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Floyd schools are \$1.5 million in the red, state says

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A \$1.5 million budget deficit is being projected for the end of Floyd County's 1997-98 school year and state officials say there is no way to produce a balanced budget.

Kentucky Board of Education members met Tuesday in Frankfort as the Floyd County Board and interim superintendent Martin Carr said the budget woes could get worse.

A claim related to the district's energy management contract is currently in mediation in Massachusetts, Carr said, and the cost to the district could amount to \$600,000. Also, the district is awaiting a decision from Floyd Circuit Court regarding what, if any, back wages are owed to three employees whose jobs were eliminated in an illegal closed session.

"The back pay wages could be astronomical," Carr said. He added that SEEK funding for next year is expected to be down by about \$200,000 due to declining enrollment.

Carr submitted a "forced balanced" budget to the state board which would bring the anticipated deficit to \$701,384 based on the following:

- * \$250,000 in additional revenue is generated;
- * \$451,384 is cut from the instruction account; and
- * \$825,266 in contingency funds is eliminated.

Carr's proposed cuts and comments from board member Craig True that the proposed deficit could be eliminated by cutting jobs, prompted board member Sam Adams to say all cuts cannot be instruction related.

"How can we assure that these youngsters are getting the education we're talking about?" Adams asked. "Someone outside the system should see where you make the cuts. We cannot just say 'cut here' and not affect learning."

Chairman Joe Kelly said he agreed with Adams and said True had said that was an option that "you can't just leap to."

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Martin gets early Christmas present

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Martin city officials got an early Christmas surprise last week when a check for federal disaster aid was presented to the mayor.

Over \$9,000 in Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) funds were allocated to the city to repair sewer lines damaged by flooding in March.

Mayor Alan Whicker accepted the check Friday from Marcia Salyer, the Area Nine director for the state's Disaster and Emergency Services.

Whicker told Salyer that he had been previously informed the city's request for funds had been denied. Salyer said the project was most likely approved during a review of the FEMA application.

"This is a pleasant surprise," Whicker told Salyer. "This is

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Hammond released to halfway house in Pike

by Scott Perry
Times Editor

Former Floyd County Attorney Jimmy Martin Hammond has been released to a Pike County halfway house, where he will serve the remaining six months of a two-year sentence.

Hammond was sentenced in May, 1996, after pleading guilty to federal fraud charges related to work he had done for the state Division of Child Support Enforcement. Hammond was accused of falsifying reports and of receiving more than \$77,000 he had not actually earned. He was also charged with operating a check-kiting scheme that involved nearly \$8 million.

His wife, Janie, pleaded guilty to related charges and was given a probated sentence.

Hammond served the first 18 months of his two-year term at Maxwell Airforce base in Birmingham, Alabama, where officials Monday declined to discuss his reported transfer to Pike County.

The federal halfway house in Pikeville is contracted through the Pike County Jail. Federal program administrator Stan Wilkins confirmed Tuesday that Hammond had been transferred to the facility, but said he was prohibited from discussing the specifics of Hammond's stay there.

Wilkins did say, however, that Hammond was permitted to seek employment and he was qualified

for daily work releases and weekend passes.

"Once the individual becomes employed," Wilkins said, "he is allowed to check out of this facility after work on Friday until 9 p.m. on Sunday." Wilkins would not say if Hammond had obtained employment or when he arrived at the facility. He will be eligible for release in May, 1998.

As a result of his conviction on the federal felony charges, Hammond was disbarred and prohibited from practicing law for at least five years. The 1996 disbarment, however, was the second for the Floyd County lawyer, who had lost his license in 1981.

Hammond declined a request for an interview last week.



FORMER COUNTY Attorney Jim Hammond will serve the final six months of his two-year federal prison sentence at a halfway house contracted through the Pike County Jail. (file photo)

A little off the top...



Alexis Reid, 4, got a nibble from a friendly camel as her brother Eric Reid, 2, petted the animal during the Noah's Ark Petting Zoo Sunday at the McDowell First Baptist Church. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Suit against coroner, trooper is dismissed

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A multi-million dollar federal lawsuit filed against Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson and Kentucky State Police detective David Maynard by an emergency medical technician has been dismissed.

Ambulance workers Katherine McBride and Robert Joseph filed separate federal lawsuits claiming Nelson and Maynard violated their civil rights when they were arrested after allegedly taking a dead man from a crime scene.

Federal Judge Joe Hood ruled November 13 that McBride's case be dismissed because it lacked merit. Joseph's case is apparently still pending.

"McBride's scant argument is that Nelson is the sole policy maker for the coroner's office; hence, his acts are the acts of the county," Hood said in his ruling. "this, if his acts are unconstitutional they are imputed to the county. Assuming that McBride's reasoning is correct, she still does not have a claim because Nelson's policy, if any, was

that he wanted the ambulance service to stop taking people who were obviously dead to the emergency room, not to arrest the next ambulance crew who transported a dead body to the hospital."

Nelson said Hood's ruling confirmed what he has said all along.

"It proves what I said from day one: it was physiologically and anatomically impossible for a person to be alive with that type of injury," Nelson said. "It was also proven by the (former) chief state medical examiner, Dr. George Nichols, who says virtually the same thing."

An affidavit from Nichols filed with the case, said that victim, John Reynolds of Martin, was "functionally dead from the time of discharge of the weapon." Nichols said that the bullet damaged Reynolds' heart, stomach, esophagus and liver.

Nelson said he applauded Maynard's courage in filing criminal charges against the ambulance crew.

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Check cashers must comply with usury law

by Scott Perry
Times Editor

Federal Judge Joseph Hood has denied a motion to dismiss a suit against a Pike County check-cashing business through an opinion that will likely affect all similar businesses in Kentucky.

The civil action, filed by Gregory and Dana Hamilton, alleges that HLT Check Exchange charged excessive "interest" for its check-cashing services and that the funds the company advanced were actually loans, not fees.

Third suit is filed over deaths of four teens

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A third civil suit that alleges the actions of Super 8 Motel's management contributed to the deaths of four Floyd County teens in a single-car accident in February followed the motel's responses denying the allegations in the first two complaints.

Prestonsburg attorney Jerry Patton filed the complaint last Tuesday in Floyd Circuit Court on behalf of the estate of Sean A. Pilch.

Pilch, 19, and three other teens — Forrest L. Howell, 17; Thomas Lee Word, 18; and 17-year-old Gregory Todd Walters — were killed on February 16 after their vehicle veered off the road and struck the Alano building, in Lancer.

Lexington attorney Ronald L. Green, with Boehl, Stopher & Graves, filed the responses to the allegations in the first two suits on November 25.

Both responses deny all allegations and request that the complaints be dismissed.

The three complaints allege the motel's management was aware of frequent parties at which underage drinkers were provided with or permitted to drink alcohol at the Super 8 Motel.

They also state that the four teens were attending a party at the motel and were forced to leave the premises preceding the fatal mishap.

In the defendant's responses,

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Judge Hood agreed with that argument in his opinion, finding that "the transactions were nothing more than interest bearing loans."

"HLT was not cashing the Hamiltons' checks, but rather, it was giving them short-term loans that could be deferred for an additional 10 percent per week," Hood ruled.

The decision could set a legal precedent governing the operation of check-cashing businesses through Kentucky and the nation by determining that the methods employed by HLT should be governed by state usury laws.

Lending institutions in Kentucky are required to be licensed and the interest they charge is regulated.

The Hamiltons allege that HLT charged 520 percent annual interest rates on the funds advanced through the company's check-cashing service.

HLT had countered in its motion to dismiss the suit that the costs charged the Hamiltons were in the form of fees, not interest.

While the case must now proceed through a trial, Judge Hood's ruling is not appealable.

The Hamiltons are represented by Appalred attorneys Steve Sanders, Deborah Schmedemann and Addison Parker. HLT is represented by Daniel Denford and J. Clarke Tiller, with Stites & Harbison.

Attorney may ask change of venue for abuse case

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The attorney for a Floyd County man accused of disciplining a child too harshly indicated Tuesday morning in Floyd District Court that she may have to seek a change of venue in the case.

Prestonsburg attorney Cassie Allen appeared in the courtroom Tuesday for Kevin Lee Reid's arraignment on a third degree criminal abuse charge.

Reid, 27, of Allen, was arrested Monday by Kentucky State Police detective Bobby Johnson.

According to a warrant obtained by the detective, Reid "caused physical injury to a 4-year-old child by bruising his buttock's and thigh with a belt."

Court records indicate that the alleged abuse occurred Saturday, December 13.

Pre-trial officer William "Bill"

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Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill pressured area attorneys Friday to bid on two UK basketball tickets. Caudill's skills as an auctioneer brought \$250 for the tickets valued at under \$50. Prestonsburg attorney Tom Smith purchased the tickets and the Floyd County Bar Association matched the amount given for the tickets. The bar association presented a \$500 check for the purchase of jogging suits for Head Start students. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Doctor denies allegations in suit

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill issued a 30-day time limit for three women, who sued a Martin physician for alleged sexual harassment, to respond to the doctor's claims the allegations are false.

In a hearing Friday, Dr. Ray DeGuzman's attorney Jay Barrett argued that the women's lawsuit did not have merit because it failed to meet certain guidelines established by law.

He added that the doctor also denied the acts had ever taken place.

Leitha Salisbury, Toni Renee Ousley Meade and Vickie Gibson claim that DeGuzman violated their civil rights when he displayed outrageous conduct when they were his employees during 1996.

The three say that DeGuzman subjected them to a "continuing course of highly offense, vulgar, undesirable and unsolicited sexual harassment."

Barrett said that state law defines an employer as someone who has eight or more employees

Martin

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great."

City officials have been cited by state environmental inspectors for four sewer line problems in the city.

Last month, a team from the state EPA met with city officials to discuss a large sewer line break at Spur Bridge which was dumping 80,000 gallons of raw sewage daily into Beaver Creek.

City officials temporarily fixed that problem and the federal disaster funds will be used for a permanent fix and on other sewer line damages.

Whicker asked Salyer if any leftover funds could be used on other projects in the city.

Salyer told Whicker that any excess could be used to repair other sections of the sewer line.

Whicker said Monday that other areas in need of repairs are the Ratliff Project; the old Post Office Street project; and the Cummingsville project.

for 20 calendar weeks in a year and such a designation was required before those types of claims can be made.

The attorney said that a review of DeGuzman's employment records show that the doctor never had that many employees during the time noted in the lawsuit.

Barrett also said that one of the plaintiffs, Vickie Gibson, was never employed by DeGuzman.

Attorney Jerry Patton, who represents the three women, asked the judge for time to further investigate the issues raised by Barrett and that he could not "just take the

word" of DeGuzman's office manager who filed an affidavit in the case.

Caudill said "one quick response" if the affidavit is incorrect is "perjury."

Patton said he needed to take the office manager's deposition and review the employment records.

Caudill said he agreed with Patton's need to further review those matters and said if it is revealed that there were no more than eight employees, "you're out."

During Friday's hearing, Patton

announced that he would amend the lawsuit to include issues which he declined to specify, citing that the media was covering the hearing.

Caudill said he saw no reason that Patton's requests "can't be done within 30 days."

Barrett agreed to turn over all information Patton is seeking and said DeGuzman's only additional expense of the delay was the "embarrassment of having the lawsuit pending."

DeGuzman was out of the country, Barrett said, and did not attend Friday's hearing.

Deaths

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Green states that the defendants are "without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations" that the deceased attended a party at the motel prior to the accident.

Green also stated that the negligence of Walters, the driver of the vehicle, "was a substantial factor in causing the damages..." alleged in the complaints.

After filing the first of the suits, Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said in November that the parties would have continued had it not been for the "horrific" accident that claimed the lives of the four teens.

Prestonsburg attorney Bobby Rowe filed the second complaint one week after the first suit was filed.

Venue

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Taylor made an inaudible statement to the judge during Reid's arraignment which prompted the defendant's attorney to say she did not want anyone talking about the case.

"I want any comments from any outsiders squelched," Allen said.

Allen also became disturbed after assistant county attorney Lance Daniels would not acknowledge that Kentucky statutes also provide a clause to impose a partially-secured bond in criminal abuse charges.

Daniels told the court that he had reviewed the statutes and recommended a \$2,000 cash bond.

Rowe said in November that he had wanted to get the results of a criminal investigation being conducted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission before filing the suit.

"We were hoping to get the results of the criminal investigation before filing the suit," Rowe said in November, adding that the results of the ABC's investigation were not available and that he fully anticipates its findings will agree with the allegations in his complaint.

Rowe and Bartley agreed that the parties at the motel had gone on at least for a couple of months prior to February's fatal accident. Patton's complaint indicates that the parties had been held at the motel for several weeks.

Unlike Bartley and Patton, Rowe also alleged that the motel was in violation of state law by allowing underage drinking at the facility.

"Allowing these underage boys to consume alcoholic beverages, not once but on numerous occasions, constitutes delinquency of a minor..." Rowe said in November.

Rowe also noted that some of the teens killed in the fatal mishap had blood-alcohol levels three times the legal limit.

Patton could not be contacted Tuesday for additional comments on the complaint filed last week.

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Suit

Those charges were presented to a Floyd County Grand Jury which declined to issue an indictment in the case, an issue for which Nelson has criticized Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt.

"I told them I had never seen a grand jury conducted that way and I asked them if they were going to try it before the grand jury, they ought to let us put our evidence on," Nelson said. "They refused to subpoena our witnesses."

Reynolds shot himself one time in the chest on February 20, 1996. According to court records, when detective Maynard, a trooper at the time, arrived at the scene, he "observed James Burke, a Martin police officer, two women and the victim lying on the floor." One of the women was registered nurse who had tried to resuscitate Reynolds.

"Maynard made the following observations in connection with the victim: (1) the victim's eyes were open and glazed; (2) there was a small amount of blood, but the bleeding had stopped; and (3) the victim had stopped breathing," Hood noted in his decision.

Maynard then contacted the state police post and requested that the coroner be sent to scene. Before Nelson's arrival, the ambulance crew arrived at the scene, but Maynard did not tell them he thought the man was dead, according to the court records.

"After the ambulance crew had loaded the victim's body onto a

backboard, it rolled off the board onto the floor," court records say. "At this point, Maynard, who had never witnessed an ambulance crew drop a body in this manner, became alarmed that the carelessness of the crew could diminish the potential evidentiary value of the body."

"McBride, after the drop, went and borrowed officer Burke's handcuffs so she could cuff the victim's arms across his chest and transport him to the hospital," the ruling said.

Nelson arrived on the scene after the crew left and Maynard told him what had happened. Also, detective Leslie Gannon had arrived to conduct a "death investigation."

Dr. Giroto, a physician at Our Lady of Way Hospital in Martin, "alleged to have heard 'sounds of breathing' coming from the victim," according to the court record. After 17-minutes of resuscitation attempts, the victim was pronounced death, the record says.

In the meantime, Nelson told Maynard that he thought Reynolds had died instantly. Maynard contacted his supervisor, lieutenant Ed Shemalya and told him he felt a crime had been committed by the ambulance crew. Shemalya told Maynard if he thought there had been a crime he should make an arrest.

"...Maynard advised them of the information he had gathered during his investigation, told them that the Kentucky State Police has had problems in the past with P & B (ambulance) transporting people who were

obviously dead to the hospital, and asked them some questions," according to court records.

The court record says that Maynard did not determine a crime had been committed until he talked with the nurses at the scene, Alma Akers and Linda Everage, who told him the victim had no pulse during the time CPR was given; Burke told Maynard that Everage had said the man was dead prior to the ambulance crew's arrival; Nelson had said the wound would have caused instant death; and that "Maynard was aware that P & B had delivered people who were obviously dead to the emergency room on prior occasions."

A footnote on Hood's ruling says, "these complaints allege that P & B took people to the emergency room that were clearly dead because it was more financially profitable to take them to the hospital as opposed to the morgue."

Hood's ruling also noted that during the grand jury proceeding, "the commonwealth's attorney did not call the two registered nurses on the scene; detective Gannon or officer Burke" to testify. In addition, McBride was allowed to present evidence in her defense to the grand jury.

Hood ruled that Maynard conducted a detailed investigation before filing charges against McBride and the other ambulance workers.

"...Maynard performed a very thorough investigation, talking to

his supervisor, the registered nurses, the coroner, the ambulance crew and many others before deciding to arrest," Hood's ruling said.

McBride had also alleged that Nelson and Maynard conspired to violate her civil rights by charging her with a crime.

Hood ruled otherwise.

"There is no substantive support in the record for the proposition that Maynard and Nelson conspired to violate McBride's constitutional rights," Hood said. "For instance, McBride alleges that Nelson 'agreed' with the state police that the ambulance service should no longer haul people who are obviously dead into the emergency room. However, this only shows that Nelson did not want any more evidence ruined by the ambulance service, not that he was conspiring with Maynard to have McBride unconstitutionally arrested and/or prosecuted."

The case was dismissed with prejudice, which means the case cannot be brought back up. State claims included in the suit were dismissed without prejudice, which means suits can be filed in circuit court.

Nelson said he expects the other federal lawsuits related to the incident will be dismissed, also.

Also, Nelson said he expects the some type of legislation to be introduced during the 1998 session to address the issue, but he added that state law already prohibits anyone from tampering with evidence at a death scene.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

—Matthew 25:40

Other Voices

The joy of giving

by Ike Adams

I'm one of those people who gets more joy out of giving than receiving at Christmas time. Actually though, I guess I do give to receive in a way. A hug from one of the kids or a warm smile of appreciation and approval from a friend is worth far more to me than anything wrapped and tied up in ribbons and bows.

And while I fancy myself as being pretty generous, especially this time of year, I find myself wishing I could give more.

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I envy our volunteers and if God is willing, one day I hope to be able to lay everything aside and find a place, maybe even CAP, where I can simply say, "Here I am. What do you want me to do?" And give myself for at least a year to whatever needs doing for the sheer joy of it.

I don't need anything material at Christmas, but if I can receive a bit of Joy, I will feel most richly blessed.

Ike Adams is director of marketing at the Christian Appalachian Project. He also writes a syndicated column for several central and eastern Kentucky weekly papers.



Letters to the Editor

Elections come, faces will change

Editor:

The politic in power will say or do almost anything to keep his job. He will be your cousin, uncle, godfather or claim some kind of kin you've never even heard of. The politicians will perform secret covert operations that will go throughout our county slandering, talking down and saying personal things about his opponent to influence your vote so they can stay in power and control your money.

He will be a nice boy or girl. He will go to your church (but usually just around election time). He will pat ma and pa on the back, and show up at the funeral homes. He will gravel your driveway if you are poor and build you Goof Centers if you are rich.

How do we solve this problem? We become educated with our vote. We don't vote because he patted us on the back, claims to be our cousin, or gives us gravel. We vote the issues.

The magistrate system of government has time and time again let the people of Floyd County down. They have supported opting out of the 911, building race tracks, arts centers, and spending our coal severance tax on Goof Centers for the rich and powerful in Prestonsburg. They have laid back and let the City of Prestonsburg annex and tax the country-areas around it without lifting a finger. Where will they be when it comes time for Prestonsburg to opt out of the Floyd County School System?

What do we the people of Floyd County have to gain by changing the faces on our fiscal court? Maybe we can get playgrounds in Mud Creek and Right Beaver Creek; health departments in Martin; and good water to our homes instead of Goof Centers and race tracks. Communities like Martin, Wayland, McDowell, Wheelwright and Teaberry will start sharing in our coal severance tax, and maybe even get some of those state and federal grants that seem to all go for economic development somewhere else.

If you are voting for gravel and a pat on the back, your family is not getting a fair piece of your government money. Vote the issues. Don't give Floyd County away for a spoonful of gravel. The commissioner system lets us all vote together, we are no longer divided by the magistrate system of government. If we choose wisely we will reap the fruits of democracy for many generations to come.

The election will come, faces will change, our government will reform, and the broken promises will go away. The smell of sewer, iron water, and mud holes will disappear, just like the wind whistling through the trees. All the families of Floyd County will enjoy the

fruits of democracy.

Floyd Skeans
Bull Creek

Letter revision

Editor:

This is a revision to last week's letter on our parvo puppy. The correction I would like to make is that the stray puppies in our yard at the time our puppy got sick were a mixed breed of a large dog. There were two solid black and one black and white pup. All of them had thick fur and were six months old or younger. Our puppy got sick last Monday, and died on Thursday.

Raymond Howell
Auxier

Emergency system should have priority status

Editor:

Why, Mr. Allan Scott Perry III, did you feel it not necessary to do a story on the death of Ceirra Christian Grace Parsons, and the relation to the lack of 911 in Floyd County when three regional TV stations jumped at the chance?

Why, Mr. Allan Scott Perry III, did you feel it necessary to write an editorial about leaving the 911 issue alone at about the same time?

Why, Mr. Allan Scott Perry III, did that same editorial piece uphold and support the actions of our local government to establish 911 in Prestonsburg, and to hell with the rest of Floyd County?

Your editorial said we should be happy that we are finally getting something done on the 911 issue, even if it is just getting it in Prestonsburg. Well, Mr. Perry, why don't we just turn over the business of Floyd County to the Prestonsburg City Council, because it appears they are getting more done for the people they represent than the county politicians are?

I will be the first to say we need something, anything, in the way of an emergency response system such as 911, even if it is just Prestonsburg, after all we are dealing with human life here.

But, Mr. Perry, you must understand as much as some people would like to believe, Floyd County is not just Prestonsburg.

After 1.5 million dollars and ten years, you would think Floyd County would be the model for 911 systems around the country.

What is it going to take?

What happens when all the money collected from the Floyd County citizens is transferred to Prestonsburg and is used up? Are we, the non-Prestonsburg citizens, going to be ex-

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Looks like most of us are doing our parts to keep the coal biz humming this holiday season, much to the chagrin of Veep Al Gore and his energy police.

If we had a nighttime satellite photo of Eastern Kentucky, it would probably resemble a giant Christmas light show. That keeps the electric meters humming and the coal trucks running.

All of that, of course, runs contrary the Kyoto Accord, in which Gore promised that the good old USA will cut its omissions of hydrocarbons to save the earth from global warming which is a bad, bad thing.

No other government promised to cut their energy consumption, though, so our commitment is sort of hollow, but we'll fill that void in short order with the extra money it will cost us to use less fuel.

Suppose just for the sake of supposing that we let the earth warm up.

If cold places got warmer, they wouldn't need to use so much energy and then everyone would cut their consumption voluntarily.

Okay, that may cause the hole in the ozone to grow and we'll all have to coat ourselves with lard before going outside. Well, you can't cook with it anymore.

Maybe if we timed it just right, we could coordinate global warming with the end of coal mining and then replace coal production with lard production.

Hey, you've got to think ahead...

Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

If you think too far ahead, though, you're bound to get a headache.

Utility deregulation, for instance, is likely to get pretty wacky.

We have choices now for telephone service and will soon be electing our electricity suppliers the same way.

What's next, sewer competition? Hook up with us and get your first month's flushes free!

Thanks but no thanks. When the sewer companies start calling for your business, things have really gone down the drain.

Professional sports have been going down the drain for quite a while and the Latrell Sprewell incident in the NBA is just another hairball in the trap.

In case you haven't been paying attention (and we wouldn't blame you if you haven't), Sprewell has been fired and banned from the NBA for a year for physically assaulting his coach, not once, but twice.

Ordinarily you'd say a guy ought to be fired for beating up his boss, but professional sports may be one of the few businesses where the employees out-earn the employers.

Heck, with that arrangement it's amazing that coach P.J. Carlesimo wasn't fired for violently forcing his throat between Sprewell hands.

The guy who really should have been fired in this is the one who gave Sprewell a \$32 million contract to begin with.

Could have gotten a half dozen good guys who really wanted to play for that.

Governor Patton and an entourage of other state officials have suggested that we should alter the testing system that grades Kentucky students, and the issue is likely to arise during the 1998 session of the state's General Assembly.

Better late than never. State officials should have recognized that the KIRIS process was fatally flawed from the very beginning, for an obvious reason.

The KIRIS goal is perfection, and that, of course, is unattainable no matter how the test is given.

All state schools are expected to progress from their original baseline scores to the magic 100 mark over a period of 20 years, and we're nearly halfway to the finish line now.

We ain't gonna make it. Education reform should set ambitious goals, but they should be goals we can reach.

Otherwise we're doomed to failure, and that's not the result we seek.

While we're making all these changes in education, fine tuning KERA and all, what do you say we make some effort to bridge the gap between high school and college math and science curriculums?

You'll remember that statistics show that roughly 70 percent of all community college students in Kentucky require remedial classwork in math and science before they can qualify for college credit courses.

It seems much more appropriate then to work on actual educational processes than it does to concentrate on testing.

If those tests are supposed to gauge learning, it might help if we started teaching the right stuff.

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—Voltaire

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Letters

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pected to shell out more money?
With all the other taxes, fees and monetary requirements being imposed on the people of Floyd County, the day is not far off when the people are going to shout, "Enough, already!"

Who will the finger get pointed at when this happens, the Republicans? They haven't held power in Floyd County in decades so how could it be pointed at them?
Who will be the next sacrificial lamb in Floyd County?

Mr. Perry, as long as you have people in Floyd County who depend on your paper to deliver the news of Floyd County, you have an important position in this county.

With that kind of power, your paper would be one hell of a friend to have around election time.

I'm not saying your paper has become the fourth branch of the Floyd County government, but it sure as hell is giving that appearance to a lot of people out here past the Prestonsburg city limits.

In your editorial, you mentioned a 2x4 chip on certain peoples' shoulders, well you were very close in my case, my chip is a 2'11" x 4" box that contains my daughter. This is my chip.

Don't rationalize this letter as just a grieving father taking out his frustrations on the local paper and government. I have a sequence of events on the early morning of October 14, 1997, that shows if I had a 911 operator to call, I may have had a chance to save my daughter's life.

But after ten years and 1.5 million dollars, I didn't, and I feel there is something completely wrong with that fact.

So, you have not heard the last of me, Ronnie Parsons, father of Cierra Christian Grace Parsons, born January 30, 1997, died

October 14, 1997, because I will not only dig up and beat that dead horse, you so eloquently mentioned in your editorial. I will make it talk and do tricks, too.

Ronnie Parsons
Printer

P.S.: And when I'm done, I will not bury it and plant flowers on it, also a brilliant phrase in your editorial, I will nail it to a tree where the people of Floyd County can take turns relieving themselves on it.

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Terry Sizemore
President

Tip leads police to teen drug party at local motel

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Two Prestonsburg youths, who were arrested Monday night after authorities found them in a hotel room with two juveniles, a bottle of whiskey and marijuana, are ordered to stay away from minors if they are released from custody.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen placed the condition on the bonds for Gregory M. Johnson and Jody W. Carroll, both 19, because they are accused of endangering the welfare of two area juveniles.

Johnson and Carroll were arrested late Monday night by Prestonsburg patrolman Darrell Preston when he allegedly discovered they had a 14-year-old runaway and a 15-year-old male in their hotel room at Comfort Suites, in Prestonsburg.

An apparent tip on the whereabouts of the runaway led authorities to the local hotel room where the four youths were allegedly consuming alcohol and smoking marijuana.

"All people were intoxicated and were smoking marijuana," according to the officer's report.

Johnson and Carroll were each charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor; possession of alcohol; and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Court records do not identify the runaway or the other juvenile who were allegedly found in Johnson's and Carroll's hotel room.

Johnson's and Carroll's arrests followed a report by one of the juveniles' parents indicating that her daughter had run away from home.

Shortly after responding to the parent's residence on the matter, officer Preston advised city dispatchers about his discovery at the hotel room.

During Johnson's and Carroll's arraignments Tuesday morning in Floyd District Court, the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges. Both are being held at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center in lieu of \$8,000 partially-secured bonds.

Judge Allen stipulated that the defendants are to have no contact with minors if they are released from custody.


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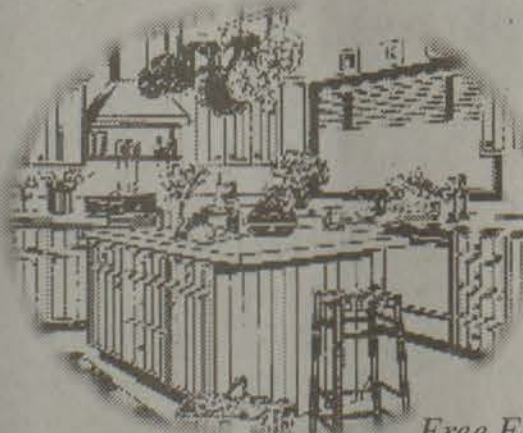
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Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing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

Safe Sitter Class

A Safe Sitter Class will be held January 2 and 3. The class will be taught from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center. The safe sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls ages 11 through 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. To register, call Sandra Meyers 437-3500, extension 3712.

Christmas program

The First Christian Church of Prestonsburg youth will present a Christmas program, "Behold the Star," on Sunday, December 21, at 11 a.m.. Visitors are welcome.

Zebulon Lodge 273, to confer degree

Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg, will confer the

Entered Apprentice degree at 6 p.m., on Saturday, December 20. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the conferral of the Master Mason degree will follow. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Cheerleading championships

The 12th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Championships will be held Saturday, February 28 at the Pikeville High School Gymnasium for elementary and junior high squads. For more information, call Lisa Wheeler at (606) 432-0185 during school hours.

Business after hours

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Layne House will host a Business After Hours on December 19, from noon to 8 p.m. An alumni party will be held at 5:30 p.m. Traditional holiday refreshments will be provided. RSVP: call 886-7839.

Christmas presentation

The adult choir at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church at Cliff will have a Christmas presentation Sunday, December 21, beginning at 11 a.m.

Tutor training

The Floyd County Adult Literacy Council is offering a free public tutor training on January 8, 9, and 10 for any adult interested in helping another learn to read and

write. For more information on how you can make a difference, call 886-READ (886-7323).

Foster Children's Christmas Party

The Floyd County Foster Parent Association will sponsor a Christmas party on December 22 for the foster children from Floyd County. They are asking for donations, such as toys or books, from persons or businesses. Contact 874-0463; 478-3138; 587-1568; or 886-6216.

Free health clinic for women

On Tuesday, January 6, Dr. Chandra Varia will host her third free health clinic. The clinic will be conducted at her office in Martin for area women of all ages and by appointment only. Services available are pap smear, breast exam, physical screenings and education by Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Community Health Education Department. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, call (606) 285-9222.

Learning center at South Floyd

The adult learning center at the South Floyd Youth Services Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to noon. The adult learning center is sponsored by the David school. The service is free and open to the public. For more information, call 452-4904.

May House meeting rescheduled

The December meeting of the Friends of the Samuel May House has been changed to Wednesday, December 17 for the holiday season. The meeting time will be at 7 p.m. at the May House.

Chili supper

The Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center will have a chili supper on December 18 at 6 p.m.

Realtors teleconference

A teleconference will be held December 18 on the proposed legislation to define the realtor's role.

Holidays can be depressing; help is available

While the holiday season is usually a time for celebration and merrymaking, it can also be a time for depression and grief for some people.

The loss of a family member, divorce, poor health or other problems can become more intense during the holidays, said Dr. Ed Maxwell, clinical director of the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

Families who lost their homes and other personal items in the March floods may also face problems.

Some signs of depression include: feelings of sadness or anxiety, an inability to concentrate, weight changes or decreased energy or appetite.

Maxwell, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Kentucky, said people who are feeling depressed during the holidays should seek help by talking to someone they trust.

"Someone they feel comfortable sharing with, such as a pastor, sibling, physician or close friend," Maxwell said. This will help them decide if more help is needed, such as professional counseling.

Professional counseling is available at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in Prestonsburg. The phone number is 1-800-422-1060.

Maxwell says that families should realize that some holiday traditions may need to be revised as children and parents grow older.

Younger people may want to help with some of the responsibilities so older family members won't be overwhelmed, he said.

For people who have recently lost a loved one, Maxwell suggests taking part in social activities and avoiding isolation. Volunteer work such as visiting people in nursing homes is one way to focus on the meaning of the holidays.

Maxwell warns against taking alcohol or other drugs to solve problems.

"A lot of people treat their blues with alcohol—but more alcohol just makes the depression worse," he said.

The teleconference will be held in the Central Elementary Library in Paintsville from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Marcie Estep at 788-1492.

Food drive

A holiday food drive will be held by Jenny Wiley Video in

Prestonsburg. Bring in one can of food and get a free regular movie rental. The food donation will be given to Parkway Baptist Church for distribution.

Annual toy giveaway by Left Beaver Squad

The Left Beaver Area Fire and

Rescue Squad will hold its annual toy giveaway for local children on Saturday, December 20 at 2 p.m., at station #2 at McDowell. Santa Claus will be on hand with plenty of treats and toys to be given away with the help of his fire and rescue elves.

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OBITUARIES

Woodrow Colvin

Woodrow Colvin, 85, of Auxier, died Thursday, December 11, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born April 25, 1912 in Johnson County, he was the son of the late Samuel Colvin and Mary Lou Kestner. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Colvin.

Survivors include his wife, Dorayne Reed Davis Colvin; one son, Roger Colvin of Hager Hill; two daughters, Rosemary Colvin of Woodridge, Virginia, and Barbara Farr of Manassas, Virginia; three stepsons, Douglas Davis of Lowmansville, Kenneth Davis of East Point, and Danny Davis of Hager Hill; five stepdaughters, Flora Grimm and Amanda Howard, both of East Point, Bonnie Jean Reynolds of Stanville, Rowena McKenzie of Keaton, and Vivian Conley of Flat Gap; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, with Dave Flanery officiating.

Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

Mattie Lee Ratliff

Mattie Lee Ratliff, 54, of Stone Coal Road, died Thursday, December 11, 1997, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born January 25, 1938 in Pike County, she was the daughter of Edna Kitchen Tibbs of Stone Coal, and the late Ollie Tibbs.

She was a member of the Church of God.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Nelson Ratliff; four sons, Kenneth Nelson Ratliff, Richard Craig Ratliff and Michael Daun Ratliff, all of Pikeville, and Joel Lee Ratliff of Lexington; one daughter, Debra Lynn Stevens of Pikeville; one sister, Patty Lunsford of Fayetteville, West Virginia; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 14, at 1 p.m., at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Kelly Newsome

Kelly Newsome, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 14, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born August 12, 1926 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late George and Cora Newsome. He was disabled.

Survivors include two brothers, George Newsome Jr. and Billy Newsome.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Kenneth Prater officiating.

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

Mary Elaine Cole

Mary Elaine Cole, 63, of Ashtabula, died Friday, December 12, 1997, at Ashtabula County Medical Center, following surgery.

Born September 11, 1934 at McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Ironton and Della Jones Vance. She had been a resident of Ashtabula Harbor since 1951. She attended the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Cole; three sons, Michael of Jefferson, and Ronnie and Oscar Cole, both of Ashtabula; one daughter, Sharon Newsome of Ashtabula; three sisters, Pauline Akers of Ecorse, Michigan, Betty Hall of Rock Creek, and Sarah Vance of Paintsville; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Askew-Brink-Ducro Harbor Funeral Home, with Rev. Lawrence English officiating. Burial was in the Saybrook Cemetery.

Michael (Mickey) McCormick

Michael (Mickey) McCormick, 51, of Allen, died Monday, December 15, 1997, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born on May 28, 1946, in Lynchburg, Virginia, he was the son of I.W. (Mack) and Helen Proffitt McCormick of Allen.

He was a disabled office manager and member of the Allen Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Pat Garrett, of Lexington.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, December 18, at 1 p.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, the Rev. Arnold Turner officiating. Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Visitation will be held at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Wednesday, December 17, after 5 p.m.

James Crittenden Leslie

James Crittenden Leslie, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 14, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born May 28, 1918 at Emma, he was the son of the late Lewis C. Leslie and Clara Mae Gunnell Leslie. He was a former mail carrier.

Survivors include two brothers, Frank Mayo Leslie of Prestonsburg and Ralph Archer Leslie of Emma; and one sister, Bonnie Layne Leslie Walters of Emma.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 17, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Jack Howard officiating.

Burial was in the L.C. Leslie Cemetery at Emma, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Bess Calhoun Porter

Bess Calhoun Porter, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, December 13, 1997, at Columbus West Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Columbus, Ohio.

Born September 24, 1917 at Water Gap, she was the daughter of the late John C. "Cat" Calhoun and Minnie Hignite Calhoun. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Reece Porter, on August 6, 1971.

Survivors include one son, John A. Porter of Columbus, Ohio; and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 16, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Dave Garrett officiating.

Burial was in Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Jerry D. Goble

Jerry D. Goble, 54, of Findlay, Ohio, died Sunday, December 14, 1997, at his residence.

Born December 23, 1942 in Floyd County, he was the son of Mary Wilson Goble of Findlay, Ohio, and the late Loie Goble Sr. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a lifetime member of the Amvets Post No. 21, lifetime member of the Disabled American Veteran Buddy Chapter No. 43, a member of the Sons of American Revolution, a former scout master for Boy Scout Troop 300, and a volunteer at Bridge Home Health and Hospice.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Evelyn J. Smith; one son, Charles Goble of Carey, Ohio; one daughter, Christine Scoby of Panama, Iowa; three brothers, Loie Goble Jr., George Goble and Doug Goble, all of Findlay, Ohio; three sisters, Genevieve Vincent of New Castle, Indiana, Loretta Helton of Tucson, Arizona, and Pauline Sizemore of Findlay, Ohio; and three grandsons.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 17, at 2 p.m., at the Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, with Rev. Alan Sandford officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens, under the direction of Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay, Ohio.

Military memorial rites will be conducted by Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad.

Pallbearers listed for John Henry Hunt

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of John Henry Hunt were Edgar Jarvis, Roland Adkins Jr., Donald Hunt, Michael Hunt, Leroy Hunt and Gregory Hunt.

Pallbearers listed for James W. Osborne

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of James W. Osborne were Kevin Osborne, Christopher Osborne, Todd Ward, Kirk Ramsey, Danny Bragg, Trenton Ward, James Dudleson, David Dudleson, Brent Osborne and Jason Osborne.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Roger Osborne, Morris Mitchell Osborne, James Michael Osborne, Randy Dale Osborne, Keith Everett Osborne, Jerry Martin, Buddy Ward, Everett Dudleson and Romey Spears.

Pallbearers listed for Okley Conley

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Okley Conley were Clinton Handshoe, Bradford Handshoe, Dexter Conley, Steve Conley, Jamie Conley and William Young.

Pallbearers listed for Ruby Hall Hobson

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ruby Hall Hobson were Randy Frasure, Tim Frasure, Bobby Darrell Hobson, Joe Campbell and Sammy Baca.

Dock E. Hall

Dock E. Hall, 90, of Raceland, formerly of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, December 11, 1997, at his residence, following a long illness.

Born July 27, 1907 at Banner, he was the son of the late Grant Hall and Delilah Jarrell Hall. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude Hunt Hall.

He was a retired C&O employee and a deacon, former treasurer, trustee, Sunday school teacher, and one of the oldest members of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Howard Douglas Hall of Harold; one daughter, Mandy Wagner of Raceland; ten grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 14, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with clergymen Tracy Patton and Willis Adkins officiating.

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

James E. Scutchfield

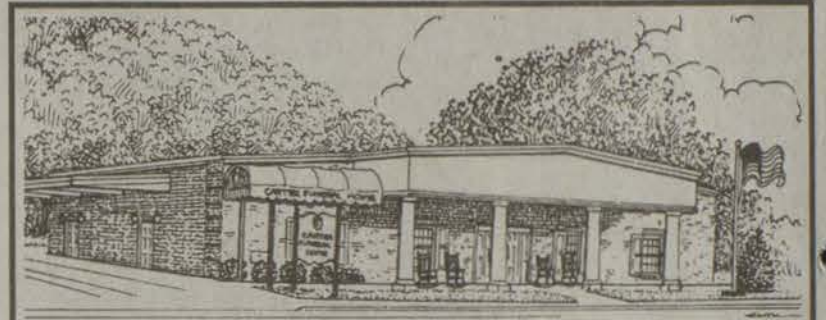
James E. Scutchfield, 67, of Jack, Alabama, died Thursday, December 11, 1997, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Scutchfield; and two daughters, Kay Halbert of Martin, and Elissa Scutchfield of Georgetown.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the Hebron Baptist Church, with Rev. Frank Lowery and Rev. Walter Faulk officiating.

Burial was in the Jack Assembly of God in Jack, Alabama. Arrangements were under the direction of Dillard Funeral Home in Troy, Alabama.

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And of those special Christmas joys, the nicest to recall, Is the warm and ever present love that you always gave us all.

It is lonesome here without you, and sad the weary way, For Christmas is not the same to us, Dad, since you have passed away.

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The family of Fred Presley

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Edward Caudill would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help upon the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergyman J. M. Slouse for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Edward Caudill

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The family of John Henry Hunt wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors upon the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. Thanks to the clergyman Virgil Hunt and Jack Hunt for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of John Henry Hunt



Groundbreaking

Rev. Harry Hargis, Tommy Hall, Derik Martin, Stan Stumbo, Lenny Ciesiak, and Grover Sammons shoveled dirt during groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday, November 23, at the McDowell First Baptist Church. Among those pictured watching the action is Clarence Turner. (photo by Shawn Hamilton)

McDowell church is growing

A ground breaking for a new multi-purpose building was held at First Baptist Church, McDowell this past Sunday morning.

Construction of the multi-purpose building will begin in the spring with completion scheduled for late July.

The building will serve as a fellowship center with a kitchen, dining, and entertainment area. In addition to the church, the building will also serve as a community center to provide one hot meal per day and an entertainment source to the needy people in the area. The beginning of welfare reform has prompted the need for the community to meet personal emergencies such as food, clothing, deposits and "seed" money to get things started, the church's pastor, Harry Hargis said Sunday.

The church is seeking the help of other area churches to meet these needs.

P'burg Tourism Commission meets to get back to business

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

After a five-month hiatus, the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission met Tuesday morning to take care of some much-needed business: the expenditure of funds.

The tourism commission has not met since July due to a lack of quorum. The terms of two members of the eight-member board have expired, and replacements have not been appointed by Mayor Jerry Fannin and the Prestonsburg City Council.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James called the special meeting for Tuesday to revise the budget for the expenditure of additional funds regarding advertising in a travel guide.

James said the back page advertisement would be co-opted with the Mountain Arts Center and Jenny Wiley State Park at a total cost of \$3,500. He said that he needed \$1,900 for tourism's share of the ad. He added that he also hoped to co-op an ad with the Kentucky Opry in the same travel guide.

The travel guide is distributed through travel shows in Kentucky

and also sent to individuals requesting tourism information from the state. He estimated the circulation at 100,000.

James said that the commission had budgeted at total of \$18,000 for advertising and spent about \$10,400, leaving at least a \$7,500 balance not spent or obligated.

After a brief discussion, commissioners approved a motion by Linda Smith to transfer \$500 from the category of Tri-Mountain Tourism and \$1,500 from the city promotional package.

In other business at the meeting, the council learned that two new commissioners will be appointed by the next meeting date in January.

James said that Mayor Fannin has received nominations for the appointment from local businesses and individuals, but, due to changes in the city's ordinance regarding the appointments, he must also receive nominations from the state restaurant and hotel/motel association. The final decision will be in the hands of the Prestonsburg City Council.

Also at the meeting, James asked the commission to set up guidelines for reimbursements of

his expenses.

"This commission does not have administrative guidelines," James said. "Maybe it's because we don't have a checkbook. I've never wanted to do that. I'm without a policy from this board except for budget expenditures."

James said he usually submits bills and receipts to city hall, but that procedure has come under scrutiny during an audit.

Chairman Mark Miller suggested that James keep an expense report and submit that report monthly for reimbursement. He added that commissioners should follow city guidelines.

"We shouldn't reinvent the wheel," he said and asked James to obtain a copy of the city's reimbursement policy.

Before concluding the meeting, commissioners changed their meeting date to the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held at 8:15 on January 8.

Commissioners attending Tuesday's meeting were Donna Blackburn Wells, Mark Miller, Boyd Thompson, Linda Smith, and Vickie Ewen.

Stumbo has new general counselor

Gene F. Mooney, attorney and law professor, will act as General Counsel for Majority Floor Leader Gregory D. Stumbo during the upcoming 1998 session of the General Assembly.

Mooney, recognized around the Commonwealth as an expert in Kentucky law, taught at the University of Kentucky Law School for eighteen years.

He involved himself in the political community during the Julian Carroll Administration where he acted as Secretary for the Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Mooney received his law degree from the University of Arkansas and a master's degree from Yale.

He currently practices law in Lexington with his son, Jim.

His son, Matthew, works for the Kentucky Attorney General's Office and another son, Mike, works for the US Postal Service.

His wife, Peggy, is a former employee of the Cabinet for Human Resources. Mooney has six grandchildren.

WW utility worker says colleagues cried wolf

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

As rescue workers scrambled Tuesday afternoon to respond to reports of a "man down on bad air in an abandoned mine" at Wheelwright, the man walked casually out of the mine to get his lunch.

Employees of the Wheelwright City Utility Commission reported Tuesday that their co-worker Gary McCoy must have "gotten down" on fumes from a gas-powered engine in the mine when he failed to come out of the mine.

The men had been in the mine with McCoy to work on water lines and were suffering from headaches caused by the fumes, McCoy said Tuesday. They assumed that McCoy, who had been exposed to the fumes longer, had been overcome by the emissions when he did not exit the mine with them.

The mine is the source of the city's water supply, and the utility workers were attempting to prime a pump when McCoy sent his co-workers out "to get parts to prime the pump," and to get lunch. He told them he would follow them later after he primed the pump.

He moved back to a clean air source, about 200 feet from the gasoline engine. When he checked the pump later, it was still far from being primed, so he walked out of the mine and returned to the utility office where he astonished his co-

workers who had called for a rescue unit.

"It got blown out of proportion," McCoy said. "It was basically a cry of wolf. I wish they hadn't done that."

Officials with the Department of Mines and Minerals and the Environmental Protection Agency were on the scene Tuesday investigating the incident, but were unavailable for comment.

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"This is a major deficit problem and there's going to have to be some relatively drastic action taken to get the budget in line," Kelly said. "We have to make sure it doesn't negatively impact (learning). Hopefully, it will improve the quality of instruction."

Associate commissioner Tom Willis explained that the district needs to be preparing the 1998-99 budget and it will be difficult not knowing the balance of the current school year.

The board directed Carr to reactivate the district's budget committee and hold a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the deficit situation.

Carr said he called a meeting of the committee for mid-January, but state officials suggested it be done sooner. Carr moved up the date to January 6.

Board member Tom Gish recommended that state officials hold a public meeting in Floyd County for an "open, thorough discussion" of the district's financial situation. Gish said a similar meeting was held in Letcher County which inspired "intense debate" in the public on that system's money issues.

"A frank, open public discussion of the issues will help," Gish said.

No decision was made whether to hold such a meeting.

Also, board members heard a report on the Prestonsburg High School project, which Carr said is expected to be over budget.

Carr told the board he had met with construction manager Sam Martin one time on the project and Martin said that the cost for asbestos removal was \$100,000 over budget. Carr also said that

Martin told him the project is over budget.

State school facilities director, Mark Ryles, reported to the board that the project appears to be on target, but the Phase I contingency fund has been exhausted. Ryles explained that the contingency was made larger because some of the bid packages were withheld to see if other costs were in line.

The bid packages were restored to the project and paid for out of the contingency fund, Ryles said. Kelly asked if there would be enough funds to furnish the school when the renovation is complete. Ryles said the amount of money for furnishings has dropped from \$250,000 to about \$75,000.

Kelly also wanted to know the number of change orders submitted for the project. Ryles said the amount of change orders has been few and has not amounted to cost overruns.

Deputy Commissioner Randy Kimbrough said one problem with the construction project is that no one in the school system has been designated to oversee it.

"As a superintendent who has used construction managers and general contractors, both have their advantages and disadvantages," Kimbrough said.

"Unless you're on top of it, you're going to get taken. The process in Floyd County is that nobody is in charge of anything as the building goes."

Kimbrough suggested that a staff person who has received training be given the responsibility of oversight of the construction projects.

No action was taken on Kimbrough's suggestion.

In other action Tuesday, board members questioned several bills submitted, including attorney Jerry Patton's invoice, which amounted to over \$6,000.

Kelly said he thought at the board's December 3 meeting that Patton was to be advised to seek permission before doing any work.

Willis told Kelly that the billing was for up to the end of November and that it was prior to the state board's directive. Kelly noted that Patton's contract expires on December 31.

True questioned a \$49,501 blacktopping expense, asking if it was a health and safety issue or a matter of landscaping.

Willis said that some entrances at schools where buses ran were in bad shape, but the Floyd County

board had approved the expenditure.

Kelly and True said they hoped any such future spending would be limited to health and safety issues.

"I hope it is not an ugly driveway situation where you spend money in a deficit situation," True said.

In its final action, board members instructed Carr to contact insurance carriers American International Group, Tom Lykins Insurance and Putnam Insurance for quotes on Workers Compensation Insurance.

Board members questioned why the three had submitted prior proposals and one company, Hatton-Allen-Insurance had been allowed to submit a quote after the three proposals became public.

Hatton-Allen submitted the lowest bid, \$122,113 and other bids ranged were \$141,490 for both Putnam and Tom Lykins; and American International's was \$354,992.

Kelly said the situation had a problem "passing the smell test" because once the three bids were received, Hatton Allen was contacted about giving a quote.

The board directed Carr to contact the companies and ask them to submit additional quotes for the coverage. Floyd County's policy expires on December 31. The board also directed Carr to accept the lowest and best bid.



Wal-Mart manager Robert Patton, right, presented a \$500 check to Prestonsburg Fire Chief Tom Blackburn to assist the fire department provide area children with toys and clothing items for Christmas. Blackburn said Tuesday that the fire department has already adopted three children and the money would be used to pay off the items bought for those kids and for additional needy children in the area.



Mom graduates
Tyler and Donovan Salyer announce the graduation of their mother, Tonya Salyer, from GED classes. The Salyers are participants of the PACE (Parent and Child Education) program at John M. Stumbo School, where the twin brothers attend head start. The program is sponsored by the Mud Creek Family Resource Center, Floyd County Head Start, Floyd County Title I, and the David School Adult Education Program.

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Local physician participates in radio interview

John Strosnider, D.O., of Pikeville, discussed the newest osteopathic medical college and the need it fulfills in the Appalachian area in a radio interview at the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) 102nd Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, October 19-23, in San Antonio, Texas. The interview was picked up by 11 stations and a radio network. Dr. Strosnider is the dean of Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.

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The family of Elster T. Huffman

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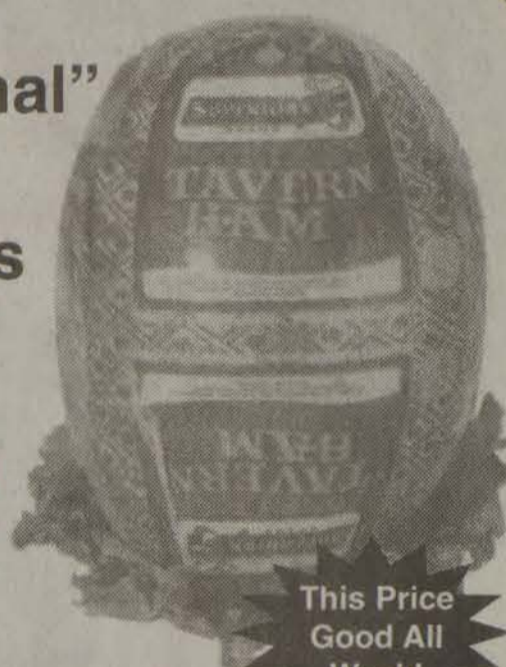
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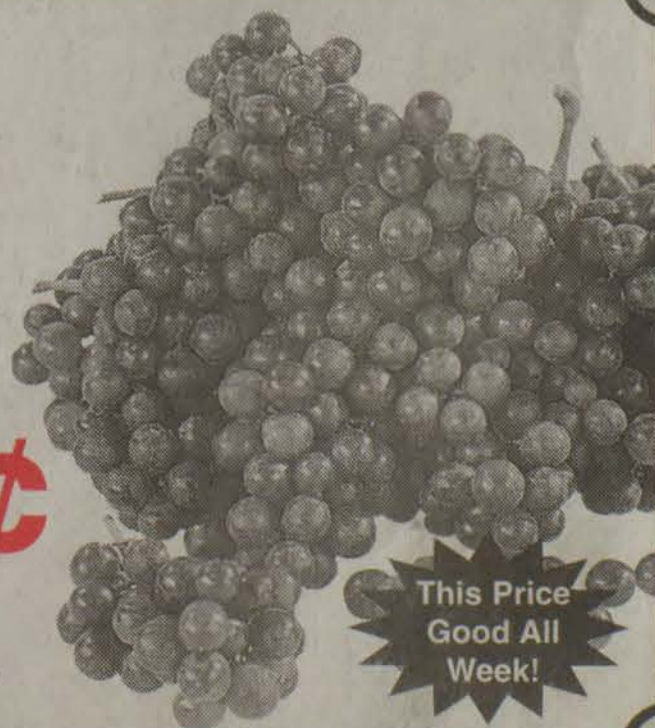


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These Volunteer Victim Advocates provide support, a physical presence and advocacy to victims at the hospital emergency room. The Advocates assist victims through the necessary medical examinations, they offer support and education about the medical and law enforcement investigations, and they provide information to the victim and the family including referrals and resources for ongoing support. In addition, Advocates remind the victim and the community that they are believed and supported, and that they are not alone. The Volunteer Victim Advocate is one of the most important people who can help a victim following an assault.

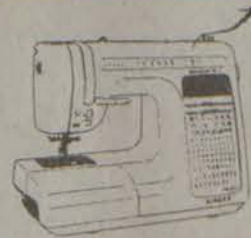
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Advocates work on a rotating call system using a pager which is provided to them. While on call, Volunteer Victim Advocates must be available to respond within 30 minutes between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and on weekends. Volunteers will be asked to respond to the hospitals closest to where they reside.

This free training will be held beginning in January, on Saturdays, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Prestonsburg. The training will be held at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center offices in the conference room, at 37 South Front Street.

Training dates will be January 10, 17, 24 and 31 with bad weather dates of February 7, 14, 21 and 28. This training will include the latest information on the legal, medical and emotional aspects of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Anyone interested in attending this training and becoming a Volunteer Victim Advocate, call (606) 886-8572 and ask for Robin. An application and information packet will be sent, explaining the process of becoming a Volunteer Victim Advocate. An application packet must be completed before the training begins.



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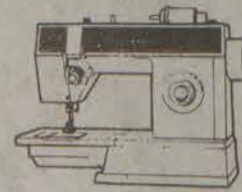
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Gas prices good; record travel expected

It's a good thing Santa and his reindeer will take to the skies this holiday season because the nation's highways will be crowded. A record 44.5 million people are expected to travel 100 miles or more from home during the Christmas-New Year's holidays, up five percent from a year ago, according to AAA.

"Just as during the record Thanksgiving travel period, we urge drivers to remember how heavy traffic will be and to slow down and be patient," said Dan Dickson, public relations manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

For the 1997 holiday, an estimated 35 million people will travel by car, light truck or recreational vehicle, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Holiday travel by plane, bus, train or ship is expected to jump 10 percent to about 9.6 million.

In the last five years, Christmas-New Year's traffic volume has increased 26 percent, an indication that people are not just traveling to visit friends and family, but are taking vacations, as well.

Where are they going? 40 percent will head to a city, 27 percent to a town or rural area, 13 percent plan a trip to an ocean or beach, 10 percent will go to the mountains, two percent will travel to a lake, another two percent will enjoy a theme or amusement park and one percent will visit a state or national park.

And when drivers gas up for their trips, they should generally be pleased with how much they'll pay the cashier. For the third straight month gas prices dropped and are now 7.2 cents a gallon cheaper than a year ago. AAA's monthly national fuel gauge report shows the average price for self-serve regular unleaded gas is \$1.21 per gallon.

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BASKETBALL CLASSIC
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 Sports Editor

Johnson's buzzer-beater beats JCHS

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 Sports Editor

Betsy Layne's Craig Johnson hit four three-point baskets and scored a game-high 27 points, but it was his fourth trey that made the difference in the Bobcat's 71-69 win over Johnson Central last Friday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse. He also had a buzzer-beater at the end of the third period.

It was the second time in as many weeks that the Bobcats posted a win over coach Johnny Ray Turner's Golden Eagles. Betsy Layne defeated the Eagles in the semifinals of the Clarence D. Rice Invitational at Johnson Central.

Johnson's heroics unfolded when the Bobcats had fallen behind 69-68 with four seconds left on the scoreboard. The Bobcats also had to come the length of the floor in the remaining time. It was a surprised crowd that was puzzled when the

Eagles allowed the ball to come into Johnson. They were even more surprised at the free path he had in coming up court. "I don't know why they didn't deny him the ball," said Betsy Layne coach Tim Rice. "They didn't even match up with him."

Rice said it was a set play for the Bobcats.

"We wanted to get him the ball and set two picks for him," said the Betsy Layne coach. "But we didn't have to set any picks, they let him dribble up the floor."

The free lane cost the Eagles as Johnson pulled up beyond the three-point line and lofted a shot that fell off the rim. The ball seemed to sit on the rim, the horn sounded, and then the ball fell off the rim and into the net for the winning basket.

"I'm too old for games like this, too out of shape and too emotional," Rice told his team in the locker room after the win that evened the Bobcat's overall record to 3-3.

Coach Rice pleaded with the ball as it sat on the rim for that split second.

"I prayed 'please go in,'" Rice said. "We deserved to win. We played well, except for rebounding. We practiced on our rebounding in practice and we do well, but when we get in a game, we seem to get beat on the boards. We're small."

Betsy Layne held a 66-62 lead on two free throws by Justin Bartley with 1:19 on the clock. But, like the previous game, the Bobcats let the Eagles soar back and tie

the game at 66-66. Johnson canned two free throws with 26 seconds to play for a 68-66 lead for the Bobcats. But sophomore Heath Castle hit the front end of a two-shot foul after Adam Tackett picked up his fifth personal foul with :10.6 seconds to play. The free throw made it 68-67, Bobcats. But the Bobcats forgot to block out on the missed second attempt and Castle came away with the ball, slipped underneath and scored to give Johnson Central a 69-68 advantage with just the four seconds remaining. Betsy Layne called time out.

"They put four players back because they didn't want any long pass to get over their heads," said Rice in trying to explain Johnson Central's strategy.

Johnson Central guarded the player inbound the ball, while Johnson stood off to the side awaiting the ball. Once the

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Johnson scores 27 in 70-69 win over Eagles

A Look At Sports

Christmas greetings and well wishes

"Tis the season to be jolly..."

How often we have heard those words around this time of season. Certainly, Christmas is a joyful time for everyone, even basketball coaches. They are human and misunderstood.

I have told our coaches in Floyd County I wouldn't have their jobs because of all the verbal abuse they have to take.

So, in this space, I want to salute the men who are guiding our kids during the basketball season.

ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS: Coach Anthony Moore. Anthony, just a time to wish you and your family the best of the Christmas season. To all the Lady Rebels, a big Merry Christmas to you, and the best rest of the season.

BETSY LAYNE LADY CATS: Coach Bill Newsome. Bill, you are in first place in the district right now, so keep the Lady Cats growling. I wish you and your family nothing but the best for the Christmas season. A sincere Merry Christmas to all the Lady Cats.

PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATS: Coach Jackie Day Crisp. Jackie Day, you have a very merry Christmas and I wish you and your family the best for the holidays. Merry Christmas to all the Lady Blackcats.

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDERS: Coach Henry Webb. Henry, to you and your new bride, the best during the Christmas season. To all the Lady Raiders, Merry Christmas from old Ed.

ALLEN CENTRAL REBELS: Coach Johnny Martin. Johnny, another Christmas season is here and I wish you and your family the best this Christmas season. To all the Rebels, have a merry Christmas.

BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS: Coach Tim Rice. Tim, you are the man this year and the future for Bobcat basketball looks good. Have a Merry Christmas. All you Bobcats, you have a happy, merry and safe Christmas.

PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS: Coach Jackie Pack. Jackie, you are a great coach. You have done wonders in our county. Merry Christmas and have a great holiday. For the Blackcats, Merry Christmas from me to you.

SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS: Coach Barry Hall. Mr. Nice Guy, I am glad you are at South Floyd. Have a very merry Christmas, Barry. Also, here is wishing all the Raiders a happy holiday.

I am glad that I can call all the coaches my friends. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication they have put into their respective programs.

To everyone in Floyd County and beyond, Merry Christmas!

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We just recently came out with our high

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Missed free throws costly as Prestonsburg falls to Magoffin

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

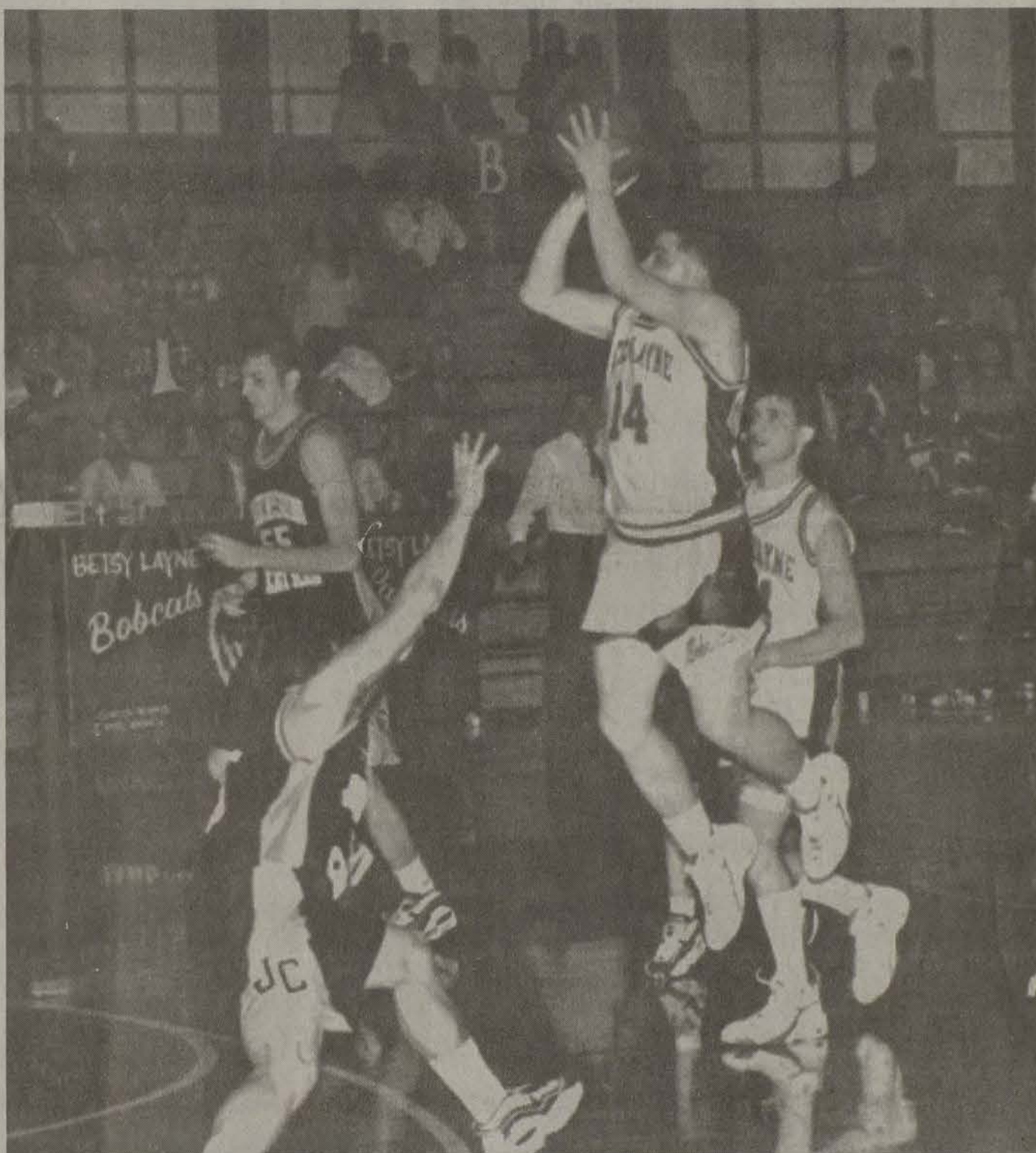
With 2:44 to play in the ball game, number two Prestonsburg and number three Magoffin County were knotted at 50-50 in a game that was tied nine times before Magoffin County pulled out a 57-55 win to hand Prestonsburg their first loss of the yet-young basketball season.

In the final two-plus minutes, it all came down to who would connect from the free-throw line and who wouldn't. Prestonsburg didn't. While Magoffin County wasn't burning the nets off from the charity stripe, still they did manage to hit four-of-eight to pull out their third win of the season. Prestonsburg hit one-of-eight in the closing minutes.

With 2:27 to play, Joe Campbell hit the front end of a two-shot foul that gave Prestonsburg a short-lived 51-50 lead. With 2:25 left, Nathan Leslie missed two attempts. Again, with 2:20 to go, he missed two more. With under a minute to play, he went to the charity stripe again and missed two more as Magoffin County was just waiting their turn.

That came with 1:47 left. Shawn Patton hit the back end of a two-shot foul and tied the game at 51-51. With 49 seconds to play, Travis Allen made the second of two shots for a 52-51 affair. With nineteen seconds to play, Patton hit the first of two before missing the second attempt for a 53-51 Hornet lead. Allen tipped in a missed shot to pad the Hornet lead to 55-51. But Andy Jarvis scored underneath on a strong move and the lead was back to two. But, from the charity stripe, James Howard hit two tosses with just seven seconds to play. Jarvis'

(See **Missed**, page two)



Winning shot

It suspended in the air, rested on the rim for a split-second and then dropped into the basket as Betsy Layne's Craig Johnson (14) hit a three-point basket that gave the Bobcats a 71-69 win over the Johnson Central Golden Eagles last Friday night. Johnson scored 27 points and hit four treys in the win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Second-half blitz nets SCHS the win at Prestonsburg; 64-47

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats looked like world beaters last Monday night when they hosted the Lady Cardinals of Sheldon Clark. But that was only in the first half. It took a second-half blitz by the Lady Cards in pulling out a 69-47 win over Prestonsburg that took them to 0-4 on the season.

In the first two quarters the Lady Blackcats were hitting on all cylinders as they were hitting key baskets, rebounding and playing good defense. But the second half saw just the opposite when they scored only 17 points over the final two quarters.

Junior guard Shelly Greathouse led Prestonsburg's scoring with 16 points, and the only player to score in double figures. But she only had six in the final 16 minutes of the game.

Greathouse's layup just before

the horn to end the second quarter gave Prestonsburg a 30-26 lead at the half. Jessi Burke's layup broke a 26-26 tie to give the Prestonsburg team a two-point lead, 28-26 before Greathouse's bucket.

Prestonsburg opened the third period 6-4 spurt that netted them a

floor in the final quarter, not executing on offense and their shot selection was bad, forcing several shots. Ladonna Slone hit a base-line jumper to start the quarter and Greathouse connected on one-of-two free throws before Sheldon Clark went on a 19-3 run to lead 68-44. Greathouse hit a three-point basket, the only score for Prestonsburg over the final six minutes of the game.

Joni Castle scored 21 points for Sheldon Clark to lead all scorers. Mandy Harmon finished with 16.

Greathouse was the only double figure scorer for Prestonsburg. Crystal Slone finished with eight points while Ladonna Slone and Amelia Conley scored six each. Mollett finished with four and Nunnery two.

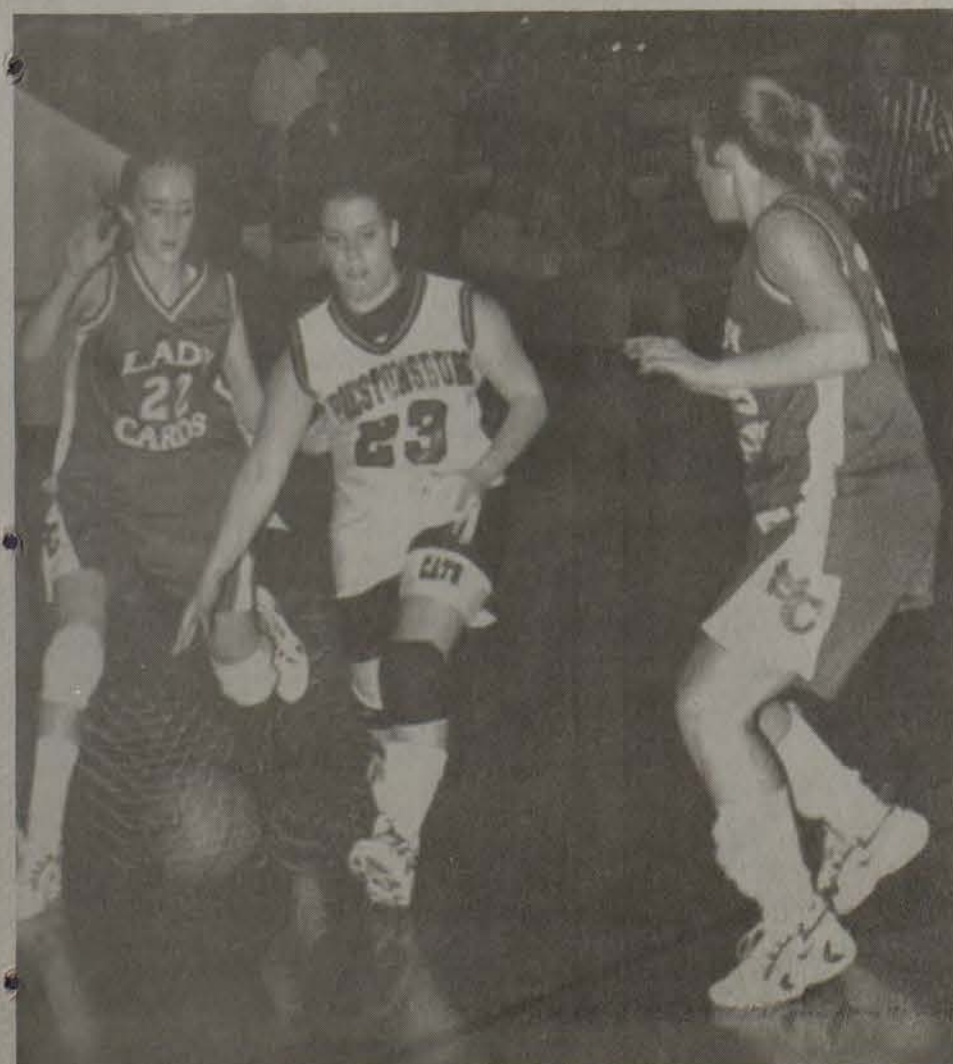
Prestonsburg (0-4) will host Pike County Central this Thursday night. Prestonsburg will travel to South Floyd Monday night for their first district game.

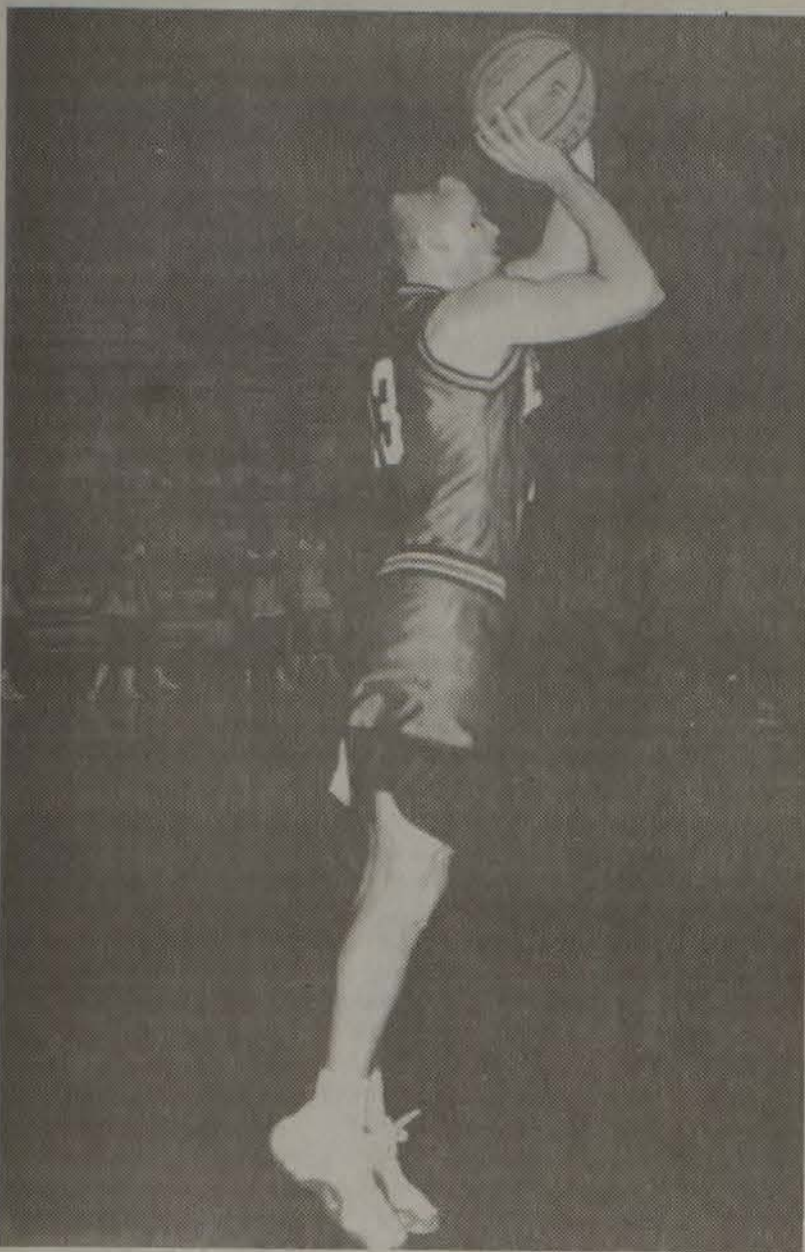
Sheldon Clark Lady Card Invitational tonight
Prestonsburg vs. Phelps—6:30

36-30 lead. Kimi Nunnery's jumper gave the six-point advantage to Prestonsburg. The final six minutes of the quarter was all Sheldon Clark as they went on a 15-1 run to go in front 47-37 as Prestonsburg turned the ball over five times in the stretch. Sarah Mollett's basket for Prestonsburg made it 47-39, but the Lady Cards led 49-39 after three quarters.

Prestonsburg struggled from the

To the basket
Prestonsburg's Shelly Greathouse (23) drove between two Sheldon Clark defenders in girl's basketball play at Prestonsburg Monday night. Greathouse scored 16 points to lead the Lady Blackcats but Prestonsburg fell 69-47 to the Lady Cardinals.
 (photo by Ed Taylor)





From the corner

Prestonsburg's Joe Campbell put up a jumper from the corner against the Magoffin County Hornets in a top regional game. Campbell had only five points in a game the Blackcats dropped 57-55 to the Hornets. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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basket just before the horn gave the final 57-55 margin.

But the story was from the free-throw line where games are won or lost. In Magoffin County's case, it was won.

Prestonsburg trailed 45-44 entering the final period, as their defense caused some problems for Magoffin County at the start of the final quarter. After missing two free-throw attempts to start the fourth, Magoffin County could not take care of the basketball, turning it over three straight times. Prestonsburg took advantage of the mistakes and built a 50-45 lead with 4:01 to play after Magoffin County had went over six minutes without scoring. But then Prestonsburg went cold and never had another field goal in over three minutes until Jarvis scored with nine seconds to play.

Brandon Howard sparked the Magoffin comeback with two quick baskets that made it 50-49 at the 2:55 mark. Allen's free throw tied the game.

Magoffin led most of the first three quarters, using their quickness and outside shooting. The game was tied at 2, 5 and 7 before the Hornets went in front 11-7 on baskets by Brandon Howard. Howard had eight points in the first period as Magoffin led 19-14 at the first stop.

Two turnovers at the start of the second allowed Prestonsburg to tie the game at 19-19 on baskets by Kyle Conley and John Ortega. The

Blackcats led 20-19 after Ortega completed the three-point play. Samons' long jumper made it a 22-19 game.

Magoffin tied the game at 22, 24 and 26 before leading 32-29 at the half.

Samons' three-point basket with less than six minutes to play in the third made it a 36-32 game, but Magoffin pulled out to a 40-32 advantage before Prestonsburg closed out the quarter with a 12-5 spurt and trailed 45-44 after three quarters.

Magoffin County had 16 turnovers in the game, while Prestonsburg had nine miscues. Prestonsburg hit only 11-of-22 free-throw attempts and Magoffin connected on 10-of-17.

Three players scored in double figures for Magoffin County, led by Brandon Howard's 15 points. James Howard finished with 13 and Wes Bailey added 11. Travis Allen scored eight, Patton had four as did Philip Wireman. Brad Newman scored two.

Jarvis led Prestonsburg, the only Blackcat in double figures, with 19 points. Ortega added eight with Jason Keathley and Leslie scoring six each. Samons and Campbell, way below their average, finished with five points apiece. Conley had three points and did not see much action in the second half.

Prestonsburg will be in Louisville (Fairdale) this weekend for the King of the Bluegrass Classic.

Sports

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school basketball tab and when you are putting together such an endeavor, you sometimes overlook some of the players who play basketball in Floyd County.

I am dependent on the coaches in the county to remind me of the players returning for them and sometimes I overlook a name or two, but not intentionally. Sometimes a coach will forget to mention a player as well, after all, they do have a lot on their minds.

Two that did not get mentioned in the tab were Adam Tackett and Nathan Reid of South Floyd, and both are outstanding basketball players and a big part of the Raider team. And while there was sour-grapes over the mistakes, we apologize to the players for them and, again, it was not intentional. Of course, I realize that those who were concerned over the names being left out never make mistakes. I apologize to Nathan and Adam. You're fine individuals, and I appreciate all your efforts. I would do nothing to make you feel that you are not needed. You are. Have a great season!

OTHER STUFF

• What about that Ryan Hardee, being named to the Who's Who in High School Sports? Great individual.

• I saw her play this past Thursday night and Amelia Conley, just a freshman, is going

to be very good one at Prestonsburg High School. Remember the name.

• The Woodmen of the World basketball classic resumes this Friday night with three games on tap. The grade school tournament has become one of the best in the mountains.

• Prestonsburg Blackcats will travel to Louisville this weekend for the King of the Bluegrass Classic. I wish the Blackcats the best and hope they bring home a title.

• What a game between Betsy Layne and Johnson Central last Friday night. It was a fan's game but hard on the coaching staff. Said Betsy Layne coach Tim Rice, "I am getting too old for games like these." Craig Johnson hit a three just as the horn sounded.

• The Allen Central ROTC Drill Team will host an independent basketball tournament January 24-25 at Allen Central. Entry fee is \$75 per team for the first 12 teams to register for the double elimination tournament. Call Sergent Hardy at the Right Beaver school for more information.

• Who would have thought the Pike Central Lady Hawks would be 1-3 this season?

• Watch out for the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals!

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Buzzer

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ball came into play, Johnson dribbled to center court and then toward the basket. He launched the shot from long range because the clock was winding down.

"We fought back and won it," said the Betsy Layne coach. "At halftime we made some adjustments and made our run. We got the lead and then we started forcing the ball. We've got to learn we can't play that way. But we are a young team."

Johnson Central led 16-10 after the first quarter, scoring the final four points of the quarter. Justin Bartley and Scott Collins led the offense for Betsy Layne in the first as Johnson went scoreless.

Bartley kept the Bobcats close, completing a three-point play the old fashioned way and scored on a layup to make it 16-15.

Johnson didn't get into the score-book until the 4:37 mark of the second quarter when he buried his first trey to pull the Bobcats to within two, 22-20. He later hit a turnaround short jumper to tie the game at 22-22. Johnson Central kept the margin at three points and led 32-29

at the half.

Betsy Layne didn't take their first lead until 5:41 remained in the third period. Johnson Central had went up five points, 34-29, to start the third period, but a basket by Adam Tackett, Collins' short jumper and two free throws by Johnson gave Betsy Layne a 35-34 lead. Bartley then drained a three-pointer as Betsy Layne led 38-34. The Bobcats extended the lead out to 11 points, 50-39 on consecutive three-point baskets by Bartley and Johnson and Neil Newsome's short jumper. Johnson's three-pointer just ahead of the horn gave Betsy Layne a 53-43 lead after three quarters.

The Bobcats biggest lead came at 55-43 on an easy basket by Johnson to start the final quarter. But Johnson Central wasn't ready to quit. They scored the next four points to make it 55-48. But the Eagles had a chance to draw even closer but failed to connect at the free-throw line. Johnson Central missed five straight shots at the charity stripe, but while they were missing, Betsy Layne was turning the ball over.

"That is when we started forcing the ball," said Coach Rice. "We weren't patient and didn't take care of things."

Betsy Layne owned a 59-50 lead but went cold from the floor as Johnson Central kept cutting into the lead before they tied it at 66-66 and led 69-68.

The Eagles placed four players in double figures, led by Castle with 14 points. James Butcher netted 13 and Jason Shepherd finished with 11. Mike Bowling scored 10.

Bartley hit two three-pointers and scored 17 points for the Bobcats. He

had seven assists in the game (unofficially).

"Justin is coming along with every game," said Coach Rice. "He is taking charge under pressure and I like that."

Collins netted 10 points for the Bobcats. Newsome, who played a strong inside game, finished with seven points and Jay Arnett added four. Adam Tackett, who had 12 rebounds, scored two points. Bradley Brooks added four points.

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Scott has break-out game as Allen Central wins

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Everyone knew it was just a matter of time and that it was coming. Senior Misty Scott, who was mired in a early-season shooting slump, had her coming-out party at

the expense of the Pike Central Lady Hawks. She scored a season-high 19 points to lead the Lady Rebels to their third straight victory with a 85-68 win over Pike Central.

Natalie Cooley, a sophomore, pumped in 18 points, and eighth-

grader Ramanda Music scored 15 and pulled down 17 rebounds. Crystal Martin, who played in foul trouble, finished with 14 points, while sophomore Jessica Martin tossed in 10.

"It was Misty's break-out game," said the Allen Central coach. "Everyone of them has had one and this was Misty's." Scott also had eight assists in the game.

Amanda Collins did not start the game for the Lady Hawks, but did finish with 10 points in the game. Tiffany Slone, an outstanding center for Pike Central, led the Lady Hawks and all scorers with 23 points. Ashley Melvin, just a freshman, had 16 points.

The two 15th Region powerhouses played close in the first quarter with Allen Central getting eight points from Cooley in the first quarter to lead 16-15 at the first stop. Scott had four points at the first stop. Scott, who struggled at the free-throw line in the first three games, hit eight-of-nine

attempts against Pike Central.

Coach Anthony Moore said with each game the Lady Rebels are showing signs of the season's expectations.

"We played pretty decent last Saturday," he said. "We're playing better. Like I said earlier, we're getting better with each game."

Allen Central went on a 21-9 spurt in the second quarter that netted them a 37-24 lead at the half. Martin scored six points in the second quarter. Jennifer Hopkins came off the bench and hit a three-pointer and scored five points. She hit a three and was fouled on the play, making the free throw. Music had five points in the second period.

"Ramanda played a good game for us," said Moore. "I was really pleased with the way she played."

Pike Central made a run at the Lady Rebels in the third period, but never could catch them.

"They would come back and cut

the lead to six or eight points," said Coach Moore. "But we would pull back out. It was a good game for us. Tiffany Slone is tough for us to handle. She played an excellent game."

Slone scored 10 of her points in the third quarter after going scoreless in the second quarter and having four at the half. She pumped in nine in the fourth, but Allen Central outscored them 29-21 in the final stanza. Cooley was a perfect six-of-six from the free-throw line in the final quarter, and scored

eight points. Scott had 10 fourth-quarter points, hitting all six of her free throws.

Hopkins finished with five points for Allen Central. Jena Hall completed a three-point play in the fourth, and had four for the game. Shanna Howell had one point.

Scott had eight rebounds to go with her eight assists and 19 points. Cooley had six boards.

Allen Central improved to 2-2 on the season. The Lady Rebels will host South Floyd in conference basketball Thursday night.



Back and getting better

John Ortega, Prestonsburg, seems to be getting stronger after returning to the hardwood following a football injury. Ortega and the Blackcats will be in Louisville over the weekend for the King of the Bluegrass Classic. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Duff Lady Bulldogs win Christmas Tournament

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs of Duff Elementary pulled out a 38-30 win over host McDowell to win the McDowell Christmas Tournament this past weekend.

Beth Combs, a sharp-shooting eighth grader, tossed in 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Combs scored nine points in the fourth quarter to help Duff preserve a 26-21 lead after three quarters.

Duff led 14-12 after the first quarter, with Combs scoring six points in the period. Donetta Mullins, who is playing her first year of organized basketball, scored six of her eight points in the opening quarter. She is going to be a very good player. Johnna Ison hit two free throws in the quarter to give the Lady Bulldogs a two-point lead.

Ashley Johnson, just a sixth grader, had 13 points to lead the Lady Daredevils, and scored six of those in the opening period. Megan Ousley added four points.

McDowell trailed by one point,

19-18, at the half. Johnson scored four second-quarter points and Stephanie Skeans had two points in the second quarter for McDowell. Combs and Leslie Martin had the only two field goals for the Lady Bulldogs the second stanza.

Lauren Robinson, who finished the game with five points, had four of those in the third period as she picked up the scoring slack for Duff. Combs hit a free throw and Martin had a field goal. Duff outscored the Lady Daredevils 7-3 in the third with Ousley scoring all three points.

In the fourth, Duff got the nine points from Combs and held off McDowell for the win. Ousley had five points in the final period. Johnson scored three.

McDowell's leading scorer, Jessica Paige, did not play in the game. Ousley finished with 12 points for McDowell. Skeans and Leigh Ann Tuttle had two points each, while Rhonda Newsome scored one point.

Robinson and Martin totaled five points for Duff. Ison finished with two points.

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Crystal Slone (32) had a clear path to the basket in the first quarter against Sheldon Clark last Monday night. Prestonsburg played the Lady Cardinals close the first half but fell 69-47 in the game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

McDowell slows Likens in 50-19 tournament win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Megan Ousley scored a game-high 14 points and Sara Johnson added 10 as the McDowell Lady Daredevil's rolled to a 50-19 win over the Lady Red Devils of Harold in the McDowell Christmas Tournament last week.

But it was the defense of the Lady Daredevils in slowing Harold's Whitney Likens from pouring in the points. Likens finished with 10 points to lead Harold's scoring. Amy Keathley added seven, and Trish Robinson scored two.

Keathley had all four of Harold's first-quarter points as they trailed 14-4 after the opening quarter. Jessica Paige, who had eight points in the game, scored four of those to start the game. Ashley Johnson had four points in the first period and

finished with eight for the game. McDowell led 27-8 at the half with Robinson hitting the lone field goal for the Lady Red Devils. Ousley had three for McDowell in the stanza.

Ousley continued to score at will with six in the third period as the two teams played in the third. Likens, who had but one point at the half, scored eight in the third period but it was too little too late.

The game featured some of the bright high school prospects for Floyd County. But not all of them are eighth graders. Ashley Johnson is but a sixth grader and Likens is in the sixth, two names to remember, along with Jessica Paige, Ousley, Sara Johnson and Keathley.

Stephanie Skeans, another top player, added six points in the win for McDowell. Jessica Adams and Leigh Ann Tuttle scored two apiece.

Howard, Hunter combine for AC win over Raiders

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

4-H stands for heart, hands, head and health. At Allen Central the 2-H stands for Howard and Hunter. That is Todd Howard and Gary Hunter in Rebel basketball. Both combined for 47 points Friday night to lead the Allen Central Rebels to a 87-64 win over the Raiders in the first conference game for both teams.

Howard led the Rebels with 24 points but Hunter was close finishing with 23 points. Edmond Slone and Nick Samons also scored in double figures with 13 and 11 points respectively. Slone was a one man gang in the first half scoring all 13 of his points.

Justin Holbrook and Justin Paige were the only two Raiders to score in double figures. Both finished with 10 points apiece. Colby Little added nine points. Ryan Shannon and Timmy Butler netted eight apiece.

Allen Central continued to apply pressure as they pressed full court for the full game. The Runnin' Rebels are having to live up to their name this season because of being so small.

Turnovers hurt the Raiders as they turned the ball over three straight times to start the game. Allen Central rushed out to a 9-0 lead with Slone scoring the first five points. South Floyd was leaving the middle of the lane open for both Slone and Hunter. But the Raiders also failed to convert easy chances under the basket, some that were uncontested.

Allen Central had doubled the score on the Raiders after the first quarter, 18-9. South Floyd had eight turnovers in the opening quarter. Allen Central turned it over six times.

The Rebels led 21-9 before South Floyd went on a 6-0 run to narrow the lead to six, 21-15. But Allen Central regrouped and ran off seven unanswered points to lead 28-15 and stretched their lead to 23 with a spurt of 14-4. The Raiders had seven turnovers in the second period and 23 at the half, trailing Allen Central 42-23 heading to the locker room.

Howard had only six points after the first two quarters but cut loose in the second half scoring 18 points.

Big first quarter gives Duff win over Adams

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats got off to a drastic start against the Lady Bulldogs of Duff last Tuesday night, and never recovered in dropping a 40-36 decision to the Lady Bulldogs.

Beth Combs took scoring honors with 24 points in leading Duff. Johnna Ison netted six points in the win.

Angie Ousley led Adams with her 18 points, while Eric Majakey netted eight.

Duff outscored Adams 13-2 in the first quarter, and then had to battle to hold the lead as Adams out-scored over the final three periods. But the 11-point advantage in the first quarter was too much for the Lady Blackcats to overcome.

Combs scored six points in the first period as Adams opened cold offensively. Lauren Robinson and Leslie Martin each tossed in two first-quarter points. Amber Scott had three points in the quarter.

Majakey had the lone two points for Adams.

Ousley led a second-quarter charge for the Lady Blackcats, scoring six points on two field goals and two free throws. But Combs, Martin and Ison kept the Lady Dawgs in front, 20-10 at the half.

Ousley's six points in the third

quarter, along with four points by Chereshe Shepherd, pulled the Lady Cats to within six points, 29-23 after three quarters. Majakey completed a three-point play in the quarter. Beth Combs had all nine of Duff's points.

Ousley hit a three-point basket and scored six points in the fourth period. But it was from the free-throw line that the Lady Blackcats could not convert. Ousley hit only one-of-six, while the team connected on only four-of-15. Tiffany Frasure had two points for Adams and Majakey hit three-of-seven free throws in the quarter.

Shepherd finished with four points for Adams. Frasure and Newsome had two apiece.

Robinson totaled four for Duff, with Scott and Martin scoring three each.

Hardee named to Who's Who In Sports

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Prestonsburg's Ryan Hardee has been named to the Who's Who in Sports' All-Stars. Hardee, who ran track and field for Prestonsburg as well as cross-country, was selected from a chosen few for the honor.

Hardee was the regional champion this year in cross-country for Prestonsburg and finished strong in the state meet. He has ran in several local 5K races as well.

Hardee will be featured in the 1997-98 hardbound High School Edition of Who's Who in Sports, and also listed on the official web site.

Less than two percent of the sports participants in American high schools are chosen for the honor. Hardee is to be commended for his efforts at Prestonsburg.

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Allen upends Osborne at McDowell tournament

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Eagles scored 26 points in the fourth quarter in a come-from-behind victory over the Osborne Eagles in the semifinals of the McDowell Christmas Tournament at the E.P. Grigsby Fieldhouse at McDowell last week.

Allen trailed 41-35 going into the final quarter, but Nick Clay and Daniel Knausz turned up their offense in leading the 26-14 fourth-quarter spurt.

Clay led all scorers with 24 points. Knausz added 16, and Austin Clark netted 13 points for the Eagles.

Wendell Tackett scored 20 points to lead the Osborne Eagles. Michael Hall scored 16 as the only other double-figure scorer. Randall Matthew had eight points, and Josh Johnson scored seven for Osborne. Leon Brown finished with four.

After a blistering first half by both teams, both struggled big time in the third period with Osborne outscoring Allen 7-5 to lead 41-35 after three periods.

Clay and Knausz took their show out of the bag and performed to perfection. Knausz and Clay each scored nine points in the fourth quarter for Allen.

Clark netted four, and Matt Setser came off the bench and scored three.

The Allen Eagles led 19-16 after the first quarter behind Clay's 10 first-period points. Clark had five in the beginning. Hall and Tackett each scored six points for Osborne.

Osborne opened the second period hot and took a 34-30 half-time lead over Allen by outscoring them 18-11 in the second quarter behind Hall's seven points. Hall buried a trey in the period and Tackett scored five points. Osborne got a boost from Brown who scored four points.

Jacob Shepherd and Setser had three points apiece for Allen, while Michael Stephens scored two.

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Grade school conference...

Adams wins shootout over Duff, 53-49

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Shawn Newsome scored 14 of his game-high 23 points to lead the Adams Middle School Blackcats past the Duff Bulldogs Tuesday night in a conference grade school game.

Duff placed three players in double figures, with Robert Fitzpatrick leading the Bulldogs with 18 points. Nathan Sturgill netted 13 points and Josh Bentley tossed in 10.

Adams got good balanced scoring out of the Blackcats, with Kevin Younce finishing with nine points and Matt Turner adding six. Ryan Martin had the only three-point basket for Adams, and scored five points.

The Blackcats followed the scoring of Newsome and T.C. Hatfield to a 11-8 first-quarter lead. Hatfield scored all four of his points in the first period. Fitzpatrick had four of Duff's eight points.

Bentley hit a three-pointer for

the Bulldogs in the second quarter as the two teams played even. Sturgill had five points in the quarter. Younce scored five of his nine in the second period to give Adams a 22-19 halftime lead. Newsome had four points in the quarter and nine at the half.

In the third, Newsome went to war and tossed in nine points in the third period and scored six in the fourth. Martin hit a trey and scored five points in the third period. Fitzpatrick netted seven third-quarter points for Duff. He completed an old-fashioned three-point play.

Duff stayed close in the fourth quarter from the free-throw line, hitting five-of-six. Jeremy Rister, who finished with six points, had all six in the fourth. He was perfect from the stripe, hitting four-of-four. Sturgill had four points in the final stanza.

Timmy Workman scored two points for the Bulldogs. Philip Allen and Josh Yates tossed in two apiece for Adams. Craig Fleenor had two points.



Soaring Bobcat

Betsy Layne's Justin Bartley (12) soared to the basket against Johnson Central last Tuesday night. Bartley hit two three-point baskets and scored 17 points in the Bobcat's 71-69 win over the Golden Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

3rd Annual Dog Campbell Invitational tips off Monday at Allen Central

The Allen Central Rebels baseball team, in association with the Woodmen of the World Insurance Society, will tip off the 3rd Annual John "Dog" Campbell Holiday Basketball Classic this Monday night at the Allen Central John E. Campbell Arena with 12 outstanding grade school teams taking part.

"Dog" Campbell was a legendary coach at Garrett High School with 474 wins and one regional title.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Rebel's baseball team.

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Six Floyd County teams will compete in the five-day tournament. Martin, Duff, Allen, Adams, Betsy Layne and McDowell. Six other teams from surrounding counties will also be part of the 12-team tournament. Inez, Johnson Central,

A.B. Combs (Hazard), Hindman, Virgie and Herald Whitaker will participate. A.B. Combs has won the tournament crown the previous two years.

The tournament gets underway Monday, December 15, with two games - the first scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m. The tournament continues the following Friday, December 19, with three games beginning at 6 p.m.

On Monday, December 22, three more games will be held starting at 5 p.m. The semifinals will be played Friday, December 26 and the championship game, Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Tournament managers include Spurlock, Ronnie Patton and Sandy Gunnell.

Awards include: first, second and third place; leadership award; cheerleading; all-tournament team; free-throw trophies (team and individual); t-shirts to each participant; dinner to the winning team, and door prizes of \$50.

For some good grade school basketball, mark your calendar for this one.

Big first quarter gives Duff win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats got off to a drastic start against the Lady Bulldogs of Duff last Tuesday night, and never recovered in dropping a 40-36 decision to the Lady Bulldogs.

Beth Combs took scoring honors with 24 points in leading Duff. Johnna Ison netted six points in the win.

Angie Ousley led Adams with her 18 points, while Eric Majaakey netted eight.

Duff outscored Adams 13-2 in the first quarter, and then had to battle to hold the lead as Adams out-scored over the final three periods. But the 11-point advantage in the first quarter was too much for the Lady Blackcats to overcome.

Combs scored six points in the first period as Adams opened cold offensively. Lauren Robinson and Leslie Martin each tossed in two first-quarter points. Amber Scott had three points in the quarter.

Majaakey had the lone two points for Adams.

Ousley led a second-quarter charge for the Lady Blackcats, scoring six points on two field goals and two free throws. But Combs, Martin and Ison kept the Lady Dawgs in front, 20-10 at the half.

Ousley's six points in the third quarter, along with four points by Chereshe Shepherd, pulled the Lady Cats to within six points, 29-23 after three quarters. Majaakey completed a three-point play in the quarter. Beth Combs had all nine of Duff's points.

Ousley hit a three-point basket and scored six points in the fourth period. But it was from the free-throw line that the Lady Blackcats could not convert. Ousley hit only one-of-six, while the team connected on only four-of-15. Tiffany Frasure had two points for Adams and Majaakey hit three-of-seven free throws in the quarter.

Shepherd finished with four points for Adams. Frasure and Newsome had two apiece.

Robinson totaled four for Duff, with Scott and Martin scoring three each.

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Newsome's 23 points send Adams past Duff

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Shawn Newsome scored a game-high 23 points to lead the Adams Middle School Blackcats to a 53-49 edging of a much-improved Duff Bulldog team. Kevin Younce added nine points for the winners.

Duff placed three players in double figures, with Robert Fitzpatrick scoring 18 points to lead the Bulldogs. Nathan Sturgill added 13 points, and Josh Bentley tossed in 10.

Adams had to hold off a fourth-quarter barrage by Duff led by Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick scored seven points in the final quarter that

saw the Bulldogs outscoring Adams 19-13. Jeremy Rister had all six of his points in the fourth quarter. He hit all four of his free-throw attempts.

Adams got four points from Matt Turner, while Newsome netted five. Both Younce and Craig Fleenor scored two points in the final stanza.

It was in the third period that Adams put some distance between them and the Bulldogs. Adams outscored the Dawgs 18-11 in the period to take a 40-30 lead after three quarters. Newsome and Ryan Martin led the Blackcat's offense. Newsome scored nine points in the quarter, while Martin had five including a three-point basket.

Adams led 11-8 after the first quarter behind Newsome and T.C. Hatfield. Newsome had five in the quarter, while Hatfield scored four. Josh Yates netted two points.

Fitzpatrick scored four first-quarter points for Duff. Bentley and Sturgill had two apiece.

The two teams played even in the second quarter, scoring 11 points apiece. Bentley hit a three-pointer and had four points in the second. Sturgill scored five of his 13 points for Duff in the second.

Duff shot well from the free throw line, connecting on 12-of-15 from the charity stripe.

Rister finished with six points for Duff, while Greg Isaac scored two.

Turner added five for Adams, while Martin finished with five. Hatfield totaled four. Fleenor, Yates and Philip Allen scored two apiece.

Duff Lady Bulldogs rip Stumbo 43-12

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Beth Combs scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Duff Lady Bulldogs to a 43-12 win over John M. Stumbo in girl's grade school basketball play at McDowell in the McDowell Christmas Tournament last Thursday night.

Combs scored eight of her points in the opening quarter that gave the Lady Bulldogs a 13-2 first-quarter advantage. Leslie Martin, who finished with nine points, had five in the first period, completing a three-point play the old-fashioned way.

Keesha Newman, who led Stumbo with eight points, had Stumbo's two points in the opening period.

In the second stanza, Duff outscored Stumbo 10-9 to lead 23-11 at the half. Combs tossed in for points in the period, while Lauren Robinson and Amy Combs netted three apiece.

Combs had a three-point play. Newman scored six of the nine points for Stumbo.

Sara Flannery added two in the quarter for the Lady Mustangs, while Heather Evans hit one of two free throws.

Stumbo went scoreless in the third period with Combs leading a 14-0 charge for the Lady Bulldogs. Combs scored six points in the period, while Amber Scott and Martin had four each. Duff missed all six of their free throws in the third quarter.

In the fourth, Robinson, Amy Combs and Kristi Howard each scored two points in the period for a 6-1 final tally. Tabitha Mitchell had the lone point for Stumbo in the fourth period.

Robinson and Amy Combs finished with five points for Duff. Scott had four, and Howard two.



In the middle

Andy Jarvis of Prestonsburg had one of several layups against the Magoffin County Hornets last Saturday night. Jarvis scored 19 points and had 15 rebounds in a 57-55 loss to the Hornets. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Music's 22 points lead Allen past Mountain Christian Lady Falcons

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Lady Eagles escaped the Mountain Christian Academy Lady Falcons by pulling out a 38-31 win last week in grade school basketball.

Ramanda Music scored a game-high 22 points for the Lady Eagles.

Megan Harris and Molly Burchett combined for 29 points for the Lady Falcons. Harris netted 15 points to lead MCA, and Burchett

scored 14.

The Lady Falcons, trailing throughout the game, rallied to make the score more decent in the fourth quarter when they put 20 points on the scoreboard in the period.

Burchett, who had two points going into the final stanza, scored 12 points in the fourth. Harris pumped in seven. Jessica Shepherd had two points.

Chanell Music, Kate Bentley and Tara Harris scored four points

each for Allen. Kara Collins and Rachell Johnson had two points apiece.

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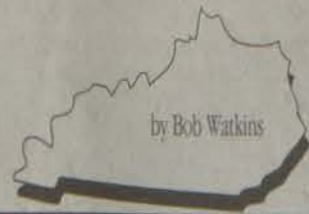
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SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



Good for Charles Woodson. Michigan's splendid (mostly) defensive back is the Heisman Trophy man 1997. His acknowledgement of God in his life and his mother's teary pride made wonderful television at the acceptance ceremony.

But let us be candid. The Heisman Trophy vote this year was a travesty. A comic tragedy for college football and the Heisman Trophy electorate. In a year when the national sports media herd had a chance to redeem itself from Gino Torretta and the like, send a message that most of us rail about 365 days a year — excellence on the field is crucial, but still only part of the equation in student-athleticism — we chose the safe way and then slap ourselves on the back for picking a non-quarterback.

Essentially, we went the way suggested by Street&Smith in August when its pre-football season edition listed Manning as Heisman gold, (but) Woodson as "...an updated version of Deion Sanders."

Charles Woodson is a young fellow in the right place at right time. Teevee air time with a rose petal in his mouth and an ESPN sound-bite chance to say, "I don't talk the talk, man, I walk the walk."

Congratulations. Woodson's selection over Manning, as incredible as that is all things are considered, sends a clear message to University of Kentucky handlers assigned to the 'Committee to Elect Tim Couch.'

Remember three critical things. 1. The attention span of Heisman balancers is less than Charles Woodson's speed in the 40-yard dash; 2. The depth of the electorate's real caring for student-athleticism figured into a vote cast, is like our watch for octane percentage in a gallon of gasoline; 3. And, timing is everything and a (mail) blitz made too early is a blitz wasted.

Permit me to get my Heisman ballot and voting criteria on the record; 1. Peyton Manning, Tennessee, 2. Ryan Leaf, Washington St., 3. Charles Woodson, Michigan.

Factored out: His NFL prospectus. I don't care where a young man plays position-wise or geography-wise. The color of his skin means nothing. And the blizzard of statistics FAXed and mailed to my house are figured in, but are secondary.

Factored in: On a winning football team, how productive a young man is in key areas of a game and a season. His presence on his team in a team game. How he conducts himself on the field and in front of television cameras. How he deals with opponents, coaches and game officials. I want to know about his grades and what his major is and if he is on schedule to graduate. And, I would like to know what sort of citizen he is away from football.

These are legitimate criteria for best player in college football. Charles Woodson? He arrived in our consciences on television against Penn State on a November Saturday after golden-boy Heisman favorite Peyton Manning had had a less than spectacular game against South Carolina.

Prodded by ESPN and metro columnists who lead this herd, media types had become bored with the golly-gosh image of Manning after a preseason of accolades and the Florida game in September. Annoyed also with the spin-doctored barrage of publicity invested in the Vols' quarterback, voters went looking for an alternative.

Washington State's Ryan Leaf rose up for a millisecond or two, then Marshall's Randy Moss danced across our screen. Then came Nov. 8. A delicious Saturday with Nebraska at Missouri, North Carolina at Florida State and Michigan at Penn State. By the 6 o'clock news we had our man. Woodson had been a wrecking ball at Happy Valley and the film was ready to roll at Sportscenter. For all intents and purposes, Manning — Richie Cunningham of the college game — was his-to-ree.

His image had been in our faces too long.

Sadly, that's how these things work in an era of College Football Inc.

The same media-types who righteously skewer coaches and college officials for producing less-than-satisfactory graduation rates, ignored that Peyton Manning graduated college in three years and returned to work on his Master's Degree, all while putting up spectacular numbers and marching his team to an SEC championship (leaving Florida in its wake).

I find it incredible how some voters chose to emphasize the Vols' loss to Florida as a referendum on Peyton Manning instead of his orchestration of Tennessee's eleven victories. It

betrays an ingrained cynicism and disregard for what (hopefully) the Downtown Athletic Club sponsors have in mind for their award winner.

The result of this Heisman vote is a reflection also that: Pre-season favorites become tiresome very soon in a sound-bite society. And, those who vote have the attention span of a song bird and single-mindedness of the Three Stooges. In the end it demonstrated how impressed the electors were with one game, Michigan at Ohio State.

Now comes Tim Couch. Next year he must shoulder some of the same Heisman burden that weighed on his role model, Manning, this season. Hopefully UK officials will learn from UT's experience that hype has its limits and its pitfalls and that timing is everything.

Meanwhile, congratulations to Charles Woodson.

Heisman '97 vote is a travesty and a warning to 'Committee to elect Tim Couch'

ADOLPH RUPP REMEMBERED

Time doth have wings. Twenty years ago last week, Adolph Rupp departed this Kentucky Eden for a better place. One where there are no turnovers or trapezoid zone defenses and no mean-spirited racial commentaries. Some of us still think fondly of our state's Father of Basketball (yes, in many ways Ed Diddle at Western and Peck Hickman at UofL were his equal).

Yet, Rupp was the crusty and barb-tongued coach UK who was as compelling a media character 30 years ago as Bob Knight is today, and more quotable.

In the absence of a mouthpiece to bestow velcro nicknames on him

like Michelangelo, Wizard of Westwood, and the General, Rupp has too often been left to hover like a menacing shadow over glowing accounts about Dean Smith and Don Haskins.

Until North Carolina's Smith surpassed it last winter, Rupp kept hold of the title winningest coach in the history of college basketball. All at Kentucky. Think of it, Kentucky fans listening on all those radios could expect a victory-feel-good eight times of every ten for 42 years. And four NCAA championships. Like him or not, everyone respected this man who was devoted to Kentucky basketball for 42 years. A life's work, 42 years.

By force of coaching skill, motivation, personality and promotion (the game and himself), Rupp was a laser-beam

force in the game before television discovered it. As much as anyone, the NCAA owes tribute to UK's old Baron for his style and impact on the college game. His contribution is a major reason why millions of dollars go into NCAA coffers today. Money from television networks and athletic equipment companies and administrators and coaches' pockets too.

College hoops. Rupp helped make it a marvel in living room entertainment we have come to know as Road To The Final Four.

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Basic fundamentals, John Wooden has said. "Ball-handling, passing, pivoting and rebounding. (He drove those things) relentlessly into his players.

"As I watch how the game is headed today," Wooden went on. "I see things Adolph would have embraced eagerly — 3-point basket and possession clocks. But it saddens me to see how much the game has gotten away from its basic fundamentals and it is regrettable that we don't have coaches today like Adolph Rupp to get it back on its rightful course."

Indeed. I met coach Rupp in the autumn of 1969, when he stood up the other side of what seemed a half-court sized mahogany desk to shake hands with a squint-eyed, nervous reporter from the campus newspaper. I had been let into an office for a one-on-one audience with The Man in The Brown Suit. But, only after a cautionary and scoutly bit of advice from an assignment editor. "Be prepared," he said as if he were sending me to the gallows. "The old man doesn't have any patience with foolish questions. Oh, and he's mad as hell about our story in yesterday's edition."

Old man? Mad? Hmmm. Of course Rupp was kind and gracious, and expansive with his answers. In the end, when I mustered the courage to say, "I would like to come back sometime," he responded with a wave of his right arm and half-scowl, "Why the hell can't you? You know where my office is. Anytime."

And so, Adolph Rupp has been gone 20 years. It is fitting to pay homage to him. To acknowledge his legacy and the role he played in making this game into lore that gave us Wah Wah Jones and Ralph Beard on to Vernon Hatton and Jack Givens and Cameron Mills, and made a future possible to put stars into the eyes of the latest comer, J.P. Blevins.

And so it goes. Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky, P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky, 42740. Or, E-Mail SptsInKy@aol.com.



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Players of the Week



Todd Howard
Senior at Allen Central
27 points
vs. Pike Cental
24 pts. vs. South Floyd



Jessica Clark
Junior at Betsy Layne
27 points
4 rebounds, 6 assists
vs. Paintsville

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Move to the basket

Scott Collins (24) of Betsy Layne made his move to the basket against Johnson Central last Tuesday night. Collins scored 10 points in the Bobcat's 57-55 win over the Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Betsy Layne follows Clark to win over Martin

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Betsy Layne's Jeremy Clark was held to just two points in the three quarters, but he exploded for 10 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Betsy Layne Bobcats to a 44-39 come-from-behind win over a good Martin Middle School team.

Keith Crum led all scorers with 21 points for Martin. Crum scored nine points in the first quarter, four in the third and six in the fourth.

The Purple Flash held a 30-28 lead going into the final period but Clark turned up his game a notch and led a 9-6 charge that gave the Bobcats the victory. As a team, Betsy Layne was six-of-six from the free-throw line, a good sign that as the season progresses, all teams are getting better.

Crum's nine first-quarter points staked Martin to a 13-8 lead after one quarter. Jason Holbrook and Michael Murphy scored two points each in the opening quarter.

Betsy Layne missed all five of their free throw attempts in the first stanza. Brandt Brooks, Dustin

Elkins, Shawn Rose and Jordon Compton had two points apiece for Betsy Layne.

Martin held a 24-20 halftime lead but it was Ricky Lewis that vaulted the Purple Flash in the second quarter. He hit a three-point basket and three-of-seven free throws, scoring six points. Justin Reynolds had three points in the quarter, while Jonathan Hall had two.

Both teams struggled offensively in the third quarter, with Crum scoring all six of Martin's points. Compton had a three-point basket and five points in the third period for Betsy Layne. Chase Yonts added two and Elkins had one point.

In the "B" team game, Jonathan Hall scored 15 points and Michael Murphy added 14 to lead Martin to a 39-34 win over Betsy Layne. Mike Slone added eight, and Brian Johnson had two points.

Michael Rogers led Betsy Layne with 14 points. Bo Bo Hamilton added 13. Brandon Kidd scored five and Chase Hamilton netted two points.

Berger leads Osborne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Tabitha Berger scored 23 points and Lakita Johnson added 22 to lead the Osborne Lady Eagles to a 61-60 upset win over the Allen Lady Eagles in the McDowell Christmas Tournament last week.

The dual performance of Berger and Johnson offset the individual performance of Ramanda Music, who had game-scoring honors for Allen with 36 points. Rachel Mitchell scored 13 points for the Lady Eagles.

Johnson took over the game in the fourth quarter with her team trailing 35-34 entering the final stanza. She hit three three-point baskets in scoring 12 points. Kandice Mitchell, who had double figures with 12 points, scored eight of those in the fourth period. Both teams combined for 52 points in the fourth quarter, and this is girl's grade school basketball.

Allen missed nine free throws in the final minutes of the game. Music scored 11 fourth-quarter points while Mitchell had nine. But Mitchell

missed six-of-10 free throw attempts.

Allen led 10-8 after the first quarter as both teams struggled to get started. Johnson had four points in the first period for Osborne. Berger and Amy Morgan scored a field goal apiece. Music had six of Allen's 10 points in the opening stanza. Beth Joseph and Mitchell had two points.

Osborne, behind Berger, took a 20-16 halftime lead to the locker room. Berger tossed in eight points in the second quarter as Osborne outscored Allen 12-6. Mitchell had four points in the second quarter. Music had two field goals for Allen and Mitchell hit the other.

Allen came back in the third and reclaimed a one-point lead behind Music who scored 15 points in the period. Berger had eight points in the third stanza, while Johnson scored six.

Joseph finished with seven points for Allen. Kara Collins netted two as did Tara Harris. Allen hit only 14-of-34 free-throw attempts while Osborne connected on six-of-12 attempts.

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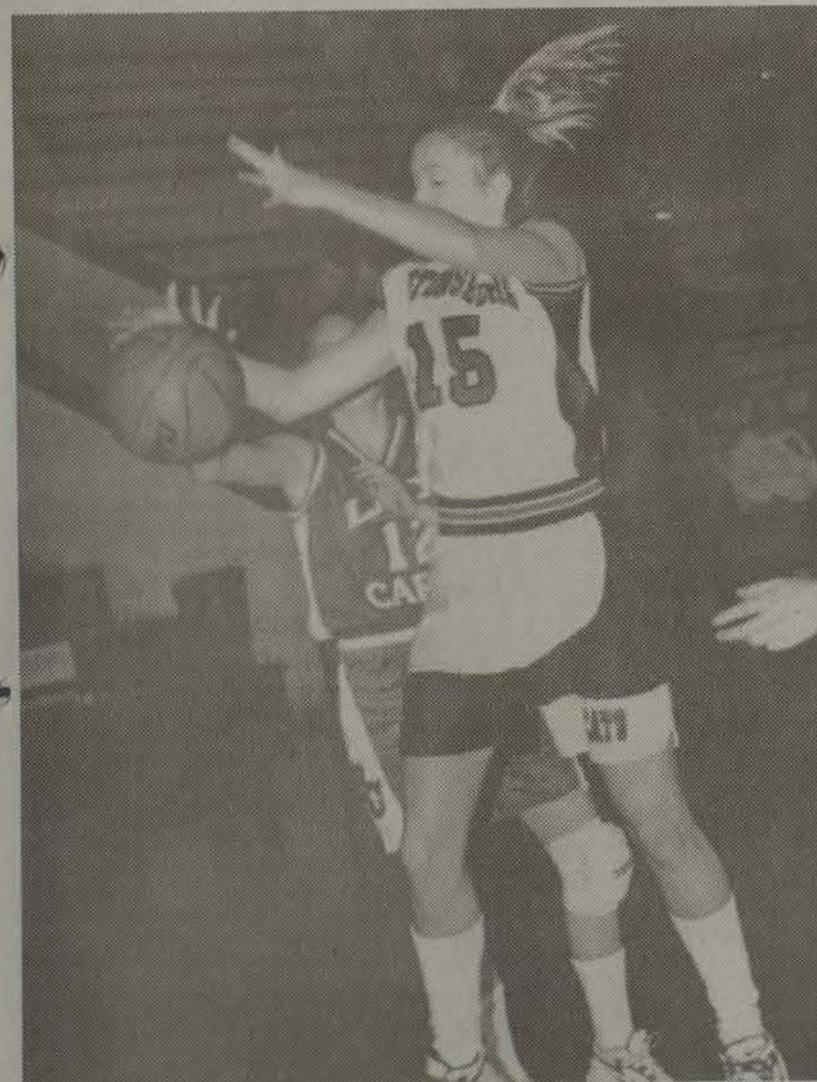


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Scramble for the ball

Prestonsburg's Jessi Burke (15) battled for a loose ball against Sheldon Clark last Monday night in girl's basketball play. Prestonsburg will play in the Sheldon Clark Invitational tonight against Phelps with tip off scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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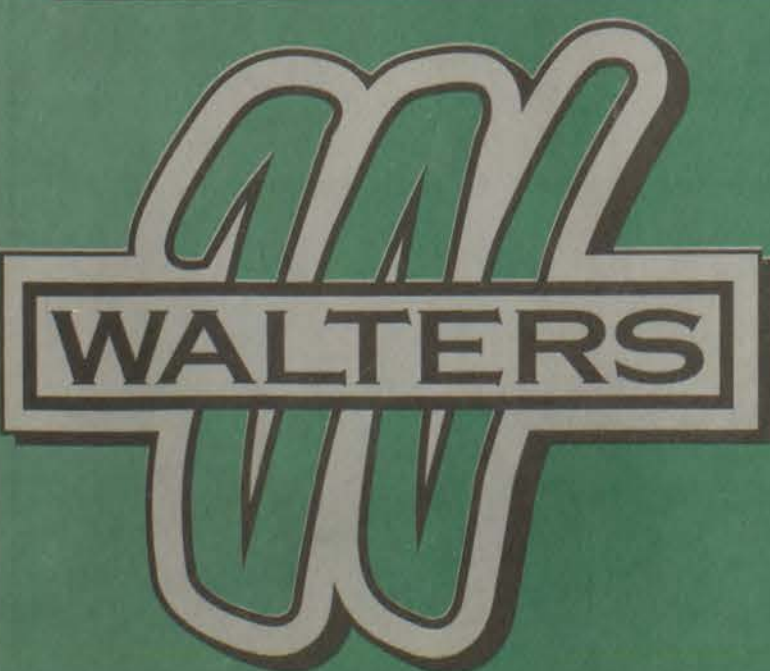
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Lifestyles

Christmas in the Park

A night not unnoticed

"An ordinary night with ordinary sheep and ordinary shepherds. And were it not for a God who loves to hook an 'extra' on the front of the ordinary, the night would have gone unnoticed. The sheep would have been forgotten, and the shepherds would have slept the night away.

Poison Oak



Clyde Pack

"But God dances amidst the common. And that night he did a waltz. "The black sky exploded with brightness. Trees that had been shadows jumped into clarity. Sheep that had been silent became a chorus of curiosity. One minute the shepherd was dead asleep, the next he was rubbing his eyes and staring into the face of an alien.

"The night was ordinary no more." Despite ageless efforts to relay the true miracle of Christmas, I doubt seriously that, short of the Bible itself, it's ever been better expressed than through these words by Max Lucado in *The Glory of Christmas*.

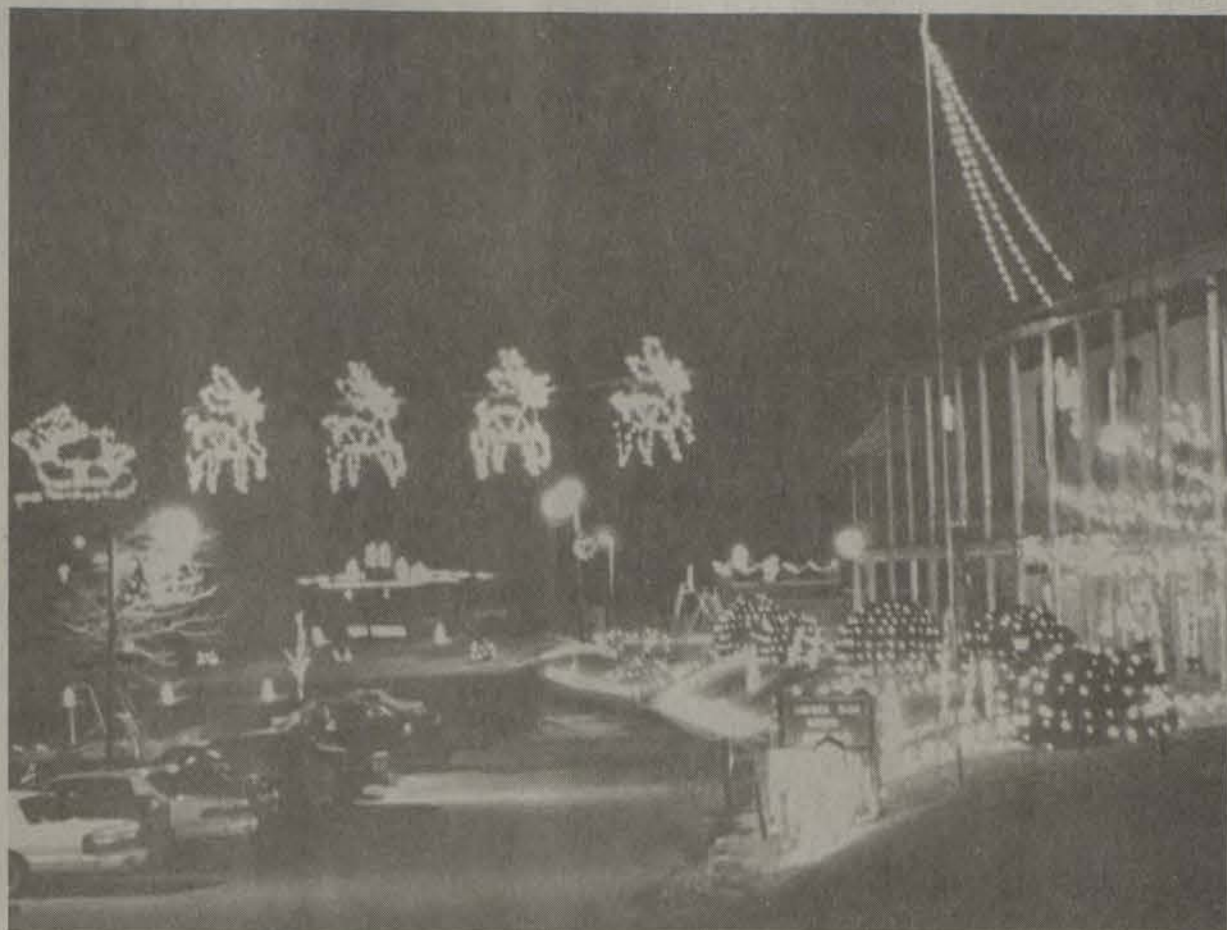
I like to think they serve as a much-needed reminder that all the regal, tinsel-laden Christmases we have come to expect in today's society, when put into this simple perspective, are perhaps not only misplaced, but also unnecessary.

Now don't get me wrong. That's not to say that I'm opposed to plugging in the tree lights and playing lively holiday music. No adult has more kid in them and enjoys the sparkle more than I. As a matter of fact, I feel there are times, and the dead of winter in this part of the world is one of them, when we absolutely need the brightness of the season. Christmas glitter only becomes a problem when we tend to start thinking in terms of glitter alone.

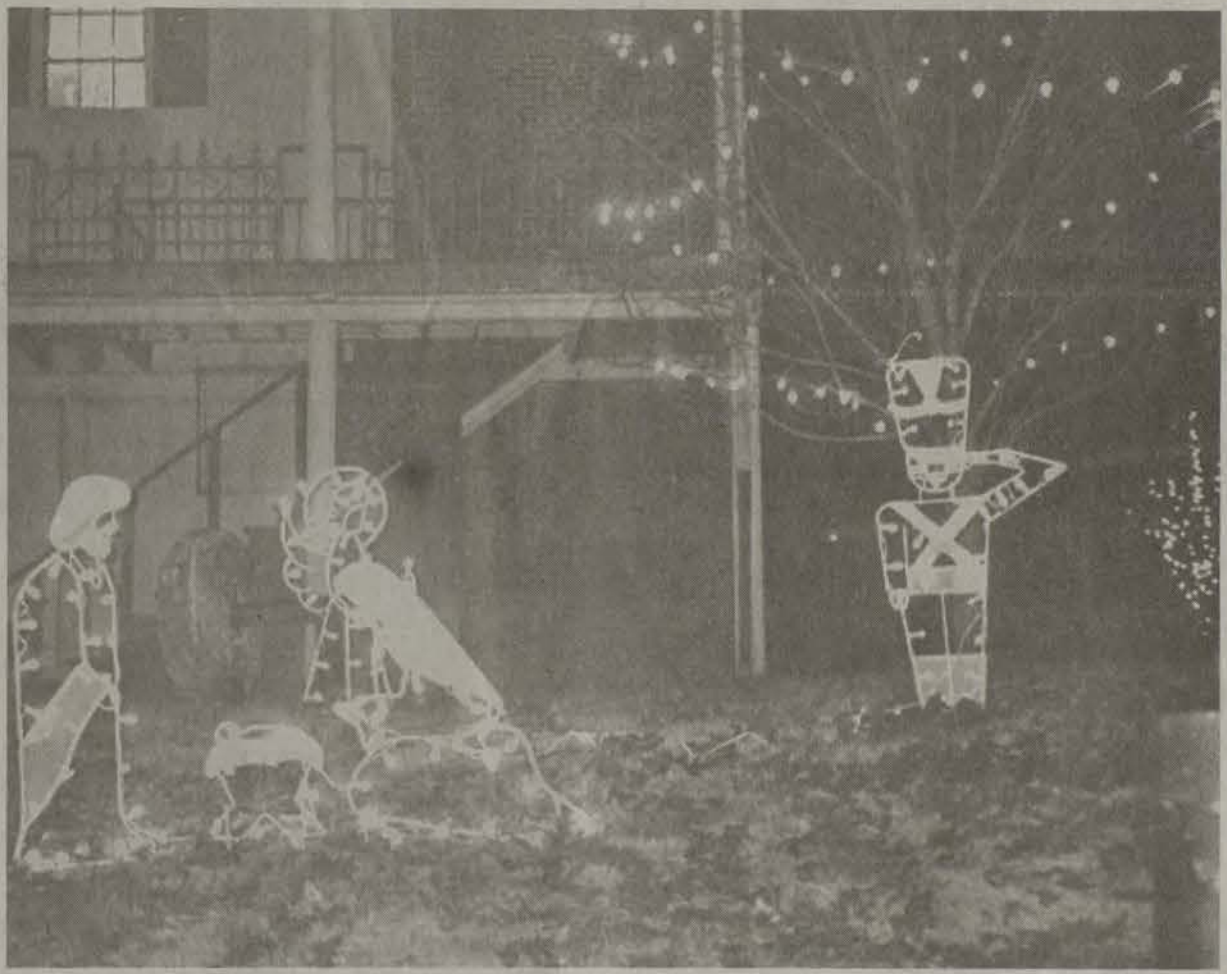
Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" reminds us of home and hearth; of family gatherings; of those hassle-free days of years gone by. While the lyrics are not biblical by any means, there's absolutely nothing wrong with them. But lest we get all wrapped up in colorful cellophane, we need to let Lucado's words remind us that the true story can be expressed without all the commercial hype. Of course, in this respect, those of us who grew up in Eastern Kentucky, where spires of community churches are as common as the rugged hills that tower over them, may have a bit of an advantage over those unfortunate enough to have been reared elsewhere. After all, a lot of meaningful learning resulted from the major productions presented by coal miners' kids in those little Sunday school classes. Over the years, the story of the Christ child became a part of our early education, and it's not likely we'll ever forget His humble beginnings.

Yet, as long as we keep in mind exactly what it is we're supposed to be celebrating, what harm can there be in exchanging a gift with someone you love, or in humming a tune to lift your spirits?

May we all approach the season in a manner that reflects our knowledge that we are indeed remembering an extremely extraordinary event.



Santa and his reindeers travel across the sky at Archer Park during Christmas. (photo by Chris McDavid)



A soldier salutes as Mary and Joseph honor the Christ Child. The display is part of an exhibition of light at Archer Park. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

by Janice Shepherd
 Managing Editor

Archer Park is aglow with Christmas. Lighted displays can be seen throughout the park and, on December 18, the sounds of the joy of children will be heard throughout the park.

Christmas in the Park, held annually by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club in conjunction with the city of Prestonsburg and Archer Park, will begin at 6 p.m. in the skating rink and conclude at 8 p.m.

An average of 85 to 120 children attend the event, according to Sandi Burchett, president of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

Children can see the park's Christmas displays aboard a miniature truck provided by the city of Prestonsburg. In addition to the ride, the children will receive Christmas gift bags from the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

Fifty children attending will also received additional Christmas goodies. Drawings for prizes will be held throughout the evening. At the conclusion of the party, four children will also receive bicycles. Two boys and two girls' bicycles will be given away.

Christmas in the Park includes numerous activities, such as face painting and games, for the children. Roller skating, though, will not be available, but Santa and his helpers (members of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club) will be on hand to make the event jolly.

Refreshments of cookies and punch will be available, Burchett said.

For those who need a bit more sustenance to ward off December's cold weather, the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center, located in Archer Park, is holding a chili supper, beginning at 6 p.m.

This year's Christmas in the Park is being spearheaded by Burchett and Lydia Margaret Howard. Burchett also gives credit to the members of club, the city of Prestonsburg and Archer Park (both of whom have donated money for the event).

"We're all working together," Burchett said.

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Ten Years Ago (December 16, 1987)

The Kentucky Insurance and Liabilities Task Force suggested that insurance rates should be lowered in this section of the state...A meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council found the city to have a deficit of \$46,757, much less than was anticipated...Wheelwright High School teacher Carol Stumbo was among the educators and civic leaders recognized by the State School Superintendent Alice McDonald at a luncheon held at the Carriage House in Paintsville... "Old Christmas" is slated to be held January 3 at the Jenny Wiley May Lodge...There died...Wilda Duvall Morgan, 76, of Prestonsburg, Saturday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home...I. Melhem Sahiani, 90, of Melvin, Friday at Our Lady of The Way Hospital at Martin...Donald Gene Robinette, 49, of Harold, Tuesday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident...Haney Marie Scott, 67, of Corn Fork, Tuesday at her residence following an apparent heart attack...Dottie Mullins Slone, 71, of Halo, Friday at McDowell Regional Medical Center...Belva M. Peters, 63, of Michigan, formerly of Martin, December 8 at her home...Millie Bailey Hall, 90, of Gunlock, Monday at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Siefas Collins, 89, of Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday at his home...Geneva Ratliff Leedy, 72, of Pippa Passes, Saturday at the home of Dillard and Sue Sparkman...Virgil Tuttle, 67, of Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, December 2 at Mansfield General Hospital...and Jack V. Crager, of Michigan, formerly of Floyd

County, Monday.

Twenty Years Ago (December 14, 1977)

County Judge Henry Stumbo last Thursday ended 38 years in a judicial capacity, both as magistrate and county judge, as he held his last county court term with 140 or more cases in the docket...Five contracts have been awarded since July on new KY 80 between Water Gap and Hazard, and among these is a sector of the highway in Floyd County which was let to contract last week...An estimated 400 pickets, mostly from Ohio, entered Kentucky at Catlettsburg and began stopping coal trucks, abliging a number of drivers to dump their loads of coal at the side of U.S. 23, and staging what appeared to be a determined effort to stop production by non-union mines. As of yesterday, though, few pickets were in Pike County and none were known of in Floyd County...The Floyd Fiscal Court concurred Monday with the suggestion made last Tuesday by the Economic Development Administration that all bids on construction of a bridge across Right Beaver Creek at the county park planned at Allen be refused...Of 50 applications for \$7.5 million in state flood abatement funds which have been submitted by

the state's 15 area development districts, 17 have thus far been selected for financing, it was announced Friday...There died: Mrs. Ellen B. Robinson, 82, of Middle Creek, Wednesday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Thelma Anderson, 60, of Topmost, Sunday, November 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Forrest Greeley Long, 82, of Martin, Friday at his home; Eugene J. Stratton, 62, of Banner, Friday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Nellie S. Moore, wife of former Floyd County educator, George L. Moore, 71, of

Our Yesterdays

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

Olive Hill, December 6, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Ashland; Wayne J. Blanton, 70, of Dwale, Sunday at his home; Earl Denver Shannon, 74, of Drift, last Tuesday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Rufus Fraley, 66, of Lancer, Friday at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Woodrow Smith, 61, of Garner, November 20 at Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Minnie Jones Moore, 90, of Mallie in Knott County, Sunday, November 27 at S. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; German Harris, 64, of Kite, Thursday at his home; Sheldon Combs, 63, of Larkslane, November 24 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Mrs. Virgie Mae Harmon,

75, of Stanville, Thursday at Logan General Hospital in Logan, West Virginia; Willie Lee Crum, 70, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Thursday at Barnwell County Hospital in South Carolina; Mrs. Dialpha R. Rice, 77, of Little Paint, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Ada June Morris, 46, formerly of Maytown, Saturday at her Columbus, Ohio home.

Thirty Years Ago (December 14, 1967)

The non-profit Highlands Hospital Corporation won approval at the Development Council meeting in Pikeville Wednesday night of a proposed regional hospital here...There will be no more VISTA workers in Kentucky, and the Appalachian Volunteers working in this area will be local people...Pike County was perhaps hardest hit, but strip-mining operations in this county, Knott, Perry and Letcher were also sharply curtailed by Tuesday's new and tougher regulation of the industry which Governor Breathitt put into effect in the last hours of his administration...It was learned here this week that the state's Department of Parks has leased to Paul Martin, of Prestonsburg, its Jenny Wiley State Park boat dock...At this season of the year, 85 years ago (1882), a red-hot issue was developing in Floyd County—namely, the question of building a new courthouse and jail. The probe revolved around the projected cost—\$15,000...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James Melvin Allen, a daughter, Kimberly

(See Yesterdays, page four)

Society

Woman's club meets

The GFWC-KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club met December 4 at the clubhouse for the annual Christmas party.

The meeting was called to order by President Sandi Burchett. The pledge to the flag was given. A poem "Christmas in the Heart" was read by Sandi Burchett, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Christmas in the Park will be held December 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the skating rink. There will be a chili supper at the senior citizens center at 5 p.m. Train rides will be available. It was announced open house will

be held at the May House December 5.

The club house was decorated for the Christmas season.

The meeting was closed with a reading, entitled "Keeping Christmas," by Earlene Nelson.

Refreshments were served by the executive committee to Kathy Lowe, Judy Bowen, Eve May, Mable Brown, Drema Millie, Earlene Nelson, Beverly Oxford, Sabra Jacobs, Pam Weiner Skeens, Sandi Burchett, Paula Spriggs, Wonell Godsey, Lyda Howard, Barbara Dawson, Garnett Fairchild, Eileen Burchett, Boots Adams, Nancy Martin, Elizabeth Ramey, Margaret Turnbull, Dorothy Stover and Cherie Mulling.

Recycling committee learns composting can enrich soil

Ordinary waste products can be converted to a rich soil-like mixture

that can nourish yards and gardens, according to Jean Dorton and Kathy Friend.

Dorton and Friend presented a program on composting to members of the Floyd County Recycling Committee at a meeting November 19 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Pat Spicer, Floyd County Agricultural Extension agent, distributed information regarding composting, along with a sign-up sheet for those individuals interested in forming a garden club.

Following the demonstration, the group discussed 1998 committee goals. Rebecca Derossett, committee chair, said she will present a progress report at the December meeting. Among goals suggested were:

- Offer a pick-up discount to citizens who recycle, pending agreement with USA Waste;
- Form an alliance with Magoffin,

Martin, and Johnson counties;

- Explore potential funding resources; and

- Provide a forum for political candidates to state their positions on recycling.

Mike Vance, a member of the committee and director of Floyd County Solid Waste, reported that the county is now at an 80 percent collection point — a record percentage. He announced that there will be an Environmental Summit for the Big Sandy region sometime in March or April of next year.

Maria Reynolds, Southern Appalachian Recycling (SAR), reported that she works with Floyd County schools, in classes K-6, to educate the students about recycling. She is currently helping May Valley Elementary at Martin to start a recycling program.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 17, at noon, at

the Chamber of Commerce office in Prestonsburg.

Also attending the meeting were Kevin Webb, ecology officer; Chris Slone, with the Conservation

Service; Carla Coburn, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce; Cindy Hackworth, representing Wal-Mart; and Hubert Puckett, citizen representative.

AG NEWS

Holiday cacti brightens season

by Patricia G. Spicer

Floyd County
Cooperative Extension Service
Agent for Agriculture and
Natural Resources

"Christmas cactus" plants come in shades of white, golden yellow, pink, rose, coral and red. It is no wonder that these fall and winter blooming plants have been holiday favorites for years.

People group holiday cacti together under the term "Christmas cactus." Actually, most holiday cacti are derived from the Thanksgiving or crab cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*). The true Christmas cactus is *Schlumbergera bridgesii*. The main difference between the two is the shape of the leaflike stem segments. In the Thanksgiving cactus, the edges of the segments are toothed or pointed; in the Christmas cactus, the segments are smaller and have rounded lobes. The Thanksgiving cactus tends to grow more upright, while the Christmas cactus tends to be more drooping.

Both species originated in Brazil, where they grow in plant debris trapped among tree branches or in decaying humus on the ground. Therefore, plants grown in the home do best in a light, humusy or peat-based potting soil containers with holes for drainage. Avoid potting in heavy mineral-type soils, where over-watering will quickly lead to root rot and plant death.

Holiday cacti bloom in response to short days and/or cool temperatures. To cause plants to set flower buds begin to expose the cacti to nine hours of light and 15 hours of darkness each day, starting in September. For example, each day place the plant in a light-free closet or under a box at 5:00 p.m., each evening and return it to a sunny window at 8 a.m.

Holding temperatures between 50-59 degrees F will stimulate flowering despite day length. Kentucky gardeners that reflower their holiday cactus each year, simply leave the plants outdoors through September and protect the plants from frost if necessary. When the plants are brought indoors in early October, flower buds are set and the plants will flower around Thanksgiving.

Temperature above 75° F., sudden changes in temperature or light levels, and over watering plants in heavy soil will cause unopened flower buds to fall off.

For more information on caring for holiday plants, contact Pat Spicer at the Extension Office at 886-2668 or stop by at 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.



HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER PARAMEDIC PROGRAM START DATE: JANUARY 6, 1998

Applications for Winter 1997 Paramedic Program are available in the Human Resources Department at Highlands. All applications must be received by December 12.

Testing for applicants will be at 8:00 a.m. on December 13 at Highlands Medical Offices Building, Meeting Rooms A and B.

Please note — current TABE Scores (not to exceed 2 years) must be provided with all applications.

Any questions, please call 886-7530.

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FOR THE RECORD

Suits Filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Crystal Leslie of Dwale vs. Shawn Leslie of Dwale; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Shonda T. Cox of Salyersville vs. Hazel Arnett et al. of Prestonsburg; compensation for injuries sustained on or about December 10, 1996 on US 23 in Prestonsburg.

Dana Commercial Credit vs. Plantation Motel, Inc. et al. of Prestonsburg; alleged debt.

First Deposit National Bank of Pleasanton, California vs. Barbara J. Cox of Garrett; alleged debt.

Howard Conley of David vs. Douglas Jones et al. of Martin; compensation for injuries sustained on or about June 13, 1997 on Buckeye Road in Blue River.

Carolyn A. McKenzie of Prestonsburg vs. Ralph McKenzie of Prestonsburg; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kenneth Rowe of Regina vs. Patricia Rowe of Elkhorn City; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Mountain Valley Explosives of Allen vs. Miller Mining Company of Prestonsburg; alleged debt.

Jack Rowe et al. of Prestonsburg vs. Avery Lowe et al. of Prestonsburg; alleged property dispute.

Jeff Jones of Martin vs. Inter-Mountain Cable of Harold; alleged contract dispute.

Stella Hyden et al. vs. Prestonsburg Lodging Associates, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee; alleged wrongful death.

Sharon Branham vs. Robert Castle et al. of Thelma; alleged contract dispute.

Althea Hunt of Stanville vs. Pam Page of Beaver; compensation for injuries sustained on or about June 6, 1996 on US 23 at Betsy Layne.

Bonnie D. Campbell et al. vs. Pamela Collins et al. of Prestonsburg; compensation for injuries sustained on or about December 13, 1996 on US 23 at Allen.

BankOne, Kentucky vs. Lenville Slone of McDowell; alleged debt.

Jack Abshear, Jr. of Prestonsburg vs. Costain Coal Company of Louisville; alleged property damage.

Steven Coleman of Pikeville vs. Tina Coleman of Raccoon; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Larry W. Weathers vs. Warden Wolford of Wheelwright; violation of due process.

George Hereford et al. vs. Charles Bradley et al.; petition for leased interest.

Randy Pack of Wayland vs. Enoch Allen of Hazard; petition for injuries sustained on or about May 14, 1997 on KY 80 at Watergap.

Restaurant, School and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's Note: All restaurant inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey, Russell Wallace, and Mark Johnson.

• Lakeview Mart, 98 in deli and 98 in retail: Linoleum floor covering torn. Hole in floor near ice cooler. Ceiling tile needs repairs and cleaning.

• Wayland Fountain, not rated, follow-up visit. Critical item corrected.

• Dairy Queen, Prestonsburg, 89: Critical violation found. Toxic items not properly labeled (bottles of cleaners and bulk container of cleaning powder). Owner given ten minutes to correct critical violation. (Critical item corrected during inspection.)

Other violations: Improper stor-

age of wiping cloths in preparation area. Improper storage of clean utensils (stored between wall of three-compartment sink). Improper storage of single service articles (hot dog) trays not inverted. Floors not clean in preparation area. Ceilings not clean in preparation area (grease deposits). Lights not properly shielded on hood in preparation area.

• Prestonsburg Dairy Cheer, 96: Bottom of reach-in freezers not clean. Dish sink leaking and not maintained. Dumpsters not covered.

• Giovanni's Pizza House, Prestonsburg, 94: Improper storage of wiping cloths. Cloth lying on preparation table. Soiled (grease) hood in preparation area. Improper storage of clean utensils not inverted. Floors not clean and in need of repair in preparation and storage area. Ceiling tile soiled in preparation area. Lights not properly shielded in preparation area.

• South Floyd High School cafeteria, 98: Outside dumpster not covered. Cafeteria is very clean and in excellent repair.

• Vance Quick Mart, 98 in deli and 98 in retail: Outside dumpster not covered. Very clean.

• Hamilton Grocery, 93: Not all freezer and refrigeration units have thermometers. Food items observed stored on the floor. Restroom door is not self-closing. Walls of the restroom are not complete. Lighting in store not sufficient. Several lights burned out.

• Martin's Bestway, d/b/a Foodworld, 89: Critical violation found. No handwash sink in meat room. Owner given ten days to correct critical violation.

Other violations: Display of Stovetop Stuffing on floor. No self-closing door in restroom. Outside garbage area littered. Walls in bad repair in a few areas.

• Action Mart No. 4: Foil used for shelf liner. Cardboard box used for waste. Outside dumpster not covered. Walls in bad repair.

• Puck's Tattoo, Prestonsburg, not rated: No soap provided in restroom. Ceiling tile showing evidence of leaking. Records not kept.

• South Floyd High School, 95: One ceiling tile in boys' restroom broken. Ceiling leaks in gym. Floor tile broken upstairs and down.

Property Transfers

Otis Hansel Cooley and Sarah Frances Cooley to A. Scott Little and Cheryl Little, property on Big Branch.

Jay Ison and Janice Ison to Roy Boggs and Rhonda Boggs, property on Middle Creek.

Carolyn Sue Hall and James Lee Hall to David Webb, Jr. and Tammy Webb, property location not listed.

Robert Henry Bellamy to Jerry L. Bellamy and Sandra Bellamy, property on Potato Hollow.

Pauline Cooley to Vigus Samuel Nelson and Theresa B. Nelson, quitclaim deed on Bulls Creek.

William Barrowman and Joani Barrowman to Charles E. Bradley and Della Bradley, property on Johns Creek.

Emmitt Hamilton, Jr. to Melinda Kay Eplin, property located in Floyd County.

Palmer Bush and Julia Bush to Kenneth and Zella Akers, property located at Branham's Creek.

Marriage Licenses

Myra Lynn Hamilton, 22, of Hueysville, and Ernest Brian Newman, 22, of Grethel.

Brenda Joyce Williams, 20, of Grethel, and William Hall, 24, of Betsy Layne.

Danita Jo Jarrell, 20, of Prestonsburg, and Randall Lee Boyd, 23, of Banner.

Cathy Maye Elliot, 24, of Betsy Layne, and David Hunt, 24, of Ivel.

Jamie Caudill Akers, 21, of

Betsy Layne, and Larry D. Short, 44, of Prestonsburg.

Oga Mae Combs, 51, of Hueysville, and Tanzil Martin, 40, of Hueysville.

Patty C. Fugate, 32, of Langley, and Robert L. Curry, 31, of Langley. Shonda Daher Barnett, 21, of Hueysville, and Bertie D. Bailey, 21, of Hueysville.

Sabrina R. Wells, 19, of Van Lear, and William K. Rose II, 32, of Prestonsburg.

Esta Pearl Caudill, 57, of McDowell, and Raymond Reynolds, 65, of McDowell.

Wendy Lynn Hamilton, 19, of Grethel, and Rodney S. Bishop, 20, of Betsy Layne.

Theresa Ann Music, 25, of East Point, and Larry Lafferty Jr., 23, of East Point.

Rebecca Sue Tinder, 25, of Mouthcard, and John Edwin Thompson, 29, of Ramseur, North Carolina.

To Catch A Thief

Note: The Floyd County Sheriff's Department will be providing information on a weekly basis concerning thefts in the county. Motorized items reported stolen will include the vehicle's VIN (vehicle identification number), engine number or serial number when provided.

• ten double eagle silver dollars dated 1923, four Indian head quarters and strong box were reported stolen November 25 from the Banner area.

• two RCA videocassette recorders, serial numbers 011297294 and 214563539, model 301, and Panasonic videocassette recorder, serial number F65A4499285, with remote control, reported stolen November 18 from the Prater School.

• four-wheeler, VIN JKALFB11PB501307, engine number LF400AE501699, model number KLF400-B1, stolen November 14 from the Old Middle Creek area.

• tools and tool box, including half-inch drive SAE deepwell, half-inch metric deepwell, SAE wrench set and various ratchets, valued at \$1,500 stolen November 12 from the Emma area.

• 32-inch television, videocassette recorder and Nintendo game system reported stolen November 1 from the Prestonsburg area.

• aluminum scaffold and scaffolding board reported stolen October 24 from the Hueysville area.

• RCA 25-inch television with built-in video cassette recorder, reported stolen October 16 from the McDowell area.

• Murray five horsepower push mower and Sunbeam gas grill, reported stolen October 8 from the Dwale area.

• 10-inch Mitre saw, vacuum cleaner, Marlin .22 bolt action rifle, .357 Ruger (Colt 45 style), 13-inch Hitachi TV with VCR, serial number V52654852, electric can opener, Calphalon stock pot, red tool box, electric drill and saw, belt sander, Arctic sleeping bag, and over 300 CDs, reported stolen September 26 from Little Paint area.

• 14K rope chain with diamond heart necklace, 14K gold nugget bracelet, white 14K wedding band, three white 14K diamond rings and 14K hoop earrings, reported stolen September 26 from the Abbott Mountain area.

• Homelite weedeater reported stolen September 22 from the David area.

• push-type gasoline lawnmower, reported stolen September 24 from the Auxier area.

• Murray, 22-inch cut five horsepower high wheel lawnmower, red, serial number 7291804373N00034, model number 22535X92A, reported stolen July 30 from behind the National Guard Armory.

• Homelite, PLT 3400 weedeater, red or blue, model/serial number

Vt15090-A, reported stolen between July 22 and July 24 from Pike/Floyd Hollow. There are points of identification which the owner can verify.

• 1995, S-10 pickup, black, VIN 1GCCS1446SK127434, Tag number 0232BA, reported stolen June 28 from the Branham's Creek area. In the vehicle was a 9mm handgun.

• 1996, Honda TRX 300, four-wheeler, red, VIN 4787E1507VA803556; engine number 8902944; reported stolen April 11 from the Tinker Fork area of Mud Creek.

• 1993, Honda 4TRAX, four-wheeler, red, VIN 478TE1504PA517389; engine number TE15E8521735; reported stolen February 4 from the Martin area.

• Model 66 stainless steel .357 Smith & Wesson revolver, serial number 9K84984, reported stolen June 16 from the Prestonsburg area.

• 1996 Honda TRX 300, four-wheeler, red, VIN 478TE1502TA823386, red, reported stolen December 10 from the Martin area.

• Sears Craftsman 20-inch cut mulcher/mower, gray aluminum color, serial number 090392M-009939; reported stolen in April from the Maytown area.

Anyone with information about any of the stolen items listed should call sheriff's detective Homer Neeley at 886-6711. Anyone wanting to report items stolen can also call detective Neeley.

To assist in the recovery of stolen items, persons should record all serial and VIN numbers on their property and a hidden identification mark that cannot be changed should also be put on the merchandise.

Prestonsburg Police Dispatch Logs

Editor's note: Dispatch logs are taken from the logs of the Prestonsburg Police Department.

December 8

2:22 a.m. — House fire reported by the Auxier Fire Department across from their building, and requested additional assistance.

3:57 a.m. — Male with chest pains needed EMS to respond to the pay phones in front of Foodland.

12:00 p.m. — A man called and reported he had lost his Christmas tree from off his car on the Bert Combs bridge.

December 9

11:59 a.m. — A fender bender reported at the Winn-Dixie parking Lot.

3:14 p.m. — An accident without injuries reported at the First Commonwealth Bank.

5:07 p.m. — A Dixie Heights man needed EMS as his wife had taken an overdose of pills.

11:05 p.m. — An anonymous caller reported there was trouble at the Holiday Inn.

December 10

12:20 a.m. — No Respond Units were available so EMS was called for a 26-year-old woman in labor.

1:45 p.m. — A man advised dispatch that three dogs had chased him from Music-Carter-Hughes to the Profitfitness Center.

3:15 p.m. — A accident without injuries was reported on South Lake Drive.

6:20 p.m. — An anonymous tip that a gray van had turned onto the off ramp on US 23 and was going the wrong way.

December 11

1:11 a.m. — A report of a fight in front of the the laundromat at Cliffside.

7:14 a.m. — Food City reported a man was in their bathroom, and had been for 30 minutes, and had a pop he had not paid for.

9:43 a.m. — A suspicious male subject was reported around Tiger Mart and was jumping in front of cars.

9:52 a.m. — A house fire on Rt. 321 was reported, and the residents may still possibly be inside.

10:08 a.m. — Thunder Ridge reported three horses had escaped and they needed traffic control until they were caught.

11:36 a.m. — PHS reported a strong odor, that was giving people headaches.

1:00 p.m. — A woman at the Hair Loft reported a man was causing trouble for one of the employees there, and requested an officer check it out.

1:51 p.m. — A PC student wanted an officer to accompany her to her car because of a domestic problem.

3:15 p.m. — Cooley Apothecary reported an altered prescription.

8:20 p.m. — Comfort Suites reported a suspicious subject in their lobby.

December 12

7:22 a.m. — A two-vehicle accident without injuries was reported near the Somerset business.

7:26 a.m. — The accident at Somerset had injuries and needed EMS.

9:52 a.m. — Eagle Plastics reported the theft of petty cash.

4:49 p.m. — A man on University Drive reported an hit-and-run involving a possum.

8:03 p.m. — A Harris Street resident reported someone had cut up their Christmas lights.

9:40 p.m. — SuperAmerica reported that an adult had purchased alcohol for some juveniles who were in the parking lot drinking.

December 13

2:10 a.m. — A domestic dispute was reported at the Holiday Inn.

11:43 a.m. — An officer was requested to go to PCC to contact an individual who had a family member with an emergency.

12:13 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported at the Rt. 23/80 intersection.

1:13 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported at Music Street.

6:48 p.m. — A North Central Avenue woman reported her Christmas decorations were stolen.

December 14

2:12 a.m. — Hardee's reported that several individuals that appeared intoxicated were yelling obscenities to each other in their dining area.

9:45 p.m. — A report of a missing stop sign was made in the Goble Roberts street called Mays Avenue.

12:06 p.m. — A male needed EMS on Burke Avenue.

1:36 p.m. — An accident with possible injuries was reported in the front of the Pizza Hui building.

9:21 p.m. — Jerry's Restaurant reported that a man had passed out, apparently he had been intoxicated, in one of their booths.

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Spouting off about wet basements

A few weeks ago, John Kiefer was helping sell a relative's house. The buyer had decided to take steps to end leaks into the house's basement.

"He contracted with a company, and they came in and did some tinkering with the basement walls," recalls Kiefer.

"They performed about four hours work. The guy paid them about \$2,400. Not a bad day's pay," he said.

But Kiefer, assistant state geologist at the Kentucky Geological Survey at the University of Kentucky, believes the man could have saved himself a lot of money if he had strolled around his property with his eyes open.

"Look for a depression around the house. It could be that you need to backfill again to re-establish a slope to guide rain water away from the house," Kiefer said.

And it could be that a wet basement's cause is as simple as an improperly directed downspout.

"The downspout is one of man's worst enemies, if it isn't sending storm water away from the house. People need to make sure water from the downspout is getting away from the house," he said.

"Far too often the downspouts come down and drain right beside the house."

If a downspout drains into yards within five to ten feet of a house's exterior walls, the water saturates the soil immediately next to the house and, almost inevitably, oozes through basement walls.

"The key thing is to make sure you know where that downspout goes," Kiefer said.

Instead of paying thousands of dollars for a company to work in the basement, a homeowner instead

could pay \$25 to \$50 for plastic piping to redirect rainwater away from the house, he said.

"It's generally a cheap fix," Kiefer said.

But sometimes, wet basements can result from groundwater seepage, he said. In that instance, a homeowner needs to locate the source of the groundwater and cut it off by installing a drainpipe around the house.

Most homes already have perimeter drains installed by the builder around the base of the foundation. But sometimes, these drains end up being damaged during later construction or get clogged.

If a new perimeter drain is needed, Kiefer advises using a coarse gravel to fill around the new drainpipe. Gravel that is too fine can end up relogging the new pipe, he said.

Kiefer also advised homeowners to exercise caution — and do their research — before planting trees in their yards.

"A large hardwood tree can draw a tremendous amount of water. Trees like oaks, hard maples and hickories have the ability to pull water from quite some distance," he said.

"If they're planted too close to the house, during a dry season they can cause the soil around the house to dry up and shrink, and that can cause basement walls to crack," Kiefer said.

Kiefer also had a word of caution to those who are considering installing sump pumps in their basements or crawl spaces.

"Sump pumps can frequently begin to draw water from outside the house toward the house. They can actually create channels that steer groundwater and runoff into your basement," he said.

So instead of looking into pumps and contractors, Kiefer urged homeowners to use their common sense first in their early efforts to solve water problems. Later on, the more expensive solutions may be needed, but probably not, he said.

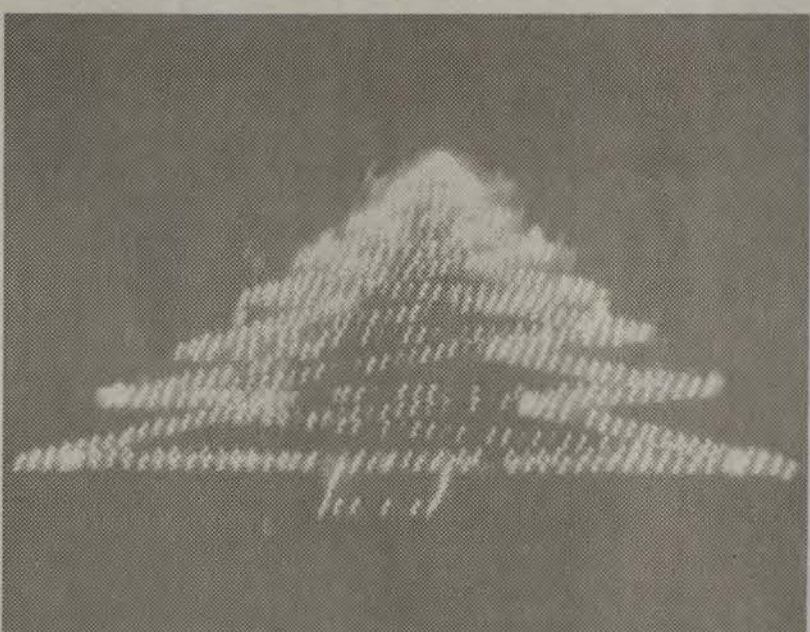
"Three out of four times, the solution ends up being something very simple — like using plastic pipe to get water away from the house," Kiefer said.



A cross symbolizes the resurrection that eventually followed the birth of the baby Jesus, the reason for the season. The Christmas lights are on display at Archer Park. (photo by Chris McDavid)



Santa and his reindeer pause atop the caboose at Archer Park as snowmen watch silently from below. (photo by Chris McDavid)



The radiant beauty of lights outline the shape of a Christmas tree in a hillside at Archer Park during Christmas in the Park. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Happy holidays

The Price Community Club erected a community Christmas tree on December 7. The tree was donated by John Frasure, and stands on the lot of G.C. Grocery. Members of the club strung lights. The club will have its annual dinner on Saturday, December 13, at 4 p.m.

Yesterdays

(Continued from page one)

Catherine, Nov. 30, at Cambridge, Ohio; to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fraley, of Drift, a daughter, Dec. 6; to Mr. and Mrs. David L. Turner, of Drift, a daughter, Dec. 8; to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rice, formerly of Hueysville, a son, Paul David; Nov. 20 at Lexington...There died: Harry Prater, 83, of Gunlock, Friday; Mrs. Ruth Stambaugh, 39, of Hueysville, Thursday, en route to the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Zollie C. Moore, 71, formerly of Wheelwright, Sunday at his home at Dayton, O; Carl Eugene Babb, 38, of Martin, Sunday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Charles H. Hale, 61, native of West Prestonsburg, Friday at Huntington, West Virginia.

Forty Years Ago (December 12, 1957)

An Indiana state prison inmate led the Floyd County Sheriff's office and State Police over a twisting course this week after confessing Saturday to the eight-year-old murder here of Muriel Baldrige, then repudiating the confession Monday and on Tuesday making an about-face to repudiate his repudiation, saying he indeed did kill the Prestonsburg High School cheerleader...Coal production in Eastern Kentucky, which has been skidding for several weeks, was down to 988,000 tons for the week ending November 16, which is the latest report of the National Coal Association...Prestonsburg High School's loss of a place on the accredited list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is only temporary, County Superintendent Virgil O. Turner said Tuesday...Ted Parsons, 40, insurance company representative and former Floyd teacher, was killed Saturday morning by an accidental shotgun blast near his East McDowell home...Married: Miss Linda Wallace, of Garrett, and Mr. Billy Ralph Brown, of Dayton, Ohio, November 29, at Lebanon, Virginia...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Blevins, formerly of Langley, a son, John Burnett Jr., Dec. 6 at Toledo, Ohio; to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keathley, of Salina, Kansas, a son, John Dow, December 1...There died: Mrs. May Burke, 53, sister of Joe P. Tackett, Prestonsburg attorney, Friday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Ida Blankenship, 73, Friday at her home at East McDowell.

Fifty Years Ago (December 11, 1947)

The first Girl Scout cabin to be built in Eastern Kentucky and one of the few in the state was recently completed at David by the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company...Earle C. Clements, Morganfield Democrat, was sworn in as Governor of Kentucky, December 9 in inauguration ceremonies at Frankfort...A slatefall Wednesday night claimed the life of 21-year-old Marvin Edwin Layne, of Garrett in the Evans-

Elkhorn Coal Co. mine at Lackey, making him the fifth Floyd County man to be killed within the last three weeks in mine accidents...Placing of an order Tuesday night by the Prestonsburg Board of Education for two transformers was the first definite step toward lighting of the school's football field...John R. Eibner, who this year guided the Prestonsburg Blackcats to the Big Sandy conference championship and post-season honors in Pineville Flood Bowl, has signed a four-year contract to continue his coaching work here, it was announced...Showing at the Abigail Theatre this week was "Law of the Lash," and a serial, "G-Men Never Forget"...Married: Miss Bebe Joy Hayes, of Betsy Layne, and Mr. Emmitt Eugene Conn, of Harold, December 6; Miss Nancy Frazier, of Allenh, and Mr. David Lauder, of Augusta, December 5 at Allen...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Salmons, of Lackey, a son, Gary Elbert, December 4 at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital...There died: Mrs. Eunice Hampton, 28, last Thursday at her home at Weeksbury; Mrs. Rosina Collins, 49, of Buckingham, last Thursday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Frank McGuire, native of Floyd County, November 13 at LaGrande, Oregon.

Sixty Years Ago (December 16, 1937)

Mrs. Hazel Minerva Tackett, m 40, of Prestonsburg, wife of State Senator Joe P. Tackett, is the newly-appointed Floyd County Judge...Prestonsburg High School was suspended from the Kentucky Athletic Association this week for the use of an ineligible football player, it was announced...At the statewide meeting of school superintendents in Frankfort last week, Floyd Superintendent Town Hall was named president of the group...Freakish weather causing ice to form on highways and power lines, wrought havoc in Floyd County this week...Showing at the Abigail Theater here this week was "Fight for Your Lady," with Jack Oakie and Ida Lupino and a Three Musketeers serial...Benjamin F. Wolfe, 64, was killed instantly last week in a slate fall in the coal mines at Ligon...While his neighbors shivered ashore, Rev. Banner Manns, of the Old Regular Baptist Church, chopped a hole in the ice over Beaver Creek Sunday evening, and a few minutes later, he and the Rev. Alex Coburn, of Garrett, baptized Sanford Reffett, Mann's brother-in-law...There died: Mrs. Julia Salisbury, 74, Tuesday at her home at Hunter; William E. Johnstone, 63, Thursday at his home at Betsy Layne; Mrs. Rachel Hoover, 34, Sunday at her home at Garrett; Romy Lee Boyd, 25, of Prater Creek, last week in the mines at Pollie, Pike County; G. S. Kinzer, 62, of Wayland, Monday at the wheel of his car on George's Creek hill in Johnson County.

Somebody's gonna win.

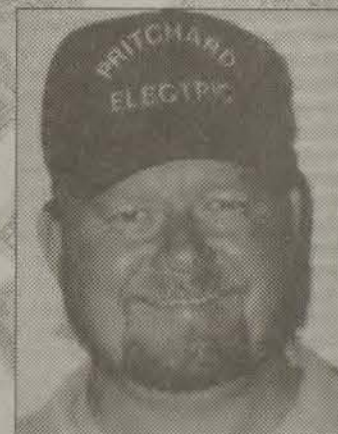
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WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS



Patton-Newman to wed

Myra Lynn Patton, the daughter of Doris Patton and the late Robert Patton, and Ernest Brian Newman, the son of Hillard and Sylvania Newman, will wed December 20 at 2 p.m. at the Hueysville Church of Christ. An open ceremony will be observed.



Adkins-Allen exchange vows

Linda G. Adkins, employed by Appalachian Regional Healthcare of Pikeville, and Danny L. Allen, a retired coal miner, were united in marriage on November 27, at 11 a.m. in the Church of Christ at Hueysville. The pastor, Jeffrey Prater, officiated at the ceremony. Following a honeymoon in Germany, the couple will reside at Prater.



Mullins-Moore to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mullins of Hi Hat, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristy LaDawn, and Alan Joe Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Joe Moore of Minnie. The wedding will be held at 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, December 27, at the First Baptist Church of McDowell. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Cases celebrate 57th anniversary

Johnnie and Jewel Case of Garrett, held their 57th wedding anniversary celebration on Saturday, December 6, at their home with their family and friends. They received gifts and enjoyed an anniversary cake. The couple were married December 6, 1940. Mr. Case is a retired school principal. The couple have four children, Joyce Gore of Lackey, James M. Case of Garrett, John D. Case of Garrett, and Jerry T. Case of Garrett; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



50th wedding anniversary

Leroy and Bonnie Gibson of restonsburg, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 24, Christmas Eve.

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BIRTHDAYS



Melinda Hager, right, celebrated her birthday early, with back stage passes to see her favorite country singer, Steve Warner.

Hager celebrates 32nd birthday

Melinda Ousley Hager, of Caney Fork of Middle Creek, celebrated her 32nd birthday early and in an unusual way; she went back stage to meet her favorite country singer, Steve Warner, on November 22.

Hager, who was 32 on December 16, received back stage passes through the Steve Warner

Fan Club. Her husband, Terry, bought tickets for Warner's show at the Executive Inn in Owensboro.

"I loved it," she said last week as she told friends about her birthday celebration. She works for the postal system and is employed at the Martin Post Office. Her husband is employed with Abbott Engineering,

Tips on how to avoid excessive holiday debt

Don't let this holiday season be memorable for the mountain of money spent on gifts for family and friends, or the months it took to get out from under this debt.

"People often do more impulse buying as the holiday season approaches often because they fail to establish financial priorities before going shopping," said Sue Badenhop, extension family resource management specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"To keep from spending too much money on holiday gifts, do a little planning before going shopping," she said. "Set a budget that won't put you in a tight squeeze financially. Make a prioritized list of the people for whom you want to buy gifts with an estimated dollar amount for each person. Then see if the total expenditure falls within your holiday shopping budget. Take the list when you go shopping. And keep track of what you spend on each person as well as a total amount spent on gifts.

"While gifts are an obvious holiday expense, don't forget to include other incidentals associated with the season in your budget, such as food for entertaining, holiday outfits,

decorations, cards, postage and wrapping paper and travel. It all adds up."

Badenhop said too much credit card debt can put the squeeze on shoppers long after the holidays, especially if they only pay part of the total monthly. She gave an example.

It would take 179 months to pay off a \$2,500 debt, assuming a 21-percent interest rate and monthly payments of \$45. Interest on this debt would be about \$6,100. By increasing the monthly payment to \$50 a month, the person would have to make only 114 payments and could reduce the interest paid by almost half—to \$3,422.

"Ideally, pay credit card charges off the month the bill arrives," Badenhop said. "If not, pay as much per month as possible to reduce the interest costs."

She gave these holiday budget-saving ideas.

* If the estimated shopping costs exceed your budget, consider adjusting the amount of money allocated for people or think twice about including someone on the gift list.

* Think of creative non-cash gifts. For example give someone with small children a "gift certi-

Senior citizens, "Tis the season to be... [abused]."

That's a sad statement to make, but the unvarnished truth is that it's a fact. Another fact in regard to abuse is that it is on the rise nationwide. Unfortunately people, of all ages, throughout Appalachia are not exempt. At this time of the year, emergency rooms and medical clinics deal with more victims of abuse than at any other time. Likewise, state police, city police and county sheriff offices are bombarded with calls requesting help in ending family fights as the holidays approach and the New Year begins.

Phyllis Coleman, MA, who has been employed by the Mountain Comprehensive Care Centers in excess of 14 years, learned through Bonnie Hale, program projects manager at the Big Sandy Area Development District, that Sunshine Lines was presenting a series to its readers on "elder abuse." Ms. Coleman was kind enough to fax several pages of her materials to me. In the conversation that pursued, she welcomed me to share all or any por-

SUNSHINE LINES

tion of her paper with senior citizens who might be in abusive situations or who might know of someone who is being abused.

Listen to what Ms. Coleman has to say about abuse:

"Elder abuse is not rare... In 1994, 241,000 cases of elderly abuse were reported." [Remember this number reflects only the cases that were reported. It doesn't take into consideration the unreported cases.]

Her paper points out that "often victims are subjected to more than one form of abuse." Readers, you will recall that we previously discussed physical abuse and neglect. Ms. Coleman's presentation focuses on the emotional facet of abuse many senior citizens are forced to live with day after day.

She says, "emotional or psychological abuse is defined as willful infliction of anguish, pain, distress, or mental suffering, through verbal or nonverbal acts."

Ms. Coleman's paper divides these into four categories. Space will not let me expound on these, but she lists them as: humiliation; harassment; manipulation; and, isolation.

She feels that emotional abuse of

the elderly is "a combination of psychological, social and economic factors, along with the mental and physical conditions of the victim and the abuser..."

She continues, "During much of the adult life cycle, there is a mutual exchange of help between adult children and their elderly parents. In later life, however, the balance of exchange can shift when the dependency needs of older parents increase. Once the elderly parents require a great deal of help, the helping relationship often becomes a source of conflict, negative or hostile

feelings, and considerable burden or strain on the part of the adult child caregiver. In some cases the helping relationship often becomes a source of conflict, negative or hostile feelings, and considerable burden or strain on the part of the adult child caregiver. In some cases the helping relationship can deteriorate into its opposite: abuse and/or neglect of the elderly.

Living with an elderly person can cause severe stress, especially if family members are struggling with their own personal problems... mental and emotional disorders, alcoholism,

drug addiction, and financial difficulty... "[I] a dependent parent returns to his or her family after being away for many years... a sense of closeness is missing. Abuse may follow. ...Violence is seen as an acceptable way to solve problems especially if the abuser was raised in a family that used abuse as a normal response to tension or conflict... Some abusers may try to get back at their parents for past mistreatment (real or imagined)... Families are on limited or fixed incomes or the caregiver may depend upon the older person for money—both situations may lead to abuse. ...Unemployment, poor or crowded housing or other living conditions may contribute to abuse... Without needed health and social services in the community, caregivers may be unable to handle the responsibility of caring for an elderly parent... Because people live longer, there are more older people in society—many of these depend on family members for longer periods of time [and the children of some of them depend may be senior citizens with their own set of problems.]

This social worker's clues or possible indicators of Emotional Abuse include but are not limited to: helplessness; hesitation to talk openly; implausible stories; confusion or disorientation; anger; fear; withdrawal; depression; denial; agitation; being emotionally upset; being extremely withdrawn and noncommunicative or nonresponsive; being extremely withdrawn and noncommunicative or nonresponsive; unusual behavior... sucking, biting, rocking; an elder's report of being verbally or emotionally mistreated

The above indicators, by themselves, do not necessarily signify abuse or neglect. They may be clues, however, and thus helpful in [determining whether or not there is abuse]."

Phyllis Coleman, in her presentation, offered many suggestions of what we might do to assist in preventing further abuse. In her paper-work she also included a toll-free telephone number that might be of help to you, especially if you live away from your elderly loved ones and feel there might be abuse taking place. The number she gives is: 1-800-677-1116.

Be sure to read today's article in conjunction with the past articles to get a broad overview of elder abuse and how prevalent it is in our society today.

"Love doesn't have to hurt"

NEW ARRIVALS

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December 1: A daughter, Victoria Destinee, to Lola Sue and Anthony S. Hale of Jackson; a daughter, Gabriella Noel, to Mary Sue and James Blevins of Tram.

December 2: A daughter, Katelin Marie, to Rebecca Jean and Keith Wade Caudill of West Liberty; a daughter, Bonnie Michelle, to Roberta Nickells of Salyersville.

December 3: A daughter, Tamea Marie Goble, to April Marie Craft of Prestonsburg; a son, Ronald James Austin, to Kathy Lynn and Ronald Tobias Ratliff of Prestonsburg; a son, Kyle Martin, to Tonya Lynn and Michael Martin Curtis Jr. of Flat Gap.

December 5: A daughter, Tazxena Nicole Claudette Flannery, to Melissa S. Henson of Hi Hat.

December 6: A daughter, Jana Rashelle, to Rachel Horn of Pikeville.

December 7: A son, Austin Tyler, to Sherri Lynn and Gary Lynn Mollett of Boons Camp.

Fourth child born to Johnnie and Kay Ross

The Rev Johnnie Ross and his wife, Kay Hale Ross, announce the birth of their fourth child. The infant, Thomas Aaron Clay Ross, weighed 9 lb. 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long, and was born at 6:55 p.m. on December 10, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

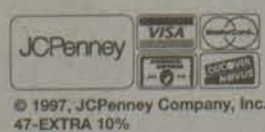
His brothers and sisters are Kari, Kevin and Justin Ross.

Johnnie Ross is pastor of the St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg.

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 4 whole eggs, separated
 7 tbs. granulated sugar
 pinch of salt
 2/3 cup cake flour, sifted
 2 boxes of Haviland
 Chocolate Thin Mints,
 pureed in a food processor
 In a sauce pan, melt the butter.
 Keep warm.

Whip the egg yolks with 1/2 the sugar and the pinch of salt, until the mixture forms a ribbon and is lemon yellow in color.

By hand, using a rubber spatula, gently fold the sifted flour into the egg yolks mixture and set aside.

Whip the egg whites until frothy, gradually adding rest of granulated sugar and continue to whip until medium peaks form.

Gently fold the meringue into the flour and egg mixture. Then fold in the melted butter.

Pour the sponge cake into a jelly roll pan (1/2 sheet pan) that is lined with parchment paper. Spread the sponge cake evenly.

Bake in a 425° oven for 10-12 minutes, until the cake is golden brown and springs back in the center. Be careful not to overbake and dry out the cake.

Turn the cake onto a towel and remove the parchment paper. Roll the cake up with the towel, starting with the largest side. Cool completely.

Unroll the cake and spread with the thin mints (which have been processed in a food processor to spreading consistency). Roll up the filled sponge cake, starting with the largest side.

Using a medium star tip, pipe lines of chocolate buttercream to cover the entire log.

Slice the ends of the cake off. Refrigerate the cake.

Decorate with chocolate butter cream frosting and dried meringue mushrooms.

CHOCOLATE CHIP PEAR BARS

1 can (16 oz.) pear halves or slices, drained
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 4 large egg whites
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Dice pears and set aside. In medium bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in egg whites, vanilla and pears. In separate bowl, combine oats, flour, baking soda and salt. Stir dry ingredients into pear mixture; mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Spread batter into greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F, for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown on top. Cool on rack and cut into 24 squares.
 Makes 24 servings.

CREAMY TOMATO SOUP

2 14.5-ounce cans EDEN Organic Diced Tomatoes or Diced Tomatoes with Green Chilies
 1 8.5-ounce can EDEN Organic Navy Beans, drained
 1/2 can EDENSOY Original or EDENSOY Extra
 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
Optional Garnish:
 2 tablespoons chopped chives or scallion greens
 Puree tomatoes and navy beans in a food processor or blender. Transfer to a soup pot and heat as you stir in Edensoy and salt. Simmer until good and hot (but do not boil). Serve in soup bowls garnished with fresh chives.

ALL-STAR PUMPKIN PIE DESSERT

Crust
 1 (18.25-ounce) package spice cake mix*
 1/2 cup Land O Lakes® Butter, melted
 1 egg
Filling
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 2/3 cup milk
 1 (15-ounce) can solid pack pumpkin**
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice***
Topping
 1 cup reserved cake mix
 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup Land O Lakes® Butter, softened
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 Whipped Cream
 Heat oven to 350°. Reserve 1 cup spice cake mix for topping; set aside.
 In large mixer bowl combine remaining cake mix, butter and 1 egg. Beat at low speed until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes). Spread in a bottom of greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Set aside.
 In same bowl combine all filling ingredients. Beat at low speed until smooth (1 to 2 minutes); pour filling over crust.
 In medium bowl combine all

topping ingredients except pecans; stir until crumbly. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle topping over filling.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes. Serve warm or cool with whipped cream. Cover; store refrigerated.

Makes 15 servings.
 * Substitute 1 (18-ounce) carrot cake mix.

**Substitute 1 (30-ounce) can pumpkin pie mix. Omit 1/2 cup brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes.

***Substitute 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/4 teaspoon each nutmeg and cloves.

LOW-FAT PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

1 cup cooked couscous
 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
 24 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened
 6 ounces low-fat sour cream
 4 egg yolks
 1 cup sugar, divided
 8 ounces canned pumpkin
 2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
 1 teaspoon orange extract

4 egg whites
 To make the crust, place the couscous in a food processor fitted with the metal blade and process until finely crushed. Add the confectioners' sugar and cocoa powder and, while the blade is turning, add a few drops of water. Press the mixture evenly and firmly onto the bottom of a springform pan, making a fist and using the back of your hand and fingers. Refrigerate the crust while you make the filling.

Preheat oven to 325°F.
 Use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until smooth. On low speed, add the sour cream. Add the egg yolks, 1/2 cup of the sugar, the pumpkin, and the vanilla and orange extracts.

In a separate bowl, use an electric mixer with clean, dry beaters to beat the egg whites; start at low speed and increase the speed as peaks form. Slowly add the remaining 1/2 cup of sugar. When the whites are stiff but not dry, gently fold in the cream cheese-and-pumpkin mixture.

Pour the batter into the pan with the prepared crust. Bake approximately 1 hour, until the cake has risen and browned slightly and it just shimmies when you gently move the pan. It's a good idea to place the springform on a low, flat

pan such as a pizza pan to catch any batter that leaks. Turn the heat off and let the cake stand in the oven for 1 more hour. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool at least 6 hours before serving. You can make this cake a couple of days ahead.

ALL-PURPOSE SEASONING SHAKE

(Makes 1/3 cup shake)
 1/4 cup Maggi Instant Chicken Bouillon
 2 teaspoons Italian herb seasoning
 1 teaspoon dried mustard
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Combine bouillon, Italian herb seasoning, mustard, garlic powder, paprika and pepper in small bowl or shake container.

For baked chicken:
 Sprinkle Shake generously on skinless chicken parts. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until no longer pink in center.

For Broiled Chicken:
 Sprinkle Shake generously on skinless chicken parts. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat for 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until no longer pink

in center.
For Rice:
 Add 1 to 1 1/2 tablespoons. Shake to cooking water when making 1 cup rice. Cook according to package directions.
For Vegetables:
 Sprinkle Shake over your favorite steamed vegetables.

GRILLED STUFFED TURKEY BURGERS

2 lbs. ground turkey or ground beef
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
 1/4 cup Wish-Bone® Italian or Fat Free Italian Dressing
 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
 1 tbs. chopped fresh parsley (optional)
 1/4 tsp. salt
 4 oz. shredded smoked Gouda or mozzarella cheese (about 1/2 cup)
 8 hamburger rolls, split
 In large bowl, combine all ingredients except cheese and rolls; cover and refrigerate 1 hour.
 Shape mixture into 16 patties. Evenly place cheese in center of each of 8 patties; top with remaining patties, sealing edges well.
 Grill or broil, turning once, 10 minutes or until cooked thoroughly. Serve on rolls.

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Reclamation award

The Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the Kentucky Coal Association presented a Joint Reclamation Award October 3 to CoalMac, Inc. Pictured above, from left to right, are DSMRE Commissioner Carl Campbell, Steve Case, Tim Evans and James Swiger with Coal-Mac.

Local coal mine wins award

At the Kentucky Coal Association's annual meeting, regional awards were presented for the mine with the best reclamation.

The Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the Kentucky Coal Association presented jointly sponsored reclamation awards, recognizing the best reclamation in each of the Department's five regional offices. Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Commissioner Carl Campbell made the presentations.

The winner in the Prestonsburg Regional Office was Coal-Mac, Inc., Permit No. 836-0229 for the Regional Office's Outstanding Reclamation Award.

This mine covered a total of 641.03 acres in Floyd County. Five hollow fills and a spoil storage area used to dispose of excess material encountered during construction of the access road were also permitted with the mountaintop removal operation. Several conditions near the site and on the site proved challenging for the active operation.

Backfilling and regrading of the

mined area was configured in a manner which enhanced the creation of the desired postmining land use of a wildlife habitat. Many of the out slopes were shaped to conform to the natural areas adjacent to the permit. Other areas were graded to maximize the benefits of ponds, depressions, ditches and nearby forest area.

The land mined has been reclaimed to a substantially higher land use than the pre-mining forest would have offered. The multi-tiered backfill areas, rock lined ditches, low level water depressions and area of permanent access will enhance the development of wildlife species.

The open grassland areas interspersed with areas of trees and shrubs along with the surrounding natural forestlands will create an ideal site for the development of a wildlife community.

Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Commissioner Carl Campbell presented the award to Steve Case, James Swiger and Tim Evans on behalf of Coal-Mac, Inc..

The Kentucky Coal Association represents large and small, surface and underground coal operators in both the Eastern and Western Kentucky coal fields.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1997
1:00 P.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
HOUSE AND LOT
LOCATED AT
MART MEADE BRANCH OF LITTLE ABBOTT CREEK NEAR
PRESTONSBURG IN FLOYD COUNTY, KY

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 19, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., at the property site, on Meade Branch of Little Abbott Creek, near Prestonsburg, Floyd Co., Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$35,148,072 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$8,148.00, plus interest in the amount of \$7,256,4127, as of April 30, 1997, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$8.6679 per day from April 30, 1997, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of Judgement) at the rate of 5.49%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 97-115, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on October 8, 1997, in the case of United States of America vs. The Estate of James L. Williams, ET AL., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:
House and lot located on Mart Meade Branch on Little Abbott Creek, near Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky. Being all the same property conveyed by deed dated 10/5/90, and recorded in Deed Book 341, at Page 001, Floyd County Clerk's Office.
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 5.49% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.
This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendants and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendants reflecting the right of the defendants to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530).
Inquiries should be directed to: **THOMAS W. KEETH**
Community Development Manager - Rural Development
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Telephone - 606-886-9545

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1997
11:00 A.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
HOUSE AND LOT
LOCATED AT
1005 SUGAR LOAF BRANCH AT EMMA
IN FLOYD COUNTY, KY

This is a nice three bedroom framed home on city water and private sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, three bedrooms, and one bath. This property is considered suitable for the FmHA Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs. The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$34,000.00. Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

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Notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 19, 1997, at 11:00 a.m., at the property site, 1005 Sugar Loaf Branch, Emma, Floyd Co., Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$38,831,892 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$10,746.00, plus interest in the amount of \$2,096.70, as of February 25, 1997, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.1069 per day from February 25, 1997, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of Judgement) at the rate of 5.58%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 97-207, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on August 29, 1997, in the case of United States of America vs. Earl Patrick, ET AL., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:
House and lot located on Sugar Loaf Branch, Emma, Floyd County, Kentucky. Being all the same property conveyed by deed dated 3/30/88, and recorded in Deed Book 317, at Page 547, Floyd County Clerk's Office.
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 5.58% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.
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Pick up an application at the Floyd County Board of Education office at 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Mail the completed form to Wilmer S. Cody, Commissioner of Education, 500 Mero Street, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, KY, 40601. Applications must be postmarked by December 22, 1997. The Kentucky Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

1997-98 Kentucky Men's Basketball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT (TV)	LOCATION
Nov. 24	(Mon.)	vs. George Washington (ESPN)	Maui, Hawaii
Nov. 29	(Sat.)	! vs. Clemson (Fox Sports Net)	Phoenix, AZ
Dec. 3	(Wed.)	# vs. Purdue (ESPN)	Chicago, Ill
Dec. 6	(Sat.)	vs. Indiana (CBS)	Indianapolis
Dec. 10	(Wed.)	at Canisius (UKTV Live)	Buffalo, N.Y.
Dec. 13	(Sat.)	GEORGIA TECH (ESPN)	LEXINGTON
Dec. 20	(Sat.)	TULSA (ESPN)	LEXINGTON
Dec. 23	(Tues.)	AMERICAN (UKTV Live)	LEXINGTON
Dec. 27	(Sat.)	LOUISVILLE (CBS)	LEXINGTON
Dec. 30	(Tues.)	at Ohio (UKTV Live)	Athens, Ohio

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Jan. 6	(Tues.)	at Georgia (ESPN)	Athens, Ga.
Jan. 10	(Sat.)	at Mississippi State (JP)	Starkville
Jan. 13	(Tues.)	SOUTH CAROLINA (ESPN)	LEXINGTON
Jan. 17	(Sat.)	ARKANSAS (CBS)	LEXINGTON
Jan. 21	(Wed.)	vs. Alabama (UKTV Delay)	Louisville
Jan. 24	(Sat.)	at Tennessee (UKTV Delay)	Knoxville, TN
Jan. 27	(Tues.)	at Vanderbilt (ESPN)	Nashville, TN
Feb. 1	(Sun.)	FLORIDA (ABC)	LEXINGTON
Feb. 4	(Wed.)	at LSU (JP)	Baton Rouge
Feb. 8	(Sun.)	at Villanova (CBS)	Philadelphia
Feb. 11	(Wed.)	TENNESSEE (JP)	LEXINGTON
Feb. 14	(Sat.)	OLE MISS (JP)	LEXINGTON
Feb. 18	(Wed.)	at Florida (JP)	Gainesville
Feb. 22	(Sun.)	GEORGIA (JP)	LEXINGTON
Feb. 25	(Wed.)	at Auburn (JP)	Auburn, Ala.
Feb. 28	(Sat.)	at South Carolina (CBS)	Columbia, S.C.
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Legals

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The following items will be offered at public sale on December 29, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Item to be sold: 1997 Chevy S-10, S/N 2117.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on December 29, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Item to be sold: 1996 Toyota Corolla, S/N 6509.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION Monitoring Violations

The Mud Creek Water District hereby gives notice that during the time period of October 1997, the water supply failed to comply with certain monitoring requirements as required by 401 KAR 8:700 inclusive.

The specific violations for the time period are failure to submit adequate number of bacteriological samples. Only 2 submitted out of 3 required.

Any potential adverse health effects to any segment of the populations could not be determined due to failure to comply with the monitoring requirements.

In most cases, monitoring violations do not require the public to seek alternative water supplies or take preventive measures. If alternative water supplies or preventive measures are needed, the public shall be notified immediately.

The Mud Creek Water District will take the necessary action to reduce or eliminate monitoring violations. For more information, contact Dean Hall at 606-587-2455 at the Mud Creek Water District.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit Number 836-5361

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has

applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5361 which was last issued on July 18, 1997. The application covers an area of 14.25 acres located 1.50 miles northeast of Ligon in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.30 mile west from KY 979's junction with Buckhorn Branch Road and located 0.30 miles west of Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 23' 29". The longitude is 82° 40' 35".

The bonds now in effect for this permit are surety bonds in the amount of forty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$44,300.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$44,300 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in April 1997.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 6, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Friday, February 9, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 6, 1998.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

By order of the Secured Party, the following property of James Moore is located and will be offered at Public Sale at Worldwide Equipment, Inc., Highway 1428 East, P.O. Box 71, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 on 12/30/97 at 9:00 a.m.

Item(s) to be sold are: 1996 Trailstar Trailer.

Inspection may be arranged by appointment. Cash sales only. Inquiries may be made to the Associates Commercial Corporation, Branch Manager, at 8845 Governors Hill Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Phone number 513-677-8700.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase 3 bond release on Permit Number 836-5081 which was last issued on September 8, 1992. The application covers an area of approximately 236.25 acres located 1.0 mile east of Teaberry in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 mile east from State Route 979's junction with Morg Branch Road and located 1.5 mile west of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 25' 24" and the longitude is 82° 37' 45".

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$6,700. Approximately 51% of the original bond amount of \$12,600 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes final backfilling, grading, and seeding completed early Spring 1991. Pond removal completed March 1997.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort,

Kentucky 40601, by February 6, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 6, 1998.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-5195 which was last issued on 7/3/84. The application covers an area of approximately 338.51 acres located 1.0 mile east of Teaberry in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile east from State Route 979 junction with Morgan Branch Road and located 1.0 mile east of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 25' 24" and the longitude is 82° 37' 45".

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$10,800. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,800 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading and seeding.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by 2/6/98.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 2/7/98 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 2/6/97.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 860-5160, Major Revision No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.56 mile southwest of Topmost in Knott County. The major revision will add 1.00 acre of surface disturbance, and will not add any underground acreage, making a total area of 160.44 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.16 mile southwest from Potato Branch Road's junction with KY Rt. 7 and located 0.01 mile west of Potato Branch. The latitude is 37° 21' 21". The longitude is 82° 47' 59".

The proposed major revision is located on the Kite U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Ben Hampton.

The major revision proposes to add a 1.00 acre Borrow Area for reclamation purposes. The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's

Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that Inner Mountain Mfg., Inc. was dissolved by the order of the Floyd County Court, Division No. 1, in Civil Action No. 94-CI-00552 on the 11th of December, 1997. Any persons with claims against the said corporation must present the same Inner Mountain Mfg., Inc. Any claim against the corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of the notice. All such claims should include the amount thereof and the source of the claim.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 898-5934 which was last issued on June 6, 1997. This application covers an area of approximately 4.08 acres located 3.0 miles southeast of Ligon in Pike and Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 4.0 miles northwest from U.S. 23's junction with Robinson Creek Road and located 0.1 miles northwest of Robinson Creek. The latitude is 37° 22' 29" and the longitude is 82° 39' 00".

The bond now in effect for this permit is a surety bond in the amount of nine thousand five hundred ninety one dollars (\$9,591.00). One hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of \$22,478.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: establishment of the post-mining land use. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 23, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 23, 1998.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828 has applied for Phase II Bond

Release on Permit Number 836-0266, Increments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, which was last issued on August 6, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 34.7 acres located 1.5 miles south of Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 1.3 miles south from the junction of KY Route 466 with Caleb Fork County Road and 0.4 mile south of the junction of Johns Fork with Elisha Fork. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 30 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 41 minutes, 15 seconds.

The bonds now in effect for Permit Number 836-0266 are: Increment 1, \$3,000; Increment 2, \$5,300; Increment 3, \$3,800; Increment 4, \$3,600; Increment 5, \$13,400; Increment 6, \$5,800, totaling \$34,900. Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$65,400 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Fall of 1989 for Increments 1, 2, & 4 and Fall of 1995 for Increments 3, 5, & 6. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 16, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 19, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 16, 1998.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0243

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Addington Enterprises, Inc., 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, Kentucky 41102, has applied for a Phase I Bond Release on Increments No. 14 and 20 of permit number 836-0243, which was last issued on 3/14/96. The application covers an area of approximately 7.76 acres located 1.5 miles East of Ivel in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The permit area is approximately 2 miles east from the junction of U.S. 23 and Ivy Creek Road and located 0.25 mile South of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37° 35' 12" and the longitude is 82° 37' 30".

The bond now in effect for 836-0243, Increment #14 is a surety bond for \$800.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$800.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for 836-0243 Increment

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#20 is a surety bond for \$5,900.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$5,900.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading, fertilizing, seeding, mulching and the establishment of an initial growth of vegetation completed August 17, 1987.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by January 16, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 19, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 16, 1998.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

Branham & Baker, 836-5325, Issued 11-5-97.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a Phase I bond release on permit number 836-0249 which was last issued on October 14, 1997. The application covers an area of approximately 185.37 acres located 1.0 miles Northeast of Ivel in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 1.0 miles north-east from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. 23 and located 0.8 mile northeast of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 02" and the longitude is 82° 39' 36".

The bond now in effect for permit number 836-0249 is a surety bond in the amount of four hundred eighty-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$484,600.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the summer of 1996.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 26, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 27, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 26, 1998.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Beach

Corporation, 400 Eagle Mountain Road, Charleston, WV 25311 has applied for Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 436-8018 which was last issued on 9 September, 1992. The application covers an area of approximately 6.25 acres located in Justell, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile west from Betsy Layne Branch Road's junction with U.S. 23 and is located 0.10 mile south of the Big Sandy River at Justell. The latitude is 37 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds.

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$11,400.00. Approximately 40% of the original bond amount of \$22,600 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading and complete re-establishment of vegetation according to the Revegetation Plan, with a postmining land use of Forestland. Revegetation efforts were complete as of 23 December 1993.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 30 January 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 2 February 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 30 January 1998.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT ACROSS OR ALONG A STREAM

Pursuant to KRS Chapter 151

In accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 151, notice is hereby given that Roy Hunter, 2477 Route 2030, Honaker, Kentucky 41639, has applied for a permit to construct across or along a stream located at Emma, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The operation is located approximately 0.60 mile northeast from County Road 1428 on Leslie Road and near the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37° 38' 16" and the longitude is 82° 42' 02".

The proposed operation consists of the construction of a residence and a multi-use, two-story steel.

The application has been filed with the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. Written comments or objections are to be directed to the Floodplain Management Section, Division of Water, 18 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; Telephone 502-564-3410.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on December 29, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Item to be sold: 1995 Toyota 4-Runner, S/N 9704.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements

at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 886-2321.

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The following items will be offered at public sale on December 29, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Item to be sold: 1995 Monte Carlo Z-34, S/N 2120.

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PUBLIC (LEGAL) NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FLOYD COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (PL 99-499), the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes. Members of the public may contact the Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee by writing Kevin Webb, Chairman of the Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee, 245 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or contacted by telephone at 606-886-8060. The Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetings at the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Building, 245 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820 and KRS 61.825. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 245 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA, is 606-886-1010.

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