \$3.7 million damage suit stemming from the January, 1982, mining tragedy at Crayon names as defendants the principals of a coal firm originally identified only by its corporate name. The defendants are Arnold Turner Sr., Arnold Turner Jr., Joan Chaffins, Anita Gibson and Donnie Turner. A Kentucky State Police special investigations unit, which has been probing alleged irregularities in county finances, has turned its attention to the Floyd County Solid Waste, Bob McAninch, chairman of the agency board told board members last week. There died: Paul James Harris, 58, of Martin, December 20 at his home; Elva Mae Hunt, 70, of Ivel, last Thursday in Lexington; Rutha Tackett, 67, of Greethel, last Wednesday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Polly Hunt, 65, of Tramm, December 20 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Doney Coleman, 80, of Water Gap, Tuesday en route to Highlands Regional Medical Center; Vannie Spurlock, 69, of Printer, Monday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Allen Jacob Bentley, 63, of Lackey, Saturday at his home; Grover Shepherd, 68, of Hueysville, Tuesday at his home; Floyd H. Patton, 72, of Hippo, Monday in Lexington; John Jay Terry, 64, of Wayland, Saturday at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Editor's Note: 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 Years Ago were not printed.

### (December 28, 1983)

## What others are saying

The following articles are excerpts of editorials taken from Kentucky newspapers.

### Higher education's options

Some good will undoubtedly come from the work of Gov. Jones' Higher Education Review Commission. Its proposals have the potential for bringing more accountability and rigor to the operations of the state's universities and colleges.

Revised budget rules will try to put more emphasis on meeting performance goals and less on enrolling warm bodies. Admission standards will be tightened and enforced more uniformly. New guidelines for academic offerings could lead to less duplication. The growth of costly extended-campus programs will be delayed for a study of options.

These are worthy steps toward better management of higher education's resources. But they are hardly the kind of fundamental, strategic changes that the state needs to embrace. Indeed, what emerges most clearly from the commission's efforts is that the hard work of developing a coherent

higher education strategy for the state has only just begun. Equally clear is that the task must await a new, more politically adept administration and a more far-sighted Council on Higher Education.

In appointing the commission three months ago, Gov. Jones charged it to "remake" Kentucky's system of higher education. It was an apt challenge. In a time of increasing demand, inadequate resources and pressing new needs, state systems and individual universities everywhere face the inevitable necessity of fundamental strategic changes. They can no longer be all things to all people, especially if they aspire to equality.

But bringing about such change in a decentralized, balkanized system like Kentucky's is an enormously difficult political task, and neither the commission's three-month life nor Gov. Jones' political skills were enough.

So, what the governor got was, first, his head handed to him when his idea for reallocating resources threatened the University of Kentucky's dental school, and second, some commendable but incremental progress on other fronts.

Even that progress, however, tends to underscore how far there is to go. It was a much-touted

vision, for example, when the universities agreed that extensively duplicated, low-productivity programs ought to be considered for elimination. But what does it say that it took a special, gubernatorial commission, on top of years of budget cuts, to get us to this point? And what does it augur that the universities proposed to keep five such programs for every one they offered to drop?

Higher education will be better for the commission's work. But the pressing task of "remaking" it — defining strategy, picking among priorities and reallocating resources — remains. That requires more than new procedures; a strong Council on Higher Education and sustained political leadership. — *The Courier-Journal, Louisville*

### 10 out of circulation

Today, 10 guns will be used to commit a crime. Ten guns won't fall into the hands of a 2-year-old and end up killing another child.

Ten guns won't make their way into a school locker, a book bag, or even onto school property.

Ten guns won't help a criminal scare or harm an innocent victim.

And ten guns won't make life a lot harder for our police officers.

That's because ten guns were turned into Lexington police on "Gun Sunday," Dec. 19. The day was cast by the Urban City Council as a day for anyone to get rid of a gun, no questions asked.

Ten isn't a huge number. Quite frankly, when you consider the insane number of guns available, ten is hardly any. But those who turned the guns in took a positive step toward more rational firearm availability in our society. Their ten guns won't be in circulation anymore.

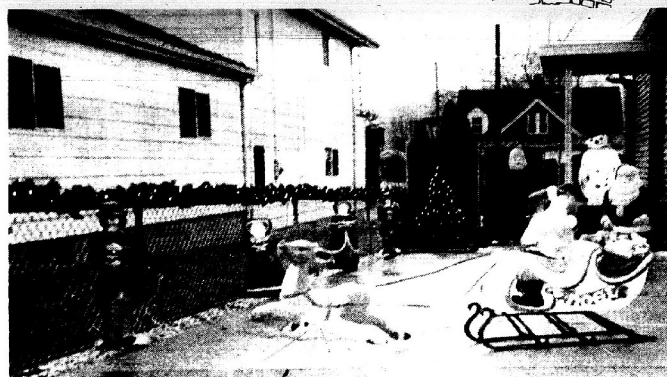
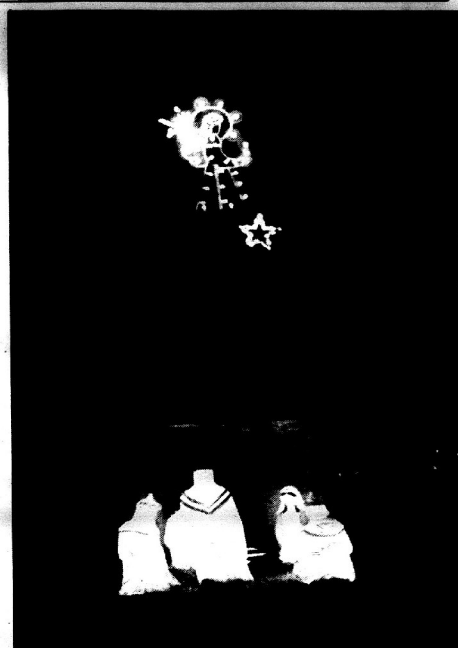
Snow, it's time for further action. The Brady Bill is now law, and the tide is rolling toward even stiffer measures.

This nation, this state and this city desperately need stricter controls on how many guns are available, who can get hold of these guns and the ease with which they can be obtained. And we need a criminal justice system that lives up to its name.

Gun Sunday may not have been a huge success. But it was a first step. Our entire nation must take the next step together. — *Lexington Herald-Leader*

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Floyd County Times.

# Christmas in the county



**Behr's** **GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES IN TOWN!!!**  
**OPEN SUNDAY 10AM TO 6PM**  
**TAKE AN EXTRA**  
**40% Off**  
**ENTIRE INVENTORY!**  
**JUNIOR • MISSES • PLUS SIZES**  
**• CASH • BANKCARDS ONLY • NO LAYAWAYS**  
MON.-WED., 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.; THURS, 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.;  
 NEW YEAR'S EVE, 10-5; NEW YEAR'S DAY, 10-6

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Following the teachings of Christ



**AUXILIARY**  
**Auxiliary Baptist Church, Auxier**, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer, Assistant, Soutine Farnum, Jr.  
**Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier**, Rt. 1, Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Larry Ruffin.

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

**ALLEN**  
**Allen First Baptist Church, Allen**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon.  
**Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky**, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lamm.

**BETSY LAYNE**  
**Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne**, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship & Youth Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul Grainger.  
**Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. 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 Cault.

**BETSY LAYNE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Terry 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 Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Vernon Stone.  
**BONANZA**  
**Bonanza Free Will Baptist, Abbott Creek Road**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

**CORN FORK**  
**Brandy Keg Free Will 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 Free Will Baptist, Cow Creek**, Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty.

**DANA**  
**Sammy Clark Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Dana**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hammond.  
**DAVID**  
**Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky**, Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Warrin Allen.

**DENVER**  
**Liberty Baptist Church, Denver**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Melvin Lee.  
**DRIFT**  
**Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

**DRIFT FREE WILL 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.  
**Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift**, Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

**EAST POINT**  
**Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1228**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Prayer Service, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 a.m.; Thursday Night, 6:30 a.m.; Pastor, Buster Haydon.  
**EMMA**  
**Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

**ESTILL**  
**Martin Branch Free Will Baptist, Estill**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

**GARRETT**  
**Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett**, 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.; 4th Saturday evening.

**Listen...**  
*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*  
 St. Luke 2:11, 14

at 5:30 p.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Stone, Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Mann.

**Rock Fork Free Will Baptist, Garrett, Ky**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brody Ambergue.  
**First Baptist Church, Garrett, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.**

**Garrett Church of God, Garrett, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.**

**GOBLE ROBERTS IN ADDITION**  
**Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr. Community Free Will Baptist, Goble Roberts, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Jack LeBossett.**

**GRETHLE**  
**Grethle Baptist Church, State Route 639, Bradham's Creek Road, telephone 847-2043**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David E. Gowers.

**HI HAT**  
**The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat**, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

**IVEL**  
**Tom's Creek Free Will Baptist, U.S. 23**, 1000 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

**LANCER**  
**Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer**, welcomes you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Betty Gags West.  
**Trinitie Chapel Free Will Baptist, Water Gap, Lancer, Kentucky**, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 10:45 a.m.; Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

**Pleasant Home Baptist Church, 1000 Water Gap Road, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Jackson.**

**LANGLEY**  
**Mastown United Methodist Church, Langley, Mastown**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Doug Hill.

**MARTIN**  
**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Midweek Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Rt. 80, Martin**, Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Relief Society, 10:00 a.m.; Sacrament Service, 11:20 a.m.

**First Assembly of God, Martin**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionaries & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorne Vannucci.

**Faith Bible Church, Martin**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Funds.

**Highland Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 27 S. First Avenue, Prestonsburg**, Sunday School, 9:40 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Michael M. Taylor.  
**Praise Assembly, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Services, Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Philip Robinson.**  
**Katy Friend Free Will Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.**  
**First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg**, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Rev. Robert Davis, Moderator of Session.

**First United Methodist Church, 60 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; W.P.R.T. AM, 11:00. Radio Broadcast WKXZ 105.5 FM, Pastor, Russell Holland.

**Victory Christian Ministries Church, 12 West Court Street, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, S. Williams.**

**Parkway Baptist, Mt. Parkway, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ed Taylor.**

**Church of Christ, South Lake Drive, Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.**  
**St. James Episcopal, University Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky.**, Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Luncheons immediately following services.  
**Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union**, meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director. Bill G. Gable, President. For more information, call 874-0468 or 478-2978.

**MAYTOWN**  
**Mastown First Baptist Church, Main Street, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.**

**MIDDLE CREEK**  
**Sparklock Bible Church, Sparklock Fork Church, Middle Creek, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzenman.**

**MOUNTAIN PARKWAY**  
**Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Rt. 114 East Mt. Parkway, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.**

**PRATER CREEK**  
**Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Gary East.**

**PRESTONSBURG**  
**Seventh Day Adventist, 1000 West 13th Street, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 9:15 Church Service, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Mike Loraker, 886-4454.**  
**Faith Christian Assembly of God, 433 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gary Cooper.**

**St. Martha's Church, Water Gap, Masses, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. David Powers.**

**Community United Methodist Church, 70 Burke Ave., Prestonsburg**, Morning Fellowship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Raymond E. Snider, Jr.

**Morning Star Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 128, 614 Rt. 23, Prestonburg**, 10:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Harold E. Hays.

**The Third Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Prestonsburg**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Manfred Lamont.

**First Christian Church, 422 North Third Avenue, Prestonsburg**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Harold Adams.

**PAINTSVILLE**  
**Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room, Carriage House Motel, Paintsville, Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLV (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor, Rev. Roland Bentrup.**

**PRINTER**  
**Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.**

**SALYERSVILLE**  
**Bethel Assembly of God, behind the Salyersville courthouse, nursery provided**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith.  
**St. Luke Catholic Mission Center, 1221 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465**, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Rev. David Powers, Pastoral Associate; St. Mary Catherine, Moderator of Session.

**Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weelsburg**, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.  
**Weelsburg Church of Christ**, Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

**WHEELWRIGHT**  
**Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Isaacs.**  
**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. Croft.**

**Wheelwright Free Will 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 Ferraro.**  
**Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton**, 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 Sandlin.

**Mike Sloane's PIC PAC**  
 Martin, Kentucky

**MUSIC**  
**CARTER HUGHES**

**WAL-MART®**  
*"Our people make the difference"*  
 PRESTONSBURG VILLAGE  
 886-6681

**Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home**  
 285-5155  
 Owned & operated by:  
 Roger Nelson & Glenn O. Frazier

**If you would like to help sponsor this page, Call 886-8506**

**Mike's B&W T.V. & Appliance**  
 North Lake Drive  
 886-9682

2565 South Lake Drive  
 Prestonsburg  
**CableVision**  
 886-2291

**LAYNE BROS.**  
 • Ford • Lincoln • Mercury • Honda  
 • Ford Trucks  
 Located between Prestonsburg and Pikeville  
 478-1234 • Ivel, Ky. • 886-1234

**SHONEY'S**  
 America's Dinner Table  
 Paintsville, Ky.  
 Phone (606) 789-2122

**Heilig-Meyers FURNITURE**  
 Prestonsburg Village  
 886-8668

These area businesses urge you to attend your place of worship this week!

### Preparing for holidays can help when dealing with family member's illness

The holidays can be a difficult time for those with a chronically ill family member, especially if a loved one is hospitalized during the holiday season. Emotional changes can be exhausting, painful, uncontrollable, difficult to explain and hard to understand. Here are some helpful hints on dealing with the holidays, provided by Alliant Cancer HELPLINK®.

\* Anticipate and acknowledge your sadness during the holidays, especially if your role as family member has changed. With your father in the hospital, for example, your role may reverse from daughter to caregiver and create a longing for the role you've lost.

\* Change your traditions. If you always were responsible for the holiday meal, let someone else host the family. Make sure you include family members in the decision to find an alternative that's most comfortable for everyone.

\* Escape loneliness that feeds depression and fear. Give yourself some moments to be by yourself, but as often as possible, surround yourself with family and friends.

\* Be nice to yourself. Give yourself a present, treat yourself to a special dinner or pamper yourself with a trip to the spa. Most important, take care of yourself with plenty of rest and well-balanced meals.

\* Set realistic expectations. Avoid the pressures of the holidays. Don't take on too much and embrace spontaneity.

\* Accept your emotions graciously. If you're angry or resentful about the holidays, don't put pressure on yourself to be joyful if you don't feel like it.

\* Ask for help. If you believe you need it, get in touch with a support group or someone who can provide professional guidance.

For more information on support groups or answers to questions about cancer, call the Alliant Cancer HELPLINK® at (502) 629-5555 in Louisville, or toll-free in Kentucky and Southern Indiana at 1-(800) 852-1770.

### A 'new' opera

"Stiffelio," airing on The Metropolitan Opera Presents on KFT at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, is the Met's premiere production of an early opera by Giuseppe Verdi, long thought to be lost.

Written just before Verdi's trio of masterpieces, Rigoletto, Il Trovatore, and La Traviata, the work revolves around the inner conflicts of the protagonists—an evangelical Protestant minister, his adulterous wife, and her lover.



### It's in the bag

More than 70 families connected with Prestonsburg Community College's Single Parent and Homemaker Program will have a merrier Christmas, thanks to the Christian Appalachian Project. Helping to sort through the bagage of goodies recently were, from left, Shirley Freeman of Hager Hill, Elizabeth Blackburn of Van Lear and Sheri Arms, with daughter Amber, of Theima. In addition to presents for family members, each of the 72 bags contained a geography game and food enough for a complete holiday dinner, ranging from ham to cake mix.

### Sixty-five Kentucky locations classified as labor surplus areas

Sixty-two counties, including Floyd County, and parts of three other counties have made the new list of federal labor surplus areas in Kentucky, giving local businesses an edge when bidding on some federal purchasing contracts.

New classifications are effective through September 30, 1994. "Labor surplus areas are classified so that more of the federal government's procurement dollars can go where people are in severe economic need. Employers in these areas are eligible for bidding preference on federal contracts, which may mean more work for people in those communities," said Carlos Cracraft, chief labor market analyst for the Cabinet for Human Resources.

Businesses qualified for the list based on their average unemployment rates from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 1992. Cities with populations of 25,000 or more and counties are designated labor surplus areas if their average jobless rates for that 24-month period were 8.5 percent or higher. The cutoff point was raised from the 1990-91 qualifying

rate of 7.4 percent, because it is based on the national average jobless rate, which increased.

Businesses in labor surplus areas are not assured federal purchasing contracts, but do have bidding preference on items such as military supplies.

"The primary reason so many Kentucky areas were deleted from this year's list was our jobless rate moved below the national average in 1992 for the first time in 13 years," he said. "The national rate rose from 6.7 percent in 1991 to 7.4 percent in 1992, while Kentucky's fell from 7.4 percent in 1991 to 6.9 in 1992."

"An area's unemployment must be 20 percent above the national level to be in this program. So, it's a good sign when one is dropped from the list, because it shows the economy in that area has improved," Cracraft said.

Areas can be added during the year if there is a large jump in unemployment because of incidents such as a major prolonged layoff or natural disaster. Other area counties classified as labor surplus areas were Johnson, Knott and Lawrence.

## Obituaries

### Polly Hall

Polly Hall, 29, of Martin, died Tuesday, December 21, at Printer in an automobile accident.

Born July 18, 1964 at McDowell, she was the daughter of Ike and Ida Ann Conn Meade of Martin.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, David Hall; one son, David Lee Hall of Martin; two daughters, Nekessha Hall and Desira Hall, both of Martin; three brothers, Phillip Meade, Jesse Meade and Levi Meade, all of Martin; and two sisters, Bertha Garrett of Allen and Ida Faye Stone of Mt. Sterling.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 24, at 11 a.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel with the minister Raymond Wright and others officiating.

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

### James Monte Conley Jr.

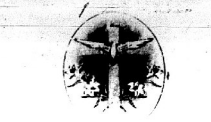
James Monte Conley Jr., 63, of Lackey, died Monday, December 20, at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., following a long illness.

Born December 23, 1930 at Lackey, he was the son of the late Monte and Amanda Gibson Conley. He was a retired U.S. Army 1st sergeant, serving in the Korean War and Vietnam War. He was also a barber.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Moore Conley; one son, James Barry Conley of Lackey; one stepson, Kenny Stone of Salt Lake City, Utah; one stepdaughter, Kim Jones of Wayland; two brothers, Paul Conley of Bonair, Georgia, and John Conley of Loveland, Ohio; three sisters, Erma McDonald of Lithonia, Georgia, Barbara Conley of Lackey and Jean Myers of Lawrenceburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 24, at 11 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Buddy Jones and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Bob Conley Cemetery at Lackey under the direction of Hall Funeral Home. Military services will be conducted by the Garrett DAV.



### Church Directory (continued)

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky. Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00. Roy Cosby, pastor.

WEST PRESTONSBURG Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 184, West Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School). Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Stephen Whitaker.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Don Shepherd.

First Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour, nursery provided; Pastor, Gary Arnold.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arner B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:40 p.m. Pastor, Willis Adkins.

WAYLAND Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

Wayland United Methodist Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.; Youth Meetings, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. (ages 11 & up); Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. (ages 10 & up); Pastor, Tom Puff.

Are you a victim of abuse? It will only get worse. Find help before the next beating. Call someone who can help. 886-6025 (Floyd County) 1-800-649-6605 (Outside Floyd County)

### There is life after stroke

His speech is slurred, his steps slow, his right arm limp.

Yet, two years after a debilitating stroke, Kenneth Carter is playing his saxophone.

"There's no mistake that when you see me, you know I'm disabled," says Carter, 59, of Bloomfield, Conn. "It's amazing not only to see me play, but to see me seem as healthy as I am. When I play in hospitals and rehabilitation centers and at recovery group meetings, I show stroke patients that you just don't stop."

Carter, who has learned to play with only his left arm, is proving his point. There is life after a stroke.

The battle to overcome the nation's leading debilitating disease and No. 3 killer behind heart attack and cancer is in part "up to you," Carter says. "You've got to want to do it."

To further enhance your recovery from stroke, the American Heart Association says rehabilitation should:

- \* Begin as soon as possible.
- \* Include strong family support.
- \* Be a team effort in which doctors, nurses and other health specialists work closely with the patient and the family.

Like the one Carter suffered on a July morning while his wife drove him to work, a stroke is often severe and sudden. It occurs when a blood vessel that brings oxygen to the brain either bursts or is clogged by a blood clot or another particle. This prevents blood from flowing to a part of the brain, which can lead to damaged or dead brain cells.

Strokes can alter your behavior and thought patterns, memory, senses, ability to move parts of your body, speech and your ability to understand speech.

But, like Carter, you can still enjoy life.

"I could have gone back to work, if I wanted to," says Carter, who left the hospital after a month of rehabilitation. "It has all worked out. But if I hadn't been able to play the sax again, at least I had the satisfaction of knowing I tried."

For more information on how you or someone you know can recover from a stroke, contact your local American Heart Association or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721).

## 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 feature 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.

**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.

**Eating Disorders Anonymous meeting**  
There will be an organizational meeting for an Eating Disorders Anonymous group at Highlands Regional Medical Center in the Floyd Room on January 6, at 6 p.m.

**Attention Eastern Kentucky veterans**  
Are you unemployed? Are you having a hard time paying rent or do you live with kids sleeping in a car because you can't afford housing? Volunteers of America provide free linkage to community-based services and employers. Call 886-4582 or come by the office at 708 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, for information.

**Attention state employees**  
Do you know what the state plans to do with your merit system? If you wish to present your views on the merit system as you know it, attend the meeting on January 6, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Prestonsburg Public Library to discuss what can be done to protect your rights as a state employee.

For more information call Lois Larson at 1-800-242-8721.

**Meeting day changed**  
The Floyd County Fish and Game Club, located at John's Branch, Maytown, will now meet on the first Sunday of each month instead of Monday, beginning January 2, at 7 p.m.

**Presbyterian church candlelight service on Christmas Eve**  
The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service of the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, will be held this evening (Friday) at 7:30 p.m.

The choir and congregation will sing the traditional carols and traditional scriptures will be read. The service will also include the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Earnest Walls will deliver the message. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

**St. Martha Catholic Community**  
Father David Powers and the Catholic Community of Floyd County invite you to celebrate Christmas with us. Everyone is invited!

FRIDAY	DECEMBER 24	11:30 p.m.	Office of Readings and Caroling
		Midnight	Mass
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 25	10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		11:00 a.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 26	11:00 a.m.	Mass

**JOY**  
YOU WILL KNOW THAT THE LORD IS COMING TO SAVE US AND IN THE MORNING YOU WILL SEE HIS GLORY.

H. C. 71, Box 1446, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Phone (606) 874-9526.

### Auction for scholarships

College scholarships, a law-mower, car tires, a year's supply of Chevron gasoline, a Rick Pitino autographed basketball, savings bonds, trips, and a gasoline-operated miniature car.

If any of these items sound like something you need, or would like to have, then you'll want to be tuned to a TV set the night of Tuesday, January 11, for the eighth annual Sweet 16 Academic Showcase Auction.

These and 113 other items will be auctioned to raise money for college scholarships for deserving Kentucky high school students who win in the 1994 Academic Showcase competition.

The auction will be held in Lexington Center's Heritage Hall and shown live from 8-11 p.m. on four area television stations reaching viewers in 66 counties.

Stations carrying the auction are WKYT-TV, Channel 27, WLKY-TV, Channel 18; local origination Telecab Channel 9, WTVO-TV, Channel 36 (10-11 p.m.) (all in Lexington) and WYMT-TV, Channel 57 in Hazard. WDKY-TV also will broadcast the auction but times have not been set.

Viewers will be able to see and hear an explanation of each item up for bid. Persons wishing to bid on an item, can phone in their bids using the phone number that will be shown on the screen.

This year, 1,500 students from 190 high schools competed in the Showcase, and a total of \$70,000 in scholarships was awarded.

PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
South Lake Drive at Entrance to Jenny Wiley Park  
Sun. Bible Study—10 a.m.  
Worship—10:45 a.m.  
6 p.m. Sid. Time  
7 p.m. D.L.S. Time  
Wed. Bible Study—7 p.m.  
We Welcome You and Your Bible Questions.  
Evangelist Bennie Blankenship, Ph. 886-6223, 886-3379

• 1968 • Silver Anniversary • 1993 •  
Hazard • Prestonsburg  
Lexington • Somerset  
Celebrate... the giving!  
• Central Kentucky Blood Center •  
DONATE BLOOD!  
PRESTONSBURG BLOOD CENTER'S  
13th ANNUAL DONORAMA  
DEC. 27 - 30, 12:00 - 8:00pm  
PRESTONSBURG HOLIDAY INN  
DONORS RECEIVE: \*FREE T-SHIRT  
\*SPECIAL REFRESHMENTS &  
\*WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN PRIZES  
DONATE BY LOCAL MERCHANTS  
I.D. with name and social security number required of all donors



The Floyd County Times

## A Look At Sports

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

### MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES...

I want to wish Aaron Hall of the South Floyd Readers a very Merry Christmas.

Ronnie Johnson

We wish Amy Lackett, a varsity cheerleader at Betsy Layne a very Merry Christmas.

Alonzo Dad Mark Trent

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...**  
To Dee Dee Martin of the Betsy Layne Lady Cats. Dee Dee turned 18 this past Wednesday. Happy birthday, Dee Dee!

### MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST...

I'd like a 6'5" player to move to Prestonsburg to play for the Blackcats. Well, make that 6'7".

A video tape for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats on "How To Consistently Hit Free Throws."

An instruction book, authored by Rick Pitino, for the Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats entitled "How To Defend The Treys."

Allen Central, a scoreboard with all the lights so we can watch it at home. Just some bulbs to replace the burned out ones. For a substitute basketball, entitled "Blocking Out On The Boards."

For the South Floyd Lady Rebels, a copy of a video entitled "101 Ways To Keep From Reaching On Defense."

For the South Floyd Lady Rebels, a copy of a video entitled "101 Ways To Keep From Reaching On Defense."

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO:**  
Coach Johnnie Martin and the South Floyd Lady Rebels.  
Coach Johnny Martin and the South Floyd Lady Rebels.

Coach Keith Henry and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.  
Coach Bill Newsome and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

Coach Jim Rose and the Radcliff Rebels.  
Coach Jimmy Hopkins and the South Floyd Lady Rebels.

Coach Gordon Pardo and the Prestonsburg Blackcats.  
Coach Britton Clay and her South Floyd Lady Blackcats.

Coach John Lett and the South Floyd Lady Blackcats.  
Coach Jim Rose and the Radcliff Rebels.

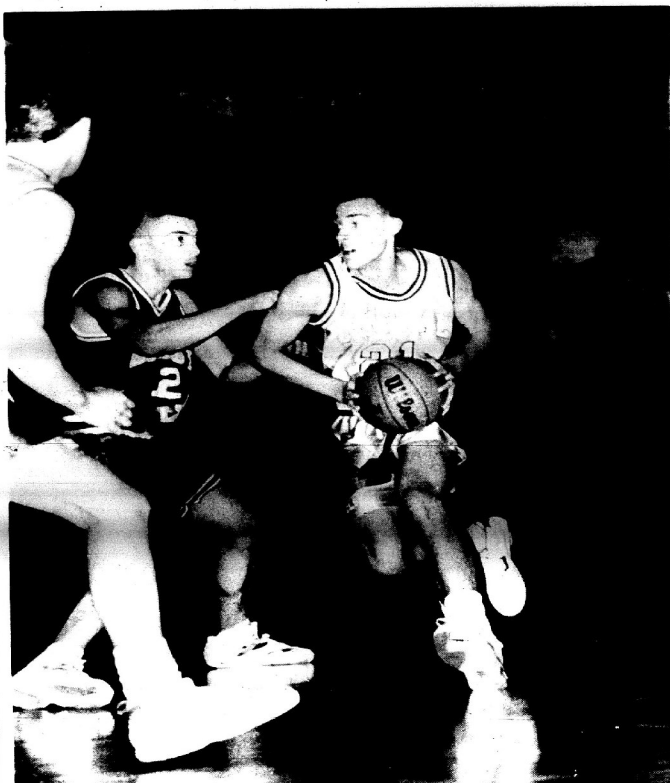
**ALSO TO MY COUNTERPARTS:**  
Coach Jim Rose and the Radcliff Rebels.  
Coach Jimmy Hopkins and the South Floyd Lady Rebels.

Coach Keith Henry and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.  
Coach Bill Newsome and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

Coach Jim Rose and the Radcliff Rebels.  
Coach Jimmy Hopkins and the South Floyd Lady Rebels.

Coach Keith Henry and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.  
Coach Bill Newsome and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

Coach Jim Rose and the Radcliff Rebels.  
Coach Jimmy Hopkins and the South Floyd Lady Rebels.



Going hard to the basket! Freshman Thomas Jenkins (21) goes to the basket for two of his five points against Shelby Valley Tuesday night at Allen Central. The Rebels posted a 72-69 win over the Wildcats—their ninth straight win to open the season. The Rebels travel to Prestonsburg next Tuesday for their first conference game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## In overtime, Rebels hold off Shelby Valley, 72-69

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Two teams of the 1993 Region II basketball tournament met Tuesday night at Allen Central Arena in the semifinals. Allen Central, from the South Floyd County, took a 72-69 victory over the Shelby Valley team from the Radcliff area.

The Rebels, coached by Johnnie Martin, were led by freshman Thomas Jenkins (21) who scored 15 points, including a game-winning shot in overtime. Jenkins' shot was a 17-foot jumper that hit the rim and bounced in.

Allen Central's other key players were senior guard Jason Marz (14) and senior forward Patton (13). Marz scored 14 points, including a game-winning shot in overtime. Patton scored 13 points, including a game-winning shot in overtime.

Shelby Valley, coached by David Bowling, was led by senior guard Jason Marz (14) and senior forward Patton (13). Marz scored 14 points, including a game-winning shot in overtime. Patton scored 13 points, including a game-winning shot in overtime.

The game was a close contest throughout. In the first quarter, Allen Central led 14-11. In the second quarter, the Rebels extended their lead to 28-20. In the third quarter, Shelby Valley fought back to tie the game at 44-44. In the fourth quarter, Allen Central pulled away to lead 62-54. In overtime, Allen Central held off Shelby Valley to win 72-69.

Allen Central's defense was a key factor in their victory. They held Shelby Valley to 28 points in the first half and 28 points in the second half. In overtime, Allen Central's defense was even stronger, holding Shelby Valley to 11 points.

Shelby Valley's offense was also strong. They scored 34 points in the first half and 35 points in the second half. In overtime, Shelby Valley scored 11 points.

The game was a physical one. Both teams fouled frequently. Allen Central fouled 18 times, while Shelby Valley fouled 17 times. Allen Central's free throw shooting was a key factor in their victory. They made 12 of 15 free throws, while Shelby Valley made 10 of 15 free throws.

Allen Central's victory was a significant one. It was their ninth straight win to open the season. The Rebels will travel to Prestonsburg next Tuesday for their first conference game.

Shelby Valley's loss was a disappointing one. They were the defending champion of the Region II tournament. They will play in the consolation game on Wednesday.

The game was a great one to watch. It was a physical and competitive one. Both teams played hard and gave their fans a great game.

## Adams Middle School captures Rax/Pikeville College Invitational

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Adams Middle School Blackcats placed three players in double figures. The Blackcats posted a 76-45 win over the Maytown Wildcats to capture the fifth annual Rax/Pikeville College Junior High Invitational Basketball Tournament this past Saturday night at Pikeville College.

It was the second time this season that Maytown lost to the Blackcats in a championship game. Adams defeated the Wildcats in the finals of the Right Beaver Classic.

Wes Samon led the scoring parade for Adams with 20 points. Andy Jarvis had a good outing with 15 points, and John Ortega scored 12. Adams held high-scoring Todd Howard to just eight points in the game with all his points coming in the first half. Timbo Hagans led Maytown with 12 points. Jackie Owens added eight.

Adams won easy over the Mountain Christian Academy 62-39 in the quarterfinals. Samons scored a game-high 22 points while Campbell added 10. Fitzpatrick and Ortega had nine each. Jarvis tossed in five as did Neil Hamilton. Drew Brown added two points.

Josh Luster scored 16 points to lead MCA. Ward Hale tossed in 12 and Bryon Stapleton scored 11. MCA hit six three-pointers in the game with Luster connecting on three and Stapleton hit three. Adams had five treys. Samons and Ortega hit two each and Fitzpatrick had one.

Adams led 23-10 after the first quarter and 37-10 at the half.

Maytown won overorton in their quarterfinal game, 72-50, behind Howard's 24 points. Owens tossed in 15 points for the winners while Sloane

Championship game

ADAMS (76)	fg	3pt	ft	tp
Samons	7	2	9-10	20
Ortega	5	0	2-2	12
Jarvis	6	0	6-3	15
Campbell	1	0	0-0	2
Hamilton	4	0	0-0	8
Fitzpatrick	0	1	2-4	4
Bailey	2	0	0-0	4
Willis	1	0	0-0	2
Burke	4	0	1-0	8
Brown	1	0	0-0	2
Yates	0	0	2-1	1

MAY TOWN (45)

ADAMS (76)	fg	3pt	ft	tp
Howard	2	1	2-1	8
Martin	2	1	0-0	7
Sloane	2	0	0-0	4
Webb	0	0	2-2	4
Hagans	2	1	7-5	12
Osborne	0	0	4-2	2
Owens	0	2	2-2	8
Davis	0	1	0-0	3

Adams.....23 20 22 13 - 76  
Maytown.....7 10 15 13 - 45

## Missed free throws cost South Floyd in 78-77 loss to Cardinals

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

For South Floyd coach Jim Rose, basketball woes continued Tuesday night as the Raiders failed to connect from the free throw line and went down to their third consecutive defeat at the hands of the Sheldon Clark Cardinals. South Floyd dropped a 78-77 decision to San Sparks' club at home.

With 49 seconds left in the game, Alan Joe Moore tossed the charity stripe to shoot the bonus shot. But the senior forward missed on the first try and the Cardinals came up with the basketball. Jeff Cook, who came off the bench, pulled a three-point basket that drilled his team to within one, 77-76.

Matt Rose took a charity loss for South Floyd with 26 seconds remaining only to have the ball hit hard off the back of the rim into the hands of a Sheldon Clark player. Jason Pinson spotted Jason Evans wide open under the basket and hit him with a pass. Evans laid the ball in for a 78-77 Sheldon Clark lead with just 11 ticks left on the clock.

Charles Johnson took a final shot for South Floyd that missed the mark. The win for the Cardinals snapped a four game losing streak and improved the Cards to 2-5 on the season. South Floyd fell to 4-4.

The two teams were tied at 60 at the end of the third period. Pinson's long jumper gave the Cardinals a 62-60 lead before a layup by Moore tied the game at 62. Rob Duncan entered the game and hit a layup. Ho Rogers rebounded the ball and free throw gave the Raiders a 65-64 lead. Duncan banked in a baseline jumper and the Cardinals led 66-65.

Chad Stone hit his second three-point basket of the game to give South

SHELBY VALLEY (69)

ADAMS (76)	fg	3pt	ft	tp
Burke	11	0	3-2	22
Mullins	2	2	3-1	11
Stewart	1	0	3-2	4
Mann	1	1	6-5	22
Johnson	2	0	2-1	5
Allen	0	1	0-0	3

ALLEN CENTRAL (72)

ADAMS (76)	fg	3pt	ft	tp
Hall	6	2	14-11	29
Mann	3	1	1-0	9
Samons	2	0	2-2	6
Jarvis	0	2	0-0	6
Jenkins	2	0	2-1	5
Stumbo	2	1	1-0	7
Patton	3	0	10-2	10

Shelby Valley.....22 14 19 10-4 - 69  
Allen Central.....17 17 12 19-7 - 72

# Courtside Comments

**NEWSPAPER PLAYS PART...**  
 Pages of the Floyd County Times could be seen at the South Floyd/Allen Central game Friday night at South Floyd. The students from South Floyd made reading the paper apart of their evening when the Allen Central team was being introduced or was shooting a free throw.

**STATUS OF HAMILTON...**  
 Chris Hamilton, as of Monday, was awaiting word on his being able to play basketball for the Prestonsburg Blackcats. Hamilton transferred from South Floyd to Prestonsburg after playing the first four games with the Raiders.

Hamilton scored 17 points coming off of the bench against Allen Central in the first game of the preseason tournament. He started the next game and tossed in 17 points before being relegated to the bench. Hamilton's minutes dwindled after the second game and he saw just over two minutes of playing time against Pikeville. He then decided to transfer to Prestonsburg.

**PACK IS JUST AWAITING BASEBALL...**  
 Former Wheelwright coach Jackie Pack says that he has decided to sit out this basketball season and will await the start of the baseball season at Allen Central.

Pack was an assistant to Johnny Martin and coached the junior varsity team. However, Pack has stepped down as the JV coach and is just a fan of the Rebels.

However, he said that he hasn't given up on basketball and is still hoping to become a head basketball coach somewhere in the future.

**SOUTH FLOYD P.L.O.Y.D....**  
 What a change that the Wheelwright gym. The art class at South Floyd High School has been busy using their talents to dress up the gym. They have pennies (or painted) the name South Floyd across the wall near the dressing rooms at the Wheelwright gym. School principal Jerry Stewart said that the art class made all the changes to the gym and that the name "Raiders" will be applied to the wall near the entrance. The South Floyd Art Class is proud of what they have accomplished.

**SPEAKING OF SOUTH FLOYD...**  
 What a great job the South Floyd band does with the National Anthem. They may not be the largest band around, but they are the loudest and do a great job. The band likes to needle the officials when they make a call. They strike up with a rendition of "Three Blind Mice." However, there's only two officials.

**CERTAINLY, A MESS AT D.W. HOWARD.**  
 If you plan to attend a ballgame at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse, you had better go early if you want to find an inkling of a parking space. Betsy Layne is without any parking at all around the gym and fans are having to park on the streets as well as on the four lane. It's a mess that school officials are happy with. And the 58th District Tournament is scheduled to be played there this year.

Look out, Prestonsburg. Here they come again!

**BUTTERFLIES OR NOT...**  
 Keith Henry got his head coaching career off to a solid start when Betsy Layne defeated Johnson Central Friday night and Millard Saturday evening. The Rebels were impressive and Henry must be glad the first two are over with on a successful note.

**COACH MARTIN UNDER WEATHER...**  
 It has been a rough two weeks for Allen Central's coach Johnny Martin.

- Rough in the fact that he has been down with a bad cold.
- Rough in the fact that he can't holler at his players from the bench.

As long as the Rebels are winning, he will survive the cold.

Do you remember...  
 The fight that broke out between players from Allen Central and South Floyd to start the season? You know... the fight that resulted in five players being ejected.

Well, Friday night there was another fight. But this time not between the players but fans. No one was hurt in the melee. The offenders were escorted out by the some of the county's finest.

**SPEAKING OF THE COUNTY'S FINEST....**  
 The South Floyd/Allen Central game was well policed. The county sheriff's department had their men there. The city police were represented and the state police were in attendance. The fans appreciated their being there.

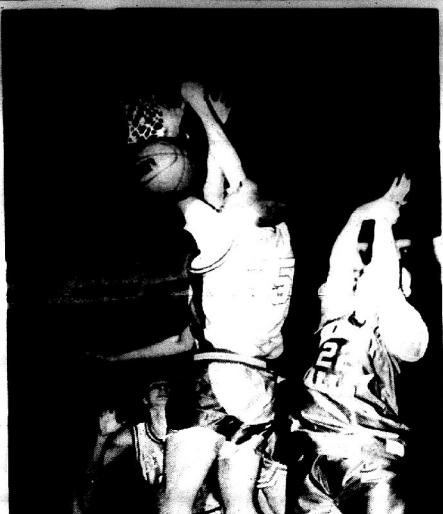
**KEEP YOUR EYE ON....**  
 The Betsy Layne Lady Cats have two freshmen players who are going

to receive a lot of attention in the next three years. Penny Tackett and Jessica Johnson are solid high school players right now for the Lady Cats and several coaches have said that they are very much impressed with the two. We all agree. They are two outstanding players and Coach Bill Newsome has two prizes right there.

**MCKINNEY RETURNS...**  
 Veronica McKinney has returned to the Allen Central Lady Rebels lineup after missing the first eight games with an injured foot. McKinney scored eight points on her return against M.C. Napier.

**CLAY STILL MISSING...**  
 Jamie Clay is still "missing in action" for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats. Coax Bridget Clay's ballclub is in need of her presence in guiding this year's team. Look for Clay to come back quicker than expected.

**Merry Christmas**  
 From Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor



**Stuffed!**  
 Phillip Patton (55) of Allen Central had this shot blocked by Matt Baker of Shelby Valley as the two teams met in a big regional matchup. Patton hit a free throw that sent the game into overtime. He scored 10 points in the Rebels' 72-69 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**Adams** (Continued from A 8)  
 Floyd a 68-66 lead. The game was tied at 68 when the Cardinals went on a 7-0 run to take a 73-68 advantage. Pinson's 14-foot jumper and Scott Davis' three-point basket followed by two free throws by Pinson accounted for the run.

Matt Rose drilled four consecutive free throws and Rogers scored and made to give the lead back to South Floyd. Moore hit two free throws with 1:08 left and the lead was three, 76-73. The final score for South Floyd came when Johnson hit the front end of a two-shot foul that gave the Raiders a 77-73 advantage.

Davis led all scorers with 24 points, including six three pointers. Pinson added 20 and Evans tossed in 16. Duncan had 11 points off the bench.

Moore topped the Raiders with 18 points. Slone finished with 16 and Rose had 11. John Hall scored nine and Johnson and Ryan Hamilton netted eight each. Rogers finished with seven.

WEDDINGTON THEATRE  
**MRS. DOUBTFIRE**  
 Rated PG-13  
 Christmas Day  
 4:15, 7:00, & 9:30  
 Daily  
 1:30, 4:15, 7:00 & 9:30

## Melvin Cougars off to 5-3 start under Coach Pack

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

The Melvin Cougars have gotten their 1993-94 elementary basketball season off to a successful start as the holiday break nears.

The Cougars are 5-3 on the season under coach Dale Pack. John M. Stumbo has been the thorn in the Cougars' paw as they have handed Melvin two of the three losses.

Melvin opened their season with a 58-38 win over Rogers Johnson's Osburn Eagles with Coby Little and Justin Holbrook tossing in 16 points each. The Cougars grabbed a 19-10 first quarter lead and led 34-15 at the half. It was a 48-29 game after three quarters.

Little had 10 points in the first period with Holbrook scoring six in the second, including a three-point basket. Tim Butler led Osburne with 10 points.

In game two, Melvin posted a 42-27 win over Prater Creek in the Allen Invitational Tournament. Justin Holbrook led the way with 14 points and Coby Little tossed in nine. Adam Tackett had six points for the winners.

Matt Kidd led Prater Creek with 14 points and Clifton Boyd added nine.

Melvin held Prater scoreless in the first quarter, jumping out to a 11-0 lead. It was 24-6 at the half.

Adam Tackett scored 12 points, but it wasn't enough. Stumbo posted a 75-33 win over the Cougars for a 2-1 record. Brent Hamilton and Justin Holbrook had six points each. Nick Compton added four.

Craig Johnson led Stumbo with 25 points. Neil Newsome added 13 for the winners and Russell Hall

scored 12.

Melvin got back on the winning track with a 57-38 win over the Duff Bulldogs. Tackett led the way with 21 points and Justin Holbrook followed with 16 points. Coby Little added 10.

Nick Samons scored 11 for Duff with Ryan Owens adding 13.

Melvin led 18-10 after the first quarter and went to the locker room at halftime with a 32-18 advantage. The win improved the Cougars to 3-1 on the season.

The Maytown Wildcats of Rick Hancock moved into town and went home with a 53-38 win over Melvin for the Cougars' second loss of the season. Coby Little led the Cougars with 14 points and Holbrook tossed in 11. Adam Tackett had seven and Nick Compton scored six.

Timbo Hagan led Maytown with 16 points and Ethan Martin had 11 points. Todd Howard finished with 14 points.

Maytown's defense was too much for the Cougars who trailed 15-7 after the first quarter.

The Harold Red Devils provided the opposition in the sixth game of the season. Melvin hit 22 of 29 free throw attempts on their way to a 64-51 win over Harold.

Adam Tackett led the Cougars with 25 points and Holbrook added 19. Brent Hamilton scored 10.

Jonathan Triplett led Harold with 24 points. Shannon Potter netted 13 points. The win gave the Cougars a 4-2 record.

In the Allen Invitational Tournament, Melvin fell to Stumbo's 48-37 as Brent Tackett and Neil Newsome scored 13 points each to lead the Mustangs. Kenneth Johnson had nine points.

## Rebels

(Continued from A 8)

and pulled down six rebounds. Steve Turner had five rebounds and scored six points. Patton finished with six boards.

The "B.B. boys" led the Wildcats' attack. Matt Baker and Nathan Burger each scored 22 points. Mullins finished with 11.

Allen Central (9-0) will play their first conference game Tuesday night when they travel to Prestonsburg.

## South Floyd

(Continued from A 8)

added 12. Martin and Hagan each scored nine points.

Jason Tackett led the Wildcats with 23 points.

Howard scored 12 of his 24 points in the third period. Maytown took a 16-9 lead after the first quarter and led 31-17 at the half. Durbin played a lot stronger in the third quarter and a 25-17 spurt by Maytown in the fourth.

In another tournament game, the Allen Eagles fell to the Elkhorn City Cougars in the quarterfinals 47-35.

Kyle Conley led the Eagles with 13 points while playing with the flu. Billy Muchess chipped in with nine points while Jason Keathley added six. Nathan Leslie scored three with Ian Slone and Earl Akers scoring two each.

**\$1.99**

**Jerry's Husky**  
 Two large buttermilk pancakes served with maple syrup, two eggs and choice of bacon or seasoned sausage patties.

7 Days a Week - 6 a.m.-11 a.m.

**No one brings more to the table!**  
 Offer ends February 1, 1994.

Available at participating Jerry's Restaurants.  
 Not valid with any other coupon or discount.

**Jerry's**  
 FAMILY RESTAURANT

**HAROLD WHITE LUMBER**  
 Attention,  
**Loggers & Sawmillers:**  
**HAROLD WHITE LUMBER**  
 in Morehead, Kentucky  
**IS BUYING HIGH-GRADE  
 HARDWOOD SAW LOGS  
 AND LUMBER.**

**Top prices paid.**

International scale, 20% more measure than Doyle.  
 Veneer logs also bought at same location by Richard White Wood Products.

Located 1 Mile North I64 Interchange, Rt. 32, Morehead

**606/784-8158**



News  
of the Weird  
A 12

Natasha's Stars  
A 12

Soap Scraps  
A 12

Friday Comics  
A 13



'TIS THE SEASON

In the true spirit of the holiday season, my family has made me realize that family support, brotherly love, caring about others, and sharing is not what it's all cracked up to be.

This startling discovery was made over the weekend when we celebrated Christmas with my sisters and their families in Williamstown, Kentucky.

"Did you buy a Powerball ticket?" my brother-in-law Ed asked.

"Nope. Why?" I queried.

"Seventy million dollaroneys. That's why."

"It's up to 70 mil? I suppose it's worth my while to buy a ticket or two."

"Don't bother buying one," my older sister Melinda said. "I've already won, and the money's in the bank."

"That's wonderful," I replied. "I won't buy one since I'll soon be the recipient of 14 million dollars."

"Where are you going to get 14 million dollars?" she asked.

"Well, you have three sisters and a mother. If you divide 70 million by 5 that leaves 14 million."

"Your mathematical skills are excellent, but you've got one other glitch. I wasn't planning on giving you 14 million," she answered seriously.

Melinda is the biggest joker among the four girls. Surely she was jesting. What one had, we all had. That's the way it had always been in our family.

"Okay, Melinda," I giggled.

"How much had you planned on giving me if you won?"

Melinda never natted an eye when she replied. "I thought I'd let you call me every couple of weeks and ask for money. You know I'd let you have it if you needed it."

I couldn't believe my ears. My own sister. My flesh and blood.

"Sara, I wouldn't give you 14 million either," Amanda said boldly. "I'd give you something, but not 14 million."

Now it was two out of three against me.

"I suppose you wouldn't give me 14 million either would you, Jenny?" I asked as I turned to my last and final sister.

She looked at me for what seemed like an eternity when she finally replied. "If I win, you can have it all. What would I do with 14 million dollars?"

Naturally, within seconds the husbands had put their two cents worth in. And when you're talking in millions, two cents doesn't mean a thing; however, in this case it wouldn't have meant anything anyway. This is particularly true in our family because we acquired the men strictly through marriage. Anything they say can and will be held against them.

"I can't believe this!" I screamed. "I had already made it up with Mother that if I won, she would act as if she had won so she could divide the money evenly. I could certainly take care of my family with 14 million. Why would you need all 70 million?"

"Sara, have you ever seen a person with 14 million who didn't want more?"

"But that's greedy, Melinda. And you're not greedy," I protested.

"Sara," Jimmie interrupted. "If you won 14 million, every person you cared about would be driving \$50,000 cars. It would be like being a millionaire for a day. Anyway, this argument is pointless. Nobody here is going to win \$2, let alone 70 million."

Jimmie, you don't understand! I whined. "If Melinda or Amanda won, they wouldn't"

Smile  
Awhile

Sara Hopson

# Extra

THE TIMES' WEEKEND

## She's got the look...

A local teenager appears in the pages of the January issue of "Teen Magazine."

Alison Allen, 17, of Prestonsburg was selected as a regional semifinalist in "Teen Magazine's 1994 Great Model Search contest."

If she is chosen as the 1994 Model Discovery of the Year, she will receive a \$5,000 cash award from Maybelline and an appearance in a national Maybelline ad. Plus, she'll receive modeling opportunities with the program's sponsors.

Alison was selected as a regional semifinalist from the 24,000 entries received at "Teen. Only 360 are chosen. Twelve girls are selected in each of the six regions for five months appearing in the January to May issues.

The field is narrowed to twelve girls for each region, and finally to twelve national finalists. The finalists receive an all-expense paid trip to National Finals Week.

The winner, selected from the twelve finalists, will appear on the cover of the October issue of "Teen. If Alison wins, she will be in a long line of successful models, such as Cheryl Tiegs, who have

launched their careers on "Teen's cover. Past Great Model Search discoveries include Faith

Ford of CBS's "Murphy Brown" and Tiffani Amber Theissen of NBC's "Saved By The Bell."

Alison did not seek the honor. Someone else submitted the photo to "Teen."

"Everyone tells her she should be a model," said her mom, Rita, "because of her height. Alison is 5'10 1/2," the shortest and youngest of her siblings. Sister Amy is 6'1" and Robyn is 5'11."

Rita Allen is used to her family being in the limelight. Her husband, James, formerly served as commonwealth attorney and county attorney for Floyd County, and her daughters always stand out in a crowd.

"When we go to a mall, you should see the attention they get," said the proud mom, "especially Amy. She's so tall."

Alison is a junior at Prestonsburg High School. A former cheerleader, she has been keeping in shape by working out and attending exercise classes with her friends. She's also a big fan of Prestonsburg High School football and basketball.

The January issue of "Teen is on sale now in area stores.



Alison Allen

## Poperri

by Scott Parry

We've got our own version of that popular holiday song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at our house.

- Two Siamese cats.
- One Scottie pup.
- Two river cooters.
- One hermit crab.
- Two crazy kids.
- One ripshank.
- And a ceramic squirrel in our oak tree.

For those of you keeping score, please note that frogs are out of season. Look for them in the spring and summer lineup.

The most recent additions to the Perry zoo are Marv and Harry, the cooters. (Those are turtles to the uninformed)

They will eat anything, fingers included, that passes by their mouths.

Also within the past several days, we have become the proud parents of Midge, the wonder dog (as in, we wonder where she is going to go next).

Midge is a seven-week-old Scottish Terrier whose nose is longer than her legs. She'll eat just about anything, too, but is particularly partial to ankles which is about as high up the "food chain" as she can reach.

The pup is still something of a curiosity to our Siamese twins, Betty and Veronica, who have managed for the moment to call a ceasefire in the never-ending assault on the terrarium inhabited by Lewis Lizzard, our resident ripshank (that's a fence lizard to the uninformed).

The cats even managed once to extricate Lewis from his abode, but made the mistake of offering their catch to the wife and daughter, who immediately created an exit in our family room where none existed before.

In the commotion, Lewis was recaptured and secured in his terrarium by massive amounts of duct tape.

The cats, meanwhile, have taken to the high ground in the interest of self-preservation and to avoid the need for the ankle guards Midge forces the rest of us to wear.

My favorite of all our creatures has to be the ceramic squirrel in the old oak tree.

It eats very little and, most importantly, doesn't force a guy to watch his step.

## Truth, Justice & the American Way

by Geoff Belcher

And now a little poem, with apologies to Clayton Moore or whoever that dude was who wrote the original.

It was the night before Christmas, And all through the White House, Not a creature was stirring, Not a Hillary, in a night blouse.

Bill was in his jammies After a little night cap, And had sealed, like Reagan, For a long winter's nap.

When all of a sudden, Hillary did spy, Bill had awakened With a gleam in his eye.

"What are you doing?"

She asked with a shriek, Bill said not a word, But took off like a streak

Down, down the hall, Bill ran and he ran 'Til finally he came to The Lincoln room can

And laying his finger Beside his nose He put on a dress And some l'eggs pantyhose

Raving and screaming, Bill began to confess, I Edgar Hoover His body had possessed

He jumped to his feet, And out of control, He started having paranoid schizophrenic delusions Like H. Ross Perot

He rushed to a phone, And summoned all his staff And said, "I'll kill you all, 'Til just one of you laughs."

Then to a sleigh, One by one he hitched 'em, Then scratched at his skirt Then l'eggs, they sure t'ched 'em

Off into the night, They flew like reindeer, Bill whipping them on, As he sipped on a cold beer

Then all at once, He started to shout: "You'd better be good, 'And you'd better not pout!"

"Happy up," he continued,

"Turn on the back burner; 'We've much to do, 'If I'm not going to be a one-termer today, so the metres off—who cares!"

"On Packwood, on Reno, 'And on Rostenkowski, 'Shut Rush Limbaugh up, 'And I mean right now—ski (see parenthetical remarks about metered verse above)!"

"Fix healthcare, fix welfare, 'Put gays in the military, 'The voters think I'm a whimp, 'Thanks to ol' Hill-ary!"

"Well, I'll show them," He said with a grin, Then started laughing And slapping his shin.

(See Truth, B 2)

CHUCK SHEPHERD

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Nude dancer Dora Oberling, 30, was recovering nicely from a gunshot wound inflicted by a 75-year-old man during an argument outside the Newby's Lounge in Tampa, Fla., in October. Tampa police Sgt. M.D. Smith said that paramedics treating Oberling told him that her breast implants "might have saved her life" by slightly deflecting the bullet aimed at her chest.

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

James Wilson, who cannot speak of heart was charged with attempted rape in 1975 at the age of 29. Wilson, a psychiatric therapist in Washington, N.C., after he was declared incompetent to stand trial. He has lived there ever since, even though the rape charge was dropped. In 1992 the state ruled that Wilson, by then aged 45, could receive the hospital to live in a mental institution. Wilson's state has a 1993 law which would have allowed him to be hospitalized because he is "incompetent to stand trial." Wilson is being held in a hospital because he is "incompetent to stand trial." Wilson is being held in a hospital because he is "incompetent to stand trial."

Russian officials reported that U.S. economist Michael Dasaro, 35, died of a routine heart attack in Moscow in November. However, the officials acknowledged that robbers had ransacked Dasaro's apartment either shortly before or shortly after his death. When the body arrived at the home of a family member in Peabody, Mass., later in the month, Dasaro's heart was missing.

In December, Bill Holcomb, a disabled, \$5-an-hour bell-ringer for the Salvation Army stationed in front of a Kmart in St. Petersburg, Fla., was fired for failure to bring in enough money. The area Salvation Army commander said, "We tell those who come in that this (job) isn't for everyone."

Reuters news service reported in November that Iraq has become a major supplier in the world market for human kidneys and other organs. Officials say the increase in donors was caused by the 1990 United Nations economic sanctions which have reduced the value of Iraqi money by 90 percent.

In November, the city of Bombay, India, on a cleanup campaign, announced it had 70 job openings for teachers. It received 40,000 applications, half from college graduates.

The Wall Street Journal reported in September that the government of Switzerland had purchased

65 million potassium iodide pills, enough to feed everyone in the country to take in case of a nuclear accident. The pills, supposed to prevent radiation from accumulating in the thyroid gland and thus avert one type of cancer associated with a nuclear accident.

In November, the Grand Canyon claimed its seventh death-by-fall victim of the year. At least two people toppled over backward as they tried to position themselves to accommodate family photographers. Said the director of a local outdoors group, "A lot of tourists approach the Grand Canyon and think it's idiot-proof. The Grand Canyon wasn't built by attorneys and engineers."

In a September lawsuit for wrongful firing, former Pepsi Corp. salesman Paul J. Corren, 64, said his country director in Cape Verde, Africa, dismissed him because Corren is homosexual. When the director thought Corren was a "f---in' queer," Corren said he was fired. Corren was ordered to "conspicuously" say good-bye in his front yard to any local male visitors each afternoon so as to assure the neighbors that the visitors were not staying overnight. This summer, the government of China proposed a program to raise money by launching the ashes of dead people into space — either on a 12-year voyage or forever. NASA criticized the program, pointing out that it would merely increase the debris in space.

In July, a 20-year-old University of Saskatchewan student, after climbing out of a ditch where he had survived a truck accident minutes before, was run over and killed by a tractor-trailer. In October, a 40-year-old Kansas City, Kan., man, who had just survived a truck accident on Interstate 635, died when he fell over the side of a bridge as he was getting out of the truck. And on that same October day, a 25-year-old man, who had just survived ramming his truck

into a utility pole in DeKalb, N.Y., stepped on a severed power line as he walked toward the highway and was electrocuted.

The Toronto Globe and Mail reported in October on the religious importance of Pepsi Cola in the town of San Juan Chamula, in southern Mexico. Practicing a blend of Christianity and worship of Mayan gods, many parishioners believe their leaders' doctrine that because Pepsi has more bubbles than Coca-Cola, it is closer to the sun and thus more powerful. Bottles of Pepsi appear among holy artifacts inside local churches, and some leaders believe in the curative healing powers. Coca-Cola officials say the dominance is due purely to Pepsi's payment of kickbacks to the leaders.

CREME DE LA WEIRD

Imprisoned mass murderer Charles Manson struck deals for himself in November. He will receive 10 cents royalties for each shirt sold by a vendor who uses his likeness on "Charlie Don't Surf" T-shirts. And the new Guns N' Roses album contains an unpublished song, "Look at Your Game, Girl," reportedly written by Manson before he was imprisoned. A source told the Associated Press that Manson's royalties could reach \$60,000 if the album sells a million copies.

I DON'T THINK SO

Councilman Larry Goodend of Alvin, Texas, who said publicly in February that he thought only Christians should be allowed to hold public office in the U.S., was further criticized for using a racial slur. However, he said the only reason he used the slur was because he was role-playing during a "training exercise" and had been asked by the "public relations" people conducting the exercise to use language that would offend minorities. (Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 858, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738.)

BY SELI GROVES

SOAP SCRAPS

HAPPY NEW YEAR: You might like to know that there could be a new soap opera in 1994. The NBC soaps said to be close to air time includes "The Other Side of the Mountain," which would cross the border before the end of the new year.

Speaking of an NBC soap, I slipped on a soap scrap last week and inadvertently credited "One Life to Live" instead of "Days of Our Lives" as the soap in which Jason Brooks (Peter Onorati) died from a recurring tumor.

And, speaking of "Days," soon after I reported that Susan Seaford Hayes and Bill Hayes would return to the soap over the Christmas holidays as Julie and Doug, your letters came in suggesting that they can't find a place for the couple on the show full time, then they should allow them to make regular appearances on the set. No doubt, the Hayes of "Days" have a lot of loyal fans who won't let up until, as one fan wrote, "Days of Our Lives" sees the light."

"As the World Turns" star, Paolo Segalini, Duranin stars in "The Courtesan and the Harlot," opening January 13 at New York's South Street Theater. (Reviews start January 6.) For information, call 1-212-875-7911.

After leaving her role as Chelsea Reynolds in "Cresting Light" and before returning to "Amen," you may like to have a Bill's daughter Bushman, Kassy. Will keep busy appearing on such shows as "Melrose Place," "Baywatch" and "Prime Time Live."

CANDY NEWS: Anna Herrera was well-travelled. Another World in the Heart of King Baker, a woman who arrived in Bay City with a teenage boy, named Jess, and a younger girl named Beverly. Anna, previously played Sharon Brader, had a son with her. Sharon's real life partner, Mike, will recall that Sharon was pregnant with Beverly's child.

McCartney's 25th birthday party in Bay City to find that her mother's husband, John Hudson, David's brother, had returned. He had a daughter, Kelly, named after her mother, who is planning to meet Amy Carlson, makes her first on-screen appearance on December 31.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 to December 21: Extra things will be a top priority in the coming weeks. You're entering a reflective period which brings change for the better. An outside entertainment may just live up to your lofty expectations this weekend, but you won't be disappointed.

CAPRICORN

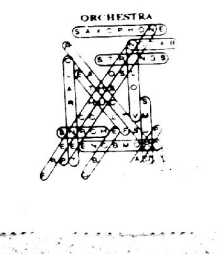
December 22 to January 19: A friend from the past dramatically reenters your life. A club activity will be of great interest to you in the coming weeks. Be close-mouthed about business interests. Stock up on necessities and deal with other domestic priorities.

AQUARIUS

January 20 to February 18: Though business matters turn for the better in the coming weeks, this week you may find it difficult reaching your goals. You may begin to understand the weekend's emotional and creative interests. Romance beckons.

PISCES

February 19 to March 20: In the coming New Year, you'll be happily signing up for a course, lecture or seminar. You may be faced with some more frustrating situations this week. If you're in a partner relationship, try to save the relationship.



Truth

(Continued from B 1) "Tax liquor, tax cigarettes. "Yes, tax even gas. "And just tell of 'H. Ross. "He can just kiss my uhhh, gas tax." "Yes, Virginia, this is a family newspaper."

And as the sleigh continued on, Way out of sight, Bill hollered "Merry Christmas to all, And to all a good night!"

"Except or Rush I'm bawling, because he really chafes my goodness."

Smile

(Continued from B 1) divide equally with us." "Neither would I." Jimmie replied truthfully. "I'd make you," I declared. "Can't do that, Sara. As your spouse I'm entitled to 50 percent."

While other families are anticipating the joy and happiness that the holiday season brings, I'm going to trace my family tree and find out who was related to Scrooge.

W. C. THORNDYKE MDCM FRCS Specialist in Urology Suite 201, Three Rivers Medical Plaza Louisville, Ky. 40202 Office Hours: 9:00-5:00, Mon.-Fri.

Orders From Headquarters! Book Your Holiday Party at Jerry's of Prestonsburg Day or Night P.S. GIFT CERTIFICATE (A great stocking stuffer)

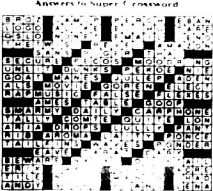


Thank you for your Patronage JCPenney WILL BE CLOSING TODAY AT 6 P.M. All stores will open Sunday, Dec. 26 at 1:00 p.m.

After-Christmas Sale & Clearance

- 25%-60% Off Fine Jewelry
• 25%-50% Off Men's, Young Men's & Women's Outerwear
• 25%-33% Off Bras, Briefs, Bikinis, Daywear & Shapewear
• 20% Off Children's Apparel, Socks & Underwear
• JCPenney Winter White Sale Now in Progress!

WOMEN WOMEN MEN KIDS 25-50% OFF SWEATERS 60% OFF SELECTED GOLD CHAINS AND BRACELETS 30-50% OFF OUTERWEAR 20-40% OFF DIAMONDS 50% OFF SILK SHIRTS 30-50% OFF LONG LEATHER SKIRT 25-50% OFF JUNIOR FLEECE 40% OFF LONG LEATHER SHIRT 25-50% OFF WOOD, LEATHER, PAINT OR BLAZER 60% OFF SELECTED GOLD CHAINS AND BRACELETS 20-40% OFF DIAMONDS 30-40% OFF SELECTED GEMSTONES 30-50% OFF JUNIOR DENIM SHIRTS 50% OFF SILK SHIRTS 30-40% OFF LONG LEATHER SKIRT 25-50% OFF JUNIOR FLEECE 40% OFF WOOD, LEATHER, PAINT OR BLAZER



Answers to Super Crossword

Plus Many More Savings Storewide! JCPenney WEDDING PLAZA, PIKEVILLE Hours: Fri. 8-6, Closed Sat., Sun. 1-4

# The Friday Comics

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

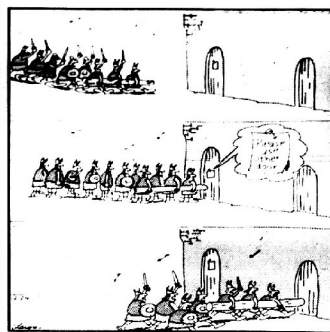
THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

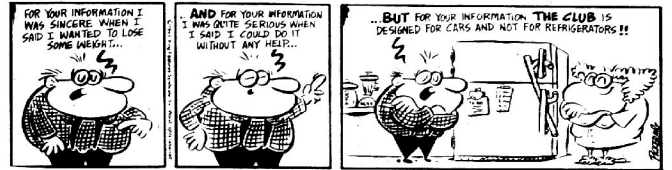
RATZ by BEN SMITH



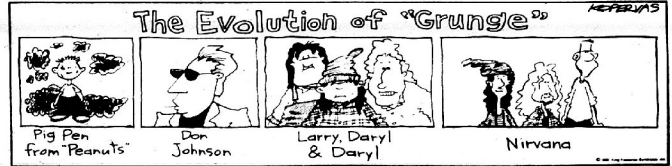
"OK, I got one—do you say 'darn it' or 'derm it'?"



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



Farcus

by David Waisglass  
Gordon Coulthart

Farcus

by David Waisglass  
Gordon Coulthart



"Oh, you want the gun shop on the second floor — this is the toy department."



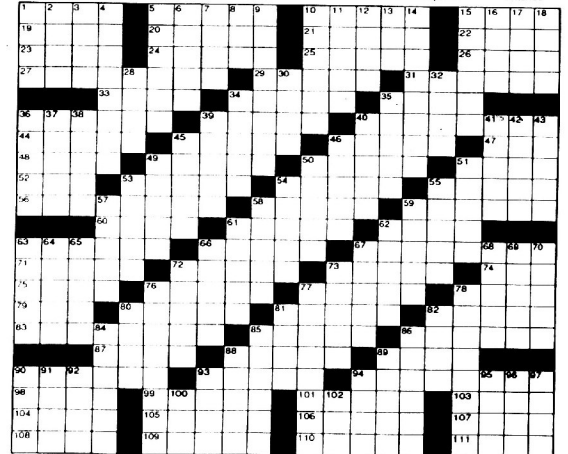
"People don't care about that stuff anymore. If you want their attention, you've got to scare them."

BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tito, before famous seaport
  - 5 Stoppage
  - 10 Go out on a limb?
  - 15 Israel
  - 19 Trademark design
  - 20 Similar
  - 21 Nearest foot
  - 22 Part of TLC
  - 23 Trio of trios
  - 24 Capital
  - 25 Trio of trios
  - 26 High-tech missive
  - 27 Jocular Jay
  - 28 He for
  - 29 Chubby Checker
  - 31 Party hearty
  - 31 Wonder Woman, for one
  - 32 Without
  - 34 Bacon or Rabbit
  - 35 Bant man?
  - 36 Anchored
  - 39 Texas river
  - 40 60s jewelry ad
  - 41 Dark
  - 45 Deals with a bonus
  - 46 Tea type
  - 47 New, in November
  - 48 Barnyard
  - 49 Church
  - 49 Pride of lions?
  - 50 See 7 Down
  - 51 Venues seaport
  - 52 Gore and Yarevic
  - 53 Fick
  - 54 Diplomat
  - 55 Choose
  - 56 80s enter-ainment tad
  - 57 Eronious
  - 59 Pop a pec
  - 60 Midwest
  - 61 Defer
  - 62 It's really tacky
  - 63 Unlucky
  - 66 Newspaper type
  - 67 90s communication tad
  - 71 Take inventory
  - 72 Rossini's "La Or"
  - 73 Considerably
  - 74 Actor
  - 75 Chaney
  - 76 "60 Minutes" rendition
  - 78 Abandons
  - 79 Jean
  - 81 Nerve's instrument
  - 81 Singer Home
  - 81 Blemish
  - 82 What the nose knows
  - 83 Church
  - 83 40s fashion tad
  - 84 Turner of "Northern Exposure"
  - 85 At — for words
  - 86 With 50
  - 87 Across, 88 Ambie along
  - 89 Like St. Nick
  - 90 Lulu
  - 91 70s fun tad
  - 92 Waves
  - 93 Funny Fudd
  - 94 Midwest
  - 95 Compose
  - 96 Person
  - 97 String art?
  - 98 Square
  - 99 Scabbie
  - 100 Scabbie
  - 101 Dylan
  - 102 colleague
  - 103 New Yorker cartoonist
  - 104 light material
  - 105 "It — a Hammer
  - 106 Rooney of "60 Minutes"
  - 107 Bedtime
  - 108 reading
  - 109 Symbol
  - 110 Nerve's instrument
  - 111 Singer Home
  - 112 Blemish
  - 113 What the nose knows
  - 114 Church
  - 41 Appendix's neighbor
  - 42 Cataline, to Ethel
  - 43 Fellows
  - 44 Condescend
  - 45 Prize money
  - 46 Ambie along
  - 47 Like St. Nick
  - 48 Oig Festa
  - 49 Lulu
  - 50 Man of the cotch?
  - 51 Building
  - 52 feature
  - 53 Take the honey and run!
  - 54 Address
  - 55 — accomplish (stone deals)
  - 56 North Dallas
  - 57 (79)
  - 58 Baccaneers' headquarters
  - 59 With
  - 60 Get cracking
  - 61 Newswoman
  - 62 Cover story?
  - 63 Condemns
  - 64 Extramst
  - 65 Chan
  - 66 Chan
  - 67 For the — (priestly)
  - 68 Computer
  - 72 Bedlam
  - 73 Peace's partner
  - 74 50s theater tad
  - 75 lighting
  - 76 50s hair tad
  - 77 Out of range
  - 78 Zhavago's love
  - 79 character
  - 80 Anthropologist Louis
  - 81 Blurred
  - 82 Scent of a woman? star
  - 83 Michael Jordan, for one
  - 84 interrupt
  - 85 — carotene
  - 86 Gray or Moran
  - 87 Unstrained
  - 88 16-nabon.org
  - 89 Wyatt
  - 90 Exercise
  - 91 all-math
  - 92 Neighbor of Pakistan
  - 93 Mythical mother of twins
  - 94 Cambridge univ
  - 95 Zambing of "The Witches"



(Answers on A 12)

## MagicMaze

ORCHESTRA (Answers on A 12)



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

- Baton
- Clarin
- Drum
- First chair
- Flute
- French horn
- Harp
- Horns
- Oboe
- Percussion
- Pit
- Saxophone
- Strings
- Trumpet
- Violin

## Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels



(Answers on A 12)







AFTER-CHRISTMAS

# SALES AND CLEARANCE

SAVE

# 25% TO 50%

STOREWIDE

Savings for the entire family. It's your chance to get what Santa forgot!

- FAMILY OUTERWEAR
- FAMILY SWEATERS
- FAMILY FLEECE
- FAMILY DENIM
- FAMILY SHOES
- MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS
- MISSES SPORTSWEAR
- PLUS-SIZE SPORTSWEAR
- PETITE SPORTSWEAR
- DRESSES
- ACCESSORIES
- SLEEPWEAR
- HOME FASHIONS, HOUSEWARES & GIFTS



**ALL CHRISTMAS ITEMS 50% OFF**

 **Watson's**  
family fashions at great prices!



Use Watson's convenient layaway, plus 4 great ways to charge.