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NEWS BRIEFS

Times out

Because of the holiday, there will be no paper on Friday. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, so deadlines for next Wednesday's paper, which would normally occur on Friday, have been moved to Monday. Deadlines for next Wednesday's paper (Dec. 30) are all Monday, Dec. 28, with only the times varying.

- Editorial, 10 a.m.
- Classified display, 10 a.m.
- Classified word ads, noon
- Legal notices, noon
- Display ads, 5 p.m.

Talkin' trash

If you're wondering about garbage pick up over the holidays, here's the scoop.

- **City of Prestonsburg** — regular schedule, meaning pick up on Christmas Day — That's city only!
- **Rest of county** — no pick up on Christmas Day; pick up regularly scheduled for Friday will be made on Saturday.

Grant to extend sewer services

The US Economic Development Administration has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to the City of Paintsville for wastewater treatment facilities for the new Big Sandy Federal Penitentiary. This is in addition to a \$400,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission in October. The project includes building a one million gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant and more than nine miles of sewer lines to serve the prison, as well as future growth at the Honey Branch Industrial site in Martin County, near the juncture with Floyd and Johnson counties. The project also will allow expansion of service to the American Standard plant and Porter Elementary School and future extensions into Floyd and Martin counties, according to US Rep. Hal Rogers, who announced the grant.

Meeting time given for 1999

Effective January, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission will meet in regular session on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., according to commission chairman C. J. McNally. Commission meetings are open to the public.

Deliverer robbed

A delivery driver was on his way to deliver a pizza shortly after 7 p.m. on the Left Fork of Island Creek in Pike County last Thursday when he was robbed at gunpoint. The assailant took an undisclosed amount of money and fled in a 1986 Mustang hatchback. According to Kentucky State Police, the alleged robber is a white male, about 5'5" tall, 140 lbs with medium build and blond hair.

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Children receive goodies

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

Christmas, of at least a portion of it, came early for about 300 parents and children at D. W. Osborne Elementary School on Saturday night.

Curtis Anderson and his Manna Outreach program used the occasion to tell the children and parents about the importance of having God in their lives and to distribute Christmas goodies.

The program also included gospel music provided by the Goads from Daylight, Va.

Anderson said he named his program after the story in the Bible where God provided food for the people of Israel when they were in the desert.

"Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I might prove them, whether they will walk in my way, or no.

"And the children did eat manna for forty years." (Exodus 16:14 and 16:35.

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Heavenly gifts

Jacob Meade found the toy he wanted and left the chore of gathering his other goodies to someone else at Saturday night's party at W. D. Osborne Elementary, sponsored by Manna Outreach. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Park is dedicated at Garrett

by Pam Shingler
Editor

Elected officials and local citizenry weathered the cold rain to take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday for the new Right Beaver Community Park at Garrett.

Some work remains to be done on the county-owned park. District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens said the

park was "a couple of weeks from being finished.

"With a little bit of work, we will have a very nice park here," said Owens, who added that both he and his wife Hattie had worked several weekends themselves to speed completion of the park. Wet weather in the spring and early summer held up the project, he said.

The park, which is built on the

site of the old Garrett school, has ball fields, a basketball court, playground equipment, picnic shelter, walking track and other game and sport areas.

The larger baseball field is for use, primarily, by teams at Allen Central High School, Owens said, but it can be used by other groups when ACHS does not need it. The smaller field has been designated the Dugger Conley Little League Field in honor of a former coach and supporter of youth athletics.

Owens said all of the facilities are handicapped-accessible. The lighted park covers about five acres,

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Shopping with the 'Cops'



Chris Howell (front) of John M. Stumbo Elementary, Vonnie Kelley of Prestonsburg Elementary, and Wesley Crager of Duff Elementary shopped with Kentucky State Police Troopers Mickey Watson and Todd Wheeler during Friday's Shop-with-A-Cop Program at Wal-Mart in Pikeville. The program is coordinated by the KSP Professional Association. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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Lynda Spurlock in front of the old mail boxes that were used 40 to 50 years ago. Some residents still remember their combinations. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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and dippers. She also plans to stock salves and liniments since such items were very important to the country store.

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In a con-

tainer with detergents and rinses, visitors will find an old time washboard and one of the earlier wringers for removing water from wet clothes after they were washed.

She hopes to get an old-time grist mill going again. The grist mill was used to grind corn into meal. "People from far and wide recall that the cornbread from this ground corn was better than cake," said Spurlock.

She carries reproductions of old advertising signs and tins which are filled with candies or candles.

Spurlock said she wanted to add antiques to her list of items as she found them. "I also want to find

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Fiscal court wraps it up

by Pam Shingler
Editor

Last Friday's session of the Floyd County Fiscal Court marked the final meeting of the current administrative body, barring the need for a special meeting between now and the end of the year.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale offered parting remarks, saying this was his last meeting "for a while," leaving the impression he might run again in four years. He will be succeeded in January by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, who defeated newcomer Hale in the Democratic primary in May.

"I have been accused of being too progressive or too aggressive," Hale said. "If I saw a problem, I tried to correct it."

He added he has found public service to be a "fulfilling job" during his three years as the county's top administrator. "I would still like to be in a position to help Floyd County in any way I can," he said.

"You're young. You've got plenty of time to come back," said Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens,

who was also attending his last fiscal court meeting after 13 years. Owens lost his bid for District 2 Commissioner in a crowded field of Democratic candidates who vied in the primary for a seat on the new commission form of county government.

Hale presented Owens with a plaque for his long-term service as a magistrate and for perfect attendance over the 13-year term.

Also attending his last meeting as a member of the fiscal court was Elmer Johnson, one-term District 4 magistrate. When voters opted for the commission form of government, Johnson's district folded into two others.

Magistrates Ermal Tackett and Gerald DeRossett will return to the court in January as commissioners, having been elected in November.

In regular business, the magistrates approved a priority list of road improvements to be submitted to the state Department of Highways for consideration during the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The list

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Three of the five members of Floyd County Fiscal Court participated in their last meeting Friday. Judge-Executive Ben Hale, left, will leave office at the end of the year, as will District 3 Magistrate Elmer Johnson, center, and District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Board members take toys, go home

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Education, in the past, has had board meetings that ran far into the night. Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting, which had several items on the agenda — plus parent representation from Osborne Elementary where a principal had been dismissed — was over almost as soon as it started.

Board chairman Terry Dotson announced that interim Superintendent Mike King had left the system, and Dotson thanked him for his services. And since King had left, the board secretary

position, which is traditionally filled by the superintendent, was open.

Dotson asked for a motion to appoint State Manager Woodrow Carter as secretary. By state law, a board meeting cannot be held without a secretary.

Board members were not willing to appoint Carter as secretary for even one meeting. Attorney Mike Schmitt told the board they could appoint Carter as secretary and relieve him of his duties any time they desired.

Board member Jody Mullins asked, "Doesn't he (secretary) have to be an employee of the board?" Schmitt said he wasn't sure that was

the case.

Mullins said the agenda item should not have been written up the way it was. "We don't have a choice. We either vote for Carter or we don't vote for Carter," said Mullins.

Dotson said the agenda was in the board members' hands last Thursday. He wondered why no one called and asked about the agenda item. He said if the calls had been made, the agenda could have been changed.

Dotson had written a letter to the attorney general seeking an opinion about using Carter to perform the

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Where everything old is new again

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includes

- KY 680, guardrail on John Hall Branch Mountain;
- KY 2029, embankment failure repair at Saltlick;
- KY 1086, bituminous patching, Wayland-Sizemore Road;
- KY 777, bituminous patching, Turkey Creek Road;
- KY 2030, bituminous patching, Spurlock-Little Mud Creek Road;
- KY 122, guardrail, Buck Branch Mountain;
- KY 3386, bituminous patching, Brandy Keg Road;
- KY 194, bituminous patching, Cow Creek-Endicott Road;
- KY 3382, bituminous patching, Click Branch Road;
- KY 850, guardrail, Brush Creek Mountain;
- KY 1750, guardrail, Bonanza Whitaker Road;
- KY 1427, guardrail, Abbott Creek Road;
- KY 122, bituminous patching, Buck Branch-Middle Creek Road;
- KY 3051, guardrail, East Point-

Auxier Road.

Hale also agreed to add a guardrail at Jack's Creek to the list and said he plans to ask state officials to accept the Left Fork of Abbott into the state road system.

The magistrates approved three personnel requests from Jailer Roger Webb. Sabrina Cooley was approved as a part-time deputy jailer at an hourly rate of \$6.50, retroactive to Aug. 14. Her name had been omitted from a previous request.

The appointment of Rhonda Conn from temporary full-time deputy jailer to full-time deputy jailer at an hourly rate of \$9.25 was approved, as was the hourly wage increase to \$8.25 for Timothy Shawn Robinson, who has completed six months employment.

The court discussed the raising of the bond for the sheriff to collect taxes. The decision was made to keep the bond at its current level of \$100,000 for the incoming sheriff, with a \$50,000 performance bond.

However, Denzil Allen of Hatton and Allen Insurance Agency was asked to research the issue and recommend a reasonable figure.

Magistrates approved the bond of \$100,000 for Floyd County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd and her submission of an amended budget for her office, totaling \$628,328.33, for the 1999 calendar year.

Judge-Executive Hale was authorized to advertise for bids on surplus county property. The surplus list includes a John Deere

310C; CAT 120G; 1976 Dodge, half-ton; 1977 Dodge, half-ton (2); 1980 Dodge, 3/4-ton; TrackLoader, FL 10C Fiat Allis; 1983 Dodge, half-ton; and 1977 Dodge, 3/4-ton.

Approved was the draw down of Abandoned Mine Land funds for the Ligon/Clear Creek Water Supply Project for design and construction of an expansion of water lines. The requested payment includes \$85,287.17 to H.P. Contracting Inc. and \$4,726.61 to Howard K. Bell Engineers.

Related to the same project, the court passed a resolution authorizing Beaver-Elkhorn Water Company to take over maintenance and meter setting on the project.

Magistrates gave the nod to a lease agreement in which the court will lease the former Tourism Building to the Floyd County E-911 Board for \$1 per year, renewal for two-year periods.

Also regarding E-911, the fiscal court authorized payment from E-911 funds of a service bill of \$52,190.82 from BellSouth and monthly payments of \$2,651 to BellSouth.

Among other business items, the magistrates

- authorized the semi-annual

bond payment of \$71,550 to Fifth Third Bank from the debt service for Mountain Racing Interest (Thunder Ridge);

- authorized payment from grant funds for Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center for the purchase of a copier from C&R Office Supply and the payoff to Carter Hughes Toyota on a 1995 Toyota Tacoma truck;
- authorized payment from educational grant funds to the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$9,291.26 for October and November;
- approved second reading of three ordinances accepting Local Government funds for road projects.

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duties of the superintendent until a new superintendent is chosen.

According to Associate Education Commissioner Tom Willis, Carter can fill any position. Willis said Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody and the Kentucky Department of Education would accept such an arrangement until a new superintendent is selected.

Board member Carol Stumbo asked if the board has a choice and could it hire an interim superintendent. Willis replied that the board could hire an interim.

Stumbo indicated she believed that is what the board wants to do.

After this discussion, Dotson again asked for a motion to appoint Carter as secretary, but silence fol-

lowed his request. "We can't meet without a secretary," said Dotson, who then asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion was made and seconded and Dotson asked for a roll call on the vote. Mullins, Stumbo and board members Don Roberts and Johnnie Ross voted yes to adjourn, and Dotson voted no.

Patricia Watson, reading and writing coordinator, presented the winners and sponsors of the WMDJ/McDonalds Christmas writing project to the board members at the beginning of the meeting.

Late yesterday Dotson said the board would meet today, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at Adams Middle School.



Perfect attendance
Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale, left, presented District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens with a plaque during the Dec. 18 Fiscal Court meeting. Owens has not missed a single meeting of the court in 13 years. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Goodies

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Manna Outreach serves the needy in Pike, Floyd, Letcher and Magoffin counties. The program takes donations but buys much of its own goods.

The program has a provision that lets seniors donate \$15 a month in return for food and other goods. This leaves money for seniors to buy needed medical prescriptions. Many seniors find it difficult to buy both food and prescription drugs, Anderson said.

makes it all worthwhile.


On Saturday night participants received cookies, candies, apples, tangerines, toys, sheets, books, comforters and other items. Each participant was given a box and by the end of the line, the box was completely filled.

Manna Outreach also sponsored similar school parties at Feds Creek, Shelby Valley, and Phelps.

The program uses a building on US 23, owned by Royal Coal Company near Pikeville, and a warehouse at Robinson Creek to sort and pack the various items for these children's parties and donations to the needy. Manna Outreach then rents trucks to get the items to the various sites.

Volunteers Sarah Basham and Selina Bentley said it is a labor of love to prepare for the parties. They said the reaction from the children


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and display some 'good old junk,'" she said.

Hanging over one of the display racks is a leather pouch that Charlie Meade used on his mule "Blue Moon" to carry the mail. The Printer Post Office served customers on Spurlock Creek and on the other side of the mountain in Little Mud.

The leather saddle bags with a US Mail emblem are displayed under the antique mail bags and postmaster cage. Many of the local residents have attempted to open their old mail box, which requires remembering the combination of two right numbers and one left number—some have succeeded.

Spurlock says the store is a dream come true for her because the store/post office had been in her family for many years. Her grandfather Randolph opened the store in 1940 at what was then the Salisbury train station.


Salisbury shares a trait with Maytown in that the post office is Printer, but the community goes by Salisbury. The community of Maytown has the Langley Post Office.

Spurlock's granddad ran the store from 1940 until 1956. After he died, her father John ran it with a post office inside the store until 1981 when government regulations said the store and post office had to be separated.

Spurlock, who sells insurance and real estate part-time, said she meets former miners who recall

stopping at the old general store to get their Vienna sausage and potted meat when they worked at the Elkhorn tippie that was located just above the store.

Spurlock said she has been deeply touched by people who have told her that times were hard and they probably would have starved as children if it weren't for her father's help and the charge accounts that he carried until pay day. She recalls her father delivering groceries to nearby hollows such as Cushaw, Spurlock Creek and Fisher Hollow.



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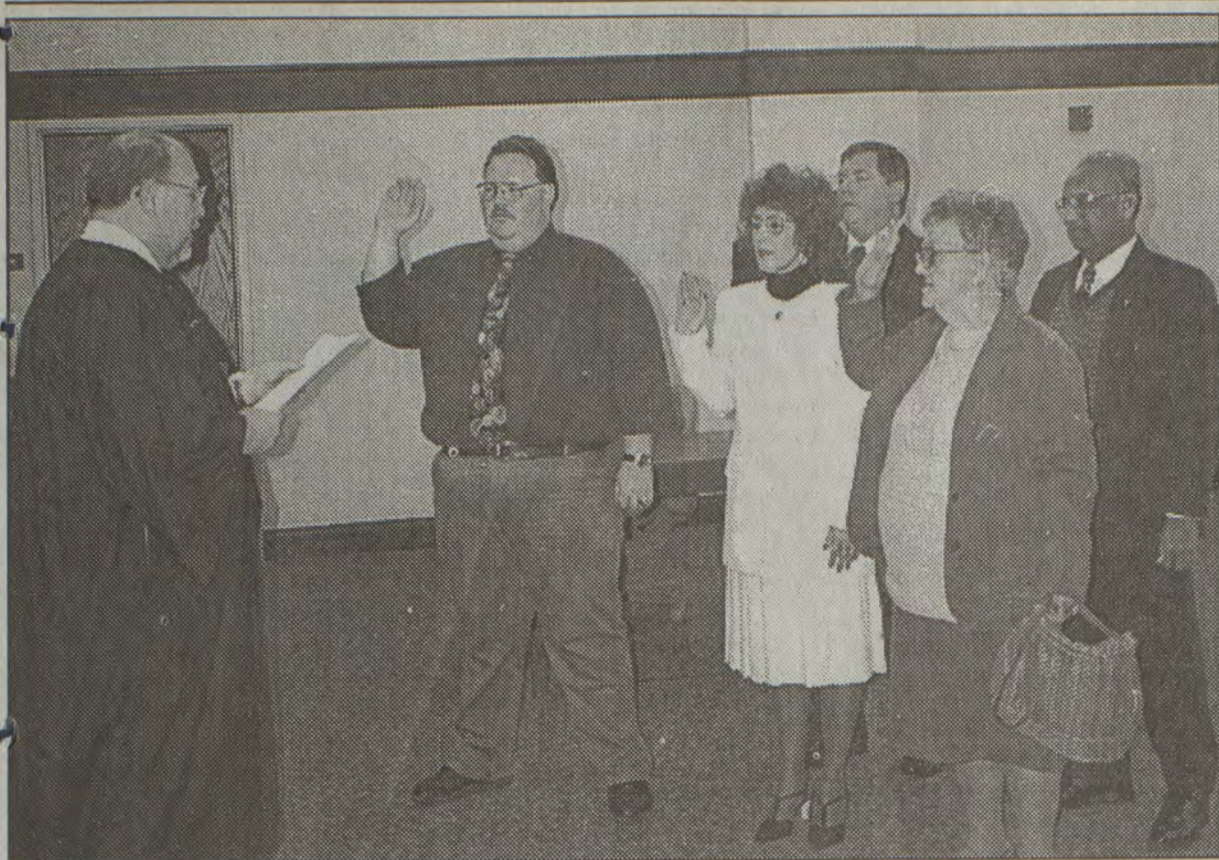
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Swearing in

Newly-elected members of the Martin City Council were sworn into office on Dec. 21 by Circuit Judge Danny Caudill, left, in Circuit Courtroom A of the Justice Center. The new officials are, from left, Rick "Ranger" Caudill, Thomasine Robinson, Joe E. Howard, Hazel Robinson and Dr. Mahendra Varia, DVM. A sixth member, Rodney Hutchinson, did not attend the ceremony. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Dispute unrelated to dismissal

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

About seven parents returned to W. D. Osborne Elementary School on Friday morning to continue to voice their dissatisfaction with the firing on Dec. 16 of Principal Paul David Tackett.

State Manager Arnold Carter told the group that he could have them removed from the premises but said they could continue to remain and voice their opinions as long as they did not impede traffic to and from the school.

In another matter, not directly related to the dismissal of Tackett, a mother and grandmother had an altercation Friday with a teacher at

the school.

Although the incident was not connected to Tackett's dismissal, a parent, Opal Doreane Williams, said, "If our principal, Mr. Tackett, had been in his office in his rightful place, our teacher would not have been subjected to this type of violent behavior, nor would any of the students have witnessed this altercation."

According to records in the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, teacher Colleen Johnson swore out a warrant for harassment against Faye Moore on Friday.

Moore presented herself at the sheriff's office about 5:15 p.m. on Friday and was placed under \$5,000 property bond. Moore

posted bond and was released. Details of the incident were not forthcoming.

Other than this incident, education continues on schedule, according to Carter.

Fonzo Akers, who will serve as interim principal, was not able to begin work as principal until Monday.

The school reportedly had about 100 students absent on Friday. Akers said attendance was back to normal for Monday and yesterday.

A group of parents were at Monday night's board of education meeting, but the meeting adjourned without covering items on the agenda.

County schools are winners

Times Staff Report

Two schools in Floyd County are among the winners of the first environmental education awards given by PRIDE — Personal Responsibility In a Desirable

Park

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he said.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale noted that before he took office his business took him throughout the Right Beaver Creek section of the county where he frequently heard people complain about the lack of recreational facilities for children.

In addition, Hale said, adults who wanted to walk for exercise were walking along KY 80, "dodging blocks of coal" from passing coal trucks.

When Hale was appointed county administrator, he was able to secure \$125,000 for the park. Hale said one of his goals was to put county parks within easy access of everyone in Floyd County.

With less than two weeks before he leaves office, Hale said he regrets not being able to put a county park in the southeastern section of the county.

Environment.

Prestonsburg Elementary School will receive up to \$4,500 for a project to integrate environmental education throughout the kindergarten-to-fifth grade curriculum.

The David School will receive up to \$4,000 for water resources education and the cleanup of a large dump on a hillside on the school property at David.

More than \$90,000 in grants were awarded to schools throughout eastern Kentucky.

Other area organizations that

Ten free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two golden rain-trees, two Washington hawthorns, and two American redbuds.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68419, by January 31, 1999.

won awards are Sheldon Clark High School in Martin County for a recycling project; Mountain Montessori Preschool in Whitesburg for an outdoor classroom and interpretive trail; Letcher County Conservation District for water testing equipment for schools; West Liberty Elementary School for an outdoor classroom; and Kentucky RC&D, on behalf of Highland-Turner Elementary in Breathitt County for an outdoor classroom.

Funding for PRIDE and the environmental education grants was made possible by US Rep. Hal Rogers.

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CINEMA 3 "PG-13"
Patch Adams
Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:25; Fri. 4:25;
Sat.-Sun. 2:10, 4:25

CINEMA 4 "G"
A Bug's Life
Mon.-Sun. 6:45, 8:45; Fri. 3:30;
Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30

CINEMA 5 *Star Trek: Insurrection*
Rugrats "G"
Mon.-Sun. 6:45, Fri. 3:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30

CINEMA 6 "PG-13"
Stepmom
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Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30

CINEMA 7 "PG"
Mighty Joe Young
Mon.-Sun. 6:45, 8:45; Fri. 3:30
Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30

CINEMA 8 "R"
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Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:15;
Fri. 4:15; Sat.-Sun. 2:10, 4:15

CINEMA 9 "PG"
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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Wednesday, December 23, 1998 A4

Editorial

We've read it before, but the writing never loses its charm. In 1897, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the editor of the New York Sun, asking the classic question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" The reply of editor Frank Church has become a classic of seasonal writing. Herewith...

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!



Letters to the Editor

HONORING WORLD WAR II PATRIOTS

Editor:
A World War II Memorial will commemorate the dedication of men and women who helped win World War II. The memorial will be located on 7+ acres of the Mall in Washington, D.C., between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Primary funding for the Memorial must be raised from private and corporate contributions. Those honored may be those who fought to defend our freedom and those on the home front who worked in defense plants, civil defense units, the American Red Cross and other supportive positions. A donation of \$10 will allow DAR, friends and others to register the name of one World War II patriot or soldier in the WWII Book of Remembrance. Each name sent must be accompanied by a check for \$10 made to John Graham Treasurer Karen Ousley

and sent to her at PO Box 1176, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All donations will be recorded in the Treasurer General's office and presented to the World War II Memorial Campaign in the name of the Daughters of the American Revolution. With your check, include your name, honoree's name, hometown, branch of service, rank, and whether killed in World War II, military duty, civilian patriot, and whether living or deceased. Deadlines for the Memorial fund is Feb. 1. The Book of Remembrance will be on display at the Daughters of the American Revolution, Continental Hall, Washington, DC, as a permanent reminder of our commitment to win World War II.
Frances Brackett
John Graham Chapter DAR Regent

YOUTH DESERVE POSITIVE PRESS

Editor:
I just wanted to say something positive about some of our local teens. With all the negative press teenagers receive, it's time we give recognition to those who do something good. Several teens from Prestonsburg High School have started a new prayer group, called PYRO. This stands for Prestonsburg Youth Reaching Out. This group meets twice a week before school to discuss issues, sing songs and pray together.

Recently, they collected food, toys and clothing for families in our area. They organized and delivered food baskets for Thanksgiving, and this weekend they delivered toys, along with food baskets, throughout Floyd County. I am very proud of these kids. I know their time and effort were greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.
Sandra Conley
Prestonsburg

DEWEY IS THE LAKE; JENNY WILEY IS THE PARK

Editor:
I complement you on the excellent coverage you give Dewey Lake. I take this opportunity to make you aware of some issues concerning Dewey Lake. There are many misconceptions about Dewey Lake, particularly, who is responsible for which area or activity. As you can imagine, over the years, these misconceptions have caused countless wasted man-hours and resources. Your photo and caption from Friday, Dec. 11, is a good example. The photo of the gentleman fishing from German Bridge is just what we like to see (our customers having a good time), but the US Army Corps of Engineers operates German Bridge Recre-

ation Area. German Bridge is not a part of Jenny Wiley State Park. In the interest of brevity, Dewey Lake is owned, in its entirety, by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Various areas are leased to Kentucky Department of Parks (Jenny Wiley State Park), Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area), Christian Appalachian Project (Camp Shawnee) and The Odd Fellows (a summer camp).
Mark R. Holbrook
Resource Manager
Dewey Lake

CHRISTMAS PUPPIES NO GIFT

Editor:
We just received three new puppies for Christmas. They didn't arrive like the Christmas puppies on TV. There was no gaily decorated box, no bright tissue paper, no red bows around their necks. They arrived sometime during the night or early morning hours, in near-freezing weather, on the doorstep of my husband's office. His partner found them huddled there when he arrived to open the shop. We will probably never know who sent them; we seldom do. We are frequently the recipients of such gifts, evidently from someone who thinks we will magically be able to produce the

proverbial "good homes" they need, or that we will simply absorb them into the multitude of animals that already live here. Let me paint you a more realistic picture. Every day my husband and I care for 38 dogs and 12 cats (no, those figures are not a misprint), former victims of abuse, neglect and other fallouts of a society that professes to love animals. They are well-fed, vaccinated, dewormed, and spayed or neutered. They are housed in groups of compatible animals that all have access to warm, dry shelter. I still feel a great deal of guilt because I cannot maintain the spot-



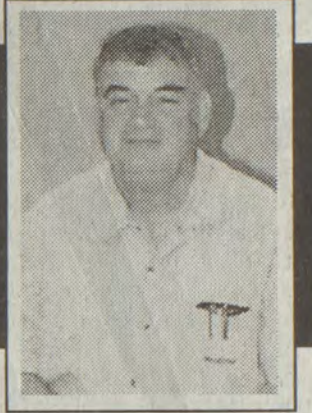
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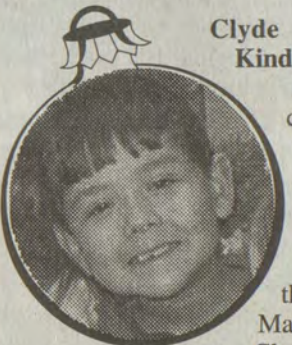
by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



When you get right down to it, Christmas is about children. It was about a Child way back then, and children still dominate the season. We wouldn't have it any other way. So what do children think about Christmas?

I went to Linda's class of kindergarten and first grade students at McDowell Elementary to visit her students and to find out how five- and six-year-olds express their thoughts on the most sacred holiday of the year.

Here are some of the students' answers and comments about Christmas.



Clyde Hamilton—Kindergarten
Q: Why do we celebrate Christmas?
Clyde: Jesus's Birthday.
Q: What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
Clyde: You can

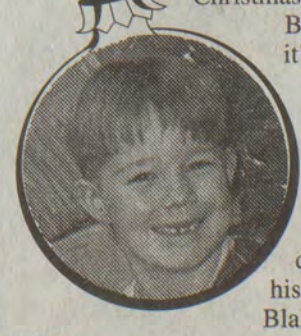
sleep in the stables.
Q: What is the most important part of Christmas to you?
Clyde: Jesus's birthday.
Q: What kind of foods do you usually have for Christmas?
Clyde: Beans, soup beans and meat.
Q: What is your favorite food?
Clyde: Meat.
Q: What other holiday do we have that deals with Jesus?
Clyde: Easter.
Q: What happened then?
Clyde: God brought Jesus back alive.
I asked Clyde if he would sing me a couple of lines from his favorite song, and he sang almost the whole song of "Frosty the Snowman." I have it on tape.

Holly Goble—First Grader
Q: How many reindeer does Santa have?
Holly: Seven
Q: And which one is your favorite and why?
Holly: Rudolph, because he has a red nose.
Q: What is the most important part of Christmas to you?



Holly: I like to open presents.
Q: What other holiday do we have that is about Jesus?
Holly: Thanksgiving

Blake Martin—First Grader
Q: Why do we celebrate Christmas?
Blake: Because it's a holiday.
Q: But why is it a holiday?
Blake: Because we have a lot of fun.
Q: Where did Jesus spend his first night?
Blake: Up in heaven.



Q: Which of the reindeer is your favorite and why?
Blake: Rudolph because he leads them.
Q: What the most important part of

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Letters

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lessly clean kennels or the well-groomed and thoroughly trained animals I would love to have.

I most regret my inability to give each animal the personal attention it deserves. I see so much wasted potential in the personalities of these animals who would have made wonderful companions, but will never have the opportunity to be fully appreciated as the individuals they are.

I have been criticized and ridiculed many times for what I acknowledge is my obsession with the welfare of animals. (Just for the record, this in no way means I am oblivious to human suffering. The plight of animals has, in fact, heightened my awareness of human distress. I feel that many human needs are met, by people far more qualified than I, through my regular contributions to my church.)

However, to deny what I feel so strongly about would be to reject the purpose I truly believe God has intended for my life. It is a calling much more easily ignored than accepted. Sometimes, I wish I could ignore it, but I am always brought back to harsh reality by something, a call from someone wanting to know where to report an abuse case, a magazine article on unethical breeders, puppies on the doorstep.

Oh, and those puppies, they were beautiful. Sure, they had a little mange and they smelled to high heaven, but those are superficial things that are easily reme-

died; it was easy to see the potential of the beautiful, loving, intelligent dogs they could have become.

They each deserved a home that would have allowed them to reach that potential, but there's no more room in my inn, all my friends are saturated with animals, and the shelter is full of equally cute puppies with equally slim chances of adoption.

So what happened to them? They had a big meal — kibble and a whole pack of hot dogs, some fresh water, some kind words and a nap in a warm room. Then we took someone else's responsibility and we euthanized them. We held them, cuddled them, and watched them die, knowing it was the kindest thing we could do in a world full of unwanted puppies and kittens.

I want to write other articles, maybe even a regular column if there seems to be enough interest, to talk about some of the positive things we can do to improve the animal situation in our area.

For right now, though, I have to deal with this latest painful situation. My personal demons consist of the invisible pack of dogs (and cats) that haunt me, ghosts of the ones I feel I somehow failed, because the best I could offer them was a humane death. The pack has three new members today.

Carol D. Combs-Morris, DVM
Estill

PARENT SPEAKS UP FOR PRINCIPAL

Editor:

I am writing in reference to our principal Paul D. Tackett, who was dismissed from his office at Osborne Elementary School.

To begin, the Floyd County Board of Education states that Mr. Tackett was dismissed for "immoral conduct." It is important to note that the word "immoral" is being used inappropriately pertaining to this issue. Webster defines "immoral" as "wicked and depraved."

At a PTO meeting on Dec. 17, Mr. (Woodrow) Carter, acting superintendent, stated the word "immoral" means "actions unbecoming." Therefore, the public needs to be aware of the two translations pertaining to the word "immoral."

Also, in a meeting in the Osborne Elementary library prior to the PTO gathering, Dr. (Mike) King and Mr. Carter stated that the charges pending toward Mr. Tackett's "immoral" conduct were not criminal, nor did they involve our children. However, we were given no further information concerning the charges.

At the present time, there are petitions in circulation asking members of the inquiry to re-instate Mr. Tackett. Thus far, we have about 700 signatures. Many of us parents, faculty and citizens of the surrounding areas have known Mr. Tackett for many years.

It is my understanding that the investigation causing dismissal was conducted within 70 to 80 days. I wonder how long those involved in this investigation have known Paul D. Tackett personally and professionally.

Taking this fact and many others into consideration, we, as parents and citizens of the community, shall continue to support our principal 100 percent.

We have asked numerous times that the charges

against Mr. Tackett be stated, and our question has yet to be answered. We have also pleaded with the board of education and superintendent to reconsider the dismissal until the tribunal is held.

Many are aware of the altercation that took place at Osborne Elementary on Dec. 18, when one of our teachers was assaulted by a parent. As concerned parents, we feel that if our principal, Mr. Tackett, would have been in his rightful place, our teacher would not have been subjected to this type of violent behavior. Nor would any of the students have witnessed this altercation.

We are asking that the charges against Mr. Tackett be made public. Therefore, we have both sides of this tribulation. Thus, we become aware of both sides of this issue that plays a role in many people's lives.

If people are expected to believe that Mr. Tackett was dismissed due to "immoral" conduct (I use the term loosely), then give us evidence backing this claim.

Finally, I would like to end with a quote from Marilyn Von Savant: "The best educators pride themselves on more than instructional services. They inspire. They stimulate. They challenge."

We feel Mr. Tackett adopted this philosophy early in his career, and to this day, he instills it within the faculty/staff who work with him.

Until we are given convincing proof that our principal is a man of "unbecoming character," we shall continue to support him.

Thank you so much for your time concerning this issue. It is greatly appreciated by many.

Opal Doreane (Cissy) Williams
Weeksbury

PARENT CLAIMS PROBLEMS AT ADAMS

Editor:

What is wrong at Adams Middle School? They've got a library but not many books. They don't even have a librarian. In other words, their library is useless.

And, what about their science lab? I remember when my daughter started there, the students really learned a lot by experiencing things in that lab. What happened?

Well, let me tell you something. They don't have what they need. Teachers have had to leave for no reason — anyway, for no apparent reason.

Sure, the county has been taken over by the state, and it was about time. But, it should not be at the

expense of the children. In the future, why not get rid of unnecessary jobs, instead of needed ones?

I'm not going to send my kid to Allen. They probably are forced to go through something like this themselves.

I'm irate, yes, but just check it out for yourselves. You will be surprised. Please bring back the teachers, somehow.

Why does Floyd County have such a mess in the school system?

Ted Stephens
Allen

Voices

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Christmas?

Blake: The whole Christmas.

Q: What is your favorite food at Christmas?

Blake: Vegetables.

Q: What message would you like to leave with our readers about Christmas?

Blake: Don't forget it because it is a good holiday.

Samantha Salisbury—
Kindergarten

Q: Samantha, why do we celebrate Christmas?

Samantha: Because it is Jesus's birthday.

Q: Who were the wise men?

Samantha: Joseph and another man

Samantha said her favorite Christmas song is "Jingle Bells" but

she didn't want to sing any of it for me.

Q: What is an important part of Christmas for you?

Samantha: Opening presents.

Q: What kind of food do you have at Christmas?

Samantha: Ice cream.

Q: How long ago do you think Jesus was born?

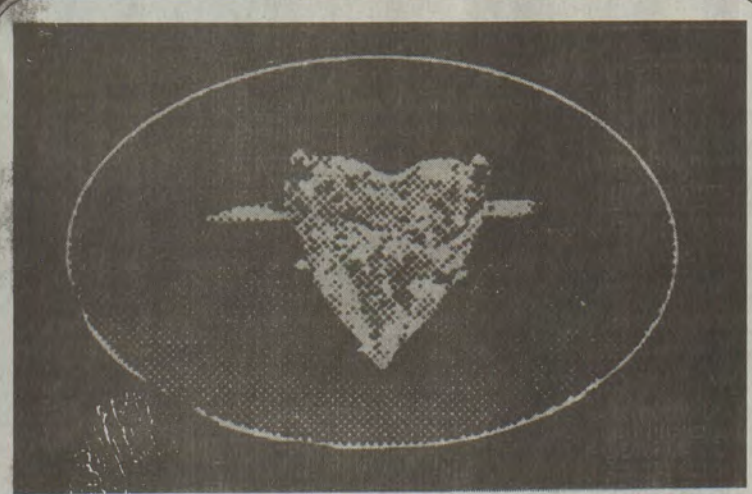
Samantha: Sixty-four years ago.

The students not in the interview were involved, nevertheless; some

could not resist giving their answers. I wish I could have talked to all of them. Merry Christmas, boys and girls.

The final Christmas book among those Linda will give as gifts this Christmas is *Mary's First*

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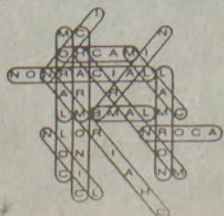
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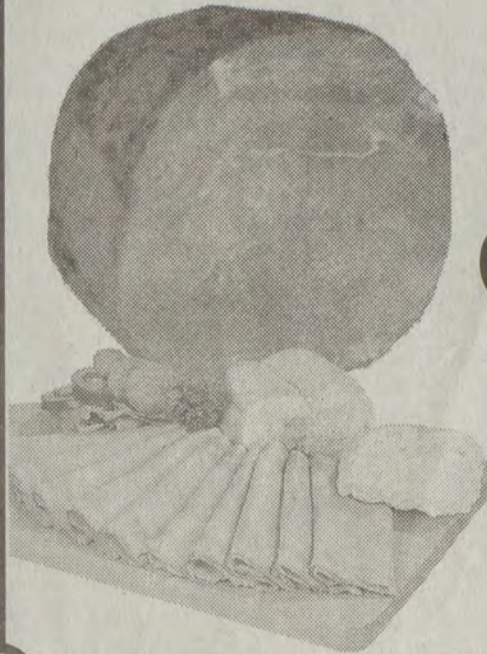
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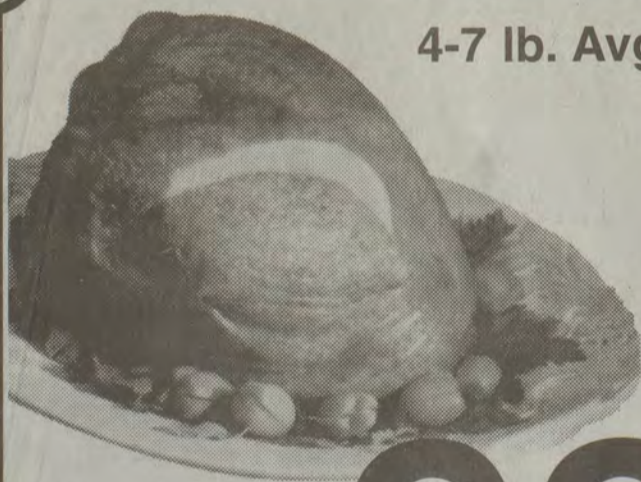
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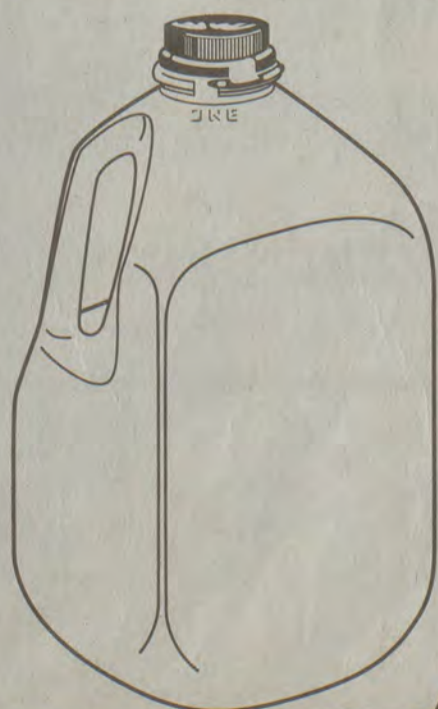
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Gene Turner

Gene Turner, 57, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, formerly of Garrett, died Saturday, December 19, 1998, at the Hillcrest Hospital in Oklahoma.

Born February 16, 1941 at Garrett, he was the son of the late Fonzo and Geneva Turner.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Turner; eight children, Robert, Russell, Thomas, Joseph, Jamie, Tina, Terri and Tammy; five brothers, Jeff Turner of Martin, Ricky Turner and Larry Turner, both of Garrett, and Bob Turner and Jack Turner, both of Oklahoma; six sisters, Lois Malbus, Carol Baker, Sandy Turner and Helen Combs, all of Oklahoma, Sula Noble of Ohio, and Kathy Murphy of Garrett; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 22, at the Vondel Smith South Colonial Chapel in Oklahoma. Burial was in the Moore City Cemetery in Oklahoma.

Obituary information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Alkie Marie Akers Burton

Alkie Marie Akers Burton, 79, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, December 5, 1998, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan.

Born April 24, 1919 at Dana, she was the daughter of the late William L. and Minnie Jarrell Akers. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Issac Case, and her second husband, Paul Burton.

She moved to Albion, Michigan, in 1952 and worked for Corning Glass Company for 23 years, retiring after the plant closed.

Survivors include two sons, Buel "Bud" Case of Albion, Michigan, and Yuel "Duke" Case of Marshall, Michigan; five daughters, Ann Tackett, Jewell Burkwal, Creasie "Crea" Ralston, Wallean Burkwal and Annette "Susie" Case, all of Homer, Michigan; three brothers, Elder Walter Akers and Bradley Akers, both of Kentucky, and Clark Akers of Ohio; two sisters, Alpha Kidd and Ruth Boyd, both of Kentucky; 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 9, at 11 a.m., at the Tidd-Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Albion, Michigan, with Rev. Jim Berger officiating.

Burial was in the Albion Memorial Gardens.

Obituary information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Janice Arnett Haywood

Janice Arnett Haywood, 77, of Johnstown, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died December 12, 1998, in Columbus, Ohio, following a brief illness.

Born August 10, 1921 at Middle Creek, she was the daughter of the late D.B. "Boone" and Minerva Fitzpatrick Arnett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Haywood, in 1971.

Survivors include two brothers, Joe H. Arnett of West Prestonsburg and John E. Arnett of Wheelersburg, Ohio; one sister, Mary G. Johnson of Abbott Creek; one son, Curtis A. Haywood of Logan, Ohio; three daughters, Mabel Jean Ferrin of Tampa, Florida, Judy Mobley of London, and Mary Helen Boehm of Johnstown, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were December 15, at Warren F. Kauber Funeral Home in Pataskala, Ohio, with Rev. Joe Mobley officiating. Burial was in the Glen Rest Memorial Estate in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Beulah Mae Hughes

Beulah Mae Hughes, 89, of Hueysville, died Saturday, December 19, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Born April 15, 1909 in Red Warrior, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Lora Louverna Stamper Pennington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billie Hughes.

Survivors include five sons, Oliver Hughes of Knox, Indiana, Billie Hughes Jr. of Jefferson, Ohio, Willard Hughes of Garrett, Douglas F. Hughes of Louisville, and Arthur Hughes of Hueysville; four daughters, Marlene Robinson of Langley, Charlene Rudder and Mollie Jean Prater, both of Hueysville, and Rosalie Fritts of Louisville; one sister, Edna Mohny of Toledo, Ohio; 28 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 22, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Ted Shannon and Hobert Hurt officiating.

Burial was in the Hughes Family Cemetery at Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Clarence Lee Hinkle

Clarence Lee Hinkle, 61, of Stanville, died Sunday, December 20, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, following an extended illness.

Born November 30, 1937 in Pike County, he was the son of the late Clarence and Wilda Scalf Hinkle. He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Mattie Methodist Church in Louisa.

Survivors include his wife, Tilda Robinson Hinkle; two sons, Robert Lee Hinkle of Louisa and Brian Keith Hinkle of Inez; two daughters, Patsy Louise Hughes of Betsy Layne and Bonnie Goodman of Moulton, Alabama; three brothers, Billy Hinkle of Oakwood, Virginia, George Hinkle Jr. of Turkey Creek, and James Lacy Hinkle of Pikeville; four sisters, Dorothy Mae Robinson of Anthony, Florida, Ida Newman of Ocala, Florida, Rose Allen of Varney, and Claudia Reeves of Pikeville; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 22, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, with Thomas Stacy officiating.

Burial was in the AC Young Cemetery at Varney, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Ballard Moore

Ballard Moore, 89, of Plymouth, Ohio, died December 16, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Willard, Ohio, following a long illness.

Born April 7, 1909 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Albert and Emmie Moore. He lived and worked in Floyd County coal mines until 1969. He moved to Plymouth, Ohio, in 1971.

He was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth, Ohio, and the United Mine Workers Union.

Survivors include his wife, Mary M. Moore; daughters, Betty Lou Shop and Emma Kelling, both of Columbus, Ohio, Theada Tuttle and Janet Swartz, both of Plymouth, Ohio, and Freda Dye of Willard, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m., at the Church of Christ in Plymouth, Ohio, with minister Don Beverly officiating.

Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Shiloh, Ohio, under the direction of the Secor Funeral Home in Plymouth, Ohio.

Effie Tibbs Hamilton

Effie Tibbs Hamilton, 93, a resident of Mt. Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, died Friday, December 18, 1998, following an extended illness.

Born March 8, 1905 in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Margaret Ratliff Tibbs and Ballard Tibbs. She was a member of the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Hamilton.

Survivors include three sons, Charles E. Hamilton of Ypsilanti, Michigan, James Hamilton of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and Bob Hamilton of Pikeville; one daughter, Jewell Lee of Pikeville; two sisters, Flora Stanley of Pikeville and Virgie Gross of Harold; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Monday, December 21, at 11 a.m., at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel, with the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Ratliff Cemetery at Coal Run Village, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Virginia B. Adkins

Virginia B. Adkins, 66, of Lima, Ohio, died December 16, 1998, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

Born February 13, 1932 at Risner, she was the daughter of the late James and Sarah Prater Hale. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence E. Adkins, on January 10, 1998.

She retired from JCPenney's. She was a member of the Lima Missionary Baptist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Trinity Chapter 16, Social Order of the Beauceant and Grand Cross of Color Rainbow Girls.

Survivors include one son, Gregory Adkins of Fulton, New York; one daughter, Kimberly Alberts of Lima, Ohio; three brothers, Bill Hale of McArthur, Ohio, Lawrence Hale of Prestonsburg, and Clyde Hale of Martin; one sister, Verna Hicks of Wilmington, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m., at the Lima Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Brock officiating.

Burial was in the Memorial Park Mausoleum, under the direction of the Siferd Funeral Home.

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*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not hardened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.
God wanted me now; He set me free!*

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The family of Dennis E. Bentley wishes to thank everyone for their kind expression of sympathy during our time of loss. The beautiful flowers, food and kind words are greatly appreciated. Dennis was very special and will truly be missed.

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"Every day, patients in Highlands Regional Medical Center and other Eastern Kentucky hospitals depend on volunteer blood donors to give the gift of life," said Dawn Wheeler, donor

resources consultant for the Prestonsburg Donor Center.

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- Frogg Town Road, at Stumbo Hollow, off KY 2030, Martin; 300 feet in length, 12 feet wide; five property owners or tenants;
- James A. Prater Cemetery Road, off Prater Fork; 40 feet in length;
- C. Howard Cemetery Road, 609 Lick Fork on Hueysville; 300 feet in length, 12 feet wide; two property owners or tenants.

UK listed among the top 100 'best buys'

The University of Kentucky is included in the annual publication, Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys: 1998-99.

UK's second successive inclusion in the guide was based on its 1997-98 costs to students, which were below the national average, and a 1996-97 freshmen class whose high school grade-point average and/or entrance exam scores exceeded the national average.

The university's 1998-1999 tuition rates are \$3,352 per year in tuition and fees for undergraduate students in Kentucky. Undergraduate residents from outside the state pay \$8,712 per year in tuition and fees.

The 1996-97 incoming freshman class at UK had an average high school grade-point average of 3.45 on a 4.0 scale, as compared with the national average of 3.16.

Institutional Research and Evaluation in Gainesville, Ga., considered roughly 1,600 colleges and universities while selecting the top 100 collegiate bargains.

UK's admissions telephone number is (606) 257-2000.

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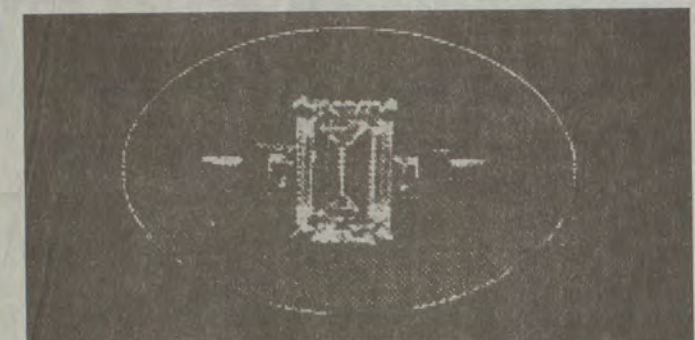
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That he would still be around.*

*On Christmas Eve,
It was a joyous day,
He accepted God in his life;
On Christmas morning God
took him away.*

*We had mixed feelings about
that day,
On one hand what a terrible
time to take him away,
On the other hand, what a per-
fect day to take him away, on
Jesus's Birthday.*

*In our hearts there will always
be an empty space,
But we all know he is in a
better place.*

We love and miss you!

Sadly missed by
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GRANDCHILDREN, AND
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN**

Written by
Granddaughter, Cindy Stone

CHRISTMAS REMINDS US TO GIVE FREELY

The best thing about the way we Americans annually overdose on Christmas is that once a year, at least, we're reminded to give generously to others.

Ours ranks among the richest societies in history, yet the typical U.S. household shares a miserly 2 percent or so of its annual income with churches and charities.

Even sadder, statistics show that the more affluent the family, the tinier the percentage it gives. Our philosophy apparently is, "I got mine, you get yours."

But each December, like 250 million Ebenezer Scrooges we awake, realize how blessed we are and start doling out presents to friends and strangers alike.

I heard the other day about an anonymous benefactor who's been going around performing acts of holiday charity.

In one instance, he saw a harried-looking woman standing at a checkout line in a discount department store. She was pushing a cart full of toys.

The guy walked up and asked if he could pay for her children's presents. He handed her a wad of cash, then disappeared into the crowd.

What a wonderful thing to do. The community where I live sponsors an "Angel Tree" program. Children from humble circumstances, or their parents, list a few items the kids want for Christmas.

The requests then are copied onto pieces of construction paper shaped like Christmas trees, one "tree" for each child.

Churches, civic groups and individuals buy the presents, wrap them and take them to a central distribution site. From there the gifts are delivered to the kids.

Some of the requests on those trees will break your heart. I've seen children ask for a pair of socks. Or warm

gloves.

That gives you a troubling glimpse into the way some kids live. It also reminds you that you've ignored those children the previous 11 months.

My dad started one of the best Christmas programs I know about.

When he was an impoverished boy in southeastern Kentucky during the Depression, Dad always wanted a good bicycle. He never got one.

Instead, he salvaged a broken-down bike some other kid had worn out. Later it fell apart as Dad was gliding down a hill, causing a wreck that knocked out one of his teeth.

A few years ago, Dad got an idea: he'd buy used bicycles at yard sales. He'd fix them himself, make them good as new. Then, near Christmas, he'd quietly give them to parents who couldn't afford to buy decent bikes for their children.

That way, a few kids wouldn't have to trust their health to the kinds

of claptrops he rode as a boy. He might save some teeth.

It was just something he did on his own for several Christmases.

But the word got out. Gradually his bike giveaway started growing. It's evolved into an organized program called Bikes for Tykes.

Dad's done away with the used bicycles. Now he gives brand-new ones.

This year a local business group named Dad our county's volunteer of the year - and offered to match whatever money he raised for the project through private donations. The local newspaper wrote a front-page story.

With such support, he was able to give away 50 bikes last week.

The past couple of Christmases he's given so many bicycles that he's needed help distributing them from our church on the appointed day.

I've lent a hand, as have others.

Some parents who come to pick up a bicycle enter the church hesitantly,

as if they expect to find there's some catch to the deal.

But when we roll out a new bike, and they grasp its shiny handlebars and realize the gift is for real, it's not unusual for us to see tears welling in their eyes.

Others bring their children with them. The children don't cry. They

grin and chatter and circle the bicycle as if it were a strange wonder. Their eyes widen and widen.

And then I understand why Jesus said, "It's more blessed to give than to receive."

In 1999 I hope to remember - and practice - that truth all year long. I hope you will, too.



Paul Prather

St. Martha Catholic Church

Lancer Watergap Road-Prestonsburg, KY

Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Mass
11:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling
Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25
10 a.m. Mass at St. Luke
Salyserville, KY

**Come and See!
Rejoice! Christ the
Lord is Born!**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Calendar items will be
printed as space permits*

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.

**"Donorama" Blood Drive
is scheduled,
December 26-30**

"Donorama" Holiday Blood Drive, Saturday, December 26-

Wednesday, December 30, at the Prestonsburg Donor Center, 200 North Lake Drive, in the Municipal Building. Hours are Saturday, 10-2, Sunday, 1-5, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11-7. Free gifts for all donors. Prizes to be given away every day including an autographed Tubby Smith basketball. Call the Center at 886-1557 for more information.

**Zebulon Lodge to confer
Master Mason degree**

Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, Prestonsburg, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting Saturday, Dec. 26, beginning at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served (chicken and dumplings), and all Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Card of Thanks

The Otis Ratliff family would like to offer thanks and appreciation to all who offered comfort and support. Special thanks to the Hall Funeral Home, Reverend Johnny J. Collins, Reverend Clinton "Buddy" Jones, everyone who sent food and flowers, and all the wonderful singers.

THE FAMILY OF OTIS RATLIFF

Card of Thanks

The family of Artie Bowling Marks McKinney would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the clergyman, Bruce Coleman 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 ARTIE BOWLING MARKS McKINNEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Paul M. Vanderpool would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF PAUL M. VANDERPOOL

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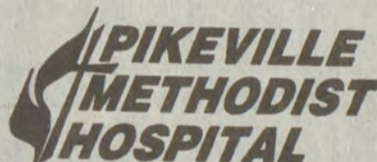
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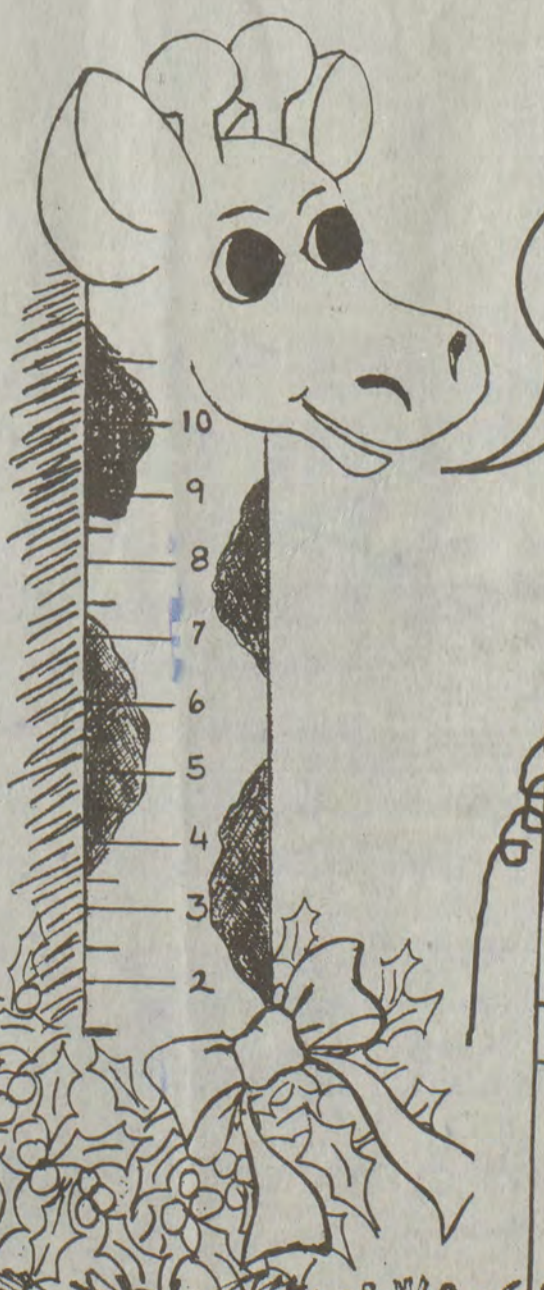
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Paige scores 23 as South Floyd nips Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It wasn't easy and there were some scares but the South Floyd Raiders picked up their second conference win of the season with a 77-74 win over a good Betsy Layne Bobcat team last week at South Floyd.

It was the fourth win of the season for the Raiders against two losses. Betsy Layne fell to 1-4 on the season.

"Betsy Layne played well against us," said South Floyd coach Henry Webb. "They shot the ball very well."

Justin Paige did just about everything, but showed his ability to step outside the paint area and buried five three-point baskets. As a team, the Raiders hit 12 treys in getting past the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne was not without their three-point shooters as they hit six treys. Justin Bartley drained three, as did Michael Gross. Bartley led Betsy Layne scoring with 16 points, while Gross finished with 13.

At the first stop, Betsy Layne held a 21-20 lead with some timely shooting from the free throw line and Gross' outside shooting. The Bobcats hit six of seven free throws and Gross scored five points in the period on a trey and a field goal.

Paige hit two of his treys in the opening quarter when he scored eight points. Byron Hall hit a trey and had five first quarter points. Jimmy Stumbo scored five points in the first quarter for South Floyd. Betsy Layne led 40-38 at the half.

(See Paige, page three)

Two for Tackett...



Betsy Layne's Adam Tackett (32) scored underneath the basket against Paintsville last Friday night. The Bobcats dropped a 67-58 decision. Tackett scored 13 points for the Bobcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

Paintsville escapes Bobcats behind Trimble, Grimm

Bobcats fail to score in game's final 3:51

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

With 3:51 to play in the final quarter, Adam Tackett grabbed an offensive rebound, turned and went strong to the basket to score and draw the Betsy Layne Bobcats to within three points of defending regional champion Paintsville Friday night.

But for the next 3:51, Betsy Layne could not find the basket in falling to the Tigers.

Ben Trimble scored a game-high 20 points, while Mitchell Grimm added 17 points. Ethan Blackburn netted 13 while Kyle Meade finished with 10 points.

Scott Collins led three Bobcats in double figures with 15 points. Tackett, before fouling out, tossed in 13 and Michael Gross, who hit three treys, finished with 12 points.

It was the same story again for the Bobcats in coming close but no victory. Betsy Layne coach Tim Rice said his team needed to do something other than just coming close.

"I told you at the start of the season that this team needed to beat someone," he said. "We have come

close in every game we have played, but we haven't gotten the win."

Betsy Layne played Magoffin County, South Floyd, and Paintsville close but owns a win only over Feds Creek.

Betsy Layne trailed by as many as 17 points in the game and that came in the second quarter at 28-11. They cut the margin to 11 by half-time, 35-24. Trimble drilled a three-point basket to start the third for the Tigers that netted them a 38-24 margin.

But the Cats did not quit as they went on a 7-0 run to narrow the margin to seven, 38-31, on Tommy Taulbee's basket at the 5:53 mark.

Meade would lead the Tigers by scoring six unanswered points that built the lead back to 11 points, 44-33. Meade drained a three-pointer and completed an old-fashioned three-point play with Bradley Brooks picking up his fourth personal foul.

Gross kept the Bobcats in the game with a lay-in and three-pointer, with Betsy Layne trailing by only six, 44-38, and 4:32 left in the third.

Twice in the third period, Paintsville held 10-point leads at 48-38 and 50-40. Gross' three-pointer

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Allen Central get balance scoring in win over Cawood

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central's leading scorer, Gary Hunter, did not get to start against Cawood Saturday night, but coach Johnny Martin got a balanced scoring attack from his Rebels as they came from behind and defeated a good Cawood team, 66-60 in a non regional game.

It was the seventh consecutive win for Coach Martin's team against no losses.

Senior guard Nick Samons led the balanced attack with 16 points, and sophomore Rodney Scott chipped in with 13 as nine players made the scoring column. Hunter finished with six points. Hunter, who did not play in the last two games, had been nursing a sore back he suffered during football season.

Sophomore Larry Mullins tossed in eight points and had a three-point basket. Brian Jones netted six points, Josh Howell five, with Nathan Tackett and Jeremy Hayes scoring four apiece.

Cawood grabbed a 20-16 lead after the first quarter behind Ryan Carter who scored nine of his game high 21 points in the opening period. Carter hit a three-point basket.

Jesse Brock and James Huff had four points in the period for Cawood. Samons had seven of his 16 points in the first stanza to keep the Rebels close.

In the second period, Scott came off the bench and scored nine quick points, but Allen Central trailed 40-37 going to the locker room at the half. Hayes, off the bench, scored his four points in the second period.

Allen Central's defense caused problems for Cawood in the third quarter as they got only four field goals for eight points. The 13-8 third period gave Allen Central a 50-48 lead heading into the final quarter. Samons had five fourth-quarter points, and Jones scored four as the Rebels held off

(See Allen Central, page three)

CAWOOD (60)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Lovely	0	1	0-0	3
Hensley	1	0	2-1	3
Carter	7	2	2-1	21
Brock	6	0	1-0	12
Huff	5	0	0-0	10
Toliver	1	0	0-0	2
Grant	1	2	2-1	9
totals	21	5	7-3	60

ALLEN CENTRAL (66)

players	fg	fta-m	tp	
Samons	6	1	3-1	16
Tackett	2	0	0-0	4
Howell	2	0	4-1	5
Hall	2	0	0-0	4
Jones	3	0	0-0	6
Hunter	3	0	1-0	6
Mullins	2	1	2-1	8
Scott	6	0	1-1	13
Hayes	2	0	0-0	4
totals	28	2	11-4	66

Cawood.....20 20 8 12 - 60
Allen Central...16 21 13 16 - 66

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Vacation was great but it's good to be back



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

I had an enjoyable week off last week but was tempted several times to come

back to work early. I am glad to be back behind the old keyboard and often think about how it used to be when I first started here at the Times. We still had the old typewriters and it was a lot slower process than now.

I missed some good basketball games while I was away, but I look forward to some good ones in the weeks ahead.

We are entering a new year in two weeks and some of the teams will really get into their conference schedule. You would think by now you would have an idea of how the conference race is going to go, but still it is too early to tell.

Allen Central is off to a strong beginning with a sparkling 6-0 record as of Tuesday. South Floyd has a 5-3 mark to begin the season while Prestonsburg is 3-2. But the Blackcats are always a slow-starting program that gels and plays strong toward the end of the season when it counts. Betsy Layne is off to a slow beginning but has been in every game they have played. If there has been one team that has impressed me, it has been the Bobcats. They play very hard and are a good defensive team.

Our women teams are still trying to find themselves in the first month of the season. Right now it appears that Prestonsburg is the team to beat in the district with coach Jackie Day Crisp having his team playing good basketball with a 4-3 start.

Allen Central is still looking for some leadership on the floor at 4-4. Betsy Layne is currently 4-3 and here is a team I like to come on strong; this could be a surprise in the district. I still contend that South Floyd, 3-5, will be a good team before February rolls around.

The thing about all this is that every team is going to get better. Before this is conference race is over, it is going to get tight and some big upsets will happen.

There is so much parity in the 15th Region this year. With Paintsville down to earth like other teams, it appears that eight teams could be considered regional contenders.

Don't let the loss of Vanhoose and Tackett get you to think the Tigers are not a contender again. They have a very strong basketball team with the likes of Grimm, Blackburn, Trimble and others. I like this team. They are going to be hard to beat.

Pikeville has Mims, Gibson, Akers and company that are a solid choice for a regional crown. Prestonsburg hasn't started playing the kind of basketball they are capable of playing. Look out for the Cats.

Allen Central is another sleeper in the region. They are small but quick and play you all over the court. Belfry will be in the thick of things as will

(See Sports, page two)

Prestonsburg rolls past South Floyd

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It took only the first five minutes of Prestonsburg's game against South Floyd Monday night to establish the tempo the game would be played as the Lady Blackcats rolled to an easy 75-54 conference win over coach Ronnie Patton's Lady Raiders at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

Four players scored in double figures to lead a balanced scoring attack that sent the Lady Raiders

to their second loss in the Floyd County Conference this season.

Senior Crystal Slone was on the receiving end of some easy baskets as she got in front of the South Floyd defense, scoring 19 points to lead all scorers.

Brandi Wells, Amelia Conley and freshman Megan Hyden tossed in 11 points each and Kimi Nunnery netted nine points. Senior Shelly Greathouse buried two treys for six points.

Shanna Hall led the Lady Raiders with 12 points, while

senior Olivia Stewart netted 10 points, including a three-point basket. Thirteen players dented the scoring column for South Floyd.

Prestonsburg scored off the opening tip off as Slone rolled under for an easy basket. She then made a steal and went solo to make it 4-0. Conley's rebound basket gave the Lady Blackcats a 6-0 margin and Brooke Coleman's 14-footer made it 8-0 before Conley put her team in front 10-0 and before the Lady Raiders could

get on the scoreboard at the 4:56 mark on a Stewart free throw.

South Floyd had 13 turnovers, many unforced, in the first quarter as they trailed 16-4.

Greathouse ended the Prestonsburg first with a long trey and started the second quarter with a three-point basket. A rebound basket by Conley made it a 29-6 game midway of the second quarter.

South Floyd did make a run at

(See Prestonsburg, page two)



Hits trey

Prestonsburg's Kimi Nunnery (33) hit a three-point shot on this attempt against South Floyd

Prestonsburg

the Lady Blackcats to close the margin to 13 points. Stewart missed the backend of a two-shot foul with Angie Tackett grabbing the rebound for the put back. Stewart then hit a long 18-foot jumper. Hall scored inside, and freshman Jessica Paige hit a short jumper to make it a 29-16 game.

But Hyden pulled up in the middle for a short jumper, and Slone completed an old-fashioned three-point play to extend the lead back to 18 points, 34-16. The Lady Blackcats led 38-20 at the half.

South Floyd could get no closer than 14 points the rest of the way. They trailed 48-34 in the third and trailed by as many as 28 points at one time.

Coleman finished with four points for the Lady Blackcats and played a strong floor game with some nice assists. Stephanie Adams netted two points as did Lauren Majakey.

Monica McKinney tossed in six points for South Floyd. Tackett and Lindsey Hall finished with four points. Misty Berger buried a trey for three points, and Martha Crawford had a three-point basket for three points.

Stacia Slone finished with three points, coming on a basket from the 19'9" arch. Margaret Morgan, Brandi Damron and Jessica Paige finished with two points apiece.

The Lady Raiders dropped to 3-5 on the season overall.

Prestonsburg improved to 4-3 and 1-0 in conference play.

South Floyd does not return to the hardwood until Jan. 4 when they host Shelby Valley. Prestonsburg will play in the Johnson Central Invitational Dec. 28.

SOUTH FLOYD (54)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Stewart	3	1	3-1	10
Hall	4	0	4-4	12
Berger	0	1	0-0	3
Morgan	0	0	2-2	2
L Hall	2	0	0-0	4
Crawford	0	1	0-0	3
A Tackett	2	0	0-0	4
McKinney	1	1	2-1	6

Allen	0	0	2-1	1
Slone	0	1	0-0	3
Damron	1	0	0-0	2
Paige	1	0	0-0	2

PRESTONSBURG (75)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
G'house	0	2	0-0	6
Slone	9	0	1-1	19
Nunnery	2	1	2-2	9
Wells	4	0	6-3	11
Coleman	2	0	0-0	4
Conley	4	0	6-3	11
Adams	1	0	0-0	2
Majakey	1	0	0-0	2
Hyden	5	0	3-1	11

South Floyd..... 4 16 18 16 - 54
Prestonsburg.....16 22 24 13 - 75

Caudill scores 34 as MCA soars past Adams

Falcon forward buries five treys

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Josh Caudill hit five three-point baskets on his way to a 34-point performance against the Adams Middle School Blackcats in grade school basketball at the Mountain Christian Academy Falcons posted a 56-43 win.

Caudill got help from teammate Carlo Repuyan who finished with 18 points. Andrew Burchett and Kyle Scalf finished with two points apiece.

Eric Jarrell led Adams with 14 points. John Hunt finished with 12 points. Adam Dixon, Joey Willis and Wes Jenkins added five points apiece. Josh Hayton scored two points.

Jarrell scored four points in the first quarter as Adams held a 9-6 first quarter lead. Burchett, Caudill and Repuyan had two points for MCA in the first period.

But Caudill took charge in the second period, hitting three three-point baskets and scoring 11 points. Hunt kept the Blackcats out in front with seven points, and Jarrell scored four in the second period as the Blackcats went to the locker room with a 23-19 lead.

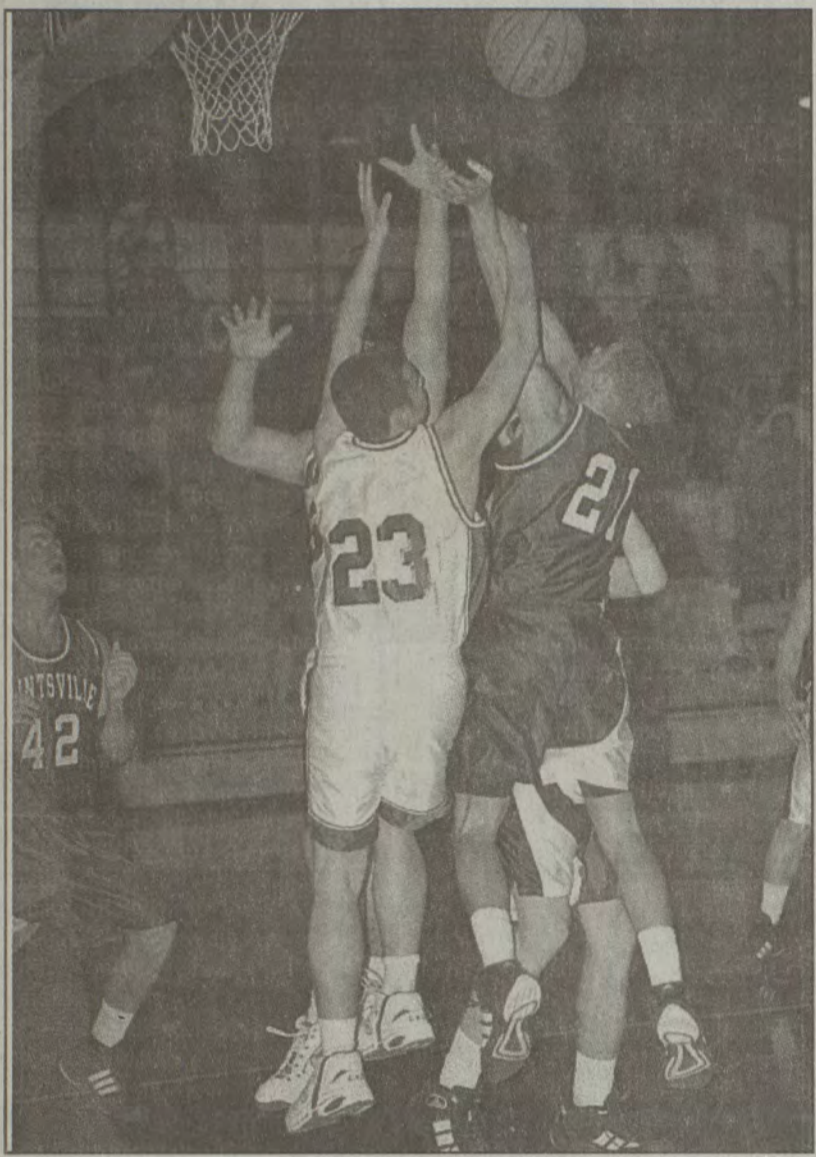
MCA held Adams to a lone field goal in the third quarter, a basket by Hayton. Caudill busted his third trey of the game and scored eight points as MCA grabbed a 31-25 lead after three periods.

The Falcons attempted 16 free throws in the fourth quarter alone and connected on 14 as they won the game from the charity stripe. Caudill had his fifth trey in the final stanza and hit eight of 10 free throws in the period. He completed a three-point play and hit five consecutive free throws. Repuyan had 10 fourth-quarter

points and was perfect from the charity stripe with four free throws.

Jarrell had six points in the fourth for Adams with Hunt burying a trey and scoring five points. Jenkins scored all five of his points in the fourth quarter with a three-point basket. Willis and Dixon also had treys for the Blackcats.

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Battle for the boards

Betsy Layne's Michael Gross (23) battled a Paintsville player for the basketball in high school basketball last Friday. Gross hit three three-point baskets in scoring 12 points. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports

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Elkhorn City, Shelby Valley and Pike Central before it is all over. Warning! Don't overlook Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders.

I had an interesting unsigned letter mailed to me while I was on vacation. Because it was unsigned we could not run it and I am hesitant to refer to any part of the letter.

The reference was to "emotionally immature coaches" throwing tantrums on their players. The article went on to say, "these kids play their heart-out; they are physically drained after a demanding game."

The description of what goes on in the dressing room after a game was described as "yelling, screaming, brow-beating, berating, chairs, score pads and clothing being thrown in all directions."

I don't know how a person can know this unless they have been in the locker area at half-time or after a game.

I know that coaches, grade school, high school, or any level, want to win. And I certainly do not condone any behavior as just described, if it happens. If this is true, then the proper officials should take the pains to see that it is stopped.

But what about the other side of the proverbial coin? I have seen coaches, so described, be the best friend that a player has, to help them and guide them.

Sure in the heat of the battle, there is one side, but when it is all settled down, the players have a real friend in their coaches. How many of us have lost "our cool" because we were upset over something, only to realize we did wrong and were sorry for it.

Today, there is great pressure to win in athletics. And that pressure to survive as a coach depends on having a winning program. I think with the advent of the site-based councils, there is that added pressure to do a good job, or you may not be around next season. That is the real tragedy — pressure that comes from the site-based council and parents. You wouldn't believe some of the things coaches tell me they have to go through with parents.

The main thing in this world is to mold young men and women into becoming leaders of the future.

One thing the letter stated that I

wholeheartedly agree with is "promoting positive self-esteem and self-worth is more important than a sports program that destroys these values."

Let me share what a young man told me this past Monday night at a basketball game. This young man just received a football scholarship at a major university. He had nothing but high praise for his coach, who made this all possible for him to further his education and continue to play football.

Here is a fiery coach, who wants his kids to perform to the best of their ability. But every kid who plays for him will tell you, he is a friend first.

I do not think any coach should go out and "win at any cost" as the letter stated. Neither do I think any coach should degrade a player for the way he played. When a player has a bad game, no one needs to tell that, he is the first to know it. And guess what? He feels the worst about it because he feels he let his coach and teammates down.

At the high school level, we have good men and women in the coaching ranks. Sure, they are "side line stalkers," but that is part of the profession of coaching. They yell, shout, and at times seem to be very offensive toward the players, but place yourself in the heat of the battle and ask would you act any differently.

It's not right, it should not be that way, but it's part of the sports world today and it all comes from being under pressure.

Well, this is my last column before Christmas, and I want to take this space to wish all the players, coaches, school officials and fans a Merry Christmas. I really appreciate all of you and hope you get everything you wanted for Christmas. If not, hang in there, anyway.

Oh, yeah, thanks Don Shannon for the nice gift of shelled peanuts. I often think of my very close friend, Jackie Osborne, and you when I eat these things. I grew up next door to Jackie in Martin and we were very, very close. I still miss him at the ball games. To the Shannon and Osborne families, Merry Christmas.

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Paige

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South Floyd hit four three point baskets in the third period, but it was Betsy Layne leading 57-55 after three quarters. Gross hit two keys in the third for the Bobcats and Bartley had his third of the game to keep the Bobcats out in front. Paige, Hall, John Meade and Dusty Tackett each buried three-point baskets for South Floyd in the period.

In the fourth, South Floyd was a three-point better team than the Bobcats, as Paige continued to fill up the basket from the 19'9" arch. Ryan Shannon, who finished with seven points, had a three-pointer in the quarter. Stumbo worked the paint area and the offensive boards for seven points in the final period. Adam Tackett scored 12 points

while Scott Collins netted six points for Betsy Layne with Bradley Brooks scoring nine points. Tommy Taulbee finished with eight and Anthony Tackett scored 10. Tackett scored eight of his points in the second quarter.

The Raiders got a big lift from the bench area. Eighth grader Michael Hall scored five points for the Raiders with a three-point basket in the second quarter. Shannon and Meade finished with seven points while P.J. Hall had two.

"Our bench provided a spark for us," said Coach Webb. "Ryan and Kyle (Tackett) had solid floor games for us on defense."

Jimmy Stumbo had eight rebounds to lead the Raiders. He also had four block shots. The two

teams were even in rebounds with 32 apiece.

Each team turned the ball over 17 times. South Floyd shot 46 percent from the three-point arch, hitting 13 of 28 attempts. The Raiders shot 43 percent for the game.

Betsy Layne hit 45 percent of their shots and 47 percent from beyond the arch.

South Floyd improved to 2-1 in the conference and 5-2 overall. Betsy Layne fell to 0-1 in the conference.

BETSY LAYNE (74)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	3	3	2-1	16
Collins	2	0	2-2	6
A Tackett	4	0	5-4	12

Brooks	4	0	4-1	9
Gross	2	3	0-0	13
Taulbee	4	0	0-0	8
Tackett	5	0	0-0	10
totals	24	6	13-8	74

SOUTH FLOYD (77)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Paige	3	5	2-2	23
Shannon	1	1	2-2	7
B Hall	2	2	2-1	11
Stumbo	5	0	3-2	12
Meade	1	1	4-2	7
Hall, P.J	1	0	0-0	2
D Tackett	2	2	0-0	10
Hall	1	1	0-0	5
totals	16	12	13-9	77

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Paintsville

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From the lane

Justin Bartley (12) put up a jumper in the paint area against Paintsville Friday night. Paintsville pulled out a 67-58 win over the Bobcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

with seven seconds left in the third, left the Bobcats trailing 55-48 after three periods.

Trimble hit a long jumper to start the Paintsville fourth, but the Tigers would experience a dry spell that allowed the Bobcats to climb back into competition. Betsy Layne went on a 6-0 run and was down 57-54 with 5:58 to play.

Brandt Brooks, who came in and played a super game off the bench, missed a close in shot that could have made it a one-point game, but the Tigers got a free throw and trey from Grimm that opened up a seven point deficit, 61-54.

Tackett hit two free throws and the rebound basket to draw the Bobcats to within three again, 61-58. Tackett left the game on fouls and the Cats never scored again.

Paintsville went the final 4:29 with only one field goal and put the game away from the charity stripe where they hit four of seven down the stretch.

Betsy Layne's 2-3 zone defense in the second half shut down the inside game of the taller Tigers, a phase of the game that hurt them in the first two quarters.

"We played well. The kids played a good game," said Coach Rice. "We just need to get a big win."

Both teams had problems taking care of the basketball with Paintsville committing 22 turnovers. Betsy Layne had 24 for

the game.

Taulbee and Brandt Brooks finished with six points each for the game while Bradley Brooks totaled five points. Justin Bartley had one free throw.

Dustin Ratliff scored four for the Tigers, with Danny Scott and Brian Hale netting one point each. Grimm buried five three-point baskets in the game for the Tigers, whose only loss came to Magoffin County. The Tigers improved to 5-1 on the season.

PAINTSVILLE (67)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Blackburn	4	0	6-5	13
Trimble	6	1	6-5	20
Grimm	1	5	3-2	17
Ratliff	2	0	0-0	4
Meade	4	0	3-2	10
Scott	0	0	2-1	1
Hale	0	0	2-1	1
Hall	0	0	1-0	0

BETSY LAYNE (58)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	0	0	2-1	1
Collins	6	0	4-3	15
Tackett	1	0	14-11	13
Brooks	2	0	3-1	5
Gross	1	3	2-1	12
Taulbee	3	0	1-0	6
Brooks	3	0	0-0	6

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Allen Central

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Cawood's threat.

Cawood hit five three-point baskets in the contest with Carter and Brad Grant hitting two each.

The Rebels connected on four of only 11 free throws, while Cawood hit three of seven.

Carter led Cawood with his 21 points. Brock finished with 12 and James Huff netted 10. Brad Grant had nine points.

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Howell scores 22 as Betsy Layne handles Allen Central

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Wes Howell scored 22 points to lead four players in double figures as the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats continued to roll in a 77-60 win over a good Allen Central Middle School team last week in grade school basketball.

Bobo Hamilton and Michael Rogers scored 16 points each, while Chase Hamilton netted 12 points.

Roland Adkins scored six with Brandon Kiser finishing with three. Jonathan Hall hit two three-point baskets in scoring 19 points to lead Allen Central. Mike Slone had three treys and 15 points. Brian Paige and James Prater netted six points apiece while Neil Allen scored five. Shannon Moore finished with three.

It was a 16-10 game after the first quarter with Howell scoring six points in the first quarter. Rogers and Hamilton netted four apiece and Adkins scored two points. Prater had four points for Allen Central in the opening stanza while Paige, Allen and Hall scored two points each. Allen Central outscored the Bobcats in the second quarter, 18-13 to pull to within one point, 29-28, at the half. Hall had six points and Ross Samons tossed in four points in the period. Moore had a

three-point basket for the Rebels. In the third period, Betsy Layne put 29 points on the scoreboard in a 29-19 quarter that saw them go up 58-47 over the Rebels. Howell buried two treys and had 10 points. Rogers scored six points in the third period.

Hamilton, who did not score in the first two quarters, broke loose for 10 points in the third period as well. Allen Central could never recover.

Lady Cats win two, fall at Phelps

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

First-year Betsy Layne coach Cassandra Akers saw the Lady Cats pick up two victories last week while dropping a regional game to Phelps.

The Lady Cats posted a 56-50 win over Paintsville and edged South Floyd 43-42 in conference play but could not solve the offensive play of Courtney Mercer in losing at Phelps 69-46.

Against South Floyd, Betsy Layne picked up a big conference victory but took a last-second shot to pull out the one point win.

Jenny Parsons scored 13 points in the game, but it was her final shot that sank the Lady Raiders. Sheena Akers led the Lady Cats, scoring with 18 points while Leslie Hopkins tossed in 11. Parsons pulled down 13 rebounds for the Lady Cats, and Hopkins had nine boards.

Shawna Hall led South Floyd with 12 points and Olivia Stewart added 10. Misty Berger finished with eight points.

South Floyd held a 12-6 lead after the first quarter and went to the locker room leading 27-19. Parsons and Hopkins led a second-half blitz for the one point win.

At Paintsville, Akers and Parsons had 16 points each, and Parsons had 13 rebounds as Betsy Layne won 56-50. Amanda

Hall and Heather Hamilton scored 11 points each. Amber Roberts scored two points in the win. Heather Hamilton dished off five assists.

Against Phelps, Courtney Mercer poured in 28 points to lead the Lady Hornets to the 23-point win over Betsy Layne.

Hopkins led Betsy Layne with 13 points, while Parsons scored 11.

Betsy Layne is 4-3 on the season.



On the drive

South Floyd's Lindsey Hall (20) drove the base line against Prestonsburg Monday night at the Prestonsburg Fielhouse. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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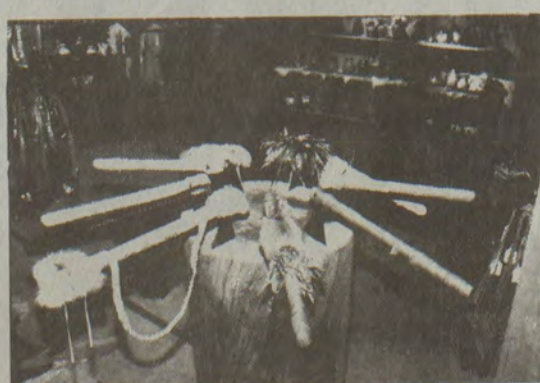


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Bobcat two

Betsy Layne's Tommy Taulbee (25) got ahead of the Betsy Layne defense for two easy points last Friday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse. Betsy Layne dropped a 67-58 decision to the Tigers of Paintsville (photo by Ed Taylor)

15 teams to compete in "Dog" Campbell Classic

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The field just keeps getting bigger and bigger as the fourth annual "Dog" Campbell Classic sets to tip off this Saturday, December 26 at the Allen Central gymnasium.

The tournament is sponsored by the Woodmen of the World and has become one of the largest grade school tournaments around.

"We had to turn teams away this year," said Allen Central assistant basketball coach and

head baseball coach. "We had hoped to have Allen and Stumbo in the tournament but prior commitments would not allow it."

The tournament is to benefit the Rebels' baseball team.

The tournament began with only eight teams three years ago and has grown to the current 15. Spurlock said he would have liked to have made it a 16-team tournament this year.

"But we couldn't work it out," he said. "Maybe next year we can get another team."

The tournament's first round

begins Saturday with seven games. Pikeville got a first round bye and will be the only team that will not compete Saturday. The quarterfinals will be held Monday with the semifinals on Tuesday and finals Wednesday evening.

South Floyd will open the tournament against R.W. Combs in an 11 a.m. tip off time. The Raiders are one of the top middle school teams in the region.

Roy Eversole Elementary seventh grade team will meet Allen Central in a 12:15 start.

Paintsville will meet Robinson

Creek at 1:30, followed by Roy Eversole eighth grade team meeting Betsy Layne in a 2:45 start.

Sebastin takes on Inez at 4 p.m. with Adams and Dorton squaring off at 5:15. The final game of the evening will pit Cordia against Magoffin County at 6:30.

The seven winners will advance to Monday evening's round. Pikeville will face the winner of the Cordia/Magoffin game.

The tournament will display some of the finest young basketball talent in the mountains and is sure to be a fan's delight.

Pack to guest on 15th Region Sports Forum

Prestonsburg head basketball coach Jack Pack will be the guest on tonight's 15th Region Sports Forum.

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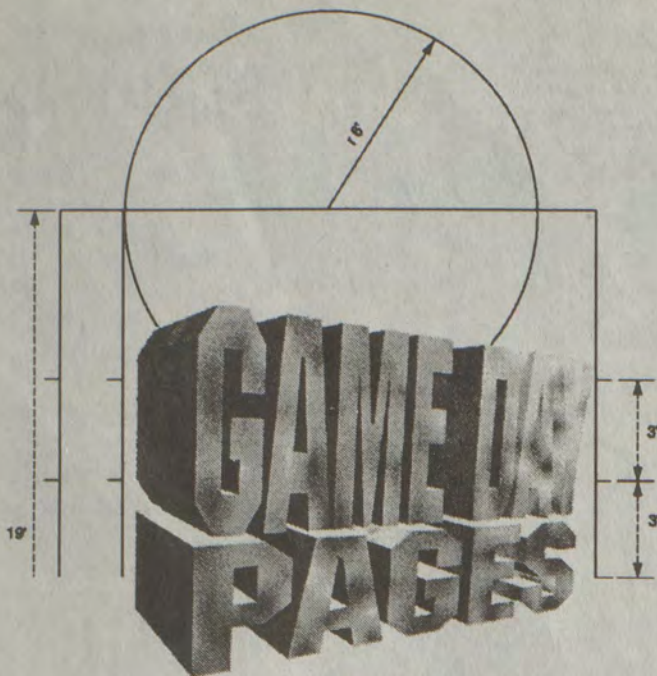
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Vols, Gators set to chase Cats

This week the Eastern Division TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW.



TENNESSEE

On the way to its first 20-win season in 13 years last winter, new Tennessee coach Jerry Green boasted that teams might not be eager to face his Volunteers if improvement continued at its current pace.

It has, and few probably are as Tennessee now heads into one of its most promising seasons since the glory days of the Big Orange long ago.

Six high-profile players, one more that is needed for a lineup, and represents the most talent in Tennessee in years. And it hasn't gone unnoticed with some picking the Vols to top reigning national champion Kentucky in the SEC East race.

Key to the Season: Yarbrough, if he develops, could be the difference between a 20-win season and NCAA contender. Tennessee's Class 3-A Mr. Basketball averaged 24 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists last year.



FLORIDA

Florida could move from the bottom of the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division to third place this year. But only if — and the key work is "if" — the school's finest ever group of recruits live up to its collective reputation as college freshmen.

Coach Billy Donovan's biggest task might be to placate the freshmen, and some important returnees. But if he is successful, the Gators will challenge in the SEC East, and possibly post a 20-win season.

Key to the Season: Newcomers must come through and enable Donovan to continue implementing the system of his mentor, Rick Pitino. Florida led the nation in three-point shooting last year, much like the early Pitino teams at Kentucky. But Florida must improve its defense and rebounding. The Gators shot 44.3 percent, but opponents shot 43.8. Opponents out rebounded Florida by a total of 87, and the Gators had just 17 more steals.



SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina moves into its first season without the standout

guard tandem of BJ McKie and Melvin Watson, the duo that led the Gamecocks to the 1997 SEC regular season championship and back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths.

But at least coach Eddie Fogler has McKie. The All-SEC performer considered a jump to the NBA, but changed his mind and returned for a senior season that will see him almost certainly become the school's all-time leading scorer.

Another area of concern for Fogler will be to replace 6-11 Ryan Stack, an NBA draft pick. One of the prime candidates will be prize recruit Tony Kitchings, a 6-10, 250-pound bruiser. He is another in a long line of home state players landed by Fogler and his staff.

Key to the Season: McKie will shine, but the supporting cast will determine how far South Carolina goes in 1999.



GEORGIA

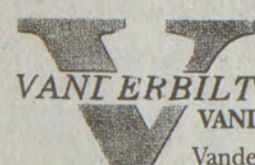
For the last few seasons, Georgia has been the classic "doughnut"

team - one with a hole in the middle. No reliable center. But if the Bulldogs are going to make a run in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division, one of two 7-foot centers must step in to fill that void. The challenge is that neither has proven capable in the past.

Senior Eric DeYoung sat out last year as a redshirt. In his junior season, he started just three of 29 games, averaging 2.3 points. He missed the last four games to injury.

DeYoung's counterpart, 7-1 sophomore Robb Dryden, missed 1997 to a redshirt and was hampered much of 1998 by a stress fracture when he averaged only 0.8 points in 19 games.

Key to the Season: Filling the center position is a key, but Georgia may be vastly improved on sheer pride alone. The Bulldogs were a disappointment last year, and with four starters back, they promise to bring a fair amount of angry to the 1999 campaign.



VANDERBILT

Vanderbilt has any chance to survive in 1999 after losing standout players Drew Maddux, Billy DiSpaltro and Austin Bates to graduation, it might have to be done with players who weren't even in uniform last year.

Coach Jan vanBreda Kolff, therefore, might have to turn to three freshmen recruits and three red shirts. Redshirt Daruis Coulibaly, a 7-footer from the Ivory Coast and Greensboro Day School in North Carolina, is big, but raw. Sam Howard had an injury in preseason practice last year and missed the season. Michael LeBlanc transferred from Connecticut.

Key to the Season: Look for Langhi to blossom. Prater, as the team's point guard, must hold Vanderbilt together as the team goes through these radical changes in personnel. If not, the Commodores could slide to where most predict they'll finish in 1999 — last in the SEC East.

Say What!



Kentucky Athletic Director C.M. Newton - after the Blevins arrest, "You would think any young person would take you serious on the kind of message you're trying to get out!"

Cat Notes

Associated Press

Three UK Players Named Freshman All-American

Three players from the University of Kentucky earned Freshman All-American honors from the Sporting News, including strong safety David Johnson on the first team. Defensive end Dennis Johnson made second team and offensive tackle Matt Brown was named third team.

Outback Bowl a Sellout!

For the first time in its 13-year history, the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla. on Jan. 1st, is a sellout. Thanks in no small part to the Blue and White Wildcat following, which has bought 7,000 more tickets than their original allotment (now up to 27,000). The new Raymond James Stadium will be full to its 66,321 seats. Note: Hey, Bulldog fans - "How 'bout them Cats?!"

Couch Tops SEC

University of Kentucky Junior Quarterback, Tim Couch was chosen as the SEC player of the year in voting by league coaches. Couch broke seven SEC records - including total offensive yards (4,151), pass completions (400), completion percentage (72.3), and passing yards (4,275) - while leading the Cats to a 7-4 record and a trip to the Outback Bowl.

UK Assistant Goes to Oklahoma

UK offensive coordinator Mike Leach has left the UK program to take the same job at Oklahoma. Leach joins the staff lead by new head coach, Bob Stoops (former defensive coordinator at Florida). Leach had been an assistant with Coach Hal Mumme for 10 years.

Here We Go Again!

Just when you thought that this has got to end - another UK athlete has trouble with the law. J.P. Blevins, freshman guard of the UK Basketball team was arrested at 3:10 a.m. this past Sunday morning at a Lexington apartment complex for public intoxication. Note: A follow-up story on this incident will appear on a future Cat's Page.

The Cats Prowl



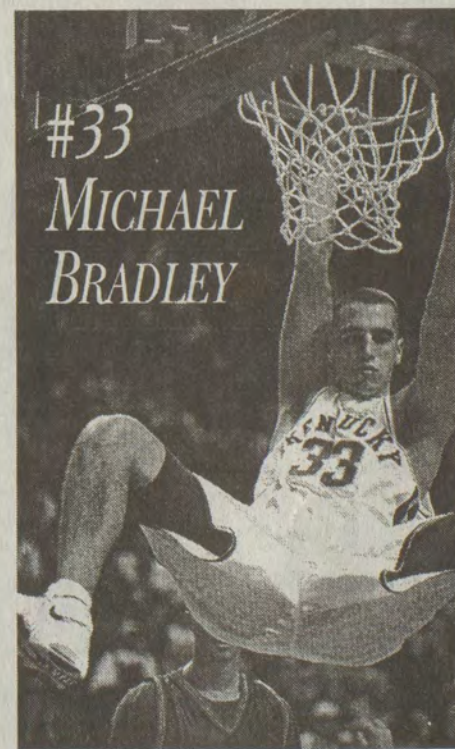
Louisville - This could prove to be a make or break game for the Cardinals. That's a strong statement, but the Ville must play competitively with the Cats - as they get set for a season that could also prove to be a pivotal one for Coach Denny Crum. A big loss to UK could mean the loss of support from several areas for the program - most importantly the "fans."

Prediction: Sorry Denny, but a big loss looks very possible.

Upcoming Kentucky Wildcats Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	TV
Dec. 22	Tues.	Duke	9 p.m.	E.Rutherford, N.J.	ESPN
Dec. 26	Sat.	Louisville	1 p.m.	Louisville	CBS
Dec. 29	Tues.	Tennessee State	8 p.m.	Lexington	UKTV
Jan. 2	Sat.	Florida	4 p.m.	Lexington	JP
Jan. 5	Tues.	South Carolina	9:30 p.m.	Columbia, S.C.	ESPN
Jan. 9	Sat.	Vanderbilt	6 p.m.	Nashville	FoxSN
Jan. 12	Tues.	Tennessee	9:30 p.m.	Lexington	ESPN
Jan. 16	Sat.	Mississippi	3 p.m.	Oxford, Miss.	ABC
Jan. 20	Wed.	Auburn	8 p.m.	Lexington	JP
Jan. 23	Sat.	Mississippi State	1 p.m.	Lexington	UKTV
Jan. 26	Tues.	Georgia	9:30 p.m.	Athens, Ga.	ESPN

Cat Profile



#33
MICHAEL
BRADLEY

Height: 6-10
Weight: 235
Class: Soph.
Position: Forward/Center
Hometown: Worcester, Mass

FRESHMAN HIGHLIGHT:

With center Jamaal Magloire on the sidelines against Alabama in the SEC Tournament, he hit 4 of 7 shots for 10 points to go along with 6 rebounds and 3 blocks in 14 minutes of action.

STRONG POINTS:

Passing and ball-handing are biggest assets - good hands Size inside will help and his footwork both offensively and defensively has improved Had great summer workouts - should help stabilize middle.

MUST IMPROVE:

- Offensive skills around the basket
- Free-throw shooting

Cat Trivia



Who is Kentucky's all time leading rebounder?

Answer: Dan Issel with 1078 career rebounds and 13 per game average.

If you've got a question, comment, or "Cat food" recipe, write: The Cats Page c/o Game Day News 1258 Old Seven Mile Road Shelbyville, KY 40065

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NASCAR

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- Winston Cup, Die Hard (T)
10 a.m. • Friday • ESPN2
- Winston Cup, SaveMart 300 (T)
2 p.m. • Friday • ESPN2



POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 5,328	1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 4,469	1. Ron Hornaday, 4,072
2. Mark Martin, 4,964	2. Matt Kenseth, 4,421	2. Jack Sprague, 4,069
3. Dale Jarrett, 4,619	3. M. McLaughlin, 4,045	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,874
4. Rusty Wallace, 4,501	4. Randy LaJoie, 3,543	4. Jay Sauter, 3,672
5. Jeff Burton, 4,415	5. Elton Sawyer, 3,533	5. Tony Raines, 3,596
6. Bobby Labonte, 4,180	6. Phil Parsons, 3,525	6. Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 4,157	7. Tim Fedewa, 3,515	7. Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Dale Earnhardt, 3,928	8. Elliott Sadler, 3,470	8. Greg Biffle, 3,276
9. Terry Labonte, 3,901	9. Buckshot Jones, 3,453	9. Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Bobby Hamilton, 3,786	10. Hermie Sadler, 3,340	10. Mike Bliss, 3,216

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 7	Daytona International Speedway*	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 14	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
March 7	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway*	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

*All-star event

1999 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Venue	Location
March 20	Miami-Dade Homestead Mtrsp. Complex	Homestead, Fla.
March 27	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
April 3	Evergreen Speedway	Monroe, Wash.
April 10	Mesa Marin Raceway	Bakersfield, Calif.
April 17	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
May 8	Memphis Motorsports Park	Millington, Tenn.
May 16	Pikes Peak International Raceway	Fountain, Colo.
May 22	I-70 Speedway	Odessa, Mo.
June 5	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
June 11	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
June 19	Portland International Raceway	Portland, Ore.
June 26	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
July 3	Milwaukee Mile	West Allis, Wis.
July 10	Nashville Speedway USA	Nashville, Tenn.
July 18	Nazareth Speedway	Nazareth, Pa.
July 24	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 1	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Raceway Park	Clermont, Ind.
Aug. 20	Gateway International Raceway	Madison, Ill.
Aug. 28	Heartland Park Topeka	Topeka, Kan.
Sept. 9	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 24	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 1	Louisville Motor Speedway	Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 15	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
Oct. 30	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Eastern Motorsports Press Association vs. Jeff Gordon

In what could hardly be described as anything but a snub directed at Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon, the Eastern Motorsports Press Association has named Dale Earnhardt Jr. as its winner of the Al Holbert Memorial Driver of the Year Award.

The award was based on the votes of the EMPA's 250 members.

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: Although Gordon is certainly worthy of any award this season, it's hard to overlook what Earnhardt Jr. has accomplished.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR

The first race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, on March 1 of this year, was a rousing success in terms of attendance, as an estimated 135,000 fans were on hand.

The competition was unspectacular, however. Mark Martin won in a walk, and 13 of the top 14 finishers were Ford Tauruses.

Smith wants additional events at Texas, Las Vegas tracks

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Now that Bruton Smith's Speedway Motorsports Inc. owns both Texas Motor Speedway and Las Vegas Motor Speedway, obviously there are two tracks where Smith desperately wants two events, not just one, on the Winston Cup schedule.

So which of the two tracks is Smith's first priority? "It's kind of a chicken-and-egg situation," Smith told *The Dallas Morning News*, but when pressed he said Texas would probably be his first priority for another date because he has owned the track longer.

"But here again, we'd like to have both get a second race," he added. "We're a builder of NASCAR, and I think if you asked NASCAR, they would agree with that. I think we've earned the right to have two races at both tracks."

The Texas track's general manager, Eddie Gossage, said, "Las Vegas is more competition for us now than it was before. We've got more seats than they do, and I think I can make a reasonable argument that Texas Motor Speedway deserves a second Winston Cup race."

No indication of any changes for 1999 have been forthcoming

from the ruling body's offices in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Another expansion in Concord: Speaking of Speedway Motorsports tracks, Charlotte Motor Speedway officials announced during the week that they will expand the Concord track by 10,568 seats, making it second only to Indianapolis Motor Speedway as a sports facility in the United States.

The expansion, which will be ready by this May's events, will boost capacity to approximately 157,000 seats.

Powell to head Vegas: Bruton Smith has dipped for a second time into the ranks of R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco Co. executives to provide leadership for one of his tracks.

Chris Powell, 39, who has worked at RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises for 11 years, was named executive vice president and general manager of Las Vegas Motor Speedway earlier this week. Since 1994, Powell has served as RJR's manager of media relations and publicity for its Winston Cup program.

Smith hired another RJR operative, Jeff Byrd, when he bought Bristol Motor Speedway in 1996.

Powell, a UNC graduate, will relocate in Las Vegas next month.

THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

Gordon learned early to deal with sponsors

Endorse first, drive later. It is no accident that Gordon, at age 27, has a lot of savvy in dealing with corporate sponsors.

According to an article in the Dec. 14 issue of *Forbes* magazine, Gordon met with Valvoline officials when he was 14 years old.

Gordon's stepfather, John Bickford, sent him looking for sponsorship to the oil firm's Indiana office.

An executive asked the boy how he had gotten there.

"My mother drove me," Gordon replied.

"Now let me get this straight," said the executive. "You drive a 650-horse-

FILLING THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Fuller lands BGN ride

Jeff Fuller, who drove in eight 1998 races with the No. 89 BGN team owned by Merideth and Sharon Ruark, will return for a full-season bid next year with sponsorship from Heritage Consumer Products.

Fuller will drive Chevrolets for the Mooresville-based team.

power sprint car on half-mile tracks, and you had to get your mom to drive

you down here?"

"Yes, sir," replied Gordon. "I'm not old enough to have a driver's license."

Bickford wanted Gordon to learn what seeking sponsorship was like.

"We were trying to teach him how to talk to a sponsor, knowing he'd have to do it down the road," Bickford said.

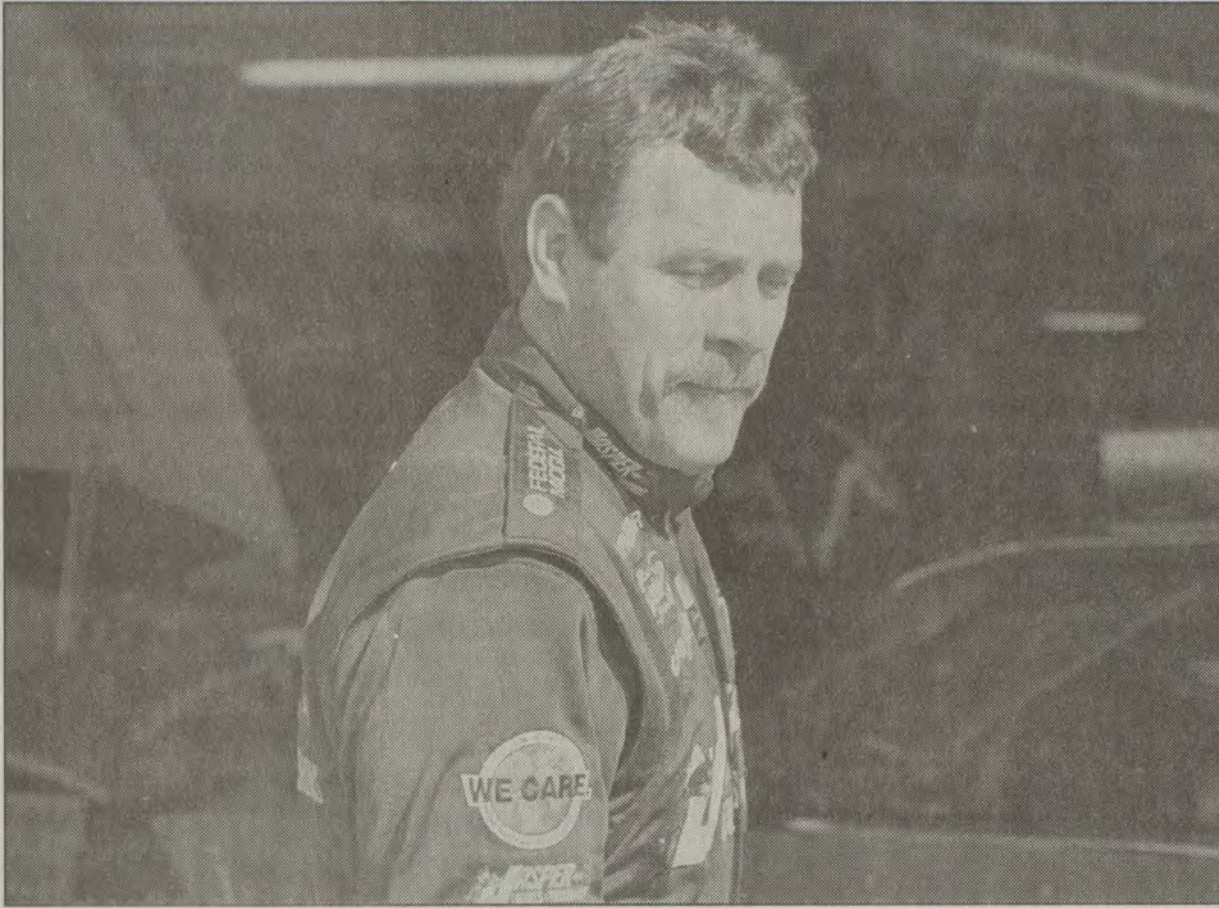
According to the article, Gordon will earn \$8.3 million this year.

The current Winston Cup Champion has endorsement deals with companies including Pepsi, Ray-Ban and Unilever (Close-Up toothpaste).

Bickford began selling T-shirts featuring his stepson when Gordon was 8 years old.

PROFILE

Robert Pressley



NASCAR This Week

Robert Pressley is struggling to make his mark in Winston Cup racing.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

When Robert Pressley was driving in the Busch Grand National ranks, many observers thought he would be the next Dale Earnhardt.

After all, Pressley's father, Bob, is a short-track legend, much like the late Ralph Earnhardt. And Pressley occasionally made the kinds of moves, such as in a pair of last-lap victories over Harry Gant at Darlington, that seemed to be the stuff of legends.

But for whatever reason, Pressley has been unable to score a Winston Cup victory.

AGE: 39

WIFE: Gina

CHILD: Coleman (10), Shelby (4).

HOMETOWN: Born in Washington, D.C., lives in Asheville, N.C.

CAR: No. 77 Jasper Engines Ford Taurus, owned by Doug Bawel.

CAREER RECORD: 108 starts, 0 poles, 0 wins, 3 top fives, 5 top 10s, nearly \$3 million in earnings.

FIRSTS: Start (Feb. 20, 1994, at Daytona), pole (none), win (none).

WHAT HAS BEEN THE TOUGHEST OBSTACLE IN DRIVING CUP RACES?

"Getting used to 500 miles vs. 200- or 250-lap races."

WHAT DID HARRY GANT TEACH YOU WHEN YOU AND HE WORKED TOGETHER CLOSELY EARLIER IN YOUR CAREER?

"He was certainly a big help to me. Harry really talked to me a whole lot and told me things I needed to expect, mainly concerning the difference between Busch and Winston Cup races."

Harry was an ace in both divisions."

HOW TOUGH IS IT TO COMPETE AGAINST TEAMS WITH MORE RESOURCES?

"Well, a lot of times you've got to lower your expectations and consider it, you know, a victory to finish as high as the car can go on that particular day. That's tough, but it's a sign of maturity, and you can wreck yourself and others if you try to overdrive it. Plus, it's tough to make the field for every race. You don't want to have to use more than a couple of provisionals. You try to get your share of top-10 qualifying runs, top-15 finishes, and then if you can move up to the top 10 or the top five, it really feels like you've accomplished something."

TRIVIA

1. What do Richard Petty and ex-NBA star Brad Daugherty have in common?
2. By what measure can motorsports boast having nine of the 10 best sports facilities in the U.S.?
3. What two drivers have won both the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500?

1. The number 43
2. Seating capacity
3. A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti

ANSWERS

If you've got a question or a comment, write: **NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054**

AROUND THE GARAGE

CREW OF THE WEEK

Dale Earnhardt Inc. has hired Sandy Jones, formerly with Diamond Ridge Motorsports, to be the new crew chief for the Craftsman Truck Series team of two-time champion Ron Hornaday.

Jones, originally from Alabama, has worked in the Charlotte area since the early 1980s, with D.K. Ulrich, Junior Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports and RaDius Racing, as well as with Diamond Ridge.

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Why All The Rumors?

By: Miranda Lafferty

Good or bad? That is the question many people ask about this school. Adams Middle School, before sending their children here to receive an education. Does this school have a good, clean learning environment? Or are the classrooms surrounded with violence, and hate? There are many rumors that have been going around throughout Floyd County about how horrible this school is. Some of them are stupid ones like, 'They don't learn as much as other schools, because they don't use or have textbooks'. Or 'All those kids do at Adams, is fight. The school is filled with violence'. Well, I ask myself, if they haven't gone to this school how do they know the rumors are true? The fact is, they don't. This is my third year at A.M.S., and I have heard all these rumors. None of them are true. You too have probably figured that out by now. I believe that before people begin jumping to conclusions and believing the rumors they hear, they need to look at our Academic Achievements, Talk to a student or faculty member to really find out what goes on, or actually visit the school, and find out for themselves.

Before people think that Adams is one of the worst schools in the county, they need to look at our past Academic achievements. We have a wonderful Academic

Team. Recently, our Academic Team had a competition at South Floyd. I'm proud to say that we did wonderfully. In the writing/English composition category, I know that three of our students ranked first out of eighteen, another second out of eighteen, and last of all one student ranked sixth of eighteen. I would also like to say that about 20% of last year's County Young Authors' Winners, were from our school. That may not seem like much, but we only have three grades competing compared to most schools that have grades K-8. That is very high if you look at the standards.

Our science club has also competed in the state science Olympiad in the past, and has done very well. People may not realize it, but some of A.M.S.'s past students were part of the National Honors Society when they graduated high school. We have many more unrecognized achievements, which people need to look at before beginning rumors about our school.

Before drawing conclusions about Adams, you need to talk to a student or a faculty member to find out the facts. You shouldn't be spreading the rumors unless you know for a fact they are true. Talk to someone that has been to Adams, that really knows what's going on, that can answer all your questions. As a student, I can assure you that we DO have

textbooks, and we DO use them. I can also assure you that we get a good education to help prepare us for the future. We don't fight as much as people say we do either, and if we do, we are disciplined. People also think we have a problem with drugs, but I can assure you we don't. If we have had problems, I haven't heard of them. They also think the way we are graded is hard to understand, but it isn't.

All these rumors I have mentioned above, I have heard at least one time in the past. All of these rumors are also very untrue. Talk to someone and get the facts.

If you don't believe what anyone tells you about Adams that is true, go to Adams and find out for yourself. Set up a meeting or arrange a time to come in at Adams and see what goes on for yourself. That's the only sure way to find out anything.

As you can probably see, I am very aggravated at the rumors that are being spread about Adams. So, before you jump to conclusions, or begin to spread the rumors yourself, look at Adams's academic achievements, talk to a student or faculty member and find out what really goes on, or visit Adams and find out what goes on for yourself.

Kentucky Youth Assembly

By: Miranda Lafferty



1998 Delegates Attending KYA

As most of you are aware of, the Y-Club at A.M.S. will be participating at the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Conference in Frankfort this December. For those of you that have no clue about what the KYA conference is all about, I'll tell you. KYA is a very educational, yet exciting trip, and if you ever get the opportunity to go, you should.

KYA, or should I say the Kentucky Youth Assembly conference, is simply a trip in which you take and go to the capitol in Frankfort where you perform a mock government.

Many different students have many different jobs. The job you receive will depend upon how many times you have been to KYA, or what grade you are in.

If you are an eighth grader, you will be automatically placed with the other delegates that have been at least once before. If you are in sixth or seventh grade, and it is your first time going to KYA, then you are considered a "Premiere Delegate". All premiere delegates go to the old historical capitol building for a day (well, not quite a whole day) of debating issues/bills written by other pre-

miere delegates. Students there, as well as the ones in the older program, have pro/con debates on the bills presented. If the bills are passed in both the Senate and House of Representatives, they go on to the governor. The governor then passes or vetoes the bill. Just like real life government. If you are a premiere delegate, you also have a possibility of becoming a page. However, there are only two pages, both which are preselected by the YMCA staff.

Non first time delegates, or eighth graders may have many different possible positions or roles to play. An eighth grader may be:

- *A legislator
- *A press corps member
- *A bill author
- *A lobbyist
- *A candidate for a specific office, or
- *A participant in the judicial program

A Legislator is either a representative or a senator. They are the delegates that have pro/

con debates over bills that the bill author(s) present. They serve their job in either the House of Representatives, or the Senate.

A Press Corps Member is an experienced delegate that writes about conference activities. They are just like news reporters.

Bill Authors are supposed to present a bill that two delegates from their school have written. There is a maximum of two bill authors per bill.

A Lobbyist simply states their opinions for certain bills, trying to convince other Representatives/Senators to be in favor or in opposition of the bill. They present appropriate information to the congregation to try and convince other delegates to take their side.

You may also choose to be a Candidate. Candidates run for a specific office such as President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, or Govern-

nor. On the conference you vote for other delegates that are running for office, that you believe will do the best job. There are lots of offices to run for, and it's hard to choose the person who will do the best.

Last of all, you may be placed in the judicial program. Delegates exchange the roles of being the judge, a jury member, or attorney, in actual trial cases. This is just a mock court.

KYA may sound like hard work, and it is if you are a committed delegate eager to learn. But, as well as working there is time to play. At the hotel, they arrange special activities, so you can have a little fun on the trip. They arrange pool parties, dances, karaoke, games and dinners. In other words, you also enjoy yourself. Hopefully, after reading this, I have convinced you to go on KYA if you have a chance next year. If you aren't into the mock government thing, maybe you should try some other conferences, arranged by the YMCA. They include KUNA, LTC, GFIC. They are all tons of fun. Hope to see you soon at KYA!!!

out Kentucky participate in co-ed YMCA organization at their school. Our Y-club has just recently returned from the Kentucky Youth Assembly (K.Y.A.) which everyone had a blast at. We all made some new friends from different schools and counties then were quickly pulled away from the friendly atmosphere that the YMCA tries to set at all of their conferences debatable and non-debatable alike. Wait a second before you break out the tissues there is an awesome non-debatable conference coming up next month called, "Go For It!"

Go For It is held at the Loins Club Camp Crescendo in Lebanon Junction nestled in the spectacular foothills of Bullitt county.

Go For It tries to help young people find out more about themselves, the world around them and the world that will be theirs one day. This conference tries to reach a number of goals by the end of the four days. Among these goals are learning to celebrate diversity, clarifying moral values, uncapping hidden leadership potential and building and strengthening relationships. The laid-back atmosphere helps to create life long friendships and helps to instill values, morals and appreciation.

It is different from K.Y.A. in many ways. You don't have to keep up with billbooks or wear suits. Like K.Y.A. its a time to make friends and have fun with new and exciting people. Go For It is just ten extra dollars for non-Y club members so for more info contact the YMCA headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky. Hope to see you there!!!!

GO TO GO FOR IT!!!

By: Rebecca Spurlock

Many students from various schools through-

Talented and Gifted

By: Ashley Fish

When people think of Academic Tag, I believe that most people think of a group of smart people or brains, but actually TAG is a group of academically Talented and Gifted students. Which means that TAG students must perform well in most subjects, and that is how a person gets involved in TAG.

In TAG this year, we are doing many different things. We have really been working hard with career awareness, which means we are choosing careers that we would like to have or are really interested in. Then, we are researching them and doing activities based in that particular field. Now we are choosing people who have this occupation and are requesting to shadow them (basically follow them around and ask them questions about their careers) in their jobs and ask them questions. It will really help us with our career choices later on in life because we will be aware of some job choices. Also, by experimenting with careers now, it might help in making decisions later on in life.

Another thing that TAG is involved with is the Leadership Challenge with the 4-H program. A few students are chosen to participate in this program from all

Floyd schools. They are chosen by peers in their classroom and other classrooms. Leaders from the community come and talk with us about their role in our town, and members from the 4-H teen council do activities with us concerning a specific topic each time. This year, our first meeting was on November 25 and our class was on communication skills, and I thought it was a success.

Tag is a very important part of our school system, to me, because it really does help those students who are in it by giving them opportunities to make "real world" decisions. The TAG program helps to prepare us better for high school, college, and life, and I'm really proud to be a part of this program!

Book Reviews

By: Sarah Hill and Courtney Conn

At Adams Middle School we participate in Reading Workshop. Students across the building choose books to read for their enjoyment. These books range in topics and in genres. Eighth grade students in each homeroom were asked to recommend a book. The following are the opinions of some of the eighth grade respondents.

Balin Loftus of

J.D. ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Hammonds' homeroom recommends Wanted, by Caroline Cooney. This story is about a girl who is accused of her father's murder and who is trying to escape the police and her family, all of whom believe she is guilty. Balin says, "the main character Ally stands out in my mind because of her great abilities." Balin found this book at Joseph - Beth Booksellers in Lexington. He would recommend this book to anyone in the sixth grade and above who enjoy reading murder mysteries.

In Mrs. Isaac's homeroom, Charlee Mullins, has been reading Dance of Death by R.L. Stine. Charlee says, "this book is basically about a girl who becomes engaged to the farmer. The farmer tries to drink her blood so he can live and be young forever." The relationships between the characters is what really stood out in her mind. She recommends any from sixth grade up that enjoy horror stories. Charlee found this book at K-Mart.

Patrick Davis, in Mrs. West's homeroom, enjoyed the book The Face by R.L. Stine. Patrick says that this story is about a girl who has lost her memory of the past

month. She seems to recall short clips of her past and "she keeps drawing a face, but she just can't remember. Until one night she remembers that she could be the killer!"

The seventh graders here at A.M.S. participate in the same activity and with great enthusiasm as well!

Lou Calhoun has been reading The Wrong Number 2, by R.L. Stine. She says that when the main character makes a prank call the action begins. During the call he over-hears a murder. She would recommend the book to any one 12 years old and up.

The part that stands out in her mind the most about the book is when the murderer chases the prank callers with a chain saw.

Tommi Tussey would like to recommend The President's Daughter, by Jack Higgins, and would recommend it to any one, above 13, who loves a great adventure.

The main conflict begins when the president's daughter, (who no one knows about except her mother and father because it was an af-

fair), is kidnapped by an under-cover terrorist group, who are trying to force him to sign a document, or his daughter dies. She says, "It was kinda boring until she got kidnapped and the chase begun." She says her favorite part was "when her rescuers go into the place where she is being held captive. The action happens so fast, it keeps you on the edge of your seat, and your not sure who will survive."

Justin Osborne loved Tex, by S.E. Hinton, and he recommends it to boys who love a great adventure. He says it's about a young boy in the 1980's and his life. Justin says that at first the book was boring, but then Tex robs a store and the action grows from then on.

Stevie Montgomery has been reading Monster Blood 3, by R.L. Stine. She says, "This guy buys some green goo from an old toy store. A couple days later the goo comes to life." Stevie recommends Monster Blood, to any one in 7th grade or up. The part that stands out in her mind the most is the way it ended, "but I can't tell you, you'll have to read it!!!"

Gwendolyn Crace has been reading Dacey's Song, by Cynthia Rylant.

She says, "It's about a girl who had to grow up too fast." She recommends it to young adults. She said it was very interesting. The part that she says stands out in her mind the most about the book is when "her sister overcomes her learning disability."

All the books here that we have recommended are available at almost any place. Remember the old saying, "Don't judge a book by it's cover!" A great book doesn't need a great cover to fully convey the magnificent story that lies within. So stop staring at the cover and open the book. Who knows, maybe there's another world waiting for you there.

Achieving Success at KYA

By: Miranda Lafferty & Melissa Slone

On December the 13th and 14th students from Adams middle School attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA). There were many great achievements accomplished during the three day trip, that many people do not realize. Approximately twenty schools across Kentucky attended, which is well over one thou-

sand delegates total. The Adams delegates handled their responsibilities well with no misbehavior.

Many students from A.M.S. were recognized for their accomplishments. Stacey Stephens ran for the position of governor but was voted down. The outstanding speaker award was presented to Balin Loftus. Kyle Wicker and Shawn Whitt successfully passed a premiere bill. Rebecca Spurlock was assistant editor of press corps. Tess Collins and Jenna Humphrey represented Adams Middle in the Judicial Program. Kristi Barrowman and Erin Majakey presented a bill but was defeated.

All delegates experienced a good time and hope to attend next year. After the trip the delegation came home feeling quite successful. Overall the KYA assembly was very educational and a worthwhile trip.

What's Hot!

By: Kristi Barrowman

Here's the scoop on what is in style and what's not at Adams Middle School. For the girls, recently the majority have been wearing straight leg jeans, plain shirts, a belt and boots. You don't see very many girls wearing baggy jeans and t-shirts much any more.

The guys, they are mostly wearing khaki's, straight leg pants, and nice shirts and shoes. I believe, that we 'teenagers' are back into casual wear and out of the 'hippie' stage.

We are dressing neater and that makes us look cleaner. It gives us a better reputation as a teenager if we look neat and clean. So, if you are one of those people who likes to keep in style, be sure that outfits like these are on your Christmas list.



John Hunt & Kristi Barrowman
Photo by: Shannon Slone

The Friday Comics

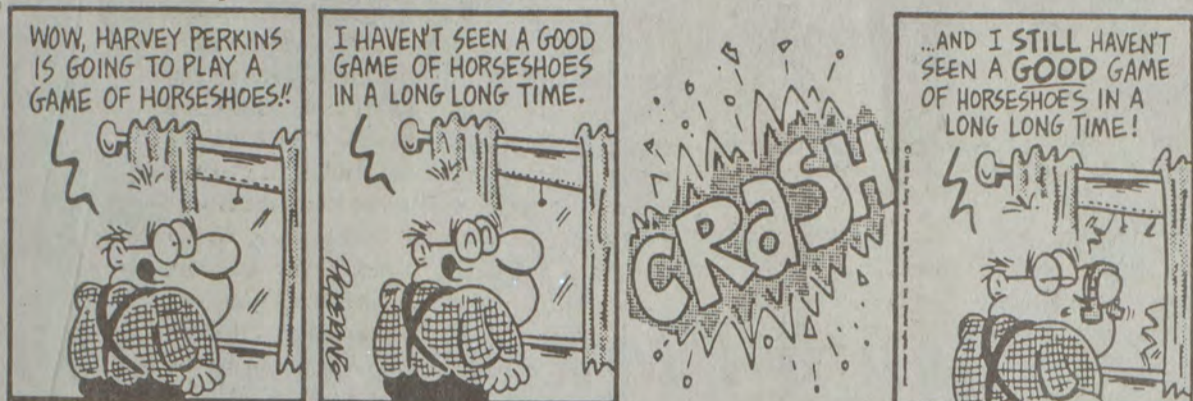
GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



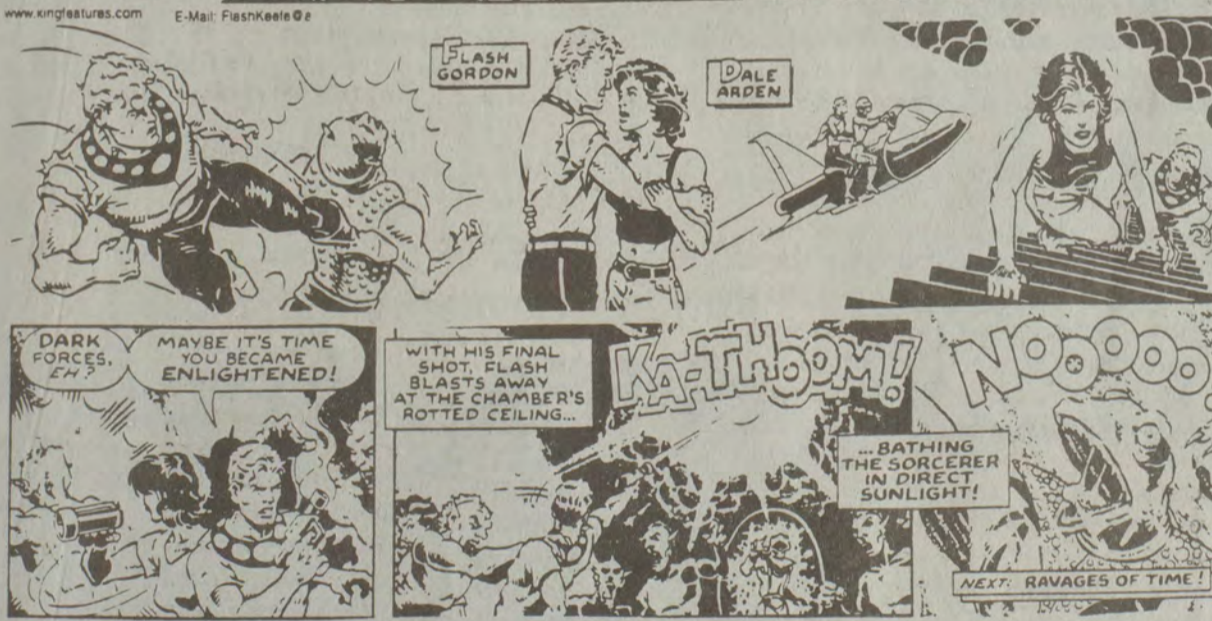
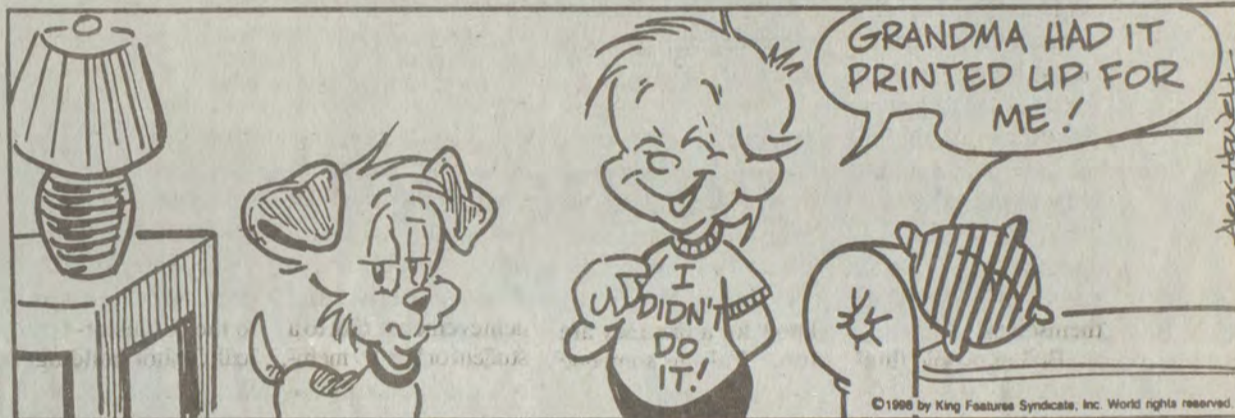
MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



BRINGING UP FATHER



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



Super Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Kitchen appliances
- 7 Goatish gambler
- 11 Merry month
- 14 Jeremy's partner
- 18 Tristan's tootsie
- 19 — Park, Colo.
- 21 Mr. Lucky's card
- 22 Wahine's wiggle
- 23 Leg-strengthening desserts?
- 26 Give off
- 27 Disconsolate
- 28 Buck's beloved
- 29 Melodious Murray
- 30 With 78 Down, Batman's alter ego
- 31 Kid at court
- 33 No-nonsense city-state
- 36 Originate
- 37 "Cavalleria Rusticana" setting
- 40 Lowest point
- 41 Sale stipulation
- 42 Sweatshirt size
- 43 Figure-improving
- snack?
- 49 Give it — (try)
- 50 Pina —
- 52 Had a hot dog
- 53 Payable
- 54 Gift-wrap items
- 56 Apple or quince
- 57 Darling child
- 60 Inflexible
- 62 Physicist Joliot-Curie
- 64 Nice or Newark
- 65 Use a toboggan
- 66 Mind-expanding pastry?
- 72 Merchandise
- 73 Come in second
- 74 "Rawhide" rope
- 75 Rotund
- 76 Junior's job
- 78 Take a hike
- 79 Bush's alma mater
- 83 Potok's "My Name Is Asher —"
- 84 Tankard filler
- 85 Most despicable
- 87 Boxer Baer
- 88 Vision-enhancing side dish?
- 94 Japanese dog
- 96 Jack of
- "Hawaii Five-O"
- 97 Broadcast in July
- 98 Crown
- 99 Pool person
- 101 Saluki or schipperke
- 102 Bank (on)
- 103 Revealed
- 104 Film —
- 105 Lout
- 106 You can retire on it
- 109 — it the truth?
- 110 Digestion-aiding spread?
- 116 Apparatus
- 117 Latin I word
- 118 Passe-partout's profession
- 119 King or Lombard
- 120 — breve
- 121 Neither's partner
- 122 Change the decor
- 123 Defrosted DOWN
- 1 Moves like mad
- 2 Cambodia's continent
- 3 Have to have
- 4 Astronaut
- 5 Wee one
- 6 Old-fashioned
- 7 Holiday
- 8 Shade of blond
- 9 Colorado color
- 10 Volleyball divider
- 11 — cum laude
- 12 Need a rubdown
- 13 "By all means!"
- 14 '66 Association smash
- 15 Soil stuff
- 16 Writer Walker
- 17 See socially
- 20 Zhigavo's portrayer
- 24 Salty spread
- 25 Foreword
- 30 Cheese-board choice
- 31 Sty guy
- 32 Evelyn's brother
- 33 Nasty
- 34 Dad
- 35 They may be personal
- 36 Tennis legend
- 37 Concrete base
- 38 Othello's inducer
- 39 He won't speak without caws
- 41 Part of D.A.
- 43 Duplicate
- 44 Veronica of "Hill Street
- Blues"
- 45 Math abbr.
- 46 Perfect
- 47 Prize money
- 48 Faxed
- 51 Opinion page
- 55 Daddy dogs
- 57 More malevolent
- 58 Harper's Bazaar designer
- 59 Ultimate
- 60 James Herriot, for one
- 61 At present
- 63 Trick
- 64 Third-rate
- 66 Cavalry weapon
- 67 Roman fountain
- 68 Mr. Ziegfeld
- 69 Work on a crossword?
- 70 Frasier's brother
- 71 Thousand — Calif.
- 72 Devour, with "down"
- 76 Clay clump
- 77 "And I Love —" ('64 song)
- 78 See 30
- 80 Surrounded by
- 81 Tardy
- 82 Final
- 84 Curly coif
- 85 Comic Orsc
- 86 Whippet's wagger
- 89 Strauss opt
- 90 Unit of loudness
- 91 Fall behind
- 92 Shake-spearean monarch
- 93 — tu" (Verdi aria)
- 95 Kyser or Starr
- 98 Flaw
- 99 Sales pitch
- 100 Like some music
- 101 Word with guard or scheme
- 102 Team scream
- 103 It's a long story
- 104 James Mason role
- 105 Conductor
- 106 Explode
- 107 She, to Sat
- 108 Chased away gray
- 110 Actress
- 111 Remote
- 112 "— Butter-milk Sky"
- 113 Crimson
- 114 Humbug lead-in
- 115 Time period

MAGIC MAZE

WORDS FOUND IN "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

MYUQNJFICYVROLH
EBXURMCOLIENBYV
SONKHOHCAMIEBYW
TRNONRACIALLOLJ
GEBYWARURRPANKI
GDBZXLMBALMCVS
QOMKNLORIGNROCA
ECAYWONUISOOPNL
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

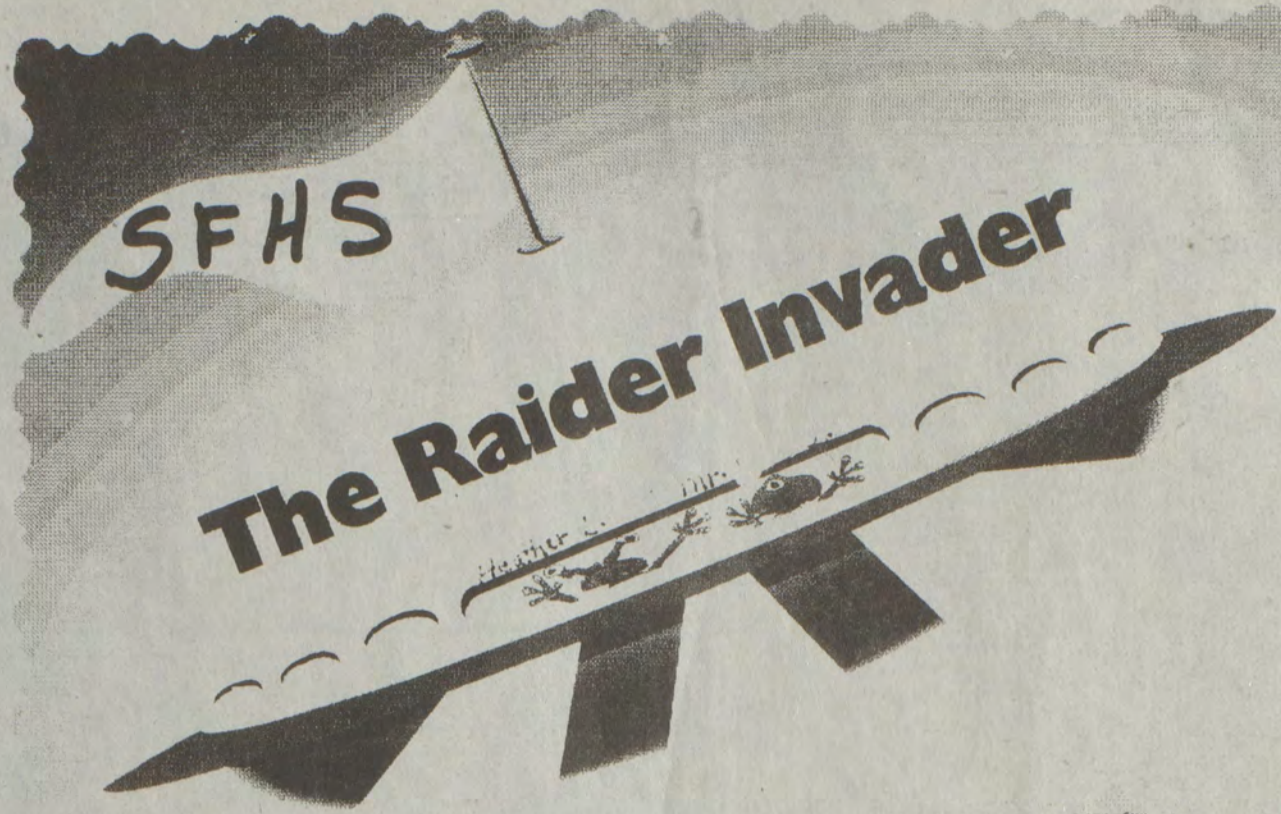
- Acorn
- Brain
- Charm
- Collar
- Lamb
- Linn
- Moral
- Nonracial



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Answers: 1. Plant is moved. 2. Remote is bigger. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Screen is different. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A5



Cindy Vanover*, Derrick McGarey, Lucinda Hamilton, Chandra Short, Christy Hopkins, Kristy Moore (picture not included), Amanda Stumbo, Jaynie Stumbo, Sonya Tackett, Shawna Hall, Misty Berger, and Beth Tucker, (*denotes overall school winner) are all winners in the christmas project.

Students participate in Christmas Project

by: Lucinda Hamilton

Several students from South Floyd High School were given the opportunity to experience first hand how the world of communications really work. One hundred and ten students participated in the Christmas Reflections Project sponsored by McDonald's and WMDJ radio station with Patricia Watson coordinating for the Floyd County Schools. Twelve students were invited to read their papers over the air on WMDJ, on December 10, 1998. In addition to

the original date the essays will also be played over the air on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The writings were chosen by a panel of judges appointed by the Floyd County Times. The twelve students chosen from each school recieved and All-American Meal from McDonald's plus a certificate. The overall school winners will also recieve a McDonalds tee-shirt. Tentative plans are being made to recognize student winners from all schools at a banquet.

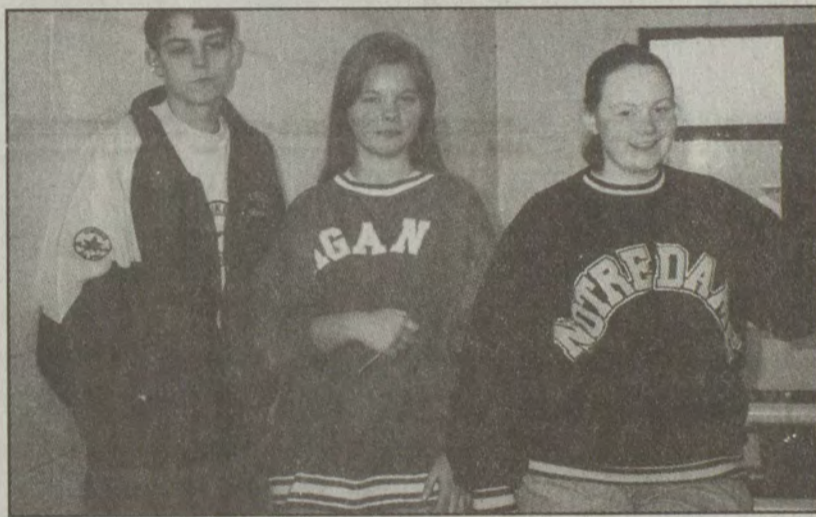
South Floyd High School Academic Team



South Floyd Students recognized in All-district band

by: Jason Mullins

Auditions for the All-District Concert Band were held on Tuesday, December 1, at Pikeville Independant High School. Approximately 100-120 students form District 9 participated and among these students there were three from South Floyd High School selcted to be all part of this prestigious band. These three students were Jason Mullins, trumpet; Leslie Compton, clarinet; and Fabrina Ditto, clarinet.



Conservation Essay Winners

Brandon Gearheart, Jennifer Howell, Chandra Short,

Drama students sing "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree"



SFHS students participate in all-district choir

by: Jason Mullins

Several students from South Floyd were selected to participate in the All-District Choir. The All-District Choir was composed of over 150 students from District 9. These students spent two days in preparation for their concert which was held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Among the students that participated were Lucinda Hamilton, Olieka Paige, Josh Ward, Morgan Hall, Leslie Compton, Jessica Mosely, Lance Sparkman, and Rickey Joe Hall.

Students Contribute to South Floyd's Food Drive

by Aurora Smith

Mrs. Norma Kay Fairchild and the Family Resource Center are sponsoring a food drive. This is a school wide profect. Every student was asked to bring in two cans of non-perishable foods. The food drive is to help feed all the families in the community who, for some reason can not afford food for Christmas dinner. Many teachers are even offering bonus points to their students who help out.



Students participating in The Halls At South Floyd

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Let's dance!

Dance Etc. brings The Nutcracker to life

Mice, soldiers, fairies, clowns, and flowers danced across the stage of the Mountain Arts Center last week to present a Christmas favorite, the Nutcracker.

The Nutcracker was a co-presentation of the Mountain Arts Center and Dance Etc. It is a tale of a young girl named Clara and her favorite Christmas present, a Nutcracker, who comes to life on Christmas Eve.

Laurice Rosier performed the lead role of Clara in the production. Josey McCoy portrayed the Nutcracker, the prince, and the nephew.

Cherysh Workman portrayed Fritz; Danny Young, the father; and Leann Sublett, the mother.

Adult party guests included Jennifer White and Mark Burchett, Jennifer Willis, George Thornsburg, Jami McGuire and Josh Kidd, Annalyse McCoy and Anthony Sublett, Ginger Thornsburg, Ryan

Turner, Meridith Jarvis, Tiffany Lafferty and Beth Walker.

Party children were Melanie Stapleton, Ellen Preston, Kristy Hyden, Shelby Higgins, Mirande Thompson, Jennifer Ward, Morgan Mooney, Erin Ratliff, Vara Mohamet, Heather Webb, Kelli Ward, Kala Jarrell, Brittany Miller, and Ashleigh Vanderpool.

Other members of the cast included Greg Hamilton as the Drosselmeire; Amanda Arnette as the Gift Box Clown; Marcie Cornett as the Gift Box Ballerina; Nick Lafferty as King Mouse.

Potraying fighting mice in the show were Erica Mamaug, Mari Cornett, Sarah Perkins, Chelsea Herford, Thalia Holland, Olivia Holland, and Tatianna Slone.

Soliders were Jessica Kiser, Hanna Walker, Lauren Burke, Jessica Alford, Maggie Sanders, Kaitlyn Richmond, and Crystine Evans.

Katherine Adams portrayed the Snow Queen, and Snowflakes were Maegan Rishner, Caitlin Clark, Molly Burchett, Heather Leslie, Amber McKinney, Brittany Carpenter, Kelsey Goble, Laura Barrett, Marci Cornett, By'shey McDonald, Erin Kiser, Lindsay Cooley, Celina Rowe, Olivia Fitzpatrick, Caitlin Briggs, Lauren Bowman, Whitney Slone, and Kate Lowe.

Annalyse McCoy danced across the stage as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Flowers in the Nutcracker were portrayed by Jena Gearheart, Charlotte Hale, Michelle Ellis, Lindsay Maggard, Natalie Combs, Lowie Ward, Samantha Pillersdorf, Myranda Elliott, Madison Wheeler, Barbie Brown, Katie Bentley, Katelyn Combs, Candra Blackburn, Samantha Huffman, Katy King, Jessica Connors, Arwa Mohamed, Ashley McQueen Rife, Caitlin Everidge, and Allison Adams.

Leeann Sublett and Jennifer Willis were the lead flowers.

Erin Kiser, Brittany Carpenter and Laura Barrett were the Chinese performers. Jill Brown was the

Arabian; Jennifer Willis, Jennifer White, Jami McGuire, Meredith Jarvis, Ginger Thornsburg, Tiffany Lafferty, Leeann Sublett, and Beth Walker were the Spanish cast.

Meridith Jarvis, Jami McGuire, Jennifer White and Beth Walker were Russian cast members.

The Reed Flutes were Jennifer Willis, Leeann Sublett, Ginger Thornsburg, Annalyse McCoy, Amanda Arnett, and Tiffany Lafferty.

Vicki Brown was Mother Ginger.

In the role of clowns for the pro-

duction were Katelin Plumley, Kate Herrick, Whitney May, Ali Derham, Kathleen Smith, Christina Wright, Clara Osborne, Jessica Burford, Laura Jean Isaac, Taylor Moak, Clara Stephens, Jessie Bryson, Kaitlyn Minix, Elizabeth Davis, Leandra Padgett, and Jerica Blair.

The local production was choreographed by Jody Shepherd, owner and operator of Dance Etc. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance from Radford University. She is the coach and choreographer for the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats.



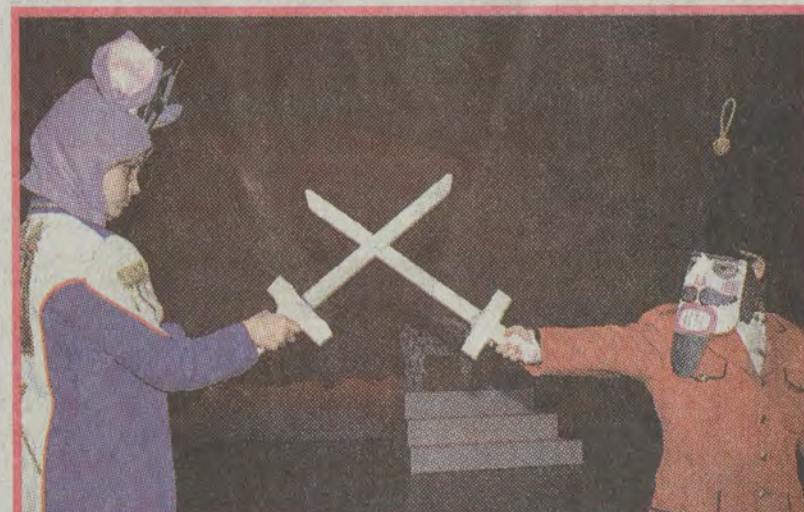
The cast of the Nutcracker posed for a group shot before the performance.



King Mouse Nick Lafferty ruled over his kingdom of mice: Erica Mamaug, Mari Cornett, Sarah Perkins, Chelsea Herford, Thalia Holland, Olivia Holland and Tatianna Slone while Josey McCoy as the Nutcracker lead his army of toy soldiers: Jessica Kiser, Hanna Walker, Lauren Burke, Jessica Alford, Maggie Sanders, Kaitlyn Richmond and Crystine Evans.



Leeann Sublett as the Mother talked with Laurice Rosier (Clara) as Danny Young, in the role of Father, lectured Cherysh Workman (Fritz).



Nick Lafferty as King Mouse crossed swords with Josey McCoy, who portrayed the Nephew, Nutcracker, and the Prince.



Laurice Rosier had the lead role of Clara. She is shown with Cherysh Workman, who had the role of Fritz.



Adult party guests, in back row, included Jennifer White, Mark Burchett, Jennifer Willis, George Thornsburg, Jami McGuire, Josh Kidd, Annalyse McCoy, Anthony Sublett, Ginger Thornsburg, Ryan Turner, Meridith Jarvis, Tiffany Lafferty, and Beth Walker. In front row, the party children were Melanie Stapleton, Ellen Preston, Kristy Hyden, Shelby Higgins, Mirande Thompson, Jennifer Ward, Morgan Mooney, Erin Ratliff, Vara Mohamed, Heather Webb, Kelli Ward, Kala Jarrell, Brittany Miller, and Ashleigh Vanderpool.

The march of the annual Christmas parade

Take one band director, 27 hard-working fourth through eighth grade students and a lot of supportive parents; mix them together and you have all the ingredients that make up the Allen Elementary Band.

Most of the band members are new this year, but they're already showing what they can do.

On Dec. 5, they marched through downtown Prestonsburg during the city's annual Christmas parade. Despite the pouring rain, the students showed up early, formed their lines, and waited in the downpour for their turn to march down the street.

"With six experienced members and the other 21 playing only since October of this year, the group still made a great showing,

strutting their stuff through the streets of Prestonsburg," Eagles band director Valeria Coburn said.

Members of the squad include:

- Eighth grade: Dustin Justice, Jason Lafferty, and Jon Madden;

- Seventh grade: Terry Cesco, Stetson Hall, Mason Lafferty, John Music, and Josh Sargent.

- Sixth grade: Ashley Collins and Kim Gibson;

- Fifth grade: Douglas Boyd, Kevin Duftin, Grant Honeycutt, Jordan Lafferty, Shay Mullins, Bryan Osborne, Andrew Shepherd and Justin Ward; and

- Fourth grade: Shawn Branham, Amanda Coburn, Alex Duftin, Anthony Hall, Mason Haywood, Sara Hall, Destiny Morgan, Kassie Prater, and Seth Spears.



Allen Elementary School band students marched down the rainy streets of downtown Prestonsburg during the city's annual Christmas parade, held December 5.

Poison Oak

by Clyde Pack

A Christmas memory

My memories of Christmases at Muddy Branch during the 1940s are still vivid and very special to me.

Some are school-related because, besides all the festive decorations in the halls and classrooms of the H.S. Howes Community School, this special season was yet another chance for us to get an extra present or two. One way we did this was to draw names.

On the Friday before our vacation began, we'd bring the gift for the person whose name we'd drawn and that afternoon the teacher would hand them out.

No one enjoyed these days more than I did, but I seldom fared well when it came to receiving presents at school. While the other boys got neat things like checker boards, pocket knives and yo-yos, I always got a box of chocolate covered cherries. Regardless of who got my name, I got chocolate covered cherries.

Now, don't misunderstand. I like chocolate covered cherries, but part of the ritual was to open our present so everyone else could see what you got. If that little white box had been a giant magnet and the students iron shavings, it couldn't have attracted any more attention. I might have managed to eat one or two before someone would grab the box. By the time it got back to me, it would be empty.

Of course, when you're a kid, getting presents is important. But, I was fortunate to have also realized that there was a bit more to Christmas than that. Having good Christian parents and living in a house filled with love and laughter didn't hurt anything.

We always had a Christmas tree, complete with lights and popcorn tinsel we'd strung ourselves, but the prevailing atmosphere of warmth and the true meaning of the holiday was very much in evidence, too.

In this regard, a Christmas memory that I still cherish is one where I got very little in the way of presents.

It came when I was about eight years old. My little brother Joe would have been about five. Anyway, dad wasn't getting much work for some reason, but on this particular Christmas Eve night, he was working and there was no one home with us except mom.

We all kind of sat around doing those ordinary things like listening to "I Love A Mystery," or Randy Blake's "Supper-time Frolic" from WJJD in Chicago, on the radio. Then, along about eight o'clock, or so, mom gave us our gift, and we were tickled to death with our genuine, imitation-leather, cowboy-style wallet that she had ordered from Montgomery Ward.

I spent all of Christmas Day cutting pictures for the little plastic windows of my new wallet from movie magazines that my older sister, Mary Jean, had bought.

I doubt very seriously if that wallet ever carried a real piece of money, but no amount of cash could have bought the kind of warm memories it now provides.

I haven't the foggiest notion as to why this particular Christmas sticks in my mind, but looking back to those long winter days and nights of

(See Poison, page two)

SOCIETY

Officers installed

East Point Masonic Lodge elected and installed officers for 1999 on December 12.

Officers elected were: Master, Clyde DeRossett; senior warden, Bill Craft; junior warden, James Ramey; treasurer, Robert Peters; secretary, W. L. Baldrige; chaplain, Ken Gambill; senior deacon, A. J. McCoy Jr.; junior deacon, W. W. Hall; senior steward, Haze Blackburn; junior steward, John K. Blackburn; and tiler, Ben Smith.

James E. Goble and Tilden R. Ellis participated in the installation.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Retiring master, Alvin Johnson, was presented his past master's apron.

John Graham minutes

John Graham Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met Monday, December 14, at May Lodge for a business-luncheon meeting.

Regent Frances Brackett called the meeting to order and chaplain pro-tem Virginia Goble led the DAR Rituals. Karen Ousley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA. Betty Conn led the American's Creed, and gave the National Defense message, "This Is Not the County I Fought For," by Thor Ronningen, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Secretary-treasurer Karen Ousley reported that a yearbook and membership card had been sent to all members, that she had ordered the Good Citizen Pin which will be

presented to a Prestonsburg High senior in the spring, and a JROTC medal which will be presented to an Allen Central High School cadet.

Librarian Betty Conn reported that the DAR Memorial flowers had been renovated in DAR blue, white, and gold. She thanked Ethel Colvin of Highlands Gift Shop for the beautiful work.

The regent announced the death of Verle Hamilton Parrish at Houston, Texas, sister of John Graham vice-regent, and Vivian Hamilton Hale of Prestonsburg. The late Mrs. Parrish had taught in Floyd County schools and in Scott County schools, and had published Floyd County censuses and genealogical books. She belonged to a number of genealogical and historical societies having joined

the DAR as lineal granddaughter of Revolutionary soldier Richard Salisbury who married Polly Milton, and had a supplementary line from Benjamin Hamilton who is buried at Moon, in Morgan County.

Brackett had attended the Louisa DAR Chapter dedication November 14 for Revolutionary soldier George Pack, buried at Charlie, Lawrence County, Born 1755-1825, he had served in Capt. Patient's Company in the Dunsmore War.

The regent and secretary will help registrar Virginia Goble compile chapter material for the Kentucky Ancestor Roster to be published in a state-wide book.

The regent's farm was recognized by the Louisa Rotary Club at the annual Farmer's Appreciation Dinner, December 4, with the

Preston-Brackett Farm recognized as one of Lawrence County's pioneer families established in 1819. Attending with her were Ray Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. John David Preston, and Ellen Preston.

Delegates elected to the 103rd KSDAR State Conference, Louisville, March 19-21, were Frances Brackett and Karen Ousley. Alternates elected were Betty Conn, Eleanor Horn, Virginia Goble, and

Vivian Hale. Delegate to Continental Congress, Washington, D.C., was Brackett with alternate being Evelyn Burgess Widmer, Prince Frederick, Md.

Christmas cards and notes were mailed to Norma S. Stepp, Maurine Mayo, and Fannie Rannels who were unable to attend the meeting.

The next business meeting will be held at the home of Eleanor Horn on January 11.

Things to Ponder

by Mable Rowe Lineberger Ph.D.

Needless to say, by this time, most everyone has done his/her thing in getting ready for the holidays. Or, if they haven't finished yet, they pretty much have decided when and how they will get it done. As everyone is well aware, we look forward to doing the same special rituals over and over when we are with family.

It feels especially good when we can predict what we are to do at a time that is so important to the majority of our society. For example, there is this lady who is extremely depressed around days that are usually celebrated with family, such as birthdays and holidays. However, her apparently very dysfunctional family rejected her years ago and have focused on her younger brother. Although her head knows that she is better off without them in her life, her heart still grieves at Christmas time that she cannot be with her family to interact as "others do" or share in activities as they once did. A guess is that everyone thinks that their Christmas traditions are the best and do not think about how they actually developed.

Many traditions have evolved over the years regarding the celebration of Christmas. The original St. Nicholas supposedly was a Fourth Century bishop from Turkey. He dressed in red and white with gold embroidery. St. Nicholas rewarded children for good behaviors and punished the bad ones. The hanging of stockings on Christmas Eve reportedly began when he acci-

Valued Traditions of Christmas

dently threw gold pieces down the chimney for three sisters' dowry. Our modern concept of Santa Claus was greatly influenced by Coca-Cola company's ads in the 1940s. Another tradition started by the ancient Druids was the kissing of loved ones under the mistletoe. The potent plant was thought to possess power, cure all illness, and be a symbol of peace and good will.

It is difficult to believe that the religious leader Martin Luther started the ritual of decorating trees many centuries ago. He fastened candles to the trees. In the early 1800s, German settlers decked trees

with fruits, sweets, and paper roses. Then older women within the settlers, first commercialized the selling of trees at lots. They harvested the trees from nearby forests. Colonial Americans also decorated outside trees with apples and strings of popcorn. In 1851, two ox sleds loaded with trees from the Catskills went to the streets of New York City and opened the first retail lot in the United States.

An additional difficulty would be trying to perceive the Christmas celebration without our various forms of music. A long, long time ago, an Austrian priest wrote the carol "Silent Night."

He wanted to make sure there would be music in the church when the organ could not be fixed in time for the Christmas Eve service. St. Francis of Assisi introduced Christmas Carols to formal church services.

Besides giving messages through songs, greeting cards have become very popular. In 1843, an Englishman launched the custom of sending greeting cards in place of more time consuming letters. Three decades later, a German immigrant founded the American Christmas card industry. All types of Christmas cards are used and often a long, "newsy" letter is enclosed. In some cases, a collection of these annual epistles would be a great summary of a person's life, say when they have written 30 or more years. An example is my first roommate in nursing school. Although we have only seen each other face-to-face maybe three times over the decades, her letter of happenings is

(See Ponder, page four)

Small World



by Aileen Hall

When I went to the beauty shop a while back for my weekly shape-up, I was looking more like it was an annual visit. My hairdo was going east and west which made me feel more than a little dismal. I saw myself in a mirror and the feeling was confirmed.

I was glad the two customers who were there ahead of me were also my good friends, Gertrude and Terri. In case you think you know a Gertrude and Terri, these are not the same ones. That's not their correct names anyway.

Gertrude was ready to go under the dryer and Terri was ready to be combed, so I couldn't see how they

looked when they came in. I was sure their appearance was better than mine. Since I'd fallen into a negative state and these

were two such trusted friends, I decided to confess a few other shortcomings. I said, "I want you to know I'm also the worst housekeeper in the world."

Almost in unison, they both said, "Oh no, I'm the worst housekeeper of all."

"You just don't know," I insisted. "I can't sew and I don't do crafts. I really don't know how to do all those things so important in making a house a home."

"I can sew," said Terri, "but I never can find the time. I always have windows to clean or ironing to finish. How can I find time to sew?" Gertrude said, "I know how to sew, but I don't even want to. That makes me worse than either or you."

"Speaking of ironing," I chimed in, "my husband thinks he needs a few new shirts, but if I'd iron all the ones he has he'd be wanting me to take a few to the Goodwill Center."

Gertrude had been thinking "Maybe I'd enjoy sewing if I had

enough room to spread things out. My house is so full I don't have room to bring in new materials or to work with patterns."

Terri said, "I know what you mean. My house is crowded too. I've been wanting to add a hidden stairway to make some attic space over the spare bedroom."

"I have a large attic," I said, "but I've tried to think of a way to add a side room. There still isn't enough room for all the stuff you accumulate. My problem is that I can never throw things away. I still have my two daughters' old majorette boots, tassels and all. Every time I start to discard them I find myself thinking, some other time."

"I can understand," said Terri. "I'm a pack rat too. But every time I decide to throw some item away, it won't be two days till I'm needing the same thing and wishing I'd kept the one I had."

At this point in the conversation, Thelma had me ready to go under the dryer. I had to decide between a nap and a magazine. I picked up a magazine and remarked, "I don't know why, but I always start at the back to look through a magazine. Does anyone else do that?"

"Yes, I do," said Gertrude. "In fact I go at a lot of things backwards."

"Me too," Terri volunteered. "I even write backwards." (I haven't figured that one out yet. How do you write backwards?)

Before I fell asleep under the dryer, I decided that no matter what failing I had, these two friends would try to top it. Next time I get them together I think I'll do a reverse evaluation by saying something like, "My family says I fry the best chicken they ever ate."

Just wait. I guarantee they'll try to convince me they can cook better than I ever thought I could.

Poison

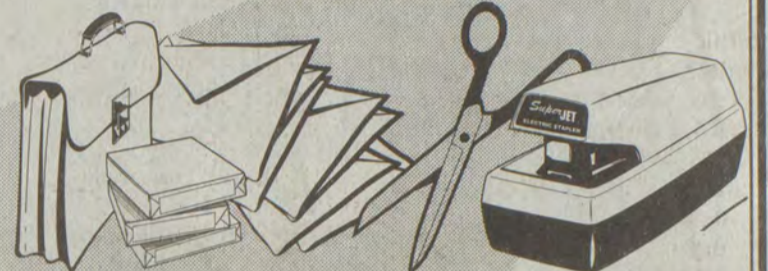
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Christmas time in the 1940s, I suppose it might have something to do with the fact that I never went to bed hungry and I never was cold.

I think it's kind of sad the way some folks today seem to feel that Christmas has something to do with spending money.

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WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Harper, Leedy to wed

Jenny Harper of Salyersville and Larry Ross Leedy of Louisa announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

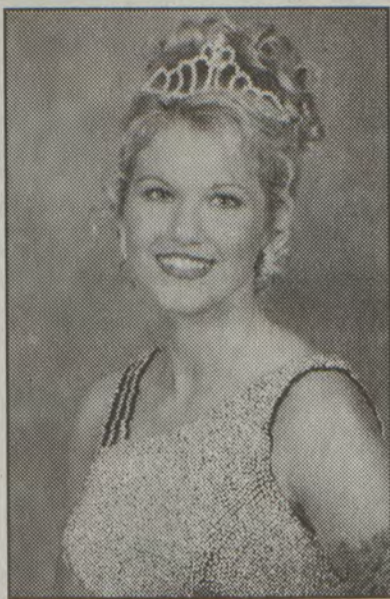
The wedding will be held Saturday, January 2, at 3 p.m., at the Bells Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at Ulysses.

Miss Harper is the daughter of Orpha Justice of Pikeville and the late James Perry Justice. She is employed as an adult educator for

Mayo Technical College in Paintsville.

Mr. Leedy is the son of Larry I. and Myrtle Leedy of Louisa. He is employed as a manager of Life Star Ambulance Service Inc. His maternal grandmother is Osie Holbrook of Prestonsburg, and his paternal grandfather is William Henry Leedy of Louisa.

The custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Jennifer Hopkins

ACHS Queen

Jennifer Lynn Hopkins, a senior at Allen Central High School and member of the Lady Rebs Varsity Basketball Team, was crowned the 1998-'99 Basketball Homecoming Queen on December 3, during a game between the Runnin' Rebels of Allen Central and the Knights of the Priest School.

Jennifer is the daughter of Jimmie and Rosemary Hopkins of Wayland. Her maternal grandparents are Rosa Bradley of Wayland and the late Gliden Bradley. Her paternal grandparents are Virginia Hopkins of Price and Blaine Hopkins of Martin.

Poetry published

Sammy Wallen from Prestonsburg, has recently had three poems published by The National Library of Poetry in Owings Mills, Maryland.

One poem, "I Can Still See Grandma," dedicated to his late grandmother Mattie Wallen, was published in The Peace We Knew, Another, "Pa Pa Is Always There," for his little granddaughter, Davonna Nicole Wallen in Captured Moments.

A poem, "A Place To Go," in Outstanding Poets of 1998 is about childhood memories. Other poems by the author are in the process of publication.

Wallen lives on Little Paint with his wife Freddia Jo. He is a 1968 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is currently employed by Kentucky West Virginia-Gas Company.



July wedding planned

Brenda Settles of Prestonsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Shepherd of West Prestonsburg, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Linda G. Settles and Thomas C. Shepherd. A July wedding is planned. Linda is the daughter of the late Jimmie G. Settles and granddaughter of Jay Settles of Allen; Alma Key of Martin; the late Delcie Settles; and the late Rudolph Griffith. Thomas is the grandson of the late Estill and Stella Shepherd and Opal Horne and the late Yancy Horne.

AG NEWS



by Patricia G. Spicer
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of holly." An ancient symbol of love, flowing ivy is a natural companion to hard, prickly holly. Beginning in the Middle Ages, the English twined ivy around arrangements of

grow into the inner bark hardwood trees and takes moisture and minerals from them.

While most people are familiar with the "kissing game" played beneath mistletoe during the season, the origins of the tradition have been lost. Theories about the custom of kissing under the mistletoe abound. One such tale proposes that the more berries the plant has, the better, because for each berry plucked, a kiss is received. Once the berries are gone, the kissing must stop.



Patricia G. Spicer

Since the beginning of recorded history, people have been fascinated with the ability of evergreen plants to stay alive even through the harshest, darkest days of winter. Down through the ages evergreens have become symbols of eternal life.

The ancient Greeks and Romans brought greenery indoors as a living reminder of nature's vitality. It was a short step to adopt the custom of decorating with greens for Christmas. With the rise of the Victorian era came an appreciation of lavish arrangements made from ivy, hemlock, yew, holly, laurel and bay. A tradition which is still observed today.

Holly was believed by the Romans, then Christians, to have protective powers and was used as a charm throughout the home—hence "deck the halls with boughs

Mistletoe is a common element in Christmas decorations. Also known as "kiss and go" or "churchman's greetings," its name is derived from the Saxon word "mistl-tan," meaning "different twig." The scientific name for American mistletoe is from Greek and means "tree thief," referring to the fact that the roots of the plant

One of the most beloved Christmas decorations of all was first written about in 1605 by a writer in the Alsace region of France. He recorded how residents cut down fir trees, then dressed them up with apples, gold foil, paper roses, wafers and sweets.

All of us at the extension office would like to extend season's greetings and hopes for a happy new year to everyone in Floyd County.

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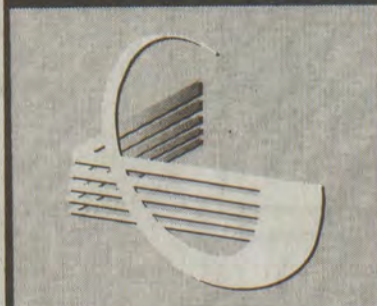
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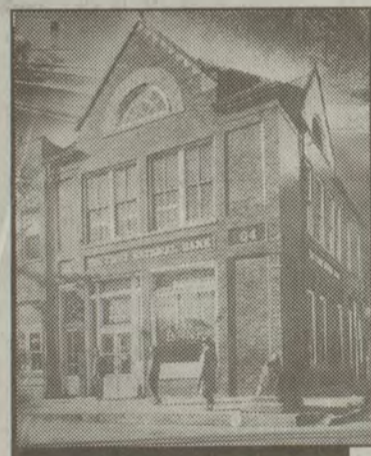


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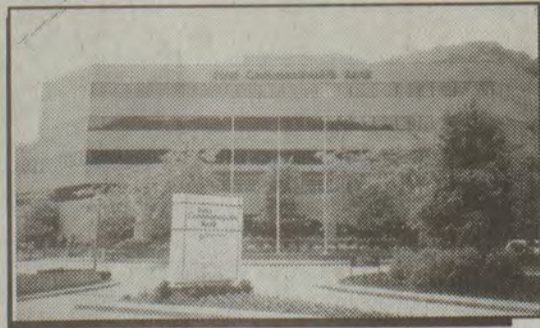
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

FCDC COAL INCORPORATED 836-5337
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REDBONE COAL COMPANY INCORPORATED
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PROGRESS LAND CORPORATION 836-8032
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to
Application Number
836-5209, Operator
Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Miracle Coal Company, P.O. Box 66, Drift, KY 41619, intends to revise permit number 836-5209 to change the operator. The currently approved operator is the permittee. The new operator will be Owl Mining, Inc., 227 Schuler Br., Deane, KY 41812.

The operation is located 1 mile Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1 mile East from KY 122 junction with Stonecoal Br.Rd. and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 78 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41" and longitude 82°44'15".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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KOUNTY KETTLE

BAKED HAM WITH MUSTARD GLAZE

1 3-5 pound pre-cooked ham, drained
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1 tablespoon prepared mustard
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons cornstarch
Score ham in a diamond pattern and stud with cloves. Place in Crock-Pot® slow cooker. Combine brown sugar, mustard and lemon juice and spoon on ham. Cover and cook on High one hour, then on Low for 6 to 7 hours or until ham is hot.

Remove ham to warm serving platter. Turn Crock-Pot to High setting. Combine orange juice and cornstarch to form a smooth paste. Stir into drippings in Crock-Pot. Cook stirring occasionally until sauce is thickened. Spoon over ham.

If cooking a larger ham in a 5 quart or larger unit, cook ham one hour on High then Low for 8 to 10 hours. Serves 12-15.

GLAZED SWEET POTATOES

2 pounds sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2/3 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/3 cup chopped pecans, toasted
Peel and slice potatoes into 1/2 inch slices. Place in Crock-Pot® slow cooker that has been sprayed with non-stick vegetable spray coating. Dissolve cornstarch in orange and lemon juices. Add remaining ingredients to cornstarch mixture. Pour over sweet potatoes. Cover and cook on Low 7 to 9 hours. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

PEANUT BUTTER AND HOT FUDGE PUDDING CAKE

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup milk
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup sugar
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

1 cup boiling water
In a bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup sugar and baking powder. Add milk, oil and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Mix in peanut butter. Pour into Crock-Pot® slow cooker.

In the same mixing bowl, stir together the 1/2 cup sugar and cocoa powder. Gradually stir in boiling water. Pour mixture over batter in Crock-Pot. Do not stir.

Cover and cook on High 2 to 3 hours or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, hot fudge sauce and top with nuts, if desired.

SWEET POTATOES AND PINEAPPLE PUDDING

3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and shredded

2 cans (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in unsweetened juice, undrained

1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk

1-1/4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed

6 tablespoons margarine or butter, cut in cubes

3 eggs, slightly beaten

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Lightly grease Crock-Pot® slow cooker. In Crock-Pot, combine potatoes, pineapple, evaporated milk, brown sugar, margarine, eggs, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover and cook on Low 7 to 8 hours or on High 4 hours, stirring every 2 hours until the potatoes are tender. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Note: This dish may appear to be curdling, however it will come together toward the end of cooking. Serves 10 to 12.

SPINACH PITA PIZZA

5 mini pitas

8 oz. pizza or pasta sauce (homemade or commercial)

1 cup fresh spinach sliced in thin strips

1 1/2 cups skim milk mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat the oven to 450° degrees. Toast the pitas. Slice around the edge of the pitas to open the pockets (be careful not to burn yourself from the steam inside). Place the pita halves on a baking sheet with the inside of the pita upwards. Cover the pita halves with about 1 1/2 Tbs. sauce. Then

sprinkle with spinach and cheese. Bake for 9-10 minutes or until the cheese has melted. Cut into quarters for appetizers and serve warm.

ORANGE-CRANBERRY FIZZ

1 quart cranberry-raspberry juice blend, chilled

2 cups cranberry-flavored or plain ginger ale, chilled

2 cups orange juice

2 cups lemon-lime seltzer, chilled

Orange and lime slices, and cranberries for garnish

In large pitcher (about 3 quarts), mix cranberry-raspberry juice, ginger ale, and orange juice. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, stir in seltzer. If you like, garnish with orange and lime slices, and fresh cranberries.

TURKEY-SPINACH SALAD

8 ounces fully cooked turkey breast

8 cups torn cleaned spinach leaves, stems removed

3 oranges, peeled, sectioned, and seeded

2 grapefruit, peeled, sectioned, and seeded

3/4 cup halved cucumber slices

1/4 cup orange juice

2 Tbs. salad oil

2 Tbs. grapefruit juice

2 Tsp. corn syrup

1/4 tsp. poppy seed

1/8 tsp. garlic powder

1/8 tsp. pepper

Cut turkey into strips. In bowl combine turkey, spinach, citrus sections, and cucumber. For dressing, in a screw-top jar combine orange juice, oil, grapefruit juice, corn syrup, poppy seed, garlic powder, and 1/8 tsp. pepper; cover and shake well. Gently toss dressing with salad. Makes 4 main dish servings.

ORANGE-BUTTERED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

10-ounce package frozen brussels sprouts

2 tsp. water

2 tsp. frozen orange juice concentrate

1 tsp. margarine

1/4 tsp. sesame seeds

Cook brussels sprouts according

to package directions; drain.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Cook and stir over low heat until margarine melts. To serve, toss orange juice mixture with brussels sprouts.

HEINZ KETCHUP'S LOVE APPLE PIE

1/3 cup HEINZ TOMATO KETCHUP

2 teaspoons lemon juice

6 cups sliced peeled tart cooking apples (about two pounds)

2/3 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened

1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Blend ketchup and lemon juice*; combine with apples. For topping, combine flour, sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter until thoroughly mixed. Fill pie shell with apples; sprinkle topping over apples. Bake in 425°F oven, 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are cooked. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired. Makes one 9-inch pie.

* If apples are very tart, add 1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar to ketchup mixture.

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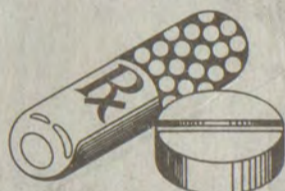
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