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News Briefs

Happy New Year!
 There will be no Friday paper this week. So the staff of The Times takes this opportunity to wish everyone a happy 1999. The newspaper office will be closed tomorrow and Friday.

Closings
 As with Christmas, most federal, state and local government offices will be closed Friday to celebrate the coming of the new year, as will banks and post offices. Garbage collection will, however, continue in both town and county — weather permitting.

Floyd man wins Christmas bonus
 Arlis Bates of Bevinville received a New Year's Cash Kentucky Lottery Instant ticket for Christmas from his daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Michael Caudill. He didn't scratch the ticket until the day after Christmas after watching a basketball game with family members. "Everyone left after the ball game and I remembered the ticket that I got for Christmas and decided to scratch it then," Bates said. "I never thought that anyone really won money on the Instant tickets, but when I scratched it I saw \$900 next to the matching symbol." The Caudills bought the lucky Christmas present for Bates at Vance's Quick Mart at Hi Hat.

New grand jury to convene
 The Floyd County Grand Jury will be in session on Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the Justice Center, according to Commonwealth's Attorney John Earl Hunt. Preregistration for the session will be Jan. 11 at Hunt's office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Charges to be upgraded
 Charges against Jimmy Wolford, 42, of Mouthcard are to be changed from assault one to capital murder following the death Sunday of Patricia Skeenes, 32, of Feds Creek. Kentucky State Police Detective Phil Bowersock said Monday that Skeenes died from complications from injuries she sustained on Sept. 29 when Wolford allegedly threw a flammable liquid on her and then ignited it. Wolford was brought back from Virginia in October and has been lodged at the Pike County Jail.

Two killed on parkway
 Two Pike County women, a mother and daughter, were killed Dec. 23 when their 1992 Ford pick-up crossed the center line on the Mountain Parkway and collided with a Children's Hospital Ambulance. The pickup burst into flames, and Shirley Compton, 44, and Pearl Howell, 68, both of Island Creek, were pronounced dead at the scene by Magoffin County Coroner Johnny Lovely. The driver of the ambulance, Calvin Mabson, and a passenger, Tina McCoy, were treated and released at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. The accident, which occurred shortly after noon, is being investigated by Kentucky State Police.

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It's coming

Snow removal priorities set

We've already gotten a taste of it, and we can bank on more coming. Snow and ice, that is.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has announced its priority routes for snow and ice removal when the inevitable occurs.

Roads in the area with the highest traffic volume will be cleared first before moving to the less-traveled state roadways.

Priority A routes in Floyd

- County include
- US 23,
 - US 460,
 - portions of KY 3, KY 122, KY 680, KY 7, KY 80, KY 302, KY 114, KY 979, KY 550, and KY 1428.

Priority B routes include portions of KY 302, KY 3, KY 321, KY 194, KY 404, KY 7, KY 550, KY 1426, KY 979, KY 680, KY

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Ricky Thornsberry, Jim Federick, Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, and Linzie Hunt disposed of \$1 million worth of drugs Tuesday. The drugs were used as evidence at various court cases this year. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Sheriff destroys evidence, but he's obeying orders

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

At the end of each year, many people throw out those things from the past year that no longer have any value. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department yesterday disposed of confiscated drugs and files no longer needed for evidence.

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and staff members Lindsay Hunt, Jim Federick, and Ricky Thornsberry gathered drugs taken as evidence, including marijuana, and made ready to dispose of them.

From time to time, Thompson said, the circuit and district courts

send down destruction orders that direct the sheriff to dispose of drugs and the files associated with the drug cases that have been closed.

The drugs were shredded and mixed with case files. Plans were, according to the sheriff, to burn the remains at the old landfill at Garth.

Thompson said some of the paper files contained confidential information that needed to be destroyed, such as notes on conversations with informants.

Just how much was destroyed? Thompson said the estimated street value of the drugs could run as high as \$1 million. Over the past nine years, Thompson estimated that as

much as \$40 million worth of drugs have been destroyed. This figure includes marijuana that was destroyed in the field.

Other than marijuana, the stash of evidence included many types of prescription drugs, as well as cocaine. The drugs had been saved for evidence in trials.

Thompson said about 250 people had been arrested for drug charges over the past five years. Most were prosecuted, he said, but some escaped prosecution "on technicalities."

Thompson, who will become

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Out-going administrator regrets 'not being around'

by Pam Shingler
Editor

Taking pictures off the wall and packing books and private papers into brown boxes, the man who has been Floyd County's chief executive officer for three years declares he "can't believe how fast this month has gone."

The tenure of Ben Hale as county judge-executive ends tomorrow at midnight, just like the old year. In a special election in 1995, Hale won the county's top elected post on his virgin bid for public office.

That's not to say he was new to the world of politics. Rather, he was born into it. His late father, Henry Hale, was a three-term state legislator, a three-term sheriff and a long-time mentor to Democratic hopefuls

throughout the region. Hale also points to a grandfather

who served as magistrate and a great-grandfather who was a mem-

ber of the board of education. An uncle, Samuel Hale, who recently died, was also a state legislator.

The outgoing judge-executive was elected three years ago to fill the unexpired term of the late John M. Stumbo Jr., who could also claim deep political roots.

However, in his second race for office, Hale was narrowly defeated in a three-way primary contest that pitted him against broadcaster Dale

McKinney and Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, who is no neophyte in the political arena.

"I had an itch," Hale said, describing his desire to run for public office. "I knew I wanted to run for something. It was in my blood. I was brought up in it."

Although he is packing his personal belongings in preparation of moving from the tiny office in the old courthouse building, Hale is not getting out of politics. He is not shy about indicating he will run for some other post — perhaps even judge-executive — in the future.

At his last regularly-scheduled fiscal court meeting on Dec. 18, he carefully phrased his good-bye, grinning as he announced it was his

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Judge-executive Ben Hale packs some of his personal belongings as he prepares to leave office on Thursday. Included is a photograph of his father, the late Henry Hale, when he served in the state legislature. (photo by Pam Shingler)

An icon for the people of Maytown

Businessman has been 'feeding' Floyd County for half-century

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

If you went into business today, you probably would need a brand new building, several workers, and lots of advertising. That's the way businesses are run today.

Herbert Ousley, a 77-year-old Maytown native and owner of Ousley Feed Store, didn't need all that when he started his business, and he still runs it much the same way he did when he started it some 50 years ago.

He runs the business the old-fashioned way and has gained the trust and admiration of the citizens of Maytown and surrounding communities.

"Herbert is an icon of solid citizenship for the people of Maytown," said Maytown postmaster Bill May.

Ousley's business is located in a plain board building dating to the

1940s. It's located on a street appropriately called Railroad Street with the CSX railroad

tracks running parallel to the road. Signs on the store

give an indication of how long this business has been at this site. One sign that reads "Ousley Feed Store" was donated by May Bell, a feed company that has been out of business for 25-30 years, according to Ousley.

The same salesman, Lucian Cox, has delivered feed to the store for the last 40 years.

Except for a small path to a pot-bellied stove, used for heat in the winter, the room is filled wall-to-wall with feed. "I never fooled with that gas," said Ousley, referring to the fact that he never installed gas for use in the store.

Feed is his major product, but he does sell such items as

horse liniment, animal grooming products, and rat killer. Ousley said people buy the horse liniment not to treat their horses, but to treat themselves.

He pointed out a container of horse mane conditioner and said some women use it for hair treatment. The rat killer, he said, is his best selling side item.

The building doesn't even have a light bulb. "I can come in here at midnight and get you a particular brand of feed," the businessman said.

During the lulls when he doesn't have customers, Ousley said he "straightens up around the place" and reads the Bible, using natural light coming through a small window.

He has been a member of the United Methodist Church since 1953. His wife Pauline also belongs to the church. Ousley has served the church in many capacities and is now a trustee and an adult Sunday school teacher.

One bright fall day Ousley had a steady stream of customers. William Hagans came in and Ousley found him a bag of dog food. Ousley tossed the bags around as if he were a young man.

Talking about a certain brand of dog food,

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Herbert Ousley stands on the front porch of the feed store he has operated for almost 50 years. Customers in and around Maytown keep coming for their feed needs and to talk with Ousley who has been an inspiration to many in his community. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Administrator

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last meeting "for a while."

"I do enjoy the job," he said during an interview Monday. "It's rewarding when you are able to help people. I wasn't very good at public relations, but I enjoyed getting things done."

A major frustration, he said, is the pace at which government works. "Government is slow," he said, rubbing a hand across his face. "The Ligon water project took a year-and-a-half to get going."

Much of the job, he said, is making contacts with the right people at the state level. "I had to learn the avenues, who to talk to in Frankfort." Once he found out, he said he could drive to Frankfort and plead the county's case for support face-to-face.

He described himself as "the squeaky wheel" in his relations with state officials. "If you stay at it and ask in a polite way and not be demanding, you can get results," he said. "You deal with respect and show why you need (what you're asking for)."

Relations with Frankfort were important for Hale's three main thrusts: roads, recreation and water.

He said he garnered close to \$2.7 million for roads in Floyd County,

and he credits his "good relations" with state officials, including Gov. Paul Patton, with getting the money to pave and patch nearly 200 county roads.

He is particularly proud that he followed guidelines of need in overseeing road work, rather than using pavement and gravel to pay political favors or win votes, as has been a hallowed tradition in eastern Kentucky.

"I don't know how to estimate progress in water," he said, "but I know we've moved forward." He pointed to extensions in the Weeksbury area, improvements going on at Allen and extensions along US 23.

He is proud of the cooperative effort with Prestonsburg City Utilities in bringing in federal and state grants for water projects. "If we are ever going to progress economically, we need water and sewer lines and roads — infrastructure development," said Hale, who grew up and lives in the Blue River area in the western part of the county.

"We've been trying to play catch-up, trying to get the groundwork ready for diversification of industry," he said. "If we can take

care of the residents' needs for water and sewer, that's a further plus."

Hale has also been concerned about recreation for Floyd Countians. He has promoted renovations at existing community parks and the development of new ones. He was able recently to cut the ribbon at the dedication of the new Right Beaver Community Park at Garrett.

The administrator said he also emphasized senior citizens programs. Under his leadership, he said senior centers have had their budgets increased and have received more money for capital projects.

Hale said he inherited a "political football" with the 911 emergency service, which had floundered for years for a variety of reasons. He was able to see it become operational on a basic level a couple of months ago.

He also takes credit for making the county more prepared to deal with snow removal. He faced a winter of heavy snow when he first came into office.

"When I got here, the county had five graders and two blew up in a snow storm," he said, laughing. "We got snow plows for trucks through (state) surplus property and salt spreaders to go on the back of four-wheel drive vehicles."

By combining some positions, Hale said he was able to "streamline" county government. He folded the Flood Plain position into the office of Disaster and Emergency Services, combined some financial responsibilities, and moved animal control into public works.

He also is proud of his efforts on behalf of the Community Action Program, which oversees multi-million-dollar programs for needy persons in the area. With the relocation of offices into the new Justice Center, he found space for the local quasi-government agency in the old courthouse.

Hale said his administration has emphasized environmental issues, but he is still frustrated, "not just as a judge, but as an individual." He referred to the effort to clean up roadsides, illegal dumps and illegal sewage systems and to get people to obey the mandatory garbage pick-up law as a "never-ending battle."

"It's important for us to have a beautiful environment now and 10 years down the road," he said. "If we bring somebody in here for economic development, they must think we don't have any pride."

"We need to be thinking of what we're doing to ourselves."

Financially, Hale said he is leaving the county in good shape. "We worked within a budget and actually lowered county taxes," he said.

He is quick to note that he inherited some problems that could not be resolved during his tenure, but on which progress has been made. He cited, among other things, the final closing of the landfill and the bonding of Thunder Ridge Race Track.

Hale also believes he has made progress in opening up county government, making it more accessible

to ordinary people. "I have tried to be attentive to their needs," he said.

"I got a lot accomplished and I've worked hard," he added. "There are still goals I wanted to accomplish, but I just ran out of time."

What is his biggest regret? "Not being around," he answered, almost apologetically. "Not being around."

What advice does he have for his successor, Paul Hunt Thompson, who takes the county helm on Friday?

"Prepare to prepare to prepare," he said, to stress the importance of planning.

"Also, keep in mind the public at large, not just a select few. Make decisions to affect the large group of Floyd County people, not just a small group," he continued.

"Most of all," he said, "before you make a decision, ask, 'Is it the right thing to do?'"

As to his future plans, Hale refuses to say. "I have something lined up, but I can't say just yet," he said, indicating, however, that he is not through with public service.

Snow

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3380, and KY 122.

All other state roads in the county fall under the Priority C category.

Transportation Secretary James Codell says the priority route system will help Kentucky's travelers during the winter season. "By providing this information, we hope motorists will use the priority roads if traveling in bad weather is necessary," he said. "We will do everything feasible to keep Kentucky's roadways clear and safe."

Each year, cabinet engineers analyze traffic volumes and patterns to determine which roads benefit the most citizens, taking into account geographic factors, before making changes to the road ranking system, Codell said.



Looking through some of the extra items that can be purchased at Ousley Feed Store is a reminder of personal attention shoppers received in stores of the past. Ousley still shows his customers that individual attention. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Ousley

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the elderly gentleman said, "You can't beat that dog food. A man could eat that for himself."

Ousley said some customers buy as many as 20 bags of feed at a time. Bruce Waddles, from Topmost in Knott County, came in with his son and bought 500 pounds of hog feed. Waddles, who has been doing business with Ousley for many years, said he didn't mind the drive from Knott County because of the fine service he receives at the Ousley store.

Mosaleete Patton said she and her husband George have known Ousley all their lives. She said many of the people who testify in church about their salvation say that Ousley is either their mentor or had some part in getting them to church and to Christ.

She recalled how Ousley and her husband George went off to war,

came back home, and married two girls from Maytown. Ousley and his wife were in the same class at the old Maytown High School.

Ousley is a veteran of World War II and took part in the Normandy invasion. His friends describe him as hesitant to talk about his experiences on D-Day and other facets of the war.

Ousley and his wife raised one son, Randall, who lives next door to them on Railroad Street. Randall and his wife gave the elderly Ousleys two grandchildren, Chris and Elizabeth. Chris, in turn, has given Ousley a great-grandchild, Christopher.

Ousley doesn't mention the word retire in his conversation. With his contentment with his store and his customers, who could blame him?

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ACTIVITIES

7:00 p.m. **Rob McNurlin:** Join this talented cowboy singer from Ashland, Kentucky, for some cowboy and folk songs. Meeting Room #3

8:00 p.m. **Cherokee Storyteller:** Jeff Hatmaker of Madison County, Kentucky, will provide Cherokee stories, music, and dances pertaining to the Cherokees' traditions and religion. Meeting Room #3.

9:15 p.m. **Square, Folk and Country Line Dancing:** Kick up your heels with some dancing in Meeting Room #3. No experience necessary as all dances are easy and will be taught.

NOTE: The activities are free to lodge, cottage, and dinner guests. All others are \$4.00 for activities; 12 and under are admitted free!





'Tis the season for giving

Attorney John Rosenberg, director of Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, recorded checks given by his attorney colleagues as members of the Floyd County Bar Association joined in the spirit of giving on Dec. 18. The lawyers donated \$3,000 to food pantries in the county and \$1,000 for the purchase of jumpsuits for Headstart youngsters. Circuit Judge John David Caudill auctioned off University of Kentucky basketball tickets to the Mississippi State and Florida games, donated by Ned Pillersdorf. Jay Callis was the high bidder for the first set, at \$230, and James Jay Barrett, the second set, at \$200. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

**It's working
Lake prevents damage**

Dewey Lake has prevented almost \$1.3 million in flood damages in 1998, according to calculations from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District.

The Economic and Social Analysis Branch of the Corps' Planning Division has prepared a report summarizing the economic benefits of flood damages prevented by Dewey Lake, annually and cumulatively.

The figures reflect the amount of flood damages prevented, based on the investment of taxpayer dollars.

The current report gives the total prevented damages as \$1,208,000 in 1998. The cumulative total in flood damage prevention since Dewey Dam was constructed is estimated by the Corps to be \$61,762,000. The dam cost \$6,348,182 when it was completed 48 years ago.

The difference between the natural and observed measurement activity accounts for a majority of the total damages prevented, according to a news release from the Corps.

The natural gauge readings reflect how high the water would have been if the dam did not exist. The readings are put into a UNIX-based program to determine the damages prevented in current dollars.

Dewey Dam is part of a system

of dams built by the Corps of Engineers on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy to help control flooding. The dam was built on John's Creek, a Levisa tributary.

For more information on flood control, contact the resource manager at Dewey Lake at 606/886-6709 or 789-4521.

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MSU registration slated

Registration for Morehead State University's spring 1999 semester is scheduled for Jan. 6-8, with the first day designated as a business-only day.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, freshmen and transfer students who registered in advance may pay tuition/fees in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Class schedules will not be processed on that day.

Sheriff

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Floyd County judge-executive on Friday, said he is proud of the professionalism that emerged during his tenure in office. He cited academy-trained officers who have had federal firearms instruction under the FBI at Quantico, Va., as an example. He also said one of his deputies has a master's degree in law enforcement from Eastern Kentucky University.

Thompson also said he has worked with the Kentucky Sheriff's Legislative Committee to help get a law passed that puts officers under the merit system and another bill that allows academy-trained officers an extra \$3,000 in pay each year.

He said the staff of incoming sheriff John K. Blackburn and his staff have been working closely to make a smooth transition.



Ribbons for the park

District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens and his mother Molly Owens posed for the ribbon cutting at the dedication of the Right Beaver Community Park at Garrett on Dec. 19. Owens had hoped the park would be completed before he leaves office tomorrow, but spring rains put construction off schedule. (photo by Pam Shingler)

New veterans may qualify for benefits

Individuals who left military service on or after Nov. 10, 1998, and who were denied unemployment benefits may actually qualify.

Because of changes made by the US Department of Labor, in conjunction with the US Department of Defense, some personnel separating from military service may now be eligible for unemployment benefits even though the benefits were originally denied.

However, this change applies only to those who left the service on or after Nov. 10, 1998, the effective date of a definition change by the two federal agencies.

Individuals who feel they may be affected should report to a local office of the Department of Employment Services for a review of their eligibility.

Valley Extended Campus Centers as well as those at the Appalachian Graduate Consortium in Pikeville may register from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 7 and 8. For MSU Jackson classes, registration will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 7 and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 8.

The registration period for classes at Maysville, Mt. Sterling and Whitesburg will be on Jan. 7 only, from 4 to 6 p.m. Students enrolling in distance learning classes offered at other regional sites may register at the main campus or at their nearest extended campus center.

All MSU classes, including evening and off-campus, begin Monday, Jan. 11.

Schedule adjustments will be processed without charge Jan. 7-15 in the student's major department. Effective Jan. 19, drop-adds will be processed in the Office of the Registrar, 201 Ginger Hall, with the \$10 fee in effect at that time.

Course directories with a complete list of classes and registration information are available from the Registrar's Office. Additional information may be obtained by calling that office at 606/783-2008.

Public meetings

- Floyd County Board of Education, today (Wednesday), 9 a.m., May Lodge #3, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Agenda items from Dec. 21 meeting that was canceled. Following the meeting will be a work session relating to selection of a new superintendent.

- Floyd County Fiscal Court, Monday, 7 a.m., Old Courtroom, Courthouse. Agenda item: personnel.

- The regular meeting of Floyd County Solid Waste Inc., originally set for last Monday, was canceled and will be rescheduled as a special meeting in January.

- Allen City Commission, Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Corrections

A recent article in the Floyd County Times regarding the engagement and forthcoming wedding of Linda Settles of Prestonsburg and Thomas Shepherd of West Prestonsburg omitted Ms. Settles' grandfather's name. She is the granddaughter of Jr. and Alma Key of Martin.

A person involved in a civil suit listed in For the Record section of the Floyd County Times was misidentified. The case was incorrectly listed as Joan Hicks vs. Ella Mae Hicks. The suit was filed in Floyd County Circuit Court as Jan Hicks vs. Ella Mae Hicks.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.
—St. Clement

Wednesday, December 30, 1998 A4

Editorial

Throughout the lives of most Floyd Countians today, and probably through recorded local time, politics has driven the school system. The schoolhouse — and what has passed for education — has traditionally been the model laboratory for political machinations. Jobs for cronies, qualified or not, and contracts for friends and family, no matter the price in money and integrity, were the spoils to be divided among people who lied and said they did it only for the children.

Education reform statewide and a mini-revolution locally made it much more difficult for the politicians — elected or not — to steer the course of Floyd County schools. People who really did care about the children stood and cheered. Importantly, they voted.

Set an example

The children appeared to be well-represented as a result of the recent election. Vestiges of the old system, of people who still haven't "gotten" reform, were evident. But, there was the sweet promise that Floyd County voters had chosen the right board for the job — qualified, ethical, intelligent, caring, clear-headed, progressive, all positive accolades.

That continues to be true, but it apparently doesn't pay in these parts to be overly optimistic. There appear to be some problems that need to be worked out before this group of strong and good board members can fulfill their promise.

We cannot pretend to know all about the intricate workings of the board, but we can make some observations and offer some pleas.

First, it appears that communication is not the strong suit of everyone on the board of education. Sharp barbs are frequently shot like arrows when the board is in session. They might make the shooter feel good and they may be good theater, but the sting interrupts, disrupts and leaves bad will.

For the sake of the kids, we urge board members to strive to improve communication among yourselves and your various publics. Show respect for one another, think before you speak and remember whom you purport to represent. Remember, children are watching.

Second, there's a hint that cooperation is not always a shared value. There have been times when some have apparently rushed ahead, leaving others reeling and feeling left out. Like "they" say, democracy is not particularly efficient. But it does operate on consensus, and it builds a stronger base for future workings. A school board is, by its nature, a group that succeeds by working together.

(See Editorial, page five)

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Letters to the Editor

TALES THE UNCLE TOLD

Editor:

I was sitting at home the other night, thinking nothing but pure thoughts and wondering what good deeds I might do next week, when the door bell rang. It was Uncle Rimfire Elliott and he had fire in his eyes. He wanted to know what I thought of the circuit court postponing the arraignment of the county clerk from Dec. 14 until Jan. 8.

I told him that I heard that the county court clerk had one of those flatland lawyers from Lexington representing her, and he would not come up here in the hills because there was a full moon.

Boy, did Uncle Rimfire blow his top, even said that I had been tetch ever since that pole fell on my head when I was little. Told me I would believe anything.

Now, folks, Uncle Rimfire was fired up on what he thought was a dark conspiracy, a foul deed, or at least some typical Floyd County hanky-panky.

Uncle Rimfire said that the county clerk had been indicted by a grand jury on material presented by the state attorney general. The grand jury returned one true bill on a felony charge of "failure to make proper disposition" of taxes amounting to about \$26,000.

As previously stated, the county clerk was scheduled for arraignment at 11 a.m. on Dec. 14, 1998.

And here is the rub, at least as Uncle Rimfire sees it.

Under Kentucky's Constitution and Kentucky state law, a person elected to the office of county clerk must secure and have in effect a surety bond before they are sworn into office on Jan. 1, or whatever day they start their new term.

So Uncle Rimfire said that if the clerk had appeared for arraignment on the felony indictment, the clerk would necessarily have been arrested and given the opportunity to post bail to assure appearance at the court trial.

Uncle Rimfire says that a bonding company asks more questions than a suspicious wife. Uncle Rimfire said that if the county clerk had been arraigned on Dec. 14, it would have been impossible to obtain a bond as required by law prior to being sworn in on Jan. 1.

So Uncle Rimfire thinks that the flatland lawyer really pulled the wool, or worse, the whole sheep, over our eyes by not showing up.

And all the time, I believed that he was afraid to come up here in the hills during some folklore phase of the moon.

Lloyd "Blue" Goble
Prestonsburg

MCCC CLUBHOUSE SENDS THANK YOU'S

Editor:

On behalf of the clients at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center TRP Clubhouse at Martin, we would like to offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation to each person who made donations.

These donations were used to help provide our clients a joyous Christmas. Christmas is the time for giving and we all appreciate your gifts. We would like to recognize the following:

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Editor:

I am writing to thank the many supporters we had at Jenny Wiley Theatre for our first "Christmas with Santa."

The event was a success, thanks to our family of volunteers, made up of members of our board of directors, summer staff and community friends who helped with everything from hanging the tinsel to selling popcorn.

Although we battled with the weather two of the three days, Santa and his elves had a wonderful dose of Christmas cheer and enjoyed the spirit of the season with the excitement the children had in seeing Jolly Old Saint Nick.

We thank the Prestonsburg Elementary Tag Choir and their parents who came out in the rain on Saturday to sing Christmas carols.

Special thanks to our staff, Lois Leslie and Patrik Baldauff, who worked diligently in the planning and coordination of this event. Thanks for giving up two weekends for our Theatre. I hope you enjoyed a

well-deserved Christmas vacation.

We send special thanks to the Times for coverage of the event, and we want to mention our appreciation for the many businesses that contributed: Hall & Clark Insurance Agency, Wal-Mart, City of Prestonsburg and the Prestonsburg Fire Department, Q95, Greg Crum and the Mountain Arts Center, Christian Appalachian Project, Mike Vance—Christmas tree, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Food City, McDonald's of Prestonsburg, SuperAmerica of Prestonsburg, Jenny Wiley Florist, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, and High Tech Signs and Graphics.

Happy New Year to everyone, from all of us at Jenny Wiley Theatre. We hope to see you next summer when we celebrate our 35th anniversary of magic under the stars.

Carla S. Coburn
Chief Executive Officer
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Letters to the Editor

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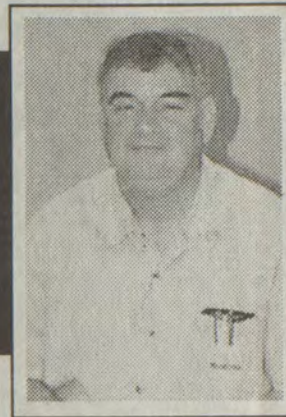
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Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



I have been working on my resolutions for the new year. You know those things we promise ourselves on the first of January and forget by the fifteenth. Well, we don't exactly forget—we simply go into our Clinton mode.

I have resolved not to talk to, about or near Monica Lewinsky. Neither will I accept messages from her. It's just not worth it.

(And while I'm at it, **I resolve ...** Linda Tripp, don't even bother calling.) I would also like to make it perfectly clear that I am not a crook. (No, that was Nixon.)

What I meant to say was that I will not accept the position of Speaker of the House unless I can have Robin Williams for president and Roseanne for vice-president.

I also intend to make a concerted effort to improve my vocabulary. I want to learn those words that are causing the nation a lot of trouble.

No, I am not talking about rendezvous, surreptitiously, or cataclysm. I'm talking about "is," "alone," and that three-letter word that starts with an "s," ends in "x," has a vowel in between and means gender, but we can't say it in front of the kids. No, Dan Quayle, I don't mean "six," or "potato" either, for that matter.

I also will not watch any more NBA games this year. What? You tell me there have been no games? The season might be canceled? Someone should have told me. Something that important shouldn't go unnoticed. A whole year without Dennis Rodman — how will we live and stand it? Where are we to get reliable fashion news now?

I want to be more trusting this year. If that means I have to waste a fortune sending all those cards and letters back to Ed McMahon and his ilk, I will just have to do it. Will I sign up for some of the magazines? Let's go slowly on this trusting thing.

A 32-cent stamp (stamps are still 32-cents, aren't they?) is one thing; a \$19.95 invoice for "Gender (remember the kids) in the White House" is another.

I intend to watch more commercials this year. Yeah, Willie, like you have a choice. Not only will I watch, but I will also try ever harder to understand exactly what point some are trying to make.

I asked one of my friends if it wouldn't be nice if we resolved to keep the Christmas spirit all year. He said, "Are you kidding? I don't look forward to coming back to this store and getting mugged for a Furby this spring." I can't mention the store, but it has a big W — or was it a K? — on the front of it.

Now that we have a kinder, gentler IRS, I plan to wait with bated breath to get my W-2s so I can pay my extra taxes early. This way the government can give it to some professor who is studying the gender (still thinking of the kids) habits of gnats. I could have said mosquitoes, but I wanted to show that I know that gnat starts with a "g."

I know you readers will be pleased with my last resolution: I promise not to write any more drivel like this... that is until April Fool's Day.

Have a happy new year, and for goodness sake get starting on that Y2K thing — whatever it is.

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Another version

Scott Tackett, first grade teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary School, read the book *Hillbilly Night Before Christmas* to a group of first graders shortly before the holiday break. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Control of head lice in local schools

The spread of head lice continues to be a problem in the Floyd County School system. There are guidelines in place to help parents deal with the situation. Since Dec. 8, revised procedures for dealing with lice have been in place.

Principals and other designated school personnel shall screen students by using the following guides:

- When students are observed/reported to have head lice any time during the school year.

- The entire class/classes will be checked for lice infestation as soon as possible.

- Students with an active case of head lice will be discreetly isolated while parent or designee is notified to immediately pick them up from the school.

- The school will send each parent a note and inform parents that a case of head lice has been detected in the class.

- Principals or designated school

personnel shall offer parents of infected students:

- Visual evidence of lice and/or nits in the students' hair.

- Verbal and/or pamphlet information/direction for hair treatment and household disinfectant.

- Students may return to school when:

- One application of a special lice-killing shampoo has been applied to the student's hair, which may be the same day and no later than the next day.

- Student has had treatment and a thorough head check by designated school personnel.

- If successful treatment is not evident, the principal/designee shall discreetly isolate the student, shall immediately notify the parent/designee to pick up student from school, shall disseminate to the parent/designee verbal and/or pamphlet information/direction for hair treatment and household disinfectant, and shall notify the bus driver not to transport the student who has an active case of head lice.

- Student is accompanied by a parent who verifies that special shampoo treatment(s) and household disinfectant requirements have been met.

- Students found with a second infestation of head lice shall:

- Return to school only after the student produces written certification from the Health Department that s/he is both lice and nit free.

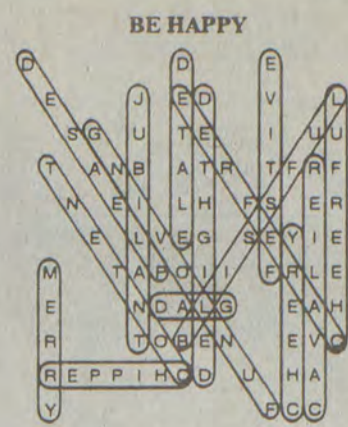
- Be accompanied by a parent upon returning to school.

- Be reported to appropriate school personnel/social workers.

- The superintendent/designee shall:

- Establish education/information programs on head lice control methods for school personnel, students and parents.

- Provide each school with written materials on head lice control and prevention.



Answers to Super Crossword

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Registration will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 7 and 8, at Pikeville College. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 11. Distance learning classes will meet at Pike County High School, while traditionally taught classes will meet at the college. Textbooks for all courses will be on sale at Pikeville College's bookstore.

The cost per credit hour is \$138 at the graduate level for students taking classes at MSU's regional sites, whether or not they are Kentucky residents.

Specific information on classes or registration may be obtained by calling John Nelson locally at 432-9320 or MSU's Office of Extended Campus Programs toll-free at 800-585-6781.

Courses to be offered this spring include:

ACCT 611, Accounting Analysis for Decision Making, Internet, day and time TBA.

ECON 661, Managerial Economics, Internet, day and time TBA.

EDEC 637, Early Childhood Education, Internet, day and time

TBA.

EDEL 627, Reading in the Elementary School, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays.

EDEL 632, Elementary School Curriculum, 6 to 8:40 p.m., Thursdays.

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EDEL 680, History and Philosophy of Education, 6 to 8:40 p.m., Mondays.

EDIL 628, Public School Law, 6 to 8:40 p.m., Thursdays.

EDIL 629, Personnel Administration, 6 to 8:40 p.m., Tuesdays.

EDIL 632A, Instructional Leader of the School with Field Experience/Early Elementary, 7:10 to 9:50 p.m., Tuesdays.

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EDIL 632C, Instructional Leader of the School with Field Experience/Secondary School, 7:10 to 9:50 p.m., Tuesdays.

EDSE 634, Secondary School Curriculum, 4 to 7 p.m., Mondays.

EDUC 682, The At-Risk Student, 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays.

FIN 620, Financial Markets, Internet, day and time TBA.

FIN 660, Financial Management, Internet, day and time TBA.

MNGT 600, Survey of Management and Organizational Behavior, Internet, day and time TBA.

MNGT 602, Quantitative Business Analysis, Internet, day and time TBA.

MNGT 662, Human Resource Development, Internet, day and time TBA.

MNGT 665, Organizational Behavior, 7:10 to 9:50 p.m., Mondays.

SCI 690, Advanced Science for the Elementary Teacher, 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays.

SCI 690L, Advanced Science for the Elementary Teacher Lab, 6:10 to 8:20 p.m., Wednesdays.

Paintsville Lake won't take trees

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, will not accept discarded Christmas trees at Paintsville Lake this year.

In past years, the Fisheries Division accepted discarded Christmas trees for placement in the lake as fish attractors. However, with a sufficient level of fish cover now existing in the lake, additional fish attractors are not needed at this time.

For additional information, write to Resource Manager, Paintsville Lake, 807 KY 2275, Staffordsville, KY 41256-9035; or call 606/297-6312, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Editorial

(Continued from page four) rather than separately.

For the sake of the kids, we urge board members to try to cooperate with each other, to discuss openly, to strive for consensus, and to accept difference without division. Set a positive example for kids who can find few examples of cooperation in the culture around them.

A huge responsibility looms, that of picking a new superintendent, hopefully one who will provide strong, visionary, intelligent, fair leadership to a school system in desperate need. History and the odds are against the board of education, which makes it all the more vital that the members act as a cohesive, positively interactive unit.

The current board of education has the opportunity to change history, a history that at times has been shameful, that has ill-served the county, and that has proved that the sins of the fathers are, indeed, visited on the children. The members of the current board are all good people. They each need, now, to work together to be a good board. — Pam Shingler

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Food and shelter funds to be awarded

Floyd County has been chosen to receive \$17,595 to supplement its emergency food and shelter programs. A local board will award por-

tions of the funds to eligible non-profit and government groups on Jan. 7.

A national board, chaired by the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), distributed the funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. The funding amount is based upon the total number of unemployed in the jurisdiction compared to the total number of unemployed in all qualifying jurisdictions.

Phase 16 Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board Chair Gwen Hall is required to convene a new board for Phase 17, calendar year 1999.

Local representatives of the United Way, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, the National Council of Churches of Christ, Catholic Charities and the Council of Jewish Federations, government, Native Americans and the homeless must be invited to serve. Other interested organizations and persons may volunteer to serve and should contact Hall at 874-9170 to do so. The board meets quarterly to award and monitor the funds.

Any nonprofit or government agency may apply for food and shelter funds if they: 1) are nonprofit; 2) have an accounting system; 3) practice nondiscrimination; 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; 5) have a voluntary board (if a private voluntary organization).

Interested agencies should contact Hall at 874-9170 for an application. All applications are due by 3 p.m. Jan. 5. Late applications will be automatically disqualified.

The funds will be awarded at the first meeting of the Phase 17 Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board to be held Thursday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m., at St. Martha Church hall, off Water Gap Road (KY 302) near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Floyd County is in the final month of Phase 16, which has \$20,001 to spend. Thirteen agencies received grants ranging from \$400 to \$2750. The money was expected to provide 36,998 meals and 159 nights of shelter.

Phase 16 recipients were: St. Vincent's Mission (\$1,000); Mud Creek Community Health Corporation (\$2,750); Christian Service Ministry (\$2,750); Wayland United Methodist Church (\$1,750); Middle Creek Community Development Club (\$2,250); Floyd County/Prestonsburg Ministerial Association (\$1,600); Betsy Layne Church of God Bread of Life Pantry (\$1,500); Town Branch Church Feed My Sheep Pantry (\$1,750); Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry (\$1,251); Garrett Church of God Food Bank (\$750); Prestonsburg Food Pantry (\$1,750); Martin Church of Christ Food Pantry (\$500). The Catholic Social Service Bureau received \$400 to administer the program.

For more information about the Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board, an application for Phase 17 EFSP funds or to volunteer to serve on the board, contact Gwen Hall at the Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office, 60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg, KY. 41653; 606/874-9170.



Job Corps students spend holidays away from home

Kristen Seibel of Tampa Bay, Fla., and Terry Evans of Cocoa, Fla., were two of about 38 students who were left on campus at the Perkins Job Corps in Prestonsburg during the Christmas break. Each year the center prepares a Christmas meal for the students who are unable to get home for the break. Carlotta Shannon, culinary arts instructor, and Barbara Hall, food service supervisor, prepared a full-blown Christmas feast for the students. Seibel said, with a touch of homesickness in her voice, "It's 75 degrees in Tampa Bay today." Evans, who is originally from New Jersey, was not complaining. "I love it up here," he said. Activities such as skating, shopping, and attending movies are planned for the students who remain here. (photo by Willie Elliott)



Pictorial History

Prof. Walter Byington poses with students and staff of the Eastern Kentucky Normal School, later the Prestonsburg Baptist Institute, which he started in 1892. The school was on the site of the present Prestonsburg Elementary School. This photo, courtesy of Margaret Collins, will be included in the Floyd County Pictorial History Book, now being compiled by the Floyd County Historical Society and Friends of the Samuel May House. Pre-sale copies of the book can be purchased for \$32.50 until Feb. 15. After publication, they will sell for \$37.50. To submit a photograph, contact Robert Perry at 606/886-3863, ext. 290.

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96 OLDS 88.....19325	13980 / 239 mo.	
96 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL.....20600	13980 / 259 mo.	
96 LINCOLN TOWN CAR.....SAVE \$\$\$	14980 / 279 mo.	
INCREDIBLE IMPORTS		
96 HYUNDAI ACCENT.....13,000 miles.....7700	5980	
96 MAZDA PROTEGE DX.....9125	6980 / 139 mo.	
94 MITSU ECLIPSE.....SAVE \$\$\$	6980	
97 NISSAN SENTRA XE.....9500	7980	
95 MAZDA 626 LX.....10425	7980	
95 INFINITI G20.....12525	8980	
96 NISSAN ALTIMA LS.....10375	8980	
96 MITSU GALANT.....Leather, sunroof, 24,000 miles.....12000	9980	
97 HONDA CIVIC LX.....4-door.....14025	11980	
96 MAZDA MILLENIA.....18450	11980	
97 HONDA ACCORD LX.....29,000 miles.....16575	14980	
98 TOYOTA CAMRY LE.....SAVE \$\$\$	15980	
DYNAMIC DOMESTICS		
95 DODGE NEON.....6550	4980	
96 DODGE NEON.....7825	5980	
94 DODGE INTREPID.....7725	5980	
97 PLYMOUTH NEON.....SAVE \$\$\$	6980	
95 GEO PRIZM.....SAVE \$\$\$	6980	
96 CHEVY CORSICA.....8050	6980	
96 CHEVY LUMINA.....10375	7980	
95 FORD T-BIRD LX.....9175	7980	
95 FORD T-BIRD LX.....9550	7980	
96 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE.....SAVE \$\$\$	7980	
96 GEO PRIZM.....8700	7980	
97 BUICK SKYLARK.....SAVE \$\$\$	8980	
95 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME.....Leather.....11600	8980	
97 CHEVY CAVALIER.....10375	8980	
96 FORD PROBE.....14,000 miles.....11350	8980	
96 BUICK REGAL CUSTOM.....14725	9980	
98 FORD ESCORT LX.....12,000 miles, 4-door.....10500	9980	
95 CHEVY CAMARO SPORT CONVERTIBLE.....13400	9980	
95 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX.....Wide Body.....SAVE \$\$\$	9980	
96 FORD TAURUS SHO.....Leather, moonroof.....13075	9980	
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96 FORD TAURUS LX.....Leather, sunroof.....13350	10980	
96 OLDS 88 LS.....Leather.....15550	11980	
96 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE.....19100	11980	
97 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE.....15875	11980	
96 CHEVY LUMINA.....SAVE \$\$\$	12980	
97 BUICK LASABRE CUSTOM.....16450	12980	
96 CHEVY CAMARO Z28.....V8, T-tops, all options.....18025	12980	
95 BUICK RIVIERA.....40,000 miles.....18050	12980	
96 CHEVY CAMARO RS CONVERTIBLE.....Leather, all options.....16725	13980	
97 BUICK PARK AVENUE.....23200	15980	
97 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL.....23850	15980 / 279 mo.	
96 OLDS AURORA.....21500	15980	
94 NISSAN HARDBODY.....SAVE \$\$\$	4980	
TRUCKS & VANS		
96 GEO TRACKER.....36,000 miles.....7850	6980	
92 DODGE RAM 150 PICKUP.....Auto., air, 27,000 miles.....8425	6980	
96 SUZUKI X90 4x4.....9525	6980	
95 NISSAN HARDBODY PICKUP.....8025	6980 / 129 mo.	
95 MAZDA B2300 PICKUP.....8475	6980	
97 NISSAN HARDBODY.....4,000 miles.....9750	7980 / 129 mo.	
93 CHEVY VANDURA CONVERSION VAN.....Full size.....SAVE \$\$\$	7980	
96 FORD RANGER.....9,000 miles.....12400	7980 / 129 mo.	
96 MAZDA B2300.....9300	7980	
97 NISSAN HARDBODY.....21,000 miles.....11500	8980	
97 CHEVY S10 LS.....25,000 miles.....SAVE \$\$\$	9980 / 149 mo.	
93 CHEVYLER TOWN & COUNTRY.....11000	9980	
97 FORD RANGER FLAIRSIDE.....25,000 miles.....11025	9980	
98 NISSAN FRONTIER.....SAVE \$\$\$	9980 / 149 mo.	
95 JEEP WRANGLER LSS 4x4.....43,000 miles.....13025	9980	
95 NISSAN PICKUP 4x4.....SAVE \$\$\$	9980	
95 MERCURY VILLAGER.....13100	9980	
95 FORD WINDSTAR GL.....SAVE \$\$\$	10980 / 199 mo.	
96 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER.....14875	10980 / 199 mo.	
93 DODGE 250 PU 4x4.....3/4-ton, 23,000 miles.....SAVE \$\$\$	11980	
97 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN.....16800	11980 / 209 mo.	
97 MERCURY VILLAGER GS.....17450	11980 / 209 mo.	
95 FORD EXPLORER 4x4.....18100	12980	
97 FORD F150 XLT.....3-door, extended cab.....19600	12980	
92 CHEVY STEP VAN.....24,000 miles, 15-foot, dual wheels.....SAVE \$\$\$	12980	
94 FORD EXPLORER 4x4.....14600	12980	
95 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4x4.....16000	12980	
96 DODGE CONVERSION VAN.....Full size, 29,000 miles.....SAVE \$\$\$	12980	
98 FORD WINDSTAR GL.....18025	14980 / 259 mo.	
97 NISSAN PU X-CAB 4x4.....27,000 miles.....19000	14980 / 259 mo.	
96 FORD EXPLORER 4x4.....22050	15980 / 299 mo.	
97 FORD EXPLORER 4x4.....SAVE \$\$\$	16980 / 299 mo.	
96 GMC JIMMY 4x4 LST.....Leather.....21650	17980	
96 PONTIAC TRANSPORT.....SAVE \$\$\$	16980	
97 FORD F150 XCAB XLT 4x4.....3-door, V8.....22400	18980	
98 JEEP CHEROKEE 4x4.....7,000 miles.....SAVE \$\$\$	19980	
97 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER AWD.....9000 miles, leather, moonroof.....23800	19980	
98 CHEVY S10.....11,000 miles.....SAVE \$\$\$	19980	
98 OLDS BRAVADA 4x4.....11,000 miles, leather.....26000	23980	
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Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.

Auxier United Methodist Church, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Doug Lawson.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 10:45; Sunday Evening 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Doug Lawson.

ABBOTT

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

ALLEN

Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 7 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arnold Turner.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER

Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Church, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Blackburn.

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

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Lee Tackett.

Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy J. Spears.

BEVINSVILLE

Jacks Creek Baptist Church, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jeff Barrett.

BLUE RIVER

Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jimmy D. Brown.

BUFFALO

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church;

Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

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

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Malcom Slone.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

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

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

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL

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

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amberguey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church;

Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

HAGER HILL Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, telephone 789-6433; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

HAROLD Harold Church of Christ, at Harold, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Lonnie Meade.

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

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor

HUEYSVILLE Hueysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday service, 7 p.m., Sunday evening, 7 p.m., Minister, Jeff Prater.

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary 9:30 a.m.;

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting 11:40 a.m.; Wednesday: Seminary 6:00 p.m.; Young Women/Young Men/Scouting 7:00 p.m.; Family History, Tuesday 12-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 5:00; Wednesday service, 6:00; Pastor: Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lavonne Lafferty.

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

McDOWELL McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargis.

MIDDLE CREEK Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 2656 West Mt. Parkway Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, Located at the Floyd and Magoffin County line. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday night, 6:30; Wednesday night, 7:00. A worship Center for everyone. Pastor, Mike D. Caldwell welcomes all. 297-6262.

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

PRESTONSBURG Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave. - (off University Drive and Neeley Street). Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.; Classes for adults, youth and children. Wednesday choir practice 8:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Ernie Carmicle.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Midweek, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Randy Hagans.

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Gary Shepherd, 886-0732.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday,

9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Jim Price.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Wayne Sayre.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment on Rt. 1428, Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor: Tom Nelson.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

PAINTSVILLE Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp

Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Bentrup.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Sunday morning service 11:00 a.m.; Thursday service 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Buddy and Maude Frye.

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

SALYSVILLE New Bethel Assembly of God, Located on Burning Fork Rd.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday night service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study and Youth Jam, 7:00 p.m. Nursery provided. 1st Monday of each month ladies meeting, 7:00 p.m. 3rd Saturday of each month men's breakfast fellowship 9:00 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith

STANVILLE Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m., Minister, Tommy D. Bush

WATER GAP Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Wednesday night and youth service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman. Everyone Welcome!

WEEKSBURY Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

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

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

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

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

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

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

WEST PRESTONSBURG Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30

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Samuel "Sam" Hale

Samuel "Sam" Hale, 83, of West Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born July 24, 1915 at Goodloe, he was the son of the late James and Susie Stephens Hale. He was a former school teacher, state representative in 1958, a law enforcement officer and a farmer.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 293, Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Ann Stephens Hale, on January 7, 1986.

Survivors include one son, Samuel Stephens Hale of Blue River; one daughter, Susan Alice Milner of Louisville; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Dan Heintzelman officiating.

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

Active pallbearers were Tommy Hale, George Hale, Ben Hale, Jon Hale, Bob Harmon and Jason Milner.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Herald, Robert Herald, Steven Herald, Ed Ousley, Lawrence Hale, Gary Rose, Frank DeRossett, James Hale, and Samuel G. Hale.

Levi Conn

Levi Conn, 70, of Martin, died Monday, December 28, 1998, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

He was born March 14, 1928, in Martin, the son of the late Columbus Conn and Polly Ann Conn. He was a coal miner, formerly employed by Turner Elkhorn Coal Company, a member of the UMWA Local No. 9845, in Martin, and a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Layne Conn, three daughters, Georgianne Adkins and Mearilla Pitts both of Martin, Merlene Back of Salyersville; three brothers, Harry Conn, Fred Conn, and Rexford Conn all of Martin; two sisters, Ida Ann Meade of Printer, Martha Bell Holthouse of Hueysville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 31, at 1:30 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with the clergyman Ellis Stephens and Taulbee Goodman officiating. Burial will be in the Levi Conn Cemetery on Arkansas Creek, Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Elder Brodey Amburgey

Elder Brodey Amburgey, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following a short illness.

He was born April 22, 1922, at Red Fox, the son of the late Ruben Amburgey and Minnie Adams Amburgey. He was a retired coal miner; formerly employed by Stephens Elkhorn and Spurlock Coal Company, a member of the U.M.W.A., a lifetime member of the Garrett DAV, and member and pastor of Rockfork Freewill Baptist Church of Garrett.

In addition to his wife, Berniece Compton Amburgey, he is survived by three brothers, Thomas E. Amburgey of Dema, Olin Amburgey of Langley, Eugene Amburgey of Sidney, Ohio, and one sister, Opal Werling of Sidney, Ohio.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 1, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel at Martin, with the Elders Wendell Crager and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Lucy Blackburn Burchett

Lucy Blackburn Burchett, 90, of Bowling Green, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 25, 1998, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born February 12, 1908 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and America Burchett Blackburn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest "Chaffie" Burchett, on October 24, 1982.

She was a former teacher and merchant. She was a member of the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial), Prestonsburg.

Survivors include one daughter, Elizabeth Burchett Blackber of Bowling Green; one sister, Elizabeth Cesco of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 29, at 10 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Joel A. Weible officiating.

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



Beulah Faye Robinette

Beulah Faye Robinette, 71, of Zebulon, died Friday, December 25, 1998, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born in Pike County, September 28, 1927, the daughter of the late Lou Emma Francis Caines and James Jackson Caines.

She was a member of the Zebulon Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, George (G.C.) Robinette; two daughters, Kathleen Robinette Meade of Harold; and Karen Robinette Meade of Zebulon; one sister, Essie Caines Charles of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Funeral services were Monday, December 28, 1 p.m., at the J. W. Call Funeral Home, with Rev. Chester Varney officiating.

Burial was made in the Annie E. Young Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tracy Blackburn, Steve Stratton, Jerry Robinette, Rusty Robinette, Jimmy Caines, Joe Meade and Rodney Chapman; honorary pallbearers were Rodney Bevins, Ernest Charles, Gene Morrison, Jack Robinette and John Robinette.

Paul V. Daniels

Paul V. Daniels, 75, of Van Lear, died December 22, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 7, 1923, in Johnson County, the son of the late Milroy Daniels and Bettie Ward Daniels. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Boyd Daniels; two sons, Paul V. Daniels Jr. of Danville and Jimmy Daniels of Oil Springs; one daughter, Pat Daniels Coleman of Paintsville; and eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted December 24, at 11:00 a.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel in Paintsville, with Phillip Lucas officiating.

Burial was in the Pine Hill Cemetery on Bob's Branch at Thelma.

Eva Anna Mitchell Furman

Eva Anna Mitchell Furman, 88, of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at her residence, following a brief illness.

Born on January 2, 1910, in Jennings, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late John Calvin and Edith Sarah Moyer Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Clarence Hamilton Furman.

Survivors include four daughters, Marielith Joy Meade of Betsy Layne; Elizabeth Susan Furman of Betsy Layne; Mary Anna Blevins of Clyde, Ohio and Christine Furman of Betsy Layne; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at the Pikeville Wesleyan Church, with Rev. Keith Biddle and Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Velvia Justice Kidd

Velvia Justice Kidd, 76, of Harold, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon, following an extended illness.

Born on January 4, 1922, in Grethel, she was the daughter of the late D.P. Hamilton and Virginia Hall Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Greenbury Justice, and her second husband, Charlie Kidd.

Survivors include four sons, D.P. Justice of Forest, Ohio; Ralph Justice and Ray Justice, both of Harold and Willard Kidd of McCarr; six daughters, Lora Johnson, Yvonne Carroll, and Glenda Rogers, all of Harold, Dorthy Ratliff of Pikeville, Diana Hamilton of Prestonsburg and Tammy Hall of Stanville; two brothers, Antney Hamilton of Grethel, Bill Hamilton of Pikeville, one-half brother, Junior Hamilton of Grethel; two sisters, Maggie Mitchell of Grethel, Pearl Justice of Harold; two half-sisters, Bonnie Sue Martin of Grethel and Martha Ray of Michigan; and 30 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 29, at 11 a.m., at the Upper Toler Church of Christ of Harold with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Justice Cemetery of Harold.

Randall Parsons

Randall Parsons, 64, of Lima, Ohio, died Sunday, December 27, 1998, at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio.

Born May 7, 1934, at Allen, he was the son of the late Grant Parsons and Bessie Hamilton Parsons. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1990, after 37 1/2 years as a block repairman. He was a lifetime member of the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church and a member of the UAW No. 1219.

His wife, Susie Parsons, died the day before him.

Survivors include two sons, Randall L. Parsons of Cairo, Ohio, and John E. Parsons of Naples, Florida; four daughters, Susan Loraine Venables, Brenda Thomas, and Ashley Parsons, all of Lima, Ohio, and Judy Cole of Bellefontaine, Ohio; five brothers, Willy Parsons of Toledo, Ohio, Ed Parsons, Raymond Parson and Elmer Parsons, all of Allen, and Douglas Parsons of Paintsville; three sisters, Violet McGwire of Allen, Mary Alice Foot of Binghamton, New York, and Ann Crouter of Portland, Oregon; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, with pastor Tim Douglas and preacher Ellis Puckett officiating.

Military rites by VFW Post 1275.

Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Siferd Westwood Funeral Home in Ohio.

Joner Ousley

Joner Ousley, 63, of Claypool, Indiana, died Sunday, December 27, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, in Warsaw, Indiana.

He was born February 13, 1935, in Prestonsburg, the son of Alvin Ousley and Melvinia Pitts.

He retired from Zimmer in Warsaw, Indiana, in 1993. He was a member of the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church, Warsaw, Indiana, since 1960. He was a member of the Sportsman Association, Silver Lake, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Ousley, of Claypool, Indiana; two sons, Robbie R. O. Ousley of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Nathan D. Ousley of Warsaw, Indiana; five brothers, C. Wade of Warsaw, Indiana, Chas Ray of Claypool, Indiana, Bernos of Etna Green, Indiana, Carson of Silver Lake, Indiana, and Homer Ousley of Piercetown, Indiana; three sisters, Bernice Conn of Decatur, Indiana, Magdalene Howard of Claypool, Indiana; and Nan Robinson of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 29, at the Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw, Indiana, with Pastor Glenn Hughes and Pastor Albert Whitaker officiating.

Burial was made in the Center Cemetery in Silver Lake, Indiana.

Edna L. Madison McBurney

Edna L. Madison McBurney, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 27, 1998, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born on March 9, 1915, in Logan, West Virginia, the daughter of the late William and Lottie Saunders Stephens.

She was a retired bookkeeper for H.B. Ranier Construction.

She was twice married, first to Fred Madison, and later to Eugene E. McBurney. Both preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Beth Compton and Judith Ann Adams both of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m., in the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Love officiating.

Burial will be in the Mayo Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Stephen Boyd, Stephen Alexander Boyd, Donald Ray Compton, Jr., Harry Allen Adams, Gregory Alan Spradlin and Brian Stapleton.

Estie Webb Brown

Estie Webb Brown, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 22, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born on February 8, 1912, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Talt and Nan Dingus Webb.

Survivors include her husband, Troy Brown; one son, Glen Brown of Prestonsburg; one niece, Helen Grace Brown, of Louisville, whom she raised as a daughter; one sister, Anna Mae Slone of Michigan; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, December 26, at 11 a.m., at the Webb Cemetery on Buckeye, with ministers of Old Regular Baptist Church officiating, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Home of Martin.

Pallbearers listed for Beulah Mae Hughes

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Beulah Mae Hughes were Barry Robinson, Michael Cutting, Shawn Robinson, Mike Mayfield, Kenneth Crager, Destry Hughes and Don Hughes.

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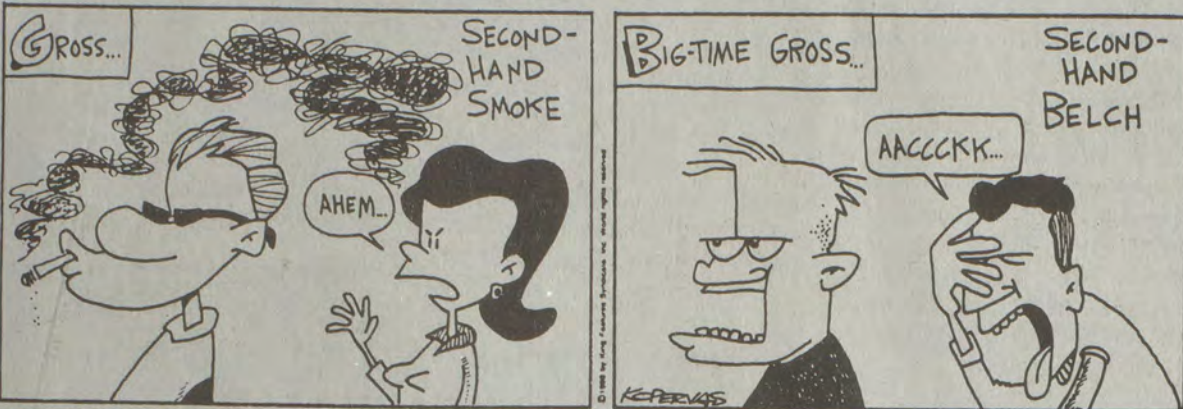
Thought For The Week: *Next Time You Think You're Perfect... Try Walking On Water.*

The Friday Comics

GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



BRINGING UP FATHER by FRANK JOHNSON



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



Super Crossword

- ACROSS
 - 1 Oil cartel
 - 5 Fragrance
 - 9 Colorado resort town
 - 13 Quench
 - 18 Mrs. Jupiter
 - 19 Penny or Primrose
 - 20 Cabinet part
 - 21 Implied
 - 22 He's Devine
 - 23 Monsieur Montand
 - 24 Susan of "Goldengirl"
 - 25 Happening
 - 26 Start of a remark by Jack Benny
 - 28 Goldsmith's "The — of Wakefield"
 - 29 Skagway's state
 - 30 Pinnacle
 - 31 Join forces
 - 33 Half and half?
 - 34 Part 2 of remark
 - 42 Wayfarer's whistle watter
 - 43 Composer Erik
 - 44 Snappish
 - 45 Came to
 - 48 Talk big
 - 51 Biblical tyrant
 - 53 — Station Zebra" ('68 film)
 - 54 More delicate
 - 55 "Wake Up Little —" ('57 hit)
 - 56 Fury
 - 57 Impetuous
 - 59 Need to nosh
 - 60 Do more than 103 dislike
 - 62 Peace of mind
 - 63 Ryan or Tatum
 - 64 Part 3 of remark
 - 69 Maestro Zubin
 - 73 Sinuous swimmers
 - 74 Bush or Burns
 - 79 Patterson's profession
 - 80 Spice-rack item
 - 81 Paving material
 - 83 Kind of mushroom
 - 85 Modify
 - 86 Rock's — Supply
 - 87 It's held by German banks
 - 89 Harden
 - 90 Rope fiber
 - 91 Director Lubitsch
 - 93 Perplexed
 - 95 Korf of "Players"
 - 96 Part 4 of remark
 - 101 Shirley, to Warren
 - 102 "Psycho" setting
 - 103 Endeavor
 - 104 Exodus insect
 - 108 Plentiful
 - 110 End of remark
 - 114 Addis —
 - 115 Sharon of Israel
 - 116 Agana's island
 - 118 Heavenly headgear
 - 119 Something to write home about?
 - 120 Unkempt
 - 121 Atlanta arena
 - 122 Hurler
 - 123 Jury members
 - 124 Bygone
 - 125 Pinza or Chaliapin
 - 126 Violin part
 - DOWN
 - 1 California resort town
 - 2 Propel with a pole
 - 3 Word form for "within"
 - 4 Prairie wolf
 - 5 Hermes' home
 - 6 Crockett or Jones
 - 7 TV's — Life to Live"
 - 8 Musical syllables
 - 9 Price or Canby
 - 10 Cultural grp.
 - 11 Borodin's "Prince —"
 - 12 Author Deighton
 - 13 "— Dallas" ('37 film)
 - 14 Stroboli spew
 - 15 The Four —
 - 16 Pain in the neck
 - 17 Singer James
 - 20 Half of Hispaniola
 - 27 Actress Stark
 - 28 Part of VCR
 - 29 TV's "McBeal"
 - 31 Out-and-out
 - 32 Bete —
 - 33 Jocular Johnson
 - 34 Applies lightly
 - 35 Audibly
 - 36 Harass
 - 37 Papeete's place
 - 38 Oder — Line
 - 39 Avoid
 - 40 Pen pals?
 - 41 The Friendly Islands
 - 46 Boat bottom
 - 47 Goof
 - 49 Command to Fido
 - 50 Golfer's gadget
 - 52 Bedroom furniture
 - 54 Lots of laughs
 - 58 Ooh's partner
 - 59 Nero's need?
 - 61 Stocking mishap
 - 65 Sign of spring
 - 66 Publisher William Randolph
 - 67 RN's speciality
 - 68 "It's a deal!"
 - 69 Pie a la —
 - 70 End-of-semester tests
 - 71 Hetty herbivore
 - 72 Big bang letters
 - 75 Cockney's abode
 - 76 Baseball's Guidry
 - 77 Sour sort
 - 78 Macabre ingredient
 - 81 Church offering
 - 82 Photographer Adams
 - 84 Balloon material?
 - 86 Curved lines
 - 88 Speed
 - 91 Way out
 - 92 Teapot disturbance
 - 94 Goddess of the hunt
 - 97 Lamb products
 - 98 Singer Parton
 - 99 Legendary Bruin
 - 100 He'll give you a squeeze
 - 104 Nightingale prop
 - 105 Bassoon relative
 - 106 Chair material
 - 107 Above, to Adenauer
 - 108 Bailiwick
 - 109 "— You Much" ('89 hit)
 - 110 Sachs or Brinker
 - 111 Half-baked?
 - 112 Actor Guinness
 - 113 Mayonnaise ingredient
 - 115 Rock band's need
 - 116 Dollop
 - 117 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"

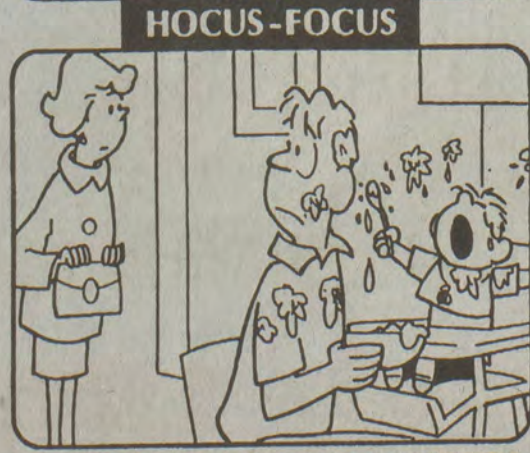
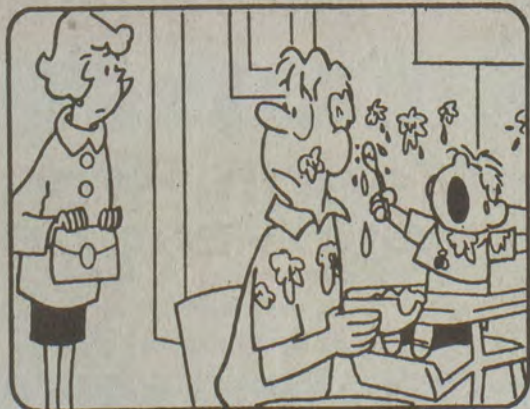
MAGIC MAZE

BE HAPPY

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

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

- Blissful
- Carefree
- Cavalier
- Cheerful
- Cheery
- Chipper
- Content
- Delighted
- Elated
- Festive
- Fun-loving
- Glad
- Jubilant
- Merry
- Pleased



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

- Differences: 1. Burton is missing. 2. Skirt is missing. 3. Food splat is missing. 4. Chair back is lower. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Hair is different.

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

OBITUARIES

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Card of Thanks

The family of Darlene Clay Angel 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 clergymen, Earl Waugh and Arnold Turner Jr., for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF DARLENE CLAY ANGEL

Card of Thanks

The family of Beulah Mae Hughes wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergymen, Ted Shannon and Hobert Hurt, for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF BEULAH MAE HUGHES

Brother Harvy Puckett and Brother David Stamper

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Cledith Howard

Cledith Howard, 65, of Hueysville, died Monday, December 28, 1998, at his residence.

Born October 31, 1933, in Magoffin County, he was the son of the late Willis Howard and Aggie Ousley Howard. He was a retired Columbia Gas Company employee.

He is survived by his wife, Nadine Gamble Howard; one son, Cledith Ray Howard of Hueysville; four daughters, Delores Stone, Teresa Ramey and Sherry Howard, all of Hueysville, and Darcus Shepherd of Gunlock; two brothers, Radie Howard of Waldo, Willis Howard Jr. of Pyramid; two sisters, Thelma Conn of Banner and Edith Shepherd of Gunlock; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 31, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the clergymen Jerry Manns and Wayne Stephens officiating.

Burial will be in the Howard Family Cemetery at Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Joe M. Roberts

Joe M. Roberts, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born March 5, 1937, he was the son of the late Lee Roberts and Iris Hall Roberts. He was a dozer operator for Sunny Ridge Mining Company, a U.S. Air Force veteran, and a member of the Lancer Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy J. Crook Roberts; two sons, William Joe Roberts of Homossassa, Florida, and Matthew Michael Roberts of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Penelope Roberts of Prestonsburg; one brother, Roy D. Roberts of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Helen Estep of Lexington, Lois Kennel of Indian Lake, Ohio, and Mary Lou Kennard of Springboro, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Clergyman Tom Biddle officiating, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Anna Mae Hall

Anna Mae Hall, 68, of Melvin, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born on March 3, 1930, in Bevinsville, she is the daughter of the late Rush and Delphia Little Smallwood.

She was a member of the Little White Stone Old Regular Baptist Church of Dundee, Michigan.

Survivors include her husband, Estill Hall; four sons, Rondal Hall of Shadyside, Ohio, Rodney Hall of Melvin, Jimmy Hall of Albion, Michigan, Greg Hall of Melvin; four daughters, Brenda Blackburn of Melvin, Linda Cassel of Hudson, Indiana, Barbara Lewis of Temperance, Michigan, Flossie Holbrook of Connerville, Indiana; one brother, Jacob Smallwood of Wheelwright; 16 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church of Topmost with ministers of Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Joe Hill Cemetery at Topmost.

Ruth Fairchild

Ruth Fairchild, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 9, 1919, in Boyd County, she was the daughter of the late Bate LeMaster and Eva Watson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Doug Fairchild.

Survivors include two sons, John Wayne Fairchild of Van Lear; James Fairchild of Paintsville; one daughter, Alice Faye Rowe of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 29, at 11:00 a.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Dick Vanhose officiating.

Burial was made in the Litteral Cemetery in Oil Springs.

Pallbearers serving were Jackie Rowe Jr., Ronald Rowe, John Wayne Fairchild Jr., J.B. Fairchild and Adam Fairchild.

Ruth Stanley Roberts

Ruth Stanley Roberts, 95, of Lake Wales, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, December 25, 1998, in Lake Wales Medical Center, following a long illness.

Born November 17, 1903, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Robert E. and May Langley Stanley. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lake Wales, Florida. She was a retired social worker for the state of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W. Walter Roberts.

Survivors include three daughters, Lois Stafford of Lake Wales, Florida, JoAnn Allen of Richmond, and Mary Jane Kazee of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Sylvia Stevens of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 28, at 1 p.m., at the Marion-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Lake Wales, Florida. Burial was in Lake Wales.

Obituary information provided by Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Susie M. Parsons

Susie M. Parsons, 60, of Lima, Ohio, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio.

Born April 23, 1938 in Manton, she was the daughter of the late Roger Click and Lexie Colley. She was a lifetime member of the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church.

Her husband, Randall Parsons, died December 27, 1998.

Survivors include two sons, Randall L. Parsons of Cairo, Ohio, and John E. Parsons of Naples, Florida; four daughters, Susan Loraine Venables, Brenda Thomas, and Ashley Parsons, all of Lima, Ohio, and Judy Cole of Bellefontaine, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, with pastor Tim Douglas and preacher Ellis Puckett officiating.

Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Siferd Westwood Funeral Home in Ohio.

Hatler Kiser

Hatler Kiser, 79, of Harrison Newsome Branch, died Tuesday, December 22, 1998, at his residence, following a brief illness.

Born September 18, 1919, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Martha Hamilton Kiser and Arsho Kiser. He was a coal miner and a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church where he was assistant moderator for more than 20 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie Newsome Kiser, on May 29, 1996.

Survivors include one son, Reed Kiser of Jenkins; two daughters, Belle Tackett of Pikeville and Mary Lou White of Bolivia, North Carolina; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, December 25, at 10 a.m., at the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Newsome Branch Cemetery at Penny Road, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.



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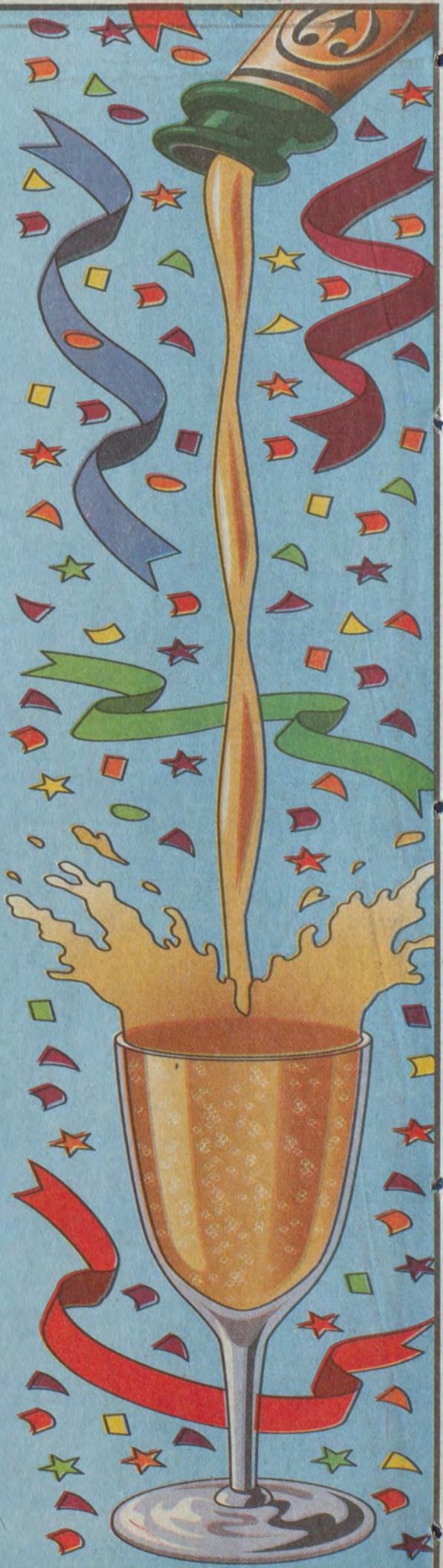
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Rebels, Raiders, Blackcats advance

Betsy Layne drops first round game

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The fourth annual "Dog" Campbell Invitational basketball tournament tipoff this past Saturday with seven games involving 14 teams. It was a day of grade school basketball as teams from the eastern part of Kentucky gathered at the J.E. Campbell Arena for a day on the hardwood.

Allen Central baseball coach Kevin Spurlock put the tournament together four years ago to raise needed funds for his baseball program at Allen Central. Since the initial season the tournament has grown from eight teams to the present 15.

RAIDERS RUN PAST COMBS

Coach Melinda Osborne's South Floyd Raiders advanced to second round play by taking the first game over a good R.W. Combs (Hindman) team in the morning

session Saturday.

Tyler Hall drilled five three-point baskets and scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Raiders to a 49-39 win over Combs. Hall hit five of his treys in the first two quarters as he led South Floyd to a 28-14 halftime lead.

Shane Allen busted two threes in scoring six points for the game. Shane Engle had a strong fourth quarter and finished with 13 points.

Jordan Curry added four points and Heath Hall netted two. The Raiders played without starter Leon Brown.

Jordan Shepherd scored 14 points to lead Combs scoring. Jason Combs netted nine and Matt Coots tossed in seven. Shane Harley had five, Robert Summer three and

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A LOOK AT SPORTS

Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Well, the holiday season is half over with the New Year celebration ahead of us as we are set to welcome 1999. I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas and that you got everything you wanted and

more. I hope you did not eat too much (but we all did) and that the time spent with the family was wonderful.

With the holiday break, the sports scene is pretty quiet. Most of our county teams will not play again until after the new year begins. Betsy Layne boys and Prestonsburg girls will be in tournament action this week.

The Kentucky Wildcats certainly got the month of December off to a banner start, but have shown they

cannot handle good pressure defense in falling in their last two games to Duke and Louisville. It marked the second straight year the Cardinals have had little trouble with Kentucky.

It is still confusing to me why Tubby continues to play son Saul ahead of some of the other players on the team. He averages more fouls, more turnovers than he does points and just isn't a Division I player. It is an adventure when he handles the basketball.

The Cats will need to regroup because they have a rigid SEC schedule beginning the first of the year and Florida is not going to be an easy foe.

LOCALLY...

• Coach Johnny Martin and the Allen Central Rebels finished the 1998 season with an unblemished 6-0 record. Here is a team that looks like world beaters one night and struggles the next. However, they have found ways to win and that is what counts. More importantly, the Rebs are 3-0 in the Floyd County Conference standings.

• Coach Jackie Day Crisp has his Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats team playing good basketball as 1998 goes out. The Lady Blackcats are 1-0 in conference play and starting to get some good play from senior players.

• Betsy Layne

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Moving on

South Floyd's Shane Engle (22) drove to the basket against R.W. Combs in the first game of the "Dog" Campbell Invitational at Allen Central last Saturday. Engle had 13 points in the Raiders' 49-39 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Allen Central remains unbeaten with win over Betsy Layne, 89-69

Five score in double figures as Rebels improve to 7-0

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The 1998 basketball season's first month has afforded coach Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels to their best start since 1994, the year they jumped out to a 5-0 start en route to a regional championship and a Sweet 16 appearance.

Coach Martin is hoping that all holds true this year for his undersized Rebel team as they are off to a 7-0 beginning after the first full

month of the high school season. Allen Central handed the Betsy Layne Bobcats an 89-69 setback last week in conference play and improved to 3-0 in the conference standings.

The Rebels placed five players in double figures led by the 16-point performance of both Nick Samons and Jesse Hall, both



To the basket

Allen Central's Nick Samons (12) scored two of his 16 points on this lay-up against Betsy Layne last week in conference basketball. (photo by Ed Taylor)

seniors. Nathan Tackett tossed in 13 points, Larry Mullins scored 11 and Brian Jones finished with 10 for Allen Central.

Senior Gary Hunter played in the game and finished with four points. He did not start as he continues to nurse a bad back.

Adam Tackett led the Bobcats with 14 points and Michael Gross netted 12 points. Justin Barley finished with 11 and Scott Collins scored nine.

The chemistry just didn't seem to be there for the Bobcats as the looked confused against the pressure defense of Allen Central, who was swarming like bees to the ball. The Bobcats turned the ball over four of their first six possessions as Allen Central had eight points off turnovers on their way to building a 14-5 lead. Hall had five points, including a long three, to start the game with Samons and Jones running the outside and inside.

Bartley hit a three-pointer than brought the Bobcats to within two points, 7-5, before the Rebels went on a 7-0 run.

Betsy Layne failed to get many good looks at the basket against the pressure defense of the Rebels. The passing lanes to the middle to Tackett was closed down as the Bobcats trailed 26-13 after the first quarter.

Betsy Layne took better care of the basketball in the second quarter and climbed back into the game by cutting the margin to just nine points, 33-24, by outscoring the Rebels 11-7 in the first four minutes of the second period. Gross had a rebound basket and drained a trey in the comeback attempt. Allen Central went nearly three minutes at one stretch without a score but took advantage of three Betsy Layne turnovers inside the final two

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Hopkins returns to spark Allen Central past Betsy Layne, 64-41

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It wasn't a game of beauty and it wasn't the kind of game that you could really enjoy, but it did add up to a victory for the Allen Central Lady Rebels as they had two less turnovers than did the Betsy Layne Lady Cats en route to a 64-41 win last week in conference basketball.

The win gave the Lady Rebels a 2-0 conference mark and improved their overall record to 3-4 on the season. Betsy Layne fell to 1-1 in the conference and 4-4 overall.

Senior guard Jennifer Hopkins returned to the Allen Central bench and came off it to spark the Lady Rebels to the one-sided, 23-point victory. Hopkins, who suffered from an illness that affected the use of her legs, made the return by scor-

ing 10 points. Natalie Cooley and Shanna Howell led the Lady Rebels with 11 points each.

Jenny Parsons led all scorers with 21 points for the Lady Cats.

Hopkins, who did not start, made her presence known quickly when she entered the game in the second period. Allen Central was holding on to a four-point lead, 10-6, after a struggling first quarter, but Hopkins sparked them to a 29-13 halftime lead.

Hopkins' performance in the second quarter resembled anything but that of a player who had been off for two weeks. She immediately drained a three-pointer, busted a 16-footer that sparked Allen Central to a 14-4 run that put the game away.

Both teams had trouble handling

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Easy two

Allen Central's Natalie Cooley (20) scored underneath the basket against the Betsy Layne Lady Cats in conference basketball at Allen Central last week. The Lady Rebels pulled out a 69-49 win over the Lady Cats. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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James Raney one for Combs.

CENTRAL SLIPS PAST HAZARD

Neil Allen scored 11 points and Brian Paige netted 10 to lead the Allen Central Middle School Rebels past a good Hazard team in the first round.

Parker Carter scored a game-high 16 points to lead Hazard. Teammate J.J. Hausley scored 11.

Allen Central led 16-8 at the first stop and went to the locker room holding a 28-13 lead at the half. The Rebels hit three three-point baskets in the game. Mike Slone, who finished with five points, had a trey in the opening quarter. Also in the first period, Jonathan Hall buried a three. Paul Francis had a trey in the second period for the Rebels.

PAINTSVILLE UPENDS ROBINSON CREEK

Adam Collins and Stuart Rutledge combined for 31 points as Paintsville posted a 53-38 win over Robinson Creek in the third game of the day at Allen Central. Collins

scored 16 points, while Rutledge netted 15. Ryan Jarrell finished in double figures with 10 points for the Tigers.

Bryan Campbell led Robinson Creek with 18 points.

Collins scored 10 of his 16 points in the third period, hitting two three-point baskets. Rutledge broke loose in the fourth period scoring 12 points including one three-pointer.

The Tigers led 9-3 after the first quarter. But Robinson Creek battled back in the second stanza to tie the game at 21 at the half. Robinson Creek outscored Paintsville 18-12 in the second period.

Paintsville dominated the second half as coach Bryan Auxier made some changes at the half. Collins used his quickness in scoring in the paint area and in the fourth, Rutledge connected on the short jumpers.

EVERSOLE SURPRISES BETSY LAYNE

Mike Rogers scored 27 points, but it wasn't good enough as R.G. Eversole upset the Bobcats 48-46 in

a good grade school basketball game.

The fourth quarter proved to be the drastic period for the Bobcats as they held a 12-point lead heading into the final period. But Betsy Layne could only get scoring from Rogers in the quarter as Eversole doubled the score in a 22-11 run that netted them the two point win. Rogers scored nine points in the final quarter for Betsy Layne.

Bobo Hamilton had 10 points for the Bobcats but scored only two in the second half. Shane Mulkey added four points and Roland Adkins netted three. Brandon Kiser had two points for Betsy Layne.

Wes Combs led Eversole with 11 points. Austin Gould scored nine and George Rankey had seven. Ronnie Johnson finished with eight and Randy Fulton six.

INEZ INDIANS ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND

Adam Brown scored 12 points and Reggie Samons netted eight to lead the Inez Indians to a 38-28 victory in the opening round of the invitational tournament. Kelly

Mills finished with seven points. Daniel Cornett and Alex Cassidy scored two points apiece. Brad Paek and Greg Evans scored one point.

ADAMS EDGES DORTON

John Hunt scored 11 points to lead a balanced Adams Middle School attack that resulted in a 35-27 win over the Dorton Wildcats Saturday. Eight players dotted the scoring column for the Blackcats.

Philip Akers led Dorton with seven points. Paul Fleming scored six and Charles Fuller five.

Josh Hayton, Adam Dixon, Eric Jarrell and Anthony Kotheimer tossed in four points each for Adams. Joey Willis had a three-point basket to finish with three points. Wes Jenkins hit three free throws for three points. Jeff Jones had two points.

Adams held Dorton scoreless in the first quarter as they led 5-0. Hunt had a trey for the Blackcats and Jarrell scored a basket. Dorton roared back in the second quarter with a 13-3 run that netted them a 13-8 halftime lead. Kotheimer had the only field goal for Adams in the second period. Fuller scored five second quarter points for Dorton.

In the third, Akers had three points for Dorton as the only points for the Wildcats and Adams took a 21-16 lead after three quarters behind the scoring of Hayton and Hunt. Willis buried a trey in the third period.

CORDIA NIPS HERALD WHITAKER

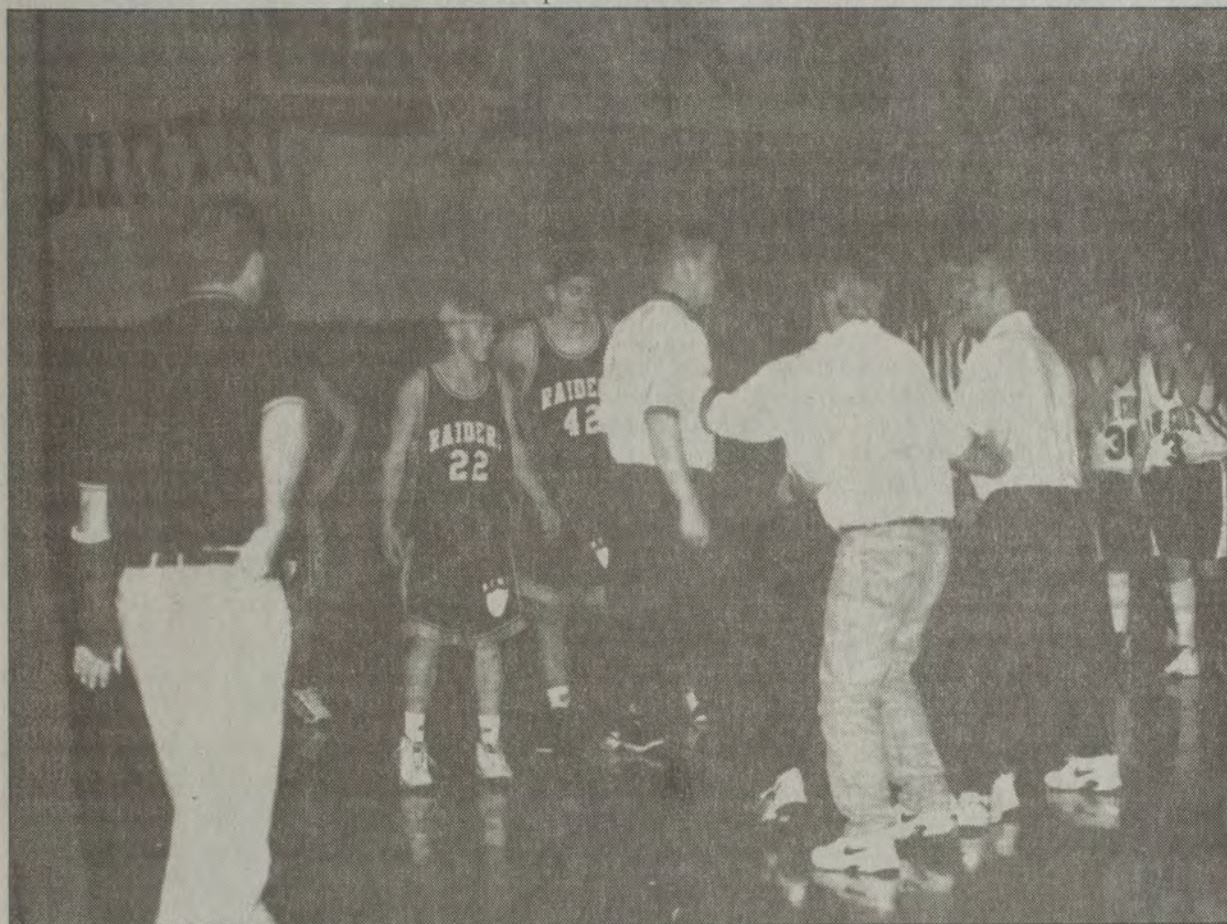
Cordia placed four players in double figures but had to hold off a good Herald-Whitaker team in posting a 63-59 win over the Hornets.

Josh Goodson led the Lions with 17 points, Matt Everage added 15 and Jamie Fugate netted 14. Vance Hurley finished with 13 points. Dean Hall had four.

Lucas Russell led Whitaker with 21 points. Ricky Rice finished with 16 and Adam Russell netted 13.

Cordia raced out to an 18-10 first quarter lead and led by 10 points, 37-27, at the half. The Lions owned a 12-point lead going into the final quarter, but had to hold off a Whitaker comeback attempt in the fourth.

The finals of the invitational tournament will be held tonight at Allen Central.



Shoving match

What started out to be a basketball match turned into a shoving match as the R.W. Combs and South Floyd coaches got into a shoving match. The incident occurred in the first game of the Dog Campbell Invitational last Saturday. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports

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Elementary leaves the 1998 year as one of the best two grade school teams in the county. Coach Dwight Newsome's Bobcats, after a down year last season, appears to be the top contender for another county championship. The Lady Cats, coached by Missy Clark and with a group of young players, have been very impressive and a fun team to watch. They play the kind of basketball you want to see, unselfishly.

I got to talk with Morehead State Eagles, Thomas Jenkins, last week and found out the former Rebel star has been suffering from some food poisoning but is doing great and will rejoin the Eagles basketball team after the holiday season.

"I'm ready to go back and can't wait," said Thomas. "I'm going to be working harder and getting ready to play."

On rumors that he may leave the Eagle basketball program, Jenkins said, "I have heard those rumors also, but they are not true. I'm staying and I expect to be starting when we face Kentucky next year."

Jenkins is ready to face the challenge that every young man or woman eventually faces, and that is to just dig in the trenches and get in the battle if you ever expect to win. We wish Thomas the best and know that he will succeed.

Coach Henry Webb and his South Floyd Raiders will take part in the eight team Pikeville Invitational basketball tournament beginning January 6. The Raiders will meet Pike County Central in the tournament's first game. Tip-off time is set for 6:30 p.m. Pikeville plays Millard in the second game. On Thursday night, Shelby Valley will meet Wolfe County and Magoffin County will take on Phelps.

The semifinals will be played Friday night with the finals held on Saturday night.

The All "A" Classic is set to tip off January 14-17 at Pikeville. South Floyd and Allen Central will be part of the field of eight teams.

The girls All "A" Classic will be held at

Phelps this season with Allen Central and South Floyd taking part on January 14-17.

Here is a Floyd County Times sport salute to Don Crisp, a big UK fan. Don celebrated his birthday on Christmas Day. Happy birthday, Don.

Professionally, the world found out this Christmas that it can and did survive the NBA lockout. The players must realize now that the world does not revolve around them.

Also, the NBA made, what the owners said, was its final offer to salvage any part of the season. The players union turned it down. Now they are saying that there is no hope of any form of an NBA season this year. That's what they say. But look for both parties to get together, and it will be the players who will come out of this the winner, not the owners. Who out there really cares if they ever play the game again?

There was a glimmer of hope for UK football fans when Tim Couch announced he would return to UK for his senior year if he was not the number one pick in the upcoming NFL draft.

Well, you have to look at Ricky Williams, the Heisman winner, and consider that he would go as number one. But that may not be the case. The Cleveland Browns, new team in the NFL, will get the first pick and they may not need a running back but a quarterback. Couch could be that top pick. Here's hoping that Tim stays but, if not, who could blame him with all the big bucks floating around.

I'm glad to see the Cleveland Browns come back into existence even if it is a new team. I have always been a Browns fan and looks like I will again. I look forward to it.

When I think about the Browns, I think of my good friend, the late Jim Ed Allen. He was a big, big Browns fan. When they were around, we would talk about why they were not winning. He and I never could solve their problems. I still miss Jim.

Well, until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Have a safe and a very Happy New Year.



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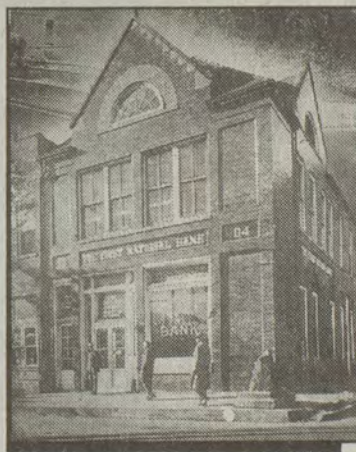
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Hopkins

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the basketball with Betsy Layne committing 25 turnovers and Allen Central close with 23. Betsy Layne turned the ball over on four consecutive possessions in the opening quarter, but Allen Central could only score once, a basket by Howell at the 5:25 mark that gave Allen Central a 2-0 lead.

A free throw by Howell, Cooley's basket and a rebound basket from Jennifer Risner widened the lead to 7-0 before Betsy Layne could get on the scoreboard on a basket by Parsons. Parsons scored again under the basket at the 1:34 mark to make it a 7-4 game, but Howell buried a three-pointer and the Lady Rebs tied 10-4. Allen Central turned the ball over on three straight possessions and Leslie Hopkins' basket made it a 10-6 game that held up at the conclusion of the first quarter.

Risner, who played a strong floor game, hit two free throws at the 7:01 mark of the second period and freshman Beth Combs hit a three-pointer that gave Allen Central a 15-6 lead. Hopkins then buried her first three-pointer and the Lady Rebels never looked back, taking a 16-point lead to the locker room at the half.

Hall and Parsons kept the young Lady Cats close in the third period but both teams went through a two-minute stretch where neither team could find the basket. Betsy Layne, behind Parsons, chipped away at the Allen Central lead and cut the margin to nine points before sophomore Shannon Sizemore

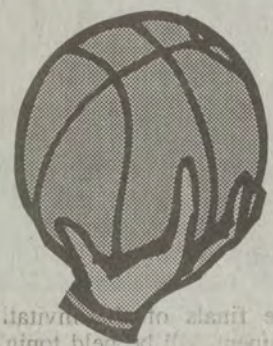
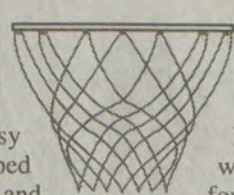
ignited a spark that helped Allen Central build a 41-29 lead. A free throw by Hall and Heather Keathley's steal ahead of the buzzer, cut the margin back to nine points, 41-32 after three quarters.

A five second call and an out-of-bounds turnover cost the Lady Cats early in the fourth quarter as Sizemore scored on a rebound basket. Hopkins drained her second trey of the game that sent Allen Central up 46-32. Things got worse for Betsy Layne as Hall was whistled for a technical foul for swinging her elbows. That was her fifth foul and she had to leave the game. Cooley's three-pointer gave Allen Central a 16-point cushion and the Lady Rebels rolled to the final 64-41 margin.

Hall finished with five points for Betsy Layne. Hamilton and Devon Reynolds tossed in four apiece, while Susan Maynard and Amber Roberts scored two. Jacobs had one point.

Combs drilled three treys in the game for Allen Central in scoring nine points. Sizemore finished with seven in a good inside game while Risner netted six. Jessica Martin had five. Angie Greene and Tonya Howard scored two apiece.

Allen Central meets Perry Central on the road on Saturday, January 2. Betsy Layne returns to the hardwood January 7 at Feds Creek.



Rebels

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minutes of the second stanza for a 45-28 halftime lead.

BETSY LAYNE (69)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	2	1	4-4	11
Collins	2	1	2-2	9
Tackett	3	0	10-8	14
Gross	2	1	7-5	12
Taulbee	1	0	2-0	2
ATackett	0	1	6-3	6
Arnett	0	0	2-1	1
Brooks	0	0	2-0	0
Daugherty	0	0	3-2	2
Keathley	3	0	3-2	8
ACollins	1	0	0-0	2
Johnson	0	0	2-2	2

ALLEN CENTRAL (89)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Samons	7	0	2-2	16
Tackett	2	3	4-0	13
Howell	1	0	2-1	3
Hall	6	1	2-1	16
Jones	5	0	1-0	10
Hunter	2	0	0-0	4
Mullins	4	0	3-3	11
Slone	3	0	2-2	8
Hayes	3	0	0-0	6
Sexton	0	0	2-1	1
Newsome	0	0	2-1	1

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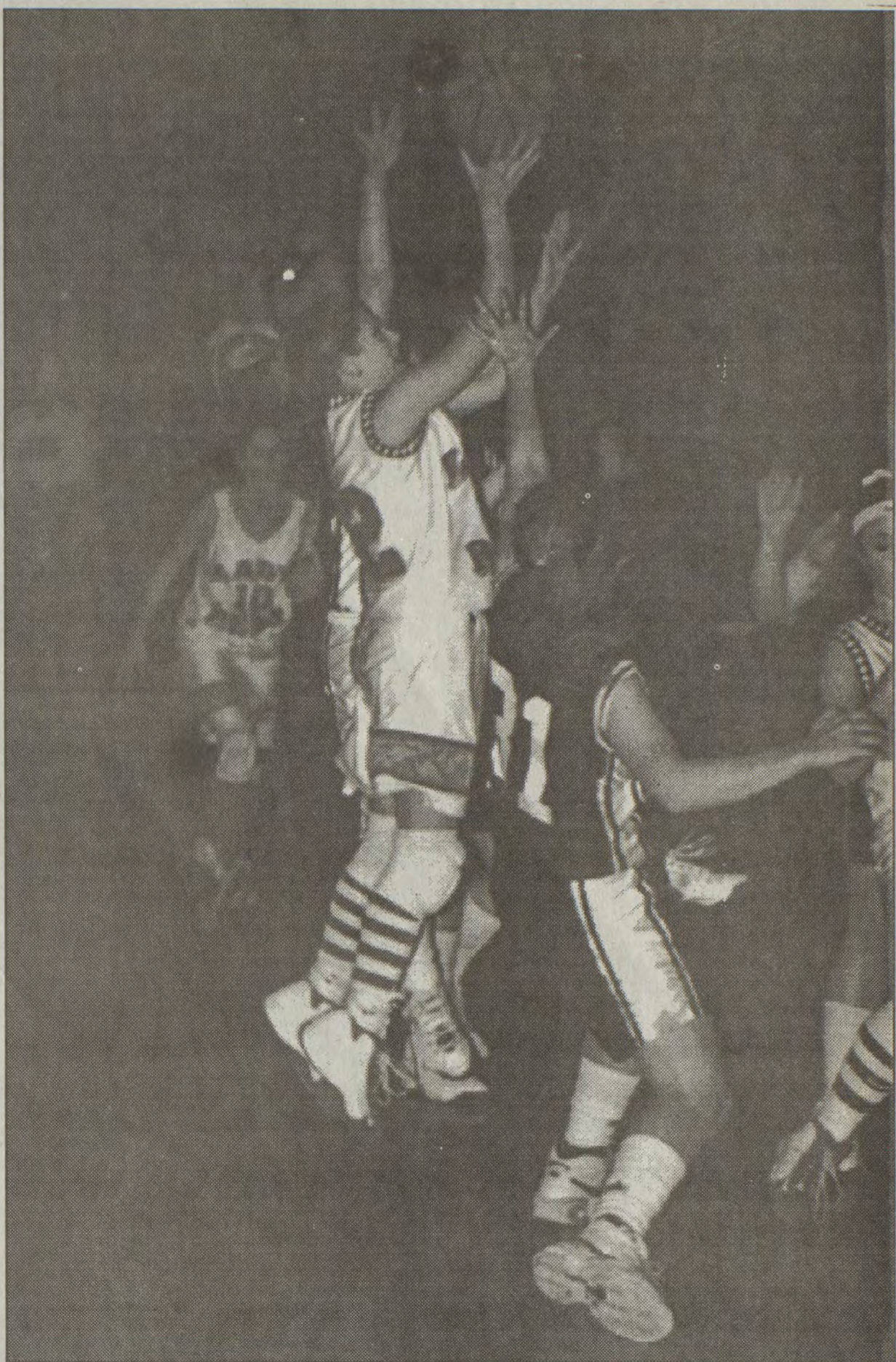
The Bobcats helped the Rebels at the onset of the third period by turning the ball over on their first three possessions and the Rebels scored off all three mistakes. Turnover number 16 allowed Nathan Tackett to bury a three, number 17 permitted Jones to score underneath and number 18 gave Hall a basket underneath. It was 52-28 before Rice signaled for a time-out. The Betsy Layne coach then made some wholesale substitution with five new players, trying to spark his team.

After turnover number 22, the Bobcats were down 56-32 to the Rebels with just under four minutes to play in the period. Allen Central led 63-39 after three quarters.

Betsy Layne fell behind by as many as 26 points in the fourth quarter and went the final four minutes without a field goal. Their last basket was a lay-in by Tackett at the 4:01 mark. Betsy Layne hit 11 of 13 free throws in the final four minutes.

It was the fourth consecutive loss for Betsy Layne as they dropped to 1-6 on the season and 0-2 in conference play.

Allen Central will play at Phelps on Saturday, January 2 while Betsy Layne meet Pike Central on Tuesday, January 5, at home.



Strong move

Allen Central's Jennifer Risner (22) went strong to the basket against Betsy Layne last week in conference basketball action at Allen Central. The Lady Rebels won easily 61-41 over the Lady Cats to improve to 2-0 in the Floyd County Conference (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Sports Commentary...

Hofsess Open Wheel Modified Champ

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The racing season has been over for the past two months and the holidays are almost over but for one local race car driver, Kurt Hofsess, of Leburn, who received an early Christmas present when he was declared the Open Wheel Modified Champion by the American Motor Racing Association (AMRA).

After 22 weeks of hard-fought racing, Hofsess was named the champion by the AMRA. Jerry Farmer, who was the defending AMRA champion, finished second in points. Hofsess totaled 1,625 points to Farmer's 1,617. Hofsess' championship was worth \$2,500. In the Road Warrior Tour, Hofsess finished ninth overall with 212 points.

The familiar 911 car was a consistent winner at Thunder Ridge Raceway this past race season. Hofsess took home several feature wins and established himself as one

of the top drivers in the AMRA. He had 20 feature wins this year with 17 of those coming at Thunder Ridge, which included the Road Warrior Tour. Hofsess nosed out defending champion, Barry Jacob, for the win. Hofsess holds the track record at Thunder Ridge and is the track champion.

Hofsess never took credit for being a top driver but was always ready to give credit to the Lord for his ability to compete. Every race was dedicated to his new-found faith in God.

Hofsess, never a selfish person waiting to take all the glory for his success, often cited his pit crew for their hard work and unselfish dedication to the race team. Lonnie Fugate was the team's engine builder and was assisted by Danny and Jason Hall, Wade Prater, "Boogie Bear" Wicker, and Joe Hancock.

Hofsess always had time for the media and was ready to talk about

racing and was a firm supporter of Thunder Ridge as one of the "best facilities around."

Another local driver, Jerry Wicker, who was pretty impressive in his own right and one of the top Open Wheel drivers, finished 10th overall in the AMRA. Wicker said it was hard to find ways to beat Hofsess. Wicker had 1,407 points and took home \$500. Wicker placed 19th in the Road Warrior Tour with 111 points.

Other local drivers who finished in the top 25 were: Gary Combs, Hager Hill, 16th (\$238); Glen D. May, Prestonsburg, 20th (\$175); Allen Turner, McDowell, 21st (\$150).

Hofsess and other drivers will be honored at the AMRA banquet on Saturday, January 30 in Zanesville, Ohio.

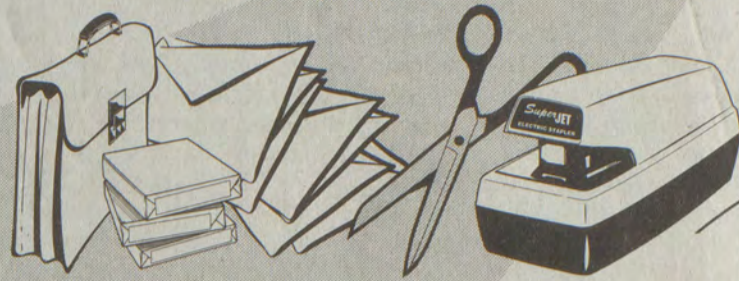
TOP TEN AMRA FINISHERS

1. Kurt Hofsess (911) Leburn, KY
2. Jerry Farmer (20) Zanesville,

3. Barry Jacobs, Mt Vernon, OH.
4. Larry Keefer (5k) Mt. Alto, WVa.
5. Doug Henry (1a) Beverly, OH
6. Mark Dickson (0) Marietta, OH
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8. John Burdette (RVI) Coolville, OH
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10. Jerry Wicker (7), Prestonsburg, KY

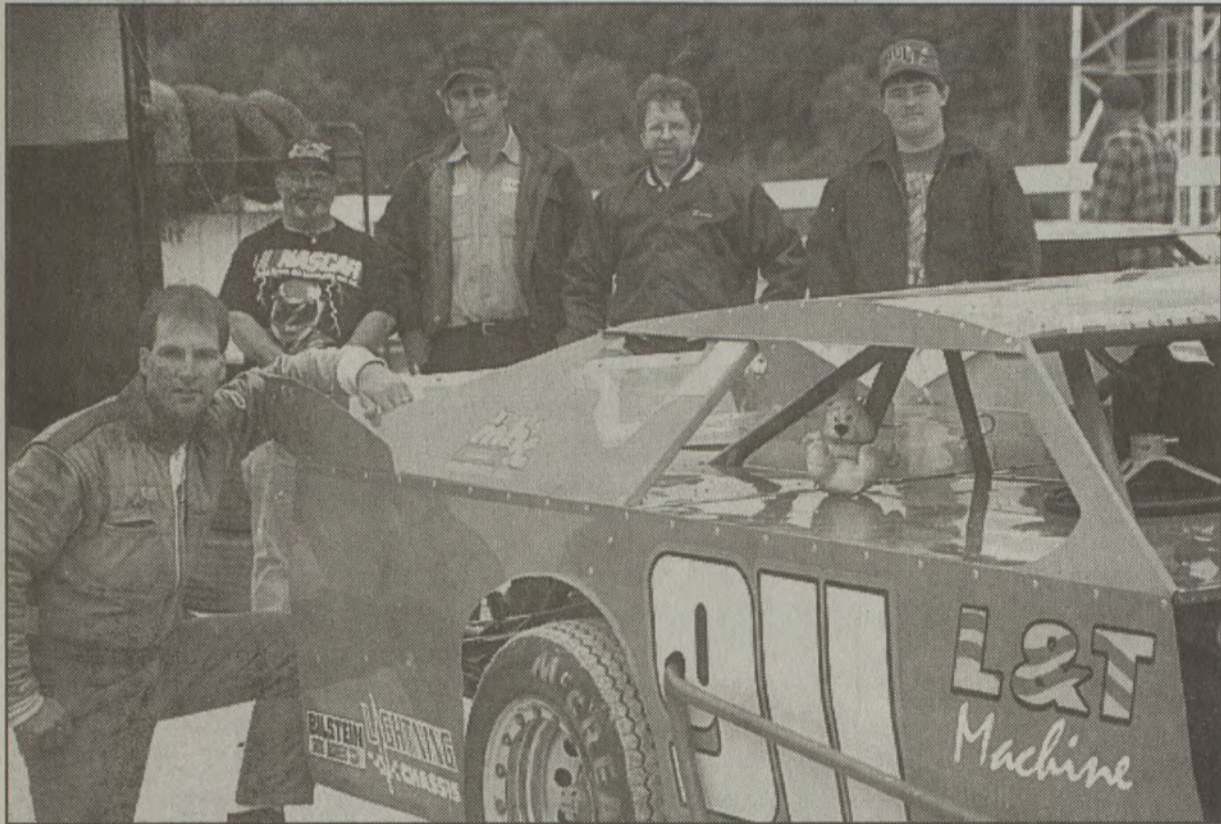
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Prestonsburg nips Clinton Co.

Leslie scores 20 in 66-65 win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Blackcats shot a sizzling 77 percent in the fourth quarter and mounted a comeback in the final period as they nipped a good Clinton County team 66-65 in the first round of the Fifth Third Holiday Classic at Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington last Saturday night.

Nathan Leslie scored 20 points to lead the scoring parade for the Blackcats. Jason Keathley added 14 points and John Ortega netted 11 as Prestonsburg won for the fourth time this season against three losses.

Prestonsburg hit seven of their nine field goal attempts in the fourth quarter to outscore Clinton County 18-15 in pulling out the one-point victory. The Cats were four of seven down the stretch from the charity stripe in the final period.

Prestonsburg trailed 20-12 after the first quarter, hitting six of 15 attempts in the quarter.

Prestonsburg outscored Clinton County 22-18 in the second quarter to trail by four, 38-34, going to the locker room area at the half. The Cats hit eight of twelve shots in the

period for 66 percent shooting. Joe Campbell buried one of the two three-pointers the Blackcats hit in the game.

It was a 50-48 Clinton County lead after three periods with Kalen Harris burying a trey in the third period. In the fourth quarter, Prestonsburg cashed in from the free throw line in securing the win.

Campbell finished with nine points for the Blackcats. Harris finished with seven. Russ Music scored three and Eric Price netted two.

Derr Stockton led Clinton County with 20 points and Tim Moons tossed in 15. David Deforest hit double figures with 14 points. Stockton had 14 rebounds for Clinton County.

Prestonsburg shot over 52 percent for the game. They were 10 of 15 from the free throw line for 66 percent shooting.

Leslie pulled in seven rebounds for the Cats while Keathley and Music had five each. Campbell finished with four boards. Clinton County committed 23 turnovers while Prestonsburg had 21.

Clinton County suffered their third loss of the season to go with their seven victories.

CLINTON COUNTY (65)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Warinner	2	0	4-2	6
Deforest	5	2	2-2	14
Stockton	8	0	7-4	20
Moons	4	1	8-6	15
Armstrong	2	0	0-0	4
Thompson	1	0	2-1	3
Lawson	1	0	1-1	3

PRESTONSBURG (66)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Keathley	6	0	2-2	14
Campbell	4	1	0-0	11
Leslie	9	0	2-2	20
Ortega	4	0	7-3	11
Music	1	0	1-1	3
Harris	2	1	0-0	7
Price	1	0	1-0	2

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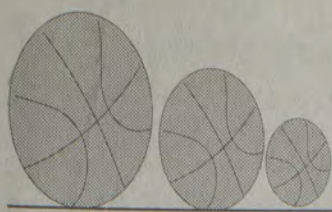
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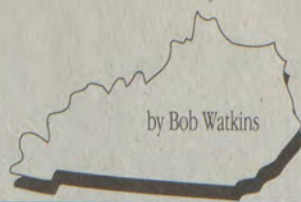
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UofL sends Kentucky reeling, defends claim as Commonwealth No. 1

While we wait out front for the Outback...

Reasons why Louisville's victory over Kentucky last Saturday is a good thing.

The house was full again ... and CBS showed up again.

A game plan executed exceedingly well.

Home teams playing at March-level ought to win.

Was there a more uplifting sight than watching UofL players on the bench as the final seconds ticked off the clock? Kids having their moment.

It's early, but, hey, a Cardinal team likable (not a Rozier in sight), perhaps to become lovable and earn a nickname.

A state of grace exists: Denny Crum and Tubby Smith.

UofL players may take this and remember from last season 'one game doth not a season make.'

Bill 'Mr. Wildcat' Keightly has a sleepless night or two. Good copy. Won't sell calendars, but good copy.

For basketball's non-aligned the emotions and March-like caliber of play Saturday was delicious. Reminds us how much we miss the NBA, right?

And something for voracious fringe element: "Why didn't those %\$#@!! Wildcats come out of the locker room and face the media?" Answer: Who cares?

For UK fans the pain of losing to UofL freshens the senses, deepens the devotion, and gives voice to "...can't wait 'til we play those guys again."

For UofL fans the victory dispels the idea Cardinal basketball—beset by recent recruiting shortcomings and NCAA rules trouble—has slipped a notch behind UK.

Quickly contained, the Nate Johnson-Jamaal Magloire's potentially ugly confrontation allowed cooler heads to show themselves. A scene that reminds us sanity still prevails in this rivalry. Besides, fans in red and blue have a villain.

For the rest of us: When's the next UofL-UK game?

Postscript: An e-mail note from an impassioned UofL fan. "Hey, if it weren't for Louisville the rest of this state would fall into the Kentucky River."

CARDINALS TAKE CREDIT!

"Give Louisville credit," was a familiar (grudging?) echo heard across the Commonwealth last Saturday after the latest emotional

UofL victory over Kentucky.

Fact is, Denny Crum's team needed no giving. The Cardinals took everything they wanted and stuffed Kentucky much the way Duke stuck the Wildcats five days before.

Crum's Cards used splendid preparation, a game plan worthy of a Hall of Fame

coach then out-hustled and out-smarted their rival from down I-64 so

effectively as to sustain UofL's brag rights as number one team in the

Bluegrass state.

For the second time in two meetings UK's Tubby Smith was out coached.

Louisville seized the lead then dictated game pace and had a solution for every match-up, every change offered up by Smith.

Interesting, how once-upon-a-time Denny Crum disdained 3-point perimeter shooting as a prime weapon, holding tight to his beloved high-low patterns.

But today's Cardinals blend inside-to-outside with run-outs, ambush defensive

pressure and executed masterfully Saturday, reminding UofL fans of Lancaster Gordon and Milt Wagner who led the Cards to a gaudy 32-4 season 15 years ago.

Last week Cameron Murray and Marcus Maybin rippled Kentucky for 33 points and Murray dealt 10 assists. Yet, court savvy and smarts in UofL's guard play amounted to far more than numbers.

"Give Louisville credit," crowed the commentators at the end. Forget such faint praise. Not since the Gordon & Wagner-led Cards in 1983, have I seen a UofL team out-smart and outplay Kentucky so convincingly.

NCAA probation aside, UofL is a Top 20 'player' once more.

Fair warning for the Cards: Last season's dramatic win over UK at Rupp Arena became a season pinnacle. UofL lost nine of its next 13 on the way to a 20-loss nightmare while UK marched to another NCAA title.

Kentucky? Back to the drawing board. The Wildcats were not only 'solved' by Duke and Louisville last week, the curtain was pulled back

to reveal glaring and exploitable weaknesses. And whines that a rigorous preseason schedule is the problem is poppycock and excuse-making.

BITS 'N PEOPLE

Lemme see if I have this straight: Defending national champion and No. 4 ranked Kentucky loses two games in a week and metro writers decide UK basketball is in crisis because the coach won't allow his players interviews.

So, Rick Pitino had Denny Crum's number. Hmmm.

So, Scott County guard and Mr. Basketball contender Rick Jones is looking for a college and UK has always been his favorite, and Tubby Smith is looking for somebody who can shoot.

Tim Couch is "...coming back" if he isn't No. 1 in the NFL Draft. Hmmm.

Suddenly Hal Mumme's words resonate new. Something like, 'Everything NFL big shots and draft experts say in December is baloney. Let's see who backs up the walk in April.'

CHEERS 'N JEERS

CHEERS. Marcus Maybin's future.

JEERS. UK's Jamaal Magloire needs a time-out. And someone to get in his face and remind him he's not Alonzo Mourning just yet.

CHEERS. UK players were not available to reporters. Who cares?

JEERS. Denny Crum saying "Tubby Smith doesn't get enough credit for the job he does." Excuse me, but who was 1998's college basketball's coach of the year?

CHEERS. Cameron Murray has got game. Let's see if he has game in East Lansing.

JEERS. UofL's Nate Johnson. The classy thing would have been skip the punctuation and dribble out the clock.

CHEERS. The I-64 rivalry is at its red hot best.

HOPE IT HAPPENS IN '99?

Events some of us would like to see in the last year of a century.

A Kevin Brown flop in LA, for the sanity of baseball and sake of smaller city franchises.

Tim Couch makes the right decision. Murray State gets into a third round game in the NCAAs.

Jason Watts is ordered by the Court to write out and send a check for \$1 to the families of Chris Brock and Artie Steinmetz each month for the next 10 years. Failure to do so would mean automatic prison time.

An NBA that gets beyond the era of David Falk, Scott Boras, Ari Tellem, Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille O'Neal, Patrick Ewing, Charles Barkley and Allen Iverson, as soon as possible, and evolves into a more public-conscious, fan-sensitive time when players and owners acknowledge who butters the bread.

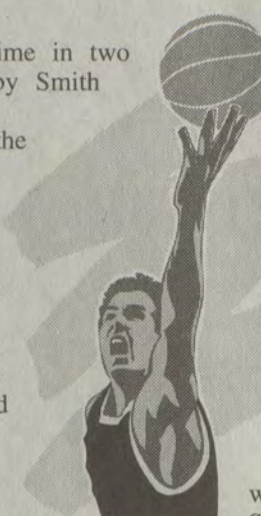
A horse-racing season when Kentucky Derby week lives up to the hype. Nay, too late. Not even Alydar and Affirmed could do that.

A KET documentary series: Rupp's Runts; Carr Creek & Cuba, managers of Kentucky basketball; and Football in the Commonwealth: Ty Holland to Fort Thomas Highlands.

A Steven Spielberg/Ron Howard movie production: Life & Times of Adolph Rupp.

State basketball tournaments, boys and girls, worthy of closing a century.

More Sammy Sosa humanity and less Roger Clemens hot air.



More Jesse Ventura, less David Stern.

UK cheerleaders move beyond 2-bits and Bluuuuue...Whiiiiite.

An all grown-up Darryl Strawberry.

In-depth accounts, whatever happened to ... G.J. Smith, Wesley Cox, Dicky Beal, Joey Couch, Herb Crook, Todd May, Whitey Simpson, Gayle Rose, Bob Hardy, Aaron Marsh, William 'Bird' Averitt and Dickie Lyons, to mention a few.

New Year's weekend, every sports fan should watch Field Of Dreams.

PARTING SHOT

NBA Dallas Mavs' Kurt Thomas, who makes nearly \$1 million a season: "I live my life as if I only make \$120,000."

And so it goes. Happy New Year.

If you have a point of view you would like to share, write to Bob Watkins,

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Floyd County Basketball Standings and Schedule

MEN

Team	Conference	Overall
Allen Central	3-0	7-0
South Floyd	1-1	5-3
Prestonsburg	0-0	4-4
Betsy Layne	0-2	1-6
Piarist	0-2	0-9

WOMEN

Team	Conference	Overall
Allen Central	2-0	4-5
Prestonsburg	1-0	4-3
Betsy Layne	1-1	4-4
South Floyd	0-3	3-5
Piarist	N/C	0-8

N/C - Not competing

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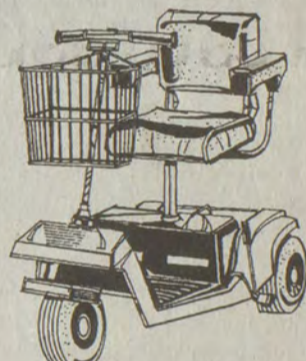
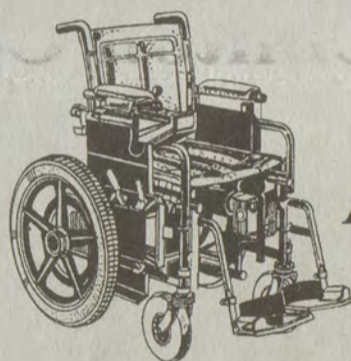
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 Allen Central at Perry Central, girls
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Hoop Scoop

By Clark Francis,
Editor & Publisher of the HOOP SCOOP

It will be an all Kentucky final tonight in the Nations Bank City of Palms Classic in Ft. Myers, FL, because Georgetown (Scott County) KY stunned Little Rock (Central) AR, 85-73, and Louisville (Ballard) KY upset Washington (Coolidge) DC, 80-67, in the semi-finals.

Although both teams are ranked among the top in the USA Today, nobody at the tournament thought Scott County, despite the fact that they are the defending state champions in Kentucky, had much of a chance to beat Little Rock Central, which features more talent than a lot of Division I schools, including Arkansas-bound 6'8 Joe Johnson, Oklahoma signee 6'4 Jarrett Hart, and a pair of athletic two guards - 6'2 Mark Green and 6'3 Andre Amos - who take turns having big nights in alternating games.

However, Scott County jumped out to a 14-5 lead half way through the first quarter and never looked back. They beat Little Rock Central at their own game (running and pressing) and they shot the lights out, as they hit 10-21 3-pointers and 29-55 field goals. Amazingly, they also beat Little Rock Central on the boards 35-26, but the big key was Scott County's secret weapon - 6'1 Rick Jones, who might be the best kept secret in the nation. Why? Because he didn't go to any camps during the summer and a lot of the national scouts haven't seen him. And those who have apparently don't have a very good eye for talent. The book on him has been "great 3-point

shooter, but not quick enough, strong enough, and creative enough to play at the highest Division I level." But that's wrong! Jones reminds us of 5'9 Ted Dupay, the state of Florida's all-time leading scorer who is averaging in double digits as a freshman at the University of Florida. Jones may not be a pure point guard, because he's such a great outside shooter with deep range, but he makes great decisions, does an amazing job of breaking down the defense and splitting the double team, is a tremendous passer, and excellent defender. He's also a jet with the ball from end-line to end-line and he had no trouble getting his shot against Little Rock Central, which makes a living off its athleticism and transition. Jones told us after the game that Louisville has been recruiting him the hardest, but LSU, St. Louis, Tennessee Tech, Richmond, Murray State, and Vanderbilt are also on his list. However, like so many kids from the Bluegrass state, he also told us that it's his dream to play at the University of Kentucky. But right

now the Wildcats don't appear to be interested, despite the fact they need a point guard who can step in and replace Wayne Turner next year. Getting back to the game, Jones was 7-14 from the field, 3-8 from beyond the arc, and 10-10 from the foul line, as he went for 27 points. He also had five assists and only two turnovers. But he wasn't the only one who was amazing. As a matter of fact, the entire Scott County must be mentioned because they are all very athletic and physically ready to challenge you on every possession. And they do, especially in transition (Little Rock Central didn't get an uncontested fast break all night). Especially impressive was 6'5 Jr

Scott Hundley who is versatile enough to play both inside or outside. He was 2-2 from 3-point land, but was the leading rebounder in the game with nine boards. He's got a great heart, is wiry strong, and plays terrific defense. Hundley was complemented by 6'3 Bryant Harris and 6'7 Soph Nate Austin inside and 6'3 A.W. Hamilton, 5'11 Chris Wallace, and 5'10 Jr Casey Alsop all of whom created havoc and made big shots out on the perimeter. Not only did they take Little Rock Central completely out of their game, but they dominated from start to finish. They lead 8-3 after two and a half minutes and they were up 27-18 at the end of the first quarter. It was 41-33 at halftime, 65-51 at the end of the third quarter, and 65-51 at the end of the game.

To get into the semi-final game at the City of Palms Classic in Ft. Myers, FL, Louisville (Ballard) KY had already pulled off one stunning upset the night before against Lakewood (Artesia) CA, which is ranked #3 nationally in the latest USA Today poll. But they were still the underdog against Coolidge, which isn't nationally ranked, but should be (are you listening Dave Krider?). Coolidge features one of the top seniors in the nation in 6'6 Derick Payne, as well as one of the biggest sleepers in the nation in 6'7 Omar Weaver. Remember the name, because he's made a strong case to be ranked among the top 30 or 40 seniors nationally in this tournament with his lights out 3-

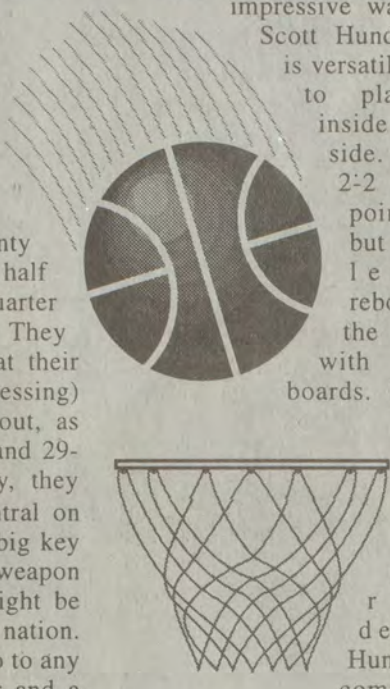
point shooting (5-9 versus Ballard), tremendous athleticism, long arms, great hands, and excellent ball handling and passing skills. Coolidge is also tough inside with 6'6 Jr David Holmes, who had a dozen rebounds against Ballard) and good on the perimeter with 6'4 Jr Michael Stewart. But they were only adequate at point guard. And that proved to be the difference in the game. In the first half Ballard's three inside guys 6'9 Soph Brandon Bender, 6'8 Jr Mac Wilkinson, and 6'6 Jr Cedric Knight accounted for 25 of Ballard's 27 points, as they trailed Coolidge 34-27. But in the second half Ballard's guards - 6'0 Will Partin, 5'10 Jr Spencer Graeter, and 6'0 Soph Adam Chiles got on track, as the combined for 27 points down the stretch. At the end of the third quarter, Ballard was down 52-48, but then they scored 18 unanswered points en route to a 80-67 victory to set up tonight in the championship game in what might be a preview of the Kentucky State High School Basketball Championship next March in Rupp Arena. It doesn't get any better than this!

Unfortunately we can't write the ending, because our deadline is before the championship game, but that's not the end of the story. All of the heroes for Ballard are underclassmen. As a matter of fact, the HOOP SCOOP ranks Knight as the #1 junior in the state, Wilkinson as the #2 junior in the state, Bender as the #1 sophomore in the state, and Chiles, who made a number of big baskets at crunch time, will be ranked as one of the top five sophomores in the state. As a result, when Ballard was invited to the tournament six months ago, tournament director Donnie Wilkie told first-year Ballard head coach Chris Renner not to expect too much this year. "Just come and be competitive this year," said Wilkie. "Then next year when we invite you back you'll have a good chance to win the tournament."

Regardless of what happens in the championship game, Ballard obviously will be the heavy favorite to repeat next year when they come back to Ft. Myers, FL. They may also be ranked as the pre-season #1 team in America in high school next year, because we continue to hear rumors that 6'2 Soph Dajuan Wagner from Camden (H.S.) NJ will transfer to Ballard next year. And this makes

perfect sense, because Wagner's father, former Louisville All-American Milt Wagner, who is playing professionally in Europe, is expected to retire and move back to Louisville after this season. How good is Wagner? Let's call him the best high school player to come along since Kobe Bryant and Tim Thomas and he has the potential to become one of the all-time great point guards in the history of the game. Evidence of this fact came last summer when he was the third best player at the NIKE All-American Camp. And I'm not the

only who thinks Wagner destined for greatness. Brick Oettinger of the Recruiters' Handbook has him ranked among the top five players regardless of class right now in the Blue Ribbon Pre-Season College Yearbook.



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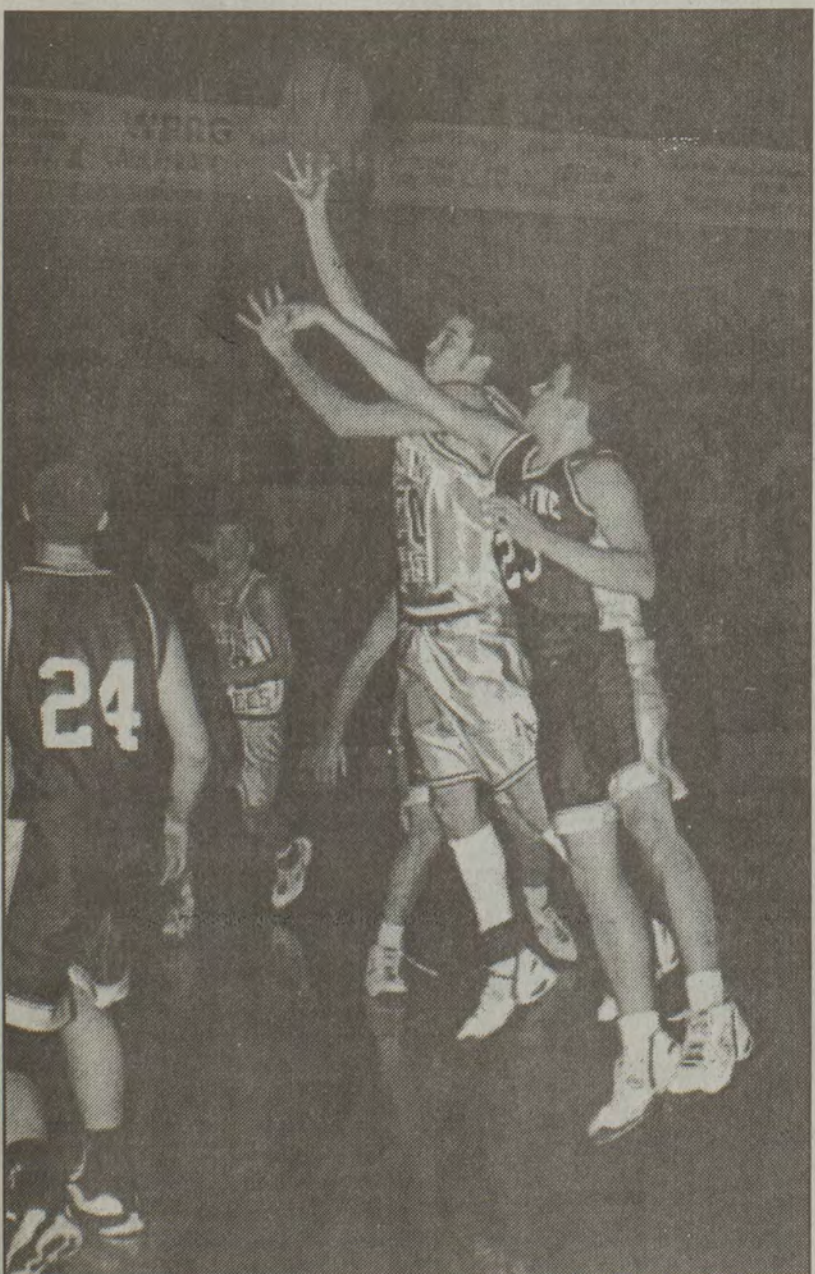


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Makes return

Gary Hunter, Allen Central, got some playing time last week against Betsy Layne. Hunter has been nursing a sore ankle and has not returned to full strength. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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NASCAR

This Week

On TV

First Races in 1999

- **Busch Grand National**
Saturday, Feb. 13 (TBA)
- **Craftsman Truck Series, Florida Dodge Dealers 400**
Saturday, March 20 • ABC
- **Winston Cup, Bud Shootout**
Sunday, Feb. 7 • CBS



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

TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
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| 1. Jeff Gordon (1)
Happy holidays for the Kid | 6. Bobby Labonte (6)
He's become Mr. Pontiac |
| 2. Mark Martin (2)
Healthy again | 7. Jeremy Mayfield (7)
Another blossoming star |
| 3. Dale Jarrett (3)
Knock-knockin' on the door | 8. Dale Earnhardt (8)
Going for another at Daytona |
| 4. Rusty Wallace (4)
One win won't please him | 9. Terry Labonte (9)
Ready to resume the chase |
| 5. Jeff Burton (5)
On the verge | 10. Bobby Hamilton (10)
Seeking consistency |

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 Mtrpts. 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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR
Thanks to carburetor restrictor plates, the qualifying record for Daytona International Speedway has stood for nearly 12 years. On Feb. 9, 1987, Bill Elliott turned a lap at 210.364 mph in a Ford. The following year, speeds were slowed via the use of the restrictor plates, and last year Bobby Labonte took the Daytona 500 pole in a Pontiac, averaging 192.415 mph.

Both Jones, McLaughlin marry during off-season

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
A couple of NASCAR drivers have celebrated the holiday season by taking wedding vows.
Winston Cup rookie-of-the-year candidate Buckshot Jones and longtime girlfriend Jina Cadena exchanged vows at First Baptist Church of Duluth, Ga., on Dec. 19.
Jones proposed to Cadena, whom he has known since childhood, when the two attended a Tracy Byrd concert in Kennesaw, Ga., a year ago. The country singer is an acquaintance of Jones, and the proposal was made as Byrd serenaded them to his song

"Keeper of the Stars."
Busch Grand National driver Mike McLaughlin and Katie Gregory were married in Maui, Hawaii, on Dec. 3. Teammate Tim Fedewa and wife Terri shared in the ceremony.
MINOR SURGERY: Sterling Marlin recently underwent surgery on an elbow he injured in a boyhood bicycle accident.
"It was something I'd been putting off, and decided I'd better get it over with," said the veteran driver.
Martin said he apparently chipped a bone in the boyhood accident.
"The doctor told me then I

might have to have surgery at some point to remove some bone chips or spurs, and that's what happened," he said.
Marlin finished 13th in the 1998 Winston Cup point standings, driving a Chevrolet for Felix Sabates.
AVOIDING THE GREAT DEPRESSION: Square D publicist Mike Arning is taking a novel approach to Kenny Wallace's new arrangement with Andy Petree.
Wallace took Square D with him in a move from Filbert Martocci's No. 81 Ford to Petree's new No. 55 Chevrolet.
Arning is calling it Wallace's "New Deal," a reference to Franklin D. Roosevelt's plan to

pull the country out of the Great Depression in the 1930s.
BACK FROM THE GRAVE: A Cale Yarborough sponsor announcement may be in the works. If such an occurrence allows Yarborough to continue running his No. 98, Rick Mast may be in line to be driver of that car.
NEW WINDOW FOR MICROSOFT? Even at this late date, Larry McClure has not ruled out fielding a second Chevrolet in addition to the No. 4 of Bobby Hamilton. McClure is negotiating with computer giant Microsoft for sponsorship of five or six races next year and a possible full-season run in 2000.

RACING ON THE WEB
Fans Can Race
www.fanscanrace.com

Overview: This is the Web page that enables Billy Standridge to make several Winston Cup starts a year by getting fans to invest directly in his race team. Standridge collects pieces of sheet metal and other collectibles from teams and auctions them online. Every little bit helps the struggling driver in his quest to keep his team afloat.

TOP TEN STORIES OF THE YEAR

Here, in order, are stock car racing's top 10 stories of the year, as selected by NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton:
1. Gordon wins third title
At 27, Jeff Gordon became the youngest driver ever to win three championships, all in the space of four years. He tied Richard Petty's modern record with 13 victories.
2. Roush loses it
After a Gordon victory at New Hampshire, rival car owner Jack Roush boldly accused Gordon and crew chief Ray Evernham of cheating. NASCAR confiscated the rubber from Gordon's car after the race and cleared the team of any wrongdoing.
3. Earnhardt finally does it
In his 20th try, Dale Earnhardt finally won his first Daytona 500. The victory did not portend further success in 1998.
4. Martin's best year
In any other year, Mark Martin would have probably been the Winston Cup champion.

The 39-year-old won seven races and three poles, yet lagged nearly 400 points behind Gordon at season's end.
5. Wild night at Richmond
Dale Jarrett was the unwitting victim when NASCAR took the extraordinary step of waving a red flag with a few laps remaining in the June 6 race at Richmond. He could not hold off Terry Labonte, who won his only race of the season.
6. Water struck in Texas
Texas Motor Speedway had another star-crossed race weekend. After repaving and a slight reconfiguration, water began seeping through the asphalt in turn one during qualifying, causing a sudden rash of frightening crashes and postponing the session to the following day.
7. Jarrett's Talladega million
The Winston 500 was the highlight of what, in retrospect, ended up being another solid season for Jarrett. By taking

the final leg in the No Bull Five, Jarrett earned his own \$1 million prize.
8. End of Gordon's late woes
Supposedly, Gordon's Achilles' heel was his tendency to slump late in the season. Until 1998, he had never won in October or November, but he put an end to that bad rap forever. He won three of the last four races.
9. Mayfield's emergence
Jeremy Mayfield took advantage of a merger between car owner Michael Krane-fuss and Roger Penske and propelled his career to new heights. Mayfield won a summer race at Pocono and led the point standings as late as June 21.
10. Tale of the Taurus
Ford's controversial introduction of the Taurus as its NASCAR vehicle of choice was a success. Only Gordon's utter domination enabled Chevrolet to claim a narrow edge in the manufacturer's standings.

PROFILE

Kyle Petty

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
Although he has not experienced the record-breaking success of his father, Richard, and grandfather, Lee, Kyle Petty has carved his own niche in the world of NASCAR racing.

As much as for his success, Kyle has become known as a free spirit, a characteristic that has endeared him to fans of the sport. He is a multi-faceted individual with talents away from the race track and a natural sympathy for those less fortunate. The latter is evidenced in Petty's tireless efforts to raise money for charitable causes.

Petty is also a talented musician who gave up a promising singing career to concentrate on his career as a race car driver.

HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Randleman, N.C., lives in High Point, N.C.

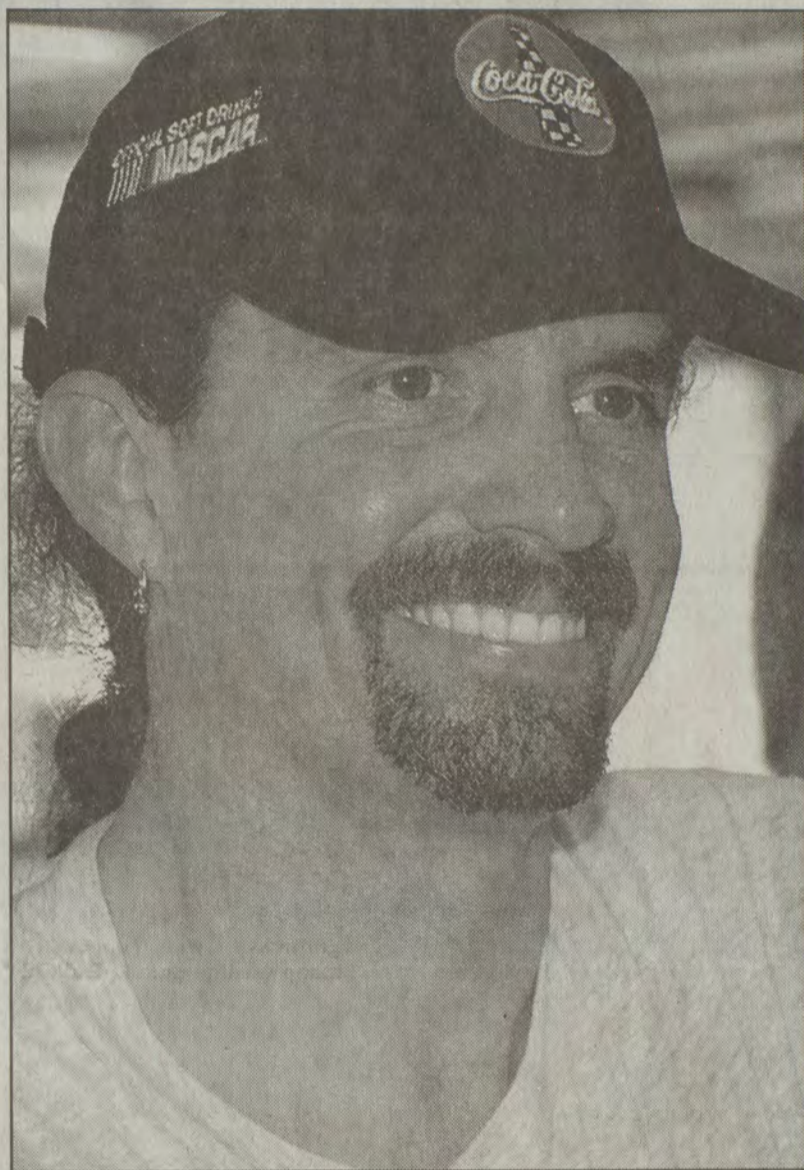
AGE: 38
WIFE: Patti
CHILDREN: Adam, 18; Austin, 16; Montgomery Lee, 13.

CAR: No. 44 Hot Wheels Pontiac Grand Prix, owned by himself and his father.

RECORD: 534 starts, 8 poles, 8 wins, 51 top-five finishes, 158 top 10s, more than \$10 million in career earnings.

FIRSTS: Start, Aug. 5, 1979, at Talladega; pole, March 2, 1990, at Rockingham; win, Feb. 23, 1986, at Richmond.

HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO LET YOUR HAIR GROW LONG? "It was something I decided to do once I got on my own and into racing. They (his family) finally convinced me to



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Kyle Petty recalls driving in different cars with his father on the road in front of his house.

clip it all off. I cut it, and the next race, I broke my leg (in 1991). So, you can see why I decided to let it grow out again."

I GUESS IT'S NOT HARD TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU GOT INTO RACING. "We grew up driving race cars. From the time I was 6 or 7 years old, that's all I wanted to do. When I got home from school, my dad would be working on his race cars. I guess you could say he

used the road in front of the house as a 'test track.' I'd get in the right side, and Daddy would get in the left side, and we'd fly down the road."

DO YOU THINK IT'S UNFAIR TO CALL YOU LAID-BACK? "No, not at all. I kind of float through life. My strengths are not very strong. My weaknesses are not really weak. My strength is I just like people. They may not all like me."

NASCAR RECORD-HOLDERS

LEADING WINNERS*	NO. OF RACES WON
1. Darrell Waltrip	84
2. Dale Earnhardt	71
3. Rusty Wallace	48
4. Jeff Gordon	42
5. Bill Elliott	40
6. Mark Martin	29
7. Terry Labonte	20
8. Ricky Rudd	20
9. Geoff Bodine	18
10. Dale Jarrett	18

*among active drivers

LEADING WINNERS*	NO. OF RACES WON
1. Richard Petty	55
2. Bobby Allison	52
3. David Pearson	51
4. Cale Yarborough	50
5. Dale Earnhardt	45
6. Bill Elliott	38
7. Darrell Waltrip	37
8. Jeff Gordon	31
9. Rusty Wallace	27
10. Buddy Baker	17

*on superspeedways

DRIVER RECORDS

Most wins, career: 200, Richard Petty, 1958-92.

Most wins, season: 27, Richard Petty, 1967.

Most wins, season, modern era (1972-present): 13, Richard Petty, 1975; Jeff Gordon, 1998.

Most wins from pole, career: 61, Richard Petty, 1958-92.

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**

Fan Tips

The annual Winston Cup Preview will be held at Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Saturday, Jan. 16, with virtually all the Cup drivers on hand to sign autographs for charity. The preview, named for the late T. Wayne Robertson of RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises, raises money for charity.

TRIVIA

1. What two drivers have won both the Brickyard 400 and the Daytona 500?
2. Who is the only man to win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and the 24 Hours of LeMans?
3. Who is the only driver to win the Indy 500, Daytona 500 and Formula One World Championship?

- ANSWERS**
1. Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt
 2. A.J. Foyt
 3. Mario Andretti

AROUND THE GARAGE

Gibson's 21 points, 12 rebounds lead Pikeville past Blackcats

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

In a game of heavyweights, the Pikeville Panthers outscored the Prestonsburg Blackcats 32-12 in the second quarter and went on to post a 79-65 win in the top regional matchup. Both teams are considered favorites to win a regional championship this season.

Chase Gibson, from Floyd County, led the Panthers scoring parade with 21 points. But he controlled the boards as well, coming away with 12 rebounds. He also did it all on the defensive end with five block shots. Gibson scored eight of his 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Nathan Leslie led Prestonsburg with 17 points. Jason Keathley added 12 and Joe Campbell netted 10. John Ortega and Kalen Harris tossed in eight points apiece.

Keathley scored eight of his points in the first quarter as Prestonsburg took a 16-10 first quarter lead over coach Dave Thomas' team. Gibson scored six in the opening quarter for the Panthers.

In the second, it was all Pikeville as they buried three three point baskets and was perfect from the free throw line in outscoring the Blackcats by 20 points. John Mims hit six of six free throws and Nick Lynch, off the bench, buried two treys as the Panthers went to the locker room with a 42-28 lead. Pikeville hit 10 of 10 free throw

attempts in the quarter.

Leslie hit a rare three-point basket for Prestonsburg in scoring seven points in the second quarter as the Blackcats struggled from the floor.

Prestonsburg's offense picked up in the third quarter, hitting four three point baskets. Harris buried two while Ortega and Music had one each. But Prestonsburg trailed 58-46 after three periods.

In the fourth, Gibson took charge and pumped in eight points. Campbell got involved in the offense for Prestonsburg after just hitting one basket, a trey, in the first three quarters. Campbell had seven points in the final period.

For the game, Pikeville shot a blistering 92 percent from the free throw line making 23 of 25 attempts.

Jeremiah Akers finished with 16 points for the Panthers while Mims added 14 in an excellent floor game. Mims dished off 10 assists in the game.

Gibson	8	0	6-5	21
Akers	6	1	1-1	16
Mims	3	0	8-8	14
Anderson	1	1	2-2	7
Thompson	2	0	6-5	8
Branham	1	0	0-0	2
Lynch	1	2	2-2	10
totals	22	4	25-23	79

Prestonsburg.....	16	12	18	19	- 65
Pikeville.....	10	32	16	21	- 79



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Hot from the outside

South Floyd's Tyler Hall buried five three-point baskets in scoring 20 points and pulling down 12 rebounds as the Raiders defeated R.W. Combs Elementary in the "Dog" Campbell Classic at Allen Central Saturday afternoon. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Reynolds' 16 points lead Betsy Layne past Feds Creek

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Freshman Devon Reynolds scored a team-high 16 points and Amanda Hall added 15 to lead the Betsy Layne Lady Cats to a 78-61 win over the Feds Creek Lady Vikings in high school basketball at Betsy Layne.

Reynolds, one of several freshmen players, hit two three-point baskets and six of eight free throws. Sophomore Jenny Parsons netted 14 points.

The Lady Cats did not shoot so well from the charity stripe hitting only 17 of 42 attempts. The Lady Vikings were 20 of 39 from the stripe.

Lisa Fuller and Kelli Keene led the Lady Vikings with 18 points each. Tishia Pugh, off the bench, scored 11 points.

Parsons scored four of her points in the first quarter as Betsy Layne took a 17-8 lead after the initial period. Hall had a three-point basket and four points in the opening stanza.

A 25-13 spurt in the second period netted the Lady Cats a 42-21 lead at the half, as coach Cassandra Akers began to play the bench. Turnovers still plagued the Lady Cats.

"We still had a lot of turnovers in the game," said Coach Akers. "We missed 25 free throws, but I was happy with the way our bench came in and played for us. Our freshmen are coming along really well, especially Devon."

Feds Creek got back in the game in the third quarter by outscoring Betsy Layne 23-10 to trail 52-46 after three periods. Keene scored 14 of her 18 points in the quarter.

Reynolds led a fourth quarter charge for Betsy Layne in a 26-17 run that secured the win.

Leslie Hopkins finished with seven points for the Lady Cats. Susan Maynard added eight and Amber Roberts scored six. Sheena Akers finished with five, while Kim Tackett and Heather Hamilton had four and three points, respectively.



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BRIEFS

Youth conference at Auxier

The Floyd County Freewill Baptist Youth Conference will be held at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church on January 8, at 7 p.m. The Floyd County Freewill Baptist Conference will be at the church on January 9, at 10 a.m.

Watch night services

Watch night services will be held on December 31, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, the Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church at Middle Creek and Faith Freewill Baptist Church near Sugar Loaf.

Key to successful marriage

The key to making marriages work is in celebrating the differences between partners and not in trying to change each other, says Dr. Charles Lowery, pastor of a church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr. Lowery, who pastors the largest Protestant congregation in his state, will bring that message to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Shepherding the Shepherd conferences in Lexington next month. The conferences will be held January 21 through 23 at the Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort. The conference is a marriage and ministry enrichment retreat for Baptist ministers and their spouses.

Baptist pastors interested in attending the session can call (502)-254-4700 or 1-888-254-5712 for more information.

Fraudulent pesticide sales

State officials are warning consumers about fraudulent pesticide sales through telephone or in-person sales efforts.

Companies are offering exag-

(See Briefs, page two)



STONEY BURKE

Burke named park ranger at Dewey Lake

Stoney Burke has been appointed park ranger at Dewey Lake by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District.

Burke is a native of Floyd County. He graduated from Wheelwright High School in 1984. Five years later, he joined the United States Army. He served with the Army Reserves, 478th Engineers for six years.

He finished his military career with the Kentucky National Guard in 1996.

Burke then decided on a career change. He enrolled at Prestonsburg Community College and was awarded an Associate of Arts Degree from PCC in 1996.

He then enrolled at Morehead State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Park and Recreation Management in December 1998.

He is the son of Shirley Burke and Sue Burke of Martin and the son-in-law of Allen and Ruth Shelton of Martin. His wife, Tiffany, is employed by the Floyd County Board of Education.

"What Christmas Means To Me"

Adams Middle School

What Christmas Means to Me by Rachael Hill (Overall winner)

Christmas means being surrounded by love and wanting to share those feelings with everyone. We all act more kind and caring and take the time to think about other people's feelings. At Christmas no one wants anyone to be alone or cold or hungry. I think people are kinder and friendlier. When you see people taking angels off the trees to fill someone's wish, collecting food, or joining in on some other form of kindness. It makes you wonder why they don't do it all year long. I guess at Christmas we all become the people we really want to be.

Allen Elementary

Christmas Reflections

"Christmas Gift"

Overall winner, grades 6-8

by John Mark Tackett

My fondest memory of Christmas is December 25, 1996. I awoke to the warm feeling of the covers, and the smell of hot coffee. I looked at the clock—6:00 a.m.? My parents are awake! There never up this early. I walked to the living room, to see my grandmother sitting on the couch with a book in her hand. I asked, "Why are you here granny? Where is mom and dad?"

"Your mom is having the baby," She replied.

I didn't know what to think, happiness or sadness, because they weren't there. The thought rushed through my mind. It's Christmas day, open your presents! I went and opened my presents and then there was a phone call. It was my dad giving us the good news that I was a big brother again! Rebekah Danielle Tackett was my new sisters name, and I knew that I would love her with all of my heart. I knew that Christmas Day of '96 is a Christmas I will never forget.

Allen Central High

CHRISTMAS

To me Christmas means a time to be thankful for all the good things that have happened for you in the past year. Also to remember what you are celebrating about. The birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is also a time to spend with family, and enjoy their company, and a few presents never hurts.

Dustin Conn, Winner

Betsy Layne Elementary

Dear Santa,

I know I haven't been the best boy in the world this year, but I haven't been the worst either. I am going to confess to all my bad things and let you judge. (Remember I am just a little boy and still learning.) I guess the worst thing I did was run over my puppy Spike with my go cart. I didn't see him, honest! It didn't hurt him and I gave him a special bone to say I was sorry. Then there was the day I accidentally closed the car door on my cat Ace's tail. I didn't see him either. Then there was the time my dad was sleeping and I gave him a free hair cut. Now I shouldn't have gotten in trouble over that. It was a free hair cut. My mom says you know and see everything so I guess you are remembering the time my grandpa got a new truck and I stuffed apples in the tail pipe, and the time I put catsup all over my hands and went screaming to my mom that I had cut my finger off.

I heard my granny telling mom about how little boys can get out of hand sometimes, but I really don't think she was talking about me. My mom knows that I am really her



These boys and girls have been good this year as they stand next to the Christmas tree awaiting the arrival of the jolly one to hear their wishes for Christmas morning. (photo by Willie Elliott)

good little boy.

So bring this good little boy a CD from the Rug Rats.

Your pal,
Taylor Boyd
(K-3 winner)

Betsy Layne High School

What Christmas means to me by Brooke Tackett

9-12 winner

As I am growing older I am beginning to realize the real value of Christmas. It's a time that God set aside for us to be with the ones we

love and be grateful for who and what we are. We tend to give more value to materialistic items, because they are what supposedly make Christmas exciting. To me, no money or present in the world could make me happier than being with the ones I love. I think of those who have so little and realize that the greatest gift I could ever receive would be to see the world smile as equals, on Christmas day and every day.

Clark Elementary

My Thought About Christmas by Steven Stanley

Overall Winner

Christmas is about celebrating Jesus's birth and it's about where he died on the cross for people all over the world. Christmas is not about gifts it is about the birth of Jesus.

James A. Duff Elementary

The Real Meaning of Christmas by Amy Wallen

5th grade winner

Hi, I am Amy Wallen and I would like to tell you about what Christmas means to me. Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. It is a time to have fun, be with your family, and praise God for sending us His Son. Snow lies on the ground pale and cold. Lights on trees are bright. Carolers sing songs just outside your door cheering you up, trying to get you into the Christmas spirit. People greet you at your door with a delightful crate of yellow eggnog. Stockings are hung high on mantle tops. The smell of homemade candies fill the air.

All of these things are pretty nice, but they aren't the real meaning of Christmas. Jesus Christ was

(See Christmas, page four)

A recent program initiated by the Floyd County School System took a look at Christmas through the eyes of a child by asking students to write essays "What Christmas Means to Me."

Children submitted writings with reflections about the meaning of Christmas rather than a wish list. Members of the community read approximately 2,600 entries and selected 200 overall winners to read their selections on WMDJ radio.

These winners won gift certificates from McDonald's and achievement certificates from the school district.

From the 200 winners, each school had grade level winners. Thirty overall winners from these divisions won tee shirts from McDonald's and a copy of the book, The Night Before Christmas, from the school board.

Students were also honored at a reception on Monday, December 21, at Adams Middle School cafeteria.

Overall winners, included Rachel Hill, Adams Middle School; Jon Mark Tackett, grades 6-8, Tonia Derossett, 4-5,

and Andrea Johnson, primary, Allen Elementary; Misty Samons, seventh grade, Allen Central Middle School; Dustin Conn, Allen Central High School; Taylor Boyd, K-3, Jake Schmoldt, 4-6, Betsy Layne Elementary; Brooke Tackett, Betsy Layne High School; Steven Stanley, Clark Elementary; Amy Wallen, fifth grade, and Jonathan Martin, primary, James A. Duff Elementary; Carlie Ratliff, Floyd Technical High School; Jeremy Pack, K-3, and Christina Blevins, 4-5, May Valley Elementary.

Also winning were Justin Johnson, 4-6, and Tia Salisbury, K-3, Osborne Elementary; Kory Henry, K-3, Brittany Mitchell, 7-8, and Justin Tackett, 4-6, Stumbo Elementary; Adams Hicks, South Floyd Middle School; Jack Stumbo, Opportunities Unlimited; Bambi Baisden, Prestonsburg High School; Corey Wright, fourth grade, and Tori Hunt, primary, Prestonsburg Elementary; McDowell Elementary, Seth Jones, K-3, and Isaiah Hall, 4-6, McDowell Elementary.

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

Poison Oak

by Clyde Pack

Keeping a tight rein in '99

I really hadn't planned on making any New Year's resolutions. It's not that I think I'm already perfect and couldn't use some improvement, or anything, it's just that, like most folks I know, I can never keep them.

However, a little book entitled Cowboy Wisdom by Terry Hall, with Gregg Stebben, a stocking stuffer I received from my son Todd a few Christmases ago, is chocked so full of common sense, that I might keep my perspective on life in general. A reminder on the back cover states, "Every once in a while we all need the words of real cowboys and cowgirls to help keep a tight rein on life."

Some of the items in the book come from real cowboys, others from those who aren't, but perhaps wish they were. However, the author laid out the ground rules in the opening pages when he wrote, "To get this book, you either have to be a cowboy, or you have to be somebody a cowboy would like to be."

Anyway, here are a few things worth remembering, be ye cowboy or any body else. Names of some of the folks who said them might be familiar, the others, I suppose, are the real cowboys.

• "A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do."—Alan Ladd, Hollywood, California.

• "You raise kids, dogs, and horses all the same."—Ray Farmer, Elko, Nevada.

• "The cowboy gets up early in the morning, decides what he wants to do, then straddles his pony and gets to work. He does the best he can and spends as little money as possible.

The politician gets up late in the morning, straddles the fence, spends all the money he can, gets all the votes lined up, and then decides what to do."—Joe M. Evans, El Paso, Texas.

• "To move a herd, the leader works in the open, and the boss in covert. The leader leads, and the boss drives."—Teddy Roosevelt.

• "To understand ranch lingo all you have to do is know in advance what the other feller means an' then pay no attention to what he says."—Philip Ashton Rollings, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

• "Let me dispose of a malicious rumor that has haunted me all my life: I did not kiss my horse! We may have nuzzled a little, but we never kissed. Never. I can take a joke, but it bothered ol' Champ."—Gene Autry.

• "A pair of six-shooters beats a pair of sixes."—Belle Starr, Dodge City, Kansas.

And speaking of New Year's resolutions, I read somewhere that the two most common ones made, are to quit smoking and to lose weight.

Unfortunately, but at the same time not totally unexpected, the two most commonly broken, are to quit smoking and to lose weight.

Since I haven't smoked in nearly 35 years, maybe I'll resolve to not smoke in '99. At least the odds are greater that I'll keep that one that it would be if I made the other.

Whether you keep your resolutions or not, have a happy New Year.

NEW ARRIVALS

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

November 30: A daughter, Kayla Dawn Marie, to Michael and Trina Jones of Prestonsburg.

December 1: A daughter, Cassie Nicole, to Elias and Heidi Michelle Stacey of Inez; a daughter, Keneisha Annette, to Stephanie L. Ramey of Flat Gap; a daughter, Jasmine Tamar, to Keith and Karla Johnson of Inez.

December 2: A son, Zackary Hunter, to Kim and Darrick Harman of Mousie; a son, Alvin James Emfinger, to Shannon Collins of Salyersville; a daughter, Hannah Grace, to John and Elizabeth Fitch of Thelma; a daughter, Kaitlyn Renae, to Sonya and David Moore of Inez.

December 3: A son, Brendan Alexander Xavier, to Rebecca Lynne and Steven Neil Slone of Prestonsburg; a son, Nathan David, to Rachel and Sammie McCoy of Inez.

December 4: A son, Shawn Tylor McGuire, to Teresa Mae Helton of Salyersville.

December 5: A son, Brian Austin, to Kisha and Brian Campbell of Hazard.

December 6: A daughter, Brittany LaShae, to Travis and Angela Rife of Hueysville.

December 7: A daughter, Hannah Jeanette, to Penny and Teresa Halbert of McDowell; a son, Steison Dwayne, to Chester

and Amanda Risner of Gunlock; a daughter, Hannah Raen, to Robert and Misty Jervis of Hippo.

December 8: A daughter, Mackynzie Alexis, to Ronnie and Jessica Samons of Martin; a son, Kenneth Payne Cantrell, to Amanda C. Ferguson of Flat Gap.

December 9: A son, Travis Wayne, to Donald and Vickie Griffin of Allen; a son, Doravan Patrick, to Amanda Osborne of Prestonsburg; a son, Donnie Edward Spriggs, to Angelia May of Stone; a daughter, Samantha Kayla, to Dawn Renee and Trinity Ryan Combs of Auxier.

December 10: A son, Joseph Anthony, to Charles and Kimberly May of Tutor Key; a son, Wesley Dalton, to Robin Lynn and Virgil Slone Jr. of Hi Hat.

December 11: A son, Kenneth Charles, to Patty Ann Powers of Auxier; a son, Daniel Thomas, to Connie Leann and Ronnie Wayne Diddle, of Auxier; a daughter, Andrea Rena Hale, to Maranda DuAnna and Arthur Chester Hale III of Lovely.

December 13: A daughter, Gabriel Alena, to Davina Dawn LeMaster of Thelma.

December 14: A daughter, Jimma Breanna JaHaisa, to Burnice and Chris Minix of Hager Hill; a son, Kenneth Chase Richmond, to Karen R. Lee of Van Lear; a daughter, Kately Victoria, to Paul and Adela Stanley of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Kayla Suzanne, to Joseph and Rebecca Cobern of Prestonsburg; a son, Chase Anthony, to Darrin and Alicia Caudill of Melvin.

December 15: A daughter, Kortney Ciara, to Selena and James Jarrel of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Megan Danielle, to

Stephanie and Charles Marsillet of Prestonsburg.

December 16: A son, Ethan Walker, to Julie and Billy Harless of Meally.

December 17: A daughter, Erika Cheyenne Carty, to Ginger Ann Stephens of Salyersville.

December 18: A daughter, Christian Gaberial Conley, to Deborah Reed of Staffordsville; a daughter, Brittany Michelle to Mary and Robert Moore Jr. of Tomahawk; a son, Kody Lee, to Lorery and Devin Walker of Prestonsburg.

PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL

December 1: A son, Zachary Ryan, to Laticia Lea and Jerry Little.

December 2: A daughter, Savannah Madison, to Wanda Fay and Sammy Jr. Fraley; a son, Isaac Xavier Vance, to Krystal Pauline Norman; a daughter, Tiffany Vanessa Karol Chaney, to Katrena Carol Anderson; a son, Shawn Harrison, to Sarah Ann and Shawn Jeffery Baldrige.

December 3: A daughter, Alexandra Rosalita Nicole, to Misty Dawn Lozekar; a daughter, Katie Elizabeth, to Fredia Michelle and Daron Lyndon Ratliff.

December 5: A son, Addisyn Quinn, to Catherine Babette and Timothy Andrew Lucas; a daughter, Lourryn Jean Paige Akers, to Krystal Music and Stephen Allen Akers; a son, Samuel Kyle Irick, to Misty Lynn Dorton and Samuel David Irick.

December 6: A son, Tristan James Bingham, to Heather Michelle Bishop; a son, Wesley Calvin Shane, to Kristy and Shannon Rife.

December 7: A daughter Savannah Lynn, to Lisa Ann and John Ballard Adkins; a son, Dalton Edward, to Angela Shareen and Bill Burke; twin daughters, Christyn Hope and Cassidy Grace, to Melissa Ann and Mitchell Lee Walters; a son, Adam, to Eugenia and Ricky Williams.

December 9: A daughter, Bethany Nicole to Rebecca Ann and Gary Dale Smith; a daughter, Angelenia Annette, to Goldie and Eric Bryant; a son, Paul Jacole, to Lewanna Kay and Paul Howell; a son, Caleb Jay, to Shelia Mae and Christopher David Mitchell; a daughter, Emily Ann, to Melonie Marie and Champ Chaney; a son, Garret Jacole Austin, to Michelle Renee and Shawn Patrick Murphy; a daughter, Hannah Reondra Rose Slone, to Peggy Hamilton and Bo Slone.

December 10: A daughter, Kacie Dakota Wheeler, to Donna Ray Hopkins and Elmer Keith Wheeler; a daughter, Kelsey Dawn, to Samantha and Christopher Robinson; a son, Dalton Tyler, to Anita Jeanetta and Perry Allen Smith; a son, Nicholas Alexander, to Rhonda G. and Benhamin R. Caudill; a daughter, Aleigha Nicole Slone, to Melissa Thornsby and Chad Slone.

December 11: A daughter, Kelsey Lasha, to Lisa Ann and Tracy Hall.

December 12: A daughter, Kennedy Katilin, to Kimberly Lynn and Jason Ottis Bentley.

December 13: A son, Timothy Gavin Dwin, to Amanda Gail Hunter; and a son, Roy Douglas Thacker Jr., to Jennifer Robin McMillan and Roy Douglas Thacker.

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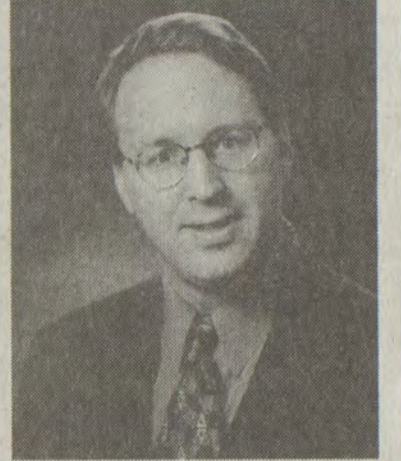
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Holiday celebration

Dr. Mable Lineberger was hostess to a Holiday Celebration at the historic Samuel May House in Prestonsburg.

The house was furnished with antiques from the collections of Delmar and Lillian Baldrige, Ethel May Burke, Billy and Josephine Herald, Mary Jo LaPointe, Elijah May Family, William James May, Grace Rowe and the family of Anne Harmon Stumbo. Prints from the Russell May Art Gallery and floral arrangements by Jenny Wiley Florist and grounds lighting by the city of Prestonsburg.

The guests were entertained by Silverwood, a faculty duo from Morehead State University, who played seasonal and classical music.

Briefs

(Continued from page one)

gerated guarantees to promote their herbicide products, according to Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith. The actual produce might be substantially different and ineffective as compared with the product described over the phone, Smith said.

Or, salesmen claim their product offers better protection against certain pests and weeds at a much lower price than a well-known pesticide, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Smith said that often the seemingly better pesticide is a commonly used pesticide which is being sold with exaggerated claims and an inflated price.

Payments for the products is generally COD by certified check or money order. Consumers should be aware that these types of transactions are difficult to stop once they are in place, Smith said.

Fraudulent pesticide sales should be reported to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Pesticides at (502) 564-7274.

Body recall

A Body Recall Class will begin Monday, January 4 in the First Presbyterian Church. The classes are sponsored by the Floyd County Health Department and are conducted for 10 weeks.

For more information, call 886-2788.

Deadlines

Brief announcements of church activities may be listed free in the Lifestyles Briefs section of the Times. Beginning in January, deadlines for announcements in Lifestyles briefs is 1 p.m. each Friday for publication in the next Wednesday edition.

Announcements will be edited for brevity and clarity.

Things to Ponder

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Even though 1999 will be coming soon and "the new century won't begin for another year, the lure and symbolism of the year 2000 is much too seductive for the world to ignore." Actually the new century begins in the year 2001, which means we will have to live through 365 days X 2 and 3 more New Year's Eves before the Big Millennium arrives. Nonetheless, a year of celebrations is planned for the magic of seeing 1999 turn into 2000. Examples include: Iceland will light bonfires; a giant ferris wheel will light up the London skyline; and the Vatican declared 2000 a Jubilee Year, the church's 27th since the first in 1300. Can you imagine what that New Year's Eve will be like at the strike of 12:01 a.m.? What will not happen?

Seems people have always been interested in distinguishing the passage of going from one year to the next. Plus, the main feature of New Year's activities also seemed to be "doing what you can to increase the likelihood of having a better year." Many ancient European traditions focused on the winter solstice; a time that begins at "Yule"—a time of birth, death, and renewal—and ending at "Twelfth Night" (around New Year's Day). All-night vigils or celebrations of song, dance, and story-telling marked the first turning of the year. The Yule log was the sacred fire that burned uninterrupted throughout the longest night of the year, as a beacon and welcomed the returning sun. The burning of a Yule log was a wish for good luck. The log was saved to start the fire the following year and the ashes were scattered over the land on New Year's Day to make the land fertile. Woodland trees were decorated with edible goodies—apples, nuts, grain, roots, and berries—for wild creatures in the forest. In addition, a gift of baked goods was used to celebrate the fruits of the old year and represented a magical blessing for plenty in the new year.

Since food is such a basic necessity of life and of great importance to a food addict, New Year's Day celebrations in many cultures underline the value of food by its involvement in the special holiday. According to Burt Wolf, "Many people believe that the food and

drink of New Year's Eve will influence life during the coming year." Numerous New Year's traditional menus include pork and pigs, such as eating lentils, cabbage, and pork and are believed to bring good luck.

In Austria, each new year begins with a dinner of roast suckling pig with decorations made of little edible pigs of marzipan, chocolate, cookie dough or fudge. In German bakeries, pig-shaped breads appear for New Year's Day. For much of the world, the pig represents moving forward into the new year—a pig moves forward with its snout to the ground. Since the Chinese first domesticated pigs in about 4900 B.C., various cultures have depended upon pork. While they valued

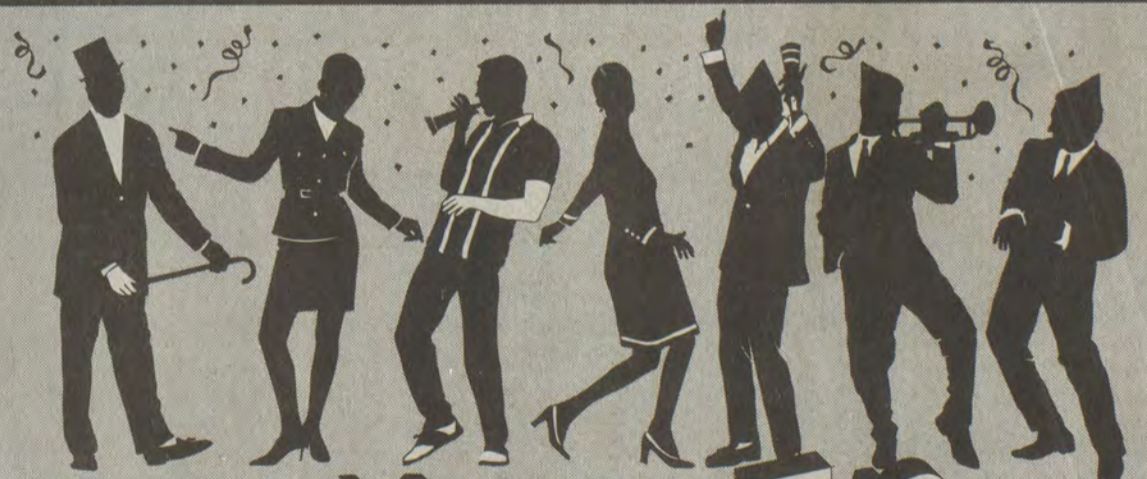
the pig so, often Chinese were buried with their herd, so hogs were with them in the afterlife. A meal at Chinese New Year usually includes a healthy portion of pork dumplings.

Besides pork, other good-luck foods include rice, beans, and grains, as well as greens and fish. For some folks, greens and lentils represent money or coins and are thought to bring riches. One friend said that her mother always puts a silver coin in the greens she cooks on New Year's Day. The good-luck roots of cabbage can be traced to Ireland, Germany, Eastern Europe, and Asia. Cabbage also supposedly has practical roots in that "Cabbage, even sauerkraut, is supposed to help cure 'the morning after the night before' making it in an ancient remedy for another famous New Year's Day tradition—hangovers." Italians eat lentils with sausages, symbolizing money and the purse to hold it in. In much of the Orient, fish is eaten for prosperity, noodles for long life, and rice for fertility. Chocolate supposedly symbolizes the rich and sweet hopes that the giver has for the recipient's year.

The Americans have added their foods to the "luck" list. In the South, black-eyed peas are served at holiday meals in that they are thought to hold the power of one's destiny. Many Southerners begin the new year with Hoppin' John, a meal of black-eyed peas mixed with rice and often eaten with ham. Then there is "Texas Caviar," a spicy relish made from pickled black-eyed peas, that is eaten the

first thing on New Year's Eve at 12:01 a.m. for maximum good luck in the new year. An older mother from Georgia insisted on making rutabaga pot licker on New Year's Day for the same reason. Cornbread is eaten to increase the chance of receiving gold. Although there is not any guarantee that foods will work, peas, greens, and pork, the promise of luck and money will often encourage guests to try everything. Just for luck. Most importantly, no matter what you eat, what you are and what you receive usually depends on how you treat yourself and others. Happy New Year and enjoy 1999 in many good ways!

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Good Luck and
Good Fortune*



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Anita Hale, 42, of Prestonsburg, and Randolph Allen, 42, of Garrett.

Christy L. Walker, 26, of Prestonsburg, and Charles R. Hensley, 42, of Prestonsburg.

Christina K. Bays, 19, of Blue River, and Coy Chad McIntyre, 19, of Hi Hat.

Shana M. Clark, 21, of Ivel, and Michael S. Sanders, 20, of Ivel.

Jessica N. Shepherd, 18, of Harold, and Keith A. Blevins, 19, of Oil Springs.

Rita F. Bradford, 19, of Allen, and Barry R. Bradford, 25, of Allen.

Stella A. Meade, 27, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Billy J. Flynn Jr., 32, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Tonia O. Ousley, 28, of Langley, and Rodney H. Browns, 29, of Langley.

Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's Note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists Russell Wallace, Mark Johnson, and Janet Conley.

Hobert's Pizzeria, not rated: Follow-up inspection of installation of second restroom revealed no further work has been done. Final notices given prior to enforcement notice issue.

Super America/Subway, Martin, 98 in deli and 96 in retail:

Thermometers not in all cooling units. Clean utensils improperly stored. Ice improperly labeled. Food stored on floor. Light out in walk-in cooler.

Wayland Fountain, 91: Some food on floor. Seating in disrepair. Wipe cloths not stored in sanitizing solution. Steamer, ice cream dispenser and pop dispensers slightly soiled. Floors in disrepair. Some lights out in dining area. Soiled linen improperly stored.

Allen Central Middle School, not rated: Investigation made due to complaint that food contained insect and hair. Investigation revealed no evidence of insect infestation. School uses corrective measures including baits and extermination. Food was not being served during inspection.

McDowell Elementary, 92: Cafeteria — hair restraints improperly worn. Storage bin lids in disrepair. Areas on top, behind, and under equipment slightly soiled. Dumpsters not covered and with some debris around area. Ceiling in disrepair in food preparation area. Walls in dishwashing area in disrepair. No air conditioner covers. Mop heads stored on the floor.

Building — water fountain in gym area out of order in locker area and lunchroom. Outside waste area not enclosed. No lids closed on dumpsters. Area had debris accumulation.

Restrooms throughout school's various buildings had soiled fixtures and some disrepair to sink handles, stalls, and stall doors. Floors, walls, and ceilings throughout school's restrooms in disrepair and soiled. Inadequate supply of tissue in several restrooms. Hand dryer out of order in family resource girls' restroom. No soap in boys' restroom in middle building. Middle school girls' restrooms need covered receptacles.

Lights in several buildings unshielded. Light guard in boys' restroom broken. Some lights in classrooms out of order. Walls in

auditorium have several holes. Ceiling tile in disrepair. Floors and walls throughout buildings soiled. Unlocked storage of cleaning supplies in the following areas: family resource building, auditorium, mechanical room in gym area. Unlabeled bottles of cleansers noted.

Premises had some debris around buildings and in storage areas.

The following were noted as safety hazards: broken glass in door near gym; toilet tissue dispenser broken and sticking out from the wall in gym area; broken window in boys restroom of band building; holes in floor of auditorium; door in boys' restroom of family resource building and heater in hall of trophy case hanging by one screw. Seesaw broken on playground area and area not completely enclosed.

Ray's Mega Mart, 92 in deli and 98 in retail: Reuse of food containers for storage of other food items. No hood or ventilation device installed over cooking surfaces in preparation area. Ceiling of microwave not clean. Shelving and pans not clean. Improper storage of clean utensils and not inverted. Lights not properly shielded in preparation area. Mop not inverted in preparation area. Improper storage.

John M. Stumbo Elementary Cafeteria, 78: Critical violation found. Chlorine solution at three-compartment sink above 200 p.p.m. Walk-in freezer will not maintain 0°F. Temperature got no lower than 10°F during a 20-minute period. Violations must be corrected on follow-up visit.

Other violations: Containers in walk-in refrigerator and in dry storage area not properly labeled. Thermometers not operable in chest-type freezer. Oranges stored on the floor under table in the dishwasher area. Also food debris noticed on can in dry storage area. Employee in food preparation area with soft drink said she had it then

to take her medicine with. Wiping cloths use not restricted and not stored in a sanitary solution. Outside storage containers have no covers. Debris on the ground around dumpsters. Coats stored on food equipment in storage area.

Entire kitchen area needs a good, general cleaning. Also a severe need exists for storage space. Storage area is overcrowded.

John M. Stumbo Elementary building, 88: Mouth guard on water fountain in big hallway in main building making contact with water. Floors in several classrooms in bad repair. No soap in men's restroom in gym. Light shield missing in several areas of the main building. Lights not operable (burned out) in several areas (hallways and classrooms). Not more than one or two per unit.

A complaint was lodged during the inspection regarding sewage backup problems in the head start building. Upon inspection, no backup problem was observed. Maintenance was at the school and had apparently corrected the problem. No backup problem in main building.

Suits filed

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

Commonwealth for Hedi Gayheart of Drift Vs Ronald Gayheart of McDowell, petition for child support and health care insurance

Commonwealth for Lecia Davis of Prestonsburg Vs Robbie Davis of Salyersville, petition for child support and health care insurance

Commonwealth for Anna Akers of Harold Vs Benjamin Akers of Harold, petition for child support and health care insurance

Commonwealth for Carol Collins of Prestonsburg Vs Harold Collins of Williamsport, petition for child support and health care insurance

Commonwealth for Barbara Moore of McDowell Vs Trya Boyd of Prestonsburg, petition for child support and health care insurance

Commonwealth for Wilma Spears of East Point Vs Gary Kimbler of Pikeville, petition for child support and health care insurance

Carlise Construction Co. of Newport, KY Vs Carbon Tech Fuels of Martin, collection of debts

Ladonna Ruth Akers Gibson of Martin Vs Thomas Joel Gibson of Martin, dissolution of marriage

Dispatch Logs

DECEMBER 14, 1998

8:10 possible burglary on South Lake Drive

10:07 auto accident without injuries at the post office parking lot

11:03 some tools stolen at the construction site at Mountain Arts Center

11:30 alarm engaged at 139 Front St

11:43 motorist locked keys up in car at E Court St

12:52 motorist locked keys up in car at Mountain Metal

3:21 reckless driving east on 114

4:14 DUI at Adams Middle School

4:43 alarm engaged at Floyd County Health Dept.

6:28 DUI on US 23 (University Dr)

6:44 911 hang up at 226 S Arnold Ave

7:09 motorist locked keys up in car at N Arnold Ave (High School)

9:08 motion detector activated at 207 Maple Ave

10:46 alarm activated at the high school

10:56 motorist locked keys up in car at Dollar Tree

11:47 car broke down (stalled) on 23N

7:08 alarm engaged on Maple Ave

11:54 car broken down at Super America

11:58 stolen property at West Graham

2:01 motorist locked keys up in car at Mountain Manor

2:27 stolen vehicle at Greenup

5:00 vandalism on Herold St

5:05 911 hang up at Riverside Dr

5:08 reckless driving at Wal-Mart parking lot

5:46 911 hangup Cliffside

5:52 Food City parking control

8:08 motorist locked keys up in car at Matewan Bank

8:47 High School parking control

9:21 stolen videos at Wal-Mart

9:26 possible drug related incident at Cliffside Apts.

DECEMBER 16

12:37 accident without injuries at Richmond parking lot

12:56 motorist locked keys up in car at PCC, Johnson Building

1:26 motorist locked keys up in car at May Lodge

3:29 motorist locked keys up in car at Graham St

4:19 tools stolen at Comfort Suites

4:58 kids with skateboards causing a disturbance at Our Place

5:09 shoplifter at Wal-Mart

5:41 car broken down at Rt 80 bridge

6:09 911 hangup at McDonald's pay phone

7:08 DUI

8:22 missing person at North Lake Drive

8:23 auto accident without injuries at Wal-Mart

8:53 car broken down on US23 N

9:07 alarm engaged at Jim C Hammer log yard

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AG NEWS

by Patricia G. Spicer

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Winter is definitely here and many people with fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are probably starting to think about their winter firewood supply. If they are buying recently cut firewood, they are wasting money.

Wood cut this fall has too much moisture in it. Much of the energy in the wood is used up to evaporate the water instead of heat the house. Wood cut this year will burn much hotter if it's seasoned (allowed to dry naturally) a year before burning.

There are a few tricks to letting firewood season properly. For example, if firewood is allowed to stand in the rain, the moisture content will be higher than if a cover is placed over it.

A shed is nice but not necessary. Boards or a plastic sheet can be placed over the stack of wood. Make sure the sides aren't covered as this will prevent proper ventilation.

Firewood should be stored in an area of good air

flow — that means not up against a building as many people do. Place the wood in an area where the sun can reach it — on the south side of the house, but not up against it.

People who use firewood also should know that the species of wood is just as important as how seasoned the wood is. Some species such as hickory, black locust, oak and beech have much higher BTU heat content than other species, such as willow, white pine or yellow-poplar.

The key to getting your money's worth from firewood is to buy a proper species and then let it season for a year before using.

So, what do you do if you didn't buy wood last year to season for this winter? Buy two cords of wood at a time and let one season for next winter. You really will get more for your money in the long run.

If you would like more information on buying firewood, contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668, or stop by the office at 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

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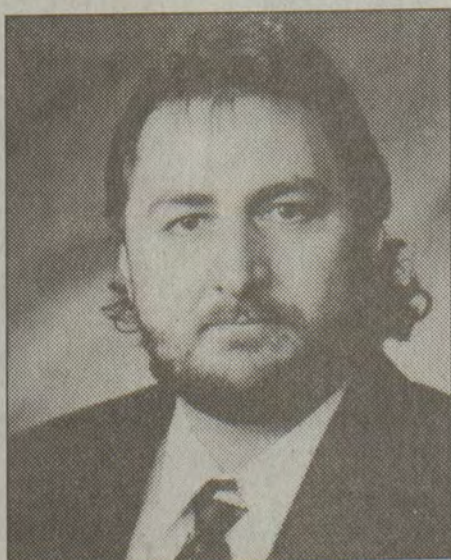
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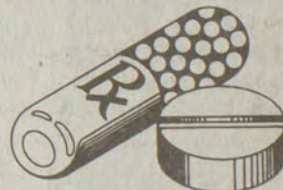
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Christmas

born on this day giving us a bright light to shine on us after a shadow of darkness. That is why December 25th was the chosen day of his birthday. Celebrate right! Invite your family and friends to share thoughts and have a great time! Christmas is a wonderful time not a time to have beer parties and fireworks showings. It's time to think about what is really special. Remember, Christ is the best present in this world. With your kindness you can show his love to everyone else. That is what I think the real meaning of Christmas is.

Floyd County Area Technology Center

Carlie Ratliff
Office Technology
"Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head."

Christmas has many different meanings, because numerous people celebrate it. When I asked one of my peers what Christmas meant to them, they replied immediately saying that "Christmas means presents," then turning with a remorseful expression he said "well, I guess it's supposed to have to do with all that Jesus stuff."

Kids are taught the story of Christmas, about the trip to Bethlehem, the birth of Christ, and the wise men following the star to find Jesus. But often they are not taught the connection between the presents, and Santa becomes their meaning of Christmas.

I grew up knowing that Christmas was a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, but at the same time I knew that about two weeks before December 25, (Christmas day) we decorate a Christmas tree and the night before Christmas Santa Claus would ride all over the world in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer, climbing down the chimneys of the good boys' and girls' houses, to put presents under the tree.

Now that I'm older, I understand that Christmas is an opportunity to spend time with family, and celebrate the generosity of our God, by being generous ourselves. Christmas is a time to count our blessings and be thankful for all that God has given us. And Christmas is the longest break we get from school until summer!

John M. Stumbo Elementary School

The Most Memorable Christmas I Could Imagine.

by Natasha Bowling
I would imagine the most memorable Christmas for me would be if I could see my real dad. I would go to the mailbox and find a present with a note attached that said, "See you at Christmas, Love, Dad." I would be filled with joy!

I can imagine the doorbell ringing twenty times on Christmas Eve, each time my hopes growing higher and higher. Then, my mother would call for me up the stairs to come down, because I had company. I would probably run so fast that I would fall down the stairs and bust my nose or mouth. Mom

would check to see if I was okay then say, "Go talk to your dad."

This would be my most memorable Christmas ever!
Merry Christmas

May Valley Elementary

Christmas in the Mountains

Christmas time in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky is my favorite time of the year. I love to see the hills and mountains covered with snow. This makes it easier for Santa to get here in his sleigh. Christmas at my house is always special to me. I love helping Mom and Dad decorate the tree with lights and ornaments. My sister and I like to bake Christmas cookies and help Mom decorate them. Christmas is a time for us to spend a lot of time with family. Everyone has a busy life so we don't get to do this a lot. I enjoy singing

a curcle and reindeer and we put glitter and sparkles on them.

We love you some with fat free milk so you will be healthy. Christmas is fun and I get lots of presents! It is a spesel okasion.

Love,
Seth Jones
Overall winner, K-3

Prestonsburg Elementary

Christmas means spending time with family and having love for everyone on Earth.

Tori Hunt

Prestonsburg High School

A Reflection of Christmas

"Wake up, Sis. Hurry, Santa's come," I shortly whispered in my older sister's ear, as I slightly

day together, but its different now. I can't run to my sisters side and eagerly awake her so we could be filled with bliss. Now I just wait for her and her family before I can see the expression on her face. I'm glad to know that Christmas still fills her heart with happiness, but it's sad to know that those precious moments of our close childhood no longer exist. The only thing about Christmas that hasn't changed is its meaning. I realize that with age and time everything is bound to change. I just wish that I could glimpse through the eyes of my innocence and believe in the magic of Christmas like I did once before. (Name of writer not available)

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The memory that sticks out the most is the time we were at my grandmas and a big snow came. It was Christmas Day and we had

Christmas is a celebration of love. It commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior of the human spirit. He sacrificed his life for all mankind, and we gather to honor him with our friends and family. Gifts are exchanged as tokens of love, just as they were given to the babe in the manger by the Magi. Christmas is also a time to send cards, decorate trees, go caroling, and serve dinners. Children await the arrival of Santa Claus with his presents for Christmas morning. It is a time for peace and goodwill among everyone. Let us all remember to love one another, like the man whose life we are celebrating. (Name of writer not available)

Stumbo Elementary

Christmas time is all most here, My heart is filled with Christmas cheer.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love,
Given to us from God above.
(Name of writer not available)

Kory's Christmas Thoughts
by Kory Henry
Third Grader
He gave us baby Jesus to save us from sin.
So that when we die a new life

will begin.

Giving out presents to show we care,

Is a symbol that Jesus still is here.

W.D. Osborne School

What Christmas Means to Me

by Justin Johnson
Overall Winner, 4-5

Christmas is a time for giving. When I say giving I mean Giving love and presents. I also think about our one and only savior Jesus Christ. I think we should praise the Lord and be thankful for what we have. The reason why is because He gave his only Son up to forgive us of our sins. So that we could make it to heaven. I think it is nice to receive a present or two but think of your parents. You should buy them a present too. I mean look at all the stuff that they've bought you this year and all the stuff they do for you. I used to always think about myself but now I think about other people too. So whenever you're Christmas shopping think about other people because what if your parents thought only about themselves then you wouldn't get nothing. So have a safe and merry Christmas.



At the WMDJ/McDonalds Christmas Celebration Mona Dingus read "The Night Before Christmas" to her daughter Katie Ann. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Christmas carols with my friends. Although the most exciting part is opening presents from Santa on Christmas morning, we need to remember what Christmas is really about. Christmas is about the birth of baby Jesus. Christmas means love. How much God loves you and me. (Name of writer not available)

McDowell Elementary

Dear Santa,

I really like Christmas. At my house we put up a tree and decorate it. The Angel is my favorite because sometimes angels save you if you get into trouble. Mommy and me make cookies on Christmas Eve. We make a tree and

nudged her, trying to get a glimpse of her eyes. Sneaking past our parents room, we made our way to the place of pleasure. We stood in amazement as we stared at the presents that were heaping beneath the Christmas tree. Out of curiosity we would always go through what seemed like huge socks left behind from a giant. With innocence in our eyes and sincerity in our voice, we ran to our parents room. "Wake up Mommy and Daddy. We want to see what Santa left for us."

Back then Christmas was the greatest time of the year. It was filled with so much imagination and innocent fun which perfectly reflected the religious meaning of the holiday. Now, when I think back to what I lost through the years, I realize that those playful times with my family were priceless. We all still celebrate the holi-

just finished eating dinner and were packing to head back home. All the sudden snow was everywhere! I was certain we were stuck, I was in a total panic, along with my mother who had to work the next day. Well, my uncle had a 4-wheel drive and he had a great idea. He said, "I will push you over the mountain and after that you can make it on your own."

At first, I was doubtful, but it worked! It was the coolest thing being pushed up and over the icy mountain. It was just so exciting. Everything worked out and we made it home safely.

South Floyd High School

The Meaning of Christmas:
The Way That I See It
by Cynthia Vanover

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The Floyd County Times BUSINESS/REAL ESTATE

Bank Josephine announces expansion

Dennis T. Dorton, president and chief executive officer of Citizens National Corporation, has announced business expansions for The Bank Josephine that affects Floyd and Magoffin counties.

First, the corporation plans to open a 4,000-square foot, full-service branch of The Bank Josephine at the new Centerpoint Shopping Center, near the new post office at the intersection of KY 114 and US 23 in Prestonsburg.

Additionally, Dorton said the company will open a 2,000-square foot, full-service office in Magoffin County.

"These new locations are an indication of our commitment to offer the best community banking to the people of the Big Sandy region," Dorton said.

The Bank Josephine now has six banking branches and two free-standing automatic teller machines in convenience stores.

The local bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citizens National Corporation, is the second-largest independent banking company in the Big Sandy.

"Competition in the banking industry is changing the way banks serve people," Dorton said. "Just as

major financial institutions are consolidating in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, so it is in rural markets like eastern Kentucky. The competitive environment and investment in new technology are making demands on banks to meet the expectations of their customers.

"We have very good people in our banks who have created unique banking products to serve those who live and work in eastern Kentucky," Dorton added. "Our goal is to be the bank for life of the people in the communities we currently serve and those where we find opportunities to be competitive. We've lived our lives here, have deep roots in the Big Sandy region and have committed significant resources in people, locations and technology to be the principal bank for anyone who wants to bank with a truly hometown community bank."

In October 1998, Citizens National Corp. made public notice of its intentions to expand its operations of The Bank Josephine in Magoffin County, as permitted under state banking regulations, and later received approval for the new main office from the Kentucky Commissioner of Banking.



SHARON BRANHAM

Branham serving as board president

Sharon Branham of Prestonsburg, president/CEO of Hospice of Pike County Inc., is serving as president of the board of directors of the Kentucky Association of Hospices for 1998-2000. She has been a member of the KAH board for four years.

The Kentucky Association of Hospices, through 27 community programs, provides hospice care to terminally-ill patients throughout all 120 counties in Kentucky. No other state has hospice care available statewide, Branham said.

In addition to directing the local hospice program which she founded in 1991, Branham is owner and serves as president/CEO of Home Care Health Services, a local home health agency serving Pike County for more than 10 years.

She is working in conjunction with Highlands Regional Medical Center's new home health agency, Highlands Home Health, which will soon begin to serve patients in Floyd and Johnson counties.

Branham was recently elected to the Kentucky Home Health Association board of directors as member-at-large for the 1998-2002 term. She is also a member of the board of Kentuckians to Improve the End of Life Care, advisory board of Pikeville College of Nursing, and Big Sandy District Cancer Council.

Insurance coverage for small businesses

Insurance is designed to protect against the loss of your investment in your business. Insurable business risks can be grouped in seven categories: Property, Crime, Vehicle, Liability, Business Interruption, Worker's Compensation and Employee Benefits. Not all kinds of insurance are required for every small business.

Property—If you own your own building, a Commercial Building Policy would be necessary to cover losses from fire, flood or other disasters. If you lease a building, you would want to insure the contents: inventory, furniture, equipment or tools, with a Personal Property Policy. Property of others in your possession, while in storage, being repaired or serviced, creates a potential liability, which should be insured.

Crime—Loss of cash and negotiable securities due to theft or robbery on or off your premises as well as employee dishonesty and embezzlement are potential risks. Generally, crime coverage will be packaged with property or liability coverage.

Vehicle—Business vehicle insurance is similar to personal

vehicle insurance. Whenever you transport a client or property, your vehicle insurance should provide appropriate coverage.

Liability—Sound business practice demands that you protect your customers and their property against damage from your business's products and services. A General Liability Policy provides this coverage. A business generating a product would require product liability insurance. Should using your product injure someone, you would be covered. A service business, such as a doctor, lawyer or CPA would have professional liability insurance. Another type of liability insurance, employment practices liability insurance, is provided for claims involving harassment, discriminatory hiring practices, and wrongful discharge. Losses in excess of liability policy limits can be covered by an Umbrella Liability Policy.

Business Interruption—While property insurance would cover the loss of your building or equipment, the profits lost while you rebuild the business are not covered. Business interruption insurance provides for the lost profits and generally pays the fixed operating costs during the rebuilding period.

These areas are all defined in the policy and may be limited.

Worker's Compensation—An employee who is injured or ill resulting from their job is entitled to worker's compensation benefits. This insurance provides some income for the worker and coverage for related medical expenses. The state of Kentucky requires worker's compensation insurance for any business with an employee.

Employee Benefits—Common insurance coverage for employees includes: group life, group health, long-term disability and short-term disability. Extended care coverage may also be considered.

Insurance premiums (what you pay for the coverage) are generally based upon experience and relative risk. To help reduce your insurance premiums, you may consider increasing the risk you are willing to take. Increasing your deductible (the amount of a claim that you must shoulder) can reduce your premium. However, taking on too high of a deductible could adversely impact your cash flow when a loss occurs. Ask your insurance agent to quote your premiums at two or more deductible levels. You may find the additional risk is worth the savings.

Jones completes drapery school

Linda Lee Jones, wife of Claud D. "Buddy" Jones III, of Dana, recently attended Cheryl Strickland's Professional Drapery Workroom School in Swannanoa, N.C.

The only one of its kind in the United States, the window coverings school offers a certificate of completion for attendees who successfully conclude an intensive 32-hour, hands-on program.

As an attendee, Jones learned the professional step-by-step construction techniques for seven different

window treatments. Each attendee was required to make a sample of each treatment to complete the course.

Attendees learned the differences in guidelines for quality between home-sewn and professional techniques and were given the opportunity of meeting and networking with other professionals to discuss common issues.

Upon completion of the school, attendees are prepared to offer custom quality services as a professional.

U.S. department of labor reports EEO agreements

The US Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) has reported the results of its fiscal year 1998 efforts in Kentucky.

A total of 59 compliance audits and complaint investigations were conducted at Kentucky companies. Equal employment opportunity (EEO) agreements arising from these actions obtained \$461,080, including back pay of \$141,840 for victims of discrimination.

According to Carol A. Gaudin, OFCCP's regional director, Atlanta, the southeastern region conducted 851 compliance audits and complaint investigations and obtained \$8.7 million with \$1.9 million in back pay for victims of discrimination.

OFCCP enforces regulations requiring federal contractors to take affirmative action to end discrimination and ensure equal employment opportunity in the workplace. The agency then seeks to remedy victims of discrimination and to require corrective actions by employers for lack of good faith efforts to take affirmative action.

In addition to securing back pay and lost positions for applicants and employees who have experienced discrimination in the workplace, the agency often negotiates for revised personnel practices and built-in safeguards against future discrimination where appropriate.

Other special provisions in an EEO agreement can include: increased efforts to recruit qualified women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and Vietnam veterans; EEO and diversity training for management; improved record-keeping; and self auditing procedures to ensure fairness in personnel and job posting and announcement activities.

Among the more innovative approaches pursued by OFCCP are corporate management reviews

which focus on professional, managerial and executive positions in larger organizations. These investigations study the invisible barriers, commonly referred to as the "glass ceiling," which prevent women and minorities from advancing to mid- and upper-level positions within a company.

Another area of emphasis is the agency's effort to identify and remedy racial and sexual harassment in the workplace. Because victims of racial or sexual harassment often do not file complaints, OFCCP directs its attention to indicators of harassment during routine audits. As a result, several instances of egregious racial and sexual harassment have been identified.

"It is our intent to provide employers with technical assistance to meet the requirements of the regulations and to ensure a workplace free of harassment. When problems are found we want to work with employers to settle discrimination, harassment and other cases without long and expensive litigation," said Gaudin.

"Our major objective, however, is to ensure that qualified minorities and women who have been denied equal employment opportunities receive remedies and that equal employment opportunity policies are implemented."

OFCCP is responsible for enforcing Executive Order 11246 and other laws requiring federal contractors to guarantee equal employment opportunity without regard to race, gender, religion, color, national origin, disability or Vietnam-era status. It is a part of the department's Employment Standards Administration.

The Louisville Area Office is located at the Mazoli Federal Building, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Room 185, Louisville, Ky. 40202; telephone: 502/582-6275.

Commerce department awards medal to Jackson weather forecast office

The U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded its Silver Medal to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Jackson Weather Forecast Office for outstanding work in community outreach and promoting diversity.

Meteorologist in Charge Shawn Harley received the award recently from Commerce Secretary William Daley at a ceremony in Washington, DC.

The staff of the Jackson forecast office was commended for "contributions and accomplishments toward promoting and furthering diversity...by being proactive in building a diversity framework for the future."

Harley explained that the staff employed several programs to pro-

vide scientific education and diversity in area schools. The Employees Scholarship Fund and the Robinson Scholars Program provide financial assistance, support, and instruction to local students seeking to pursue the sciences in college.

Several staff members, Harley said, devote considerable time and energy to working as mentors, tutors, and sponsors of individual students and groups. The School Rain Gauge Program requires active participation of students at 40 area schools to report rainfall.

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The Secretary grants the Silver Medal—the department's second

highest honorary award—to employees who have made contributions of exceptional value in support of overall departmental goals that serve the nation.

CPA appointed to the national AICPA committee

Robert R. Hill, MBA, CPA, an accounting professional from Crowe, Chizek and Company LLP, has been re-appointed senior tax technician of the Tax, Managerial and Government Accounting and Reporting Subcommittee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

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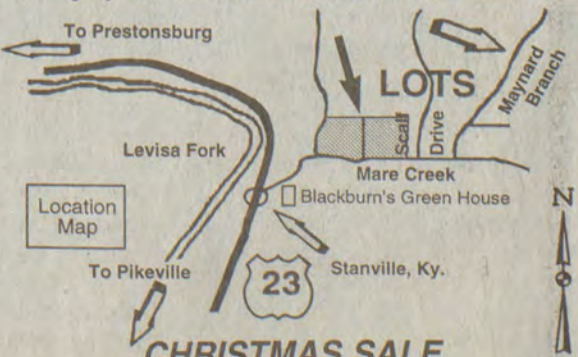
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The Piarist Perspective



HOME COMING COURT



Natasha Clark



Beth Lawson



Megan McHale



Tai England



Nora Traum



Kari Ross

The Piarist School will hold its 1998-1999 Basketball Homecoming on January 8th vs. Oneida Baptist Institute. The women's varsity basketball game will begin at 6 P.M. and the men's varsity game at 8 P.M. Homecoming festivities will occur at half time of the men's game. The 1998-1999 Piarist School Homecoming Court is as follows:

- * Senior Attendant: Natasha Clark is the seventeen year-old daughter of Ed and Audrey Collins of Harold, KY.
- * Senior Attendant: Elizabeth Lawson is the eighteen year-old daughter of Lisa Lawson of Prestonsburg, KY and Bobby Lawson of Harold, KY.
- * Senior Attendant: Megan McHale is the seventeen year-old daughter of Chris McHale of Paintsville, KY and John McHale of Beckley, West Virginia.
- * Junior Attendant: Tai England is the sixteen year-old daughter of Robert and Mary England of Hi Hat, KY.
- * Sophomore Attendant: Nora Traum is the fifteen year-old daughter of Clarence and Carolyn Traum of Prestonsburg, KY.
- * Freshman Attendant: Kari Ross is the fifteen year-old daughter of Christine Steele and Johnny Ross of Prestonsburg, KY.

Piarist Science Olympiad Team

The new Piarist School Science Olympiad team has been formed and is looking forward to the upcoming regional competition. Most of last year's team has returned, and if the past is any indication of the future, then this year's team should have great success. The team placed third in the region last year and also had members place at the state.

This year's team captain, or "dictator" as team faculty sponsor Dr. Deb Hopkins has nicknamed him, is sophomore Tommy Greene. Junior Ryan Mullins is his assistant.



Last year's third place regional Science Olympiad team from The Piarist School.

Bon appetit !



These French Club members are partaking of the French delicacy fondue: (left to right) sophomores William Duty, Joseph Fitzgerald, and Tommy Greene.

The Sailor

by Bonnie Cleary



The fickle foam
My hands have roughened,
And Mother Earth strates my vessel
With clear coats of salty dreams.
My grizzled hands haul in the rope.
A rusty sea scraper
Clanks onto my self-styled planks.
The wild child nature screams her fury.
Fists of anger toss my vessel,
And her tears strate my back.
She throws her anger to the ocean.
Her rage pours forth until one day
She collapses, her fury spent.
A calm remorse follows me home.
The wild child sings a song,
And the docks will welcome me back.
I'm the sailor. I am home.

Autumn

by John Keeton

Autumn
in Kentucky
is an everlasting
experience, waking up
in the morning to frigid air
beyond your bedroom window
which by lunch time has become so warm
it envelops you as you step outside your front door
to take in the surroundings, the barren trees which turned
from green
to red
to gold
to brown
first on the trees then on the ground, thank you for shedding trees.

New Dress Code at The Piarist School?



No, The Piarist School does not have a new dress code. Ten students presented Anne Marten's *Pajama Party* at the Kentucky High School State Drama Festival at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. Pictured are (from left to right) junior Katie Karn as Phyllis, sophomore Nora Traum as Nan, junior Natalie McDonald as Becky, and freshman Amber Hutchinson as Carla as they dance to "Barbie Girl." Also in the cast were seniors Natasha Clark as Ginny and John Keeton as Mr. Redmond; juniors Tai England as Mrs. Redmond and Clarissa Mulliken as Micky; freshmen Amanda McDonald as Ellie and Bonnie Cleary as Sandy. *Pajama Party* is the story of teenage girls who get together one evening for a pajama party with no parents present in the house. But they soon feel there may be at least one uninvited adult there, the blue light burglar. The show was directed by Rev. David Powers, Sch.P. A Monday afternoon performance was presented at the school the day the cast left for Bowling Green.

A Cat's Tale

by Jeremy Duncan



Once upon a time, a little kitten was born in the wild. She never lived in a house, but rather out in nature. Her home was in the woods, and she played and made friends with all the forest animals.

One day she discovered a house in a clearing. The "wild cat" was investigating the house when she came upon a domestic cat that lived there.

"Hello! How are you today?" asked the wild cat.

"I'm fine," responded the domesticated cat. "Would you like to see my fine, big home?"

The wild cat answered with an enthusiastic, "Yes!" So the domestic cat took her all around the house and showed her all of his beloved possessions, but when he showed the feral cat his food dish, she ate some of his delicious food. He was greatly angered at her action, but he didn't say anything. However, when she laid down upon his soft, comfortable bed, a tremendous fight ensued.

"That's my bed! What do you think you are doing? Get out of my house at once!" he hissed hysterically.

"I just wanted to see what a real bed felt like," she whimpered. "You should learn to share. If this is how you are going to act, I won't come around here anymore," she stated.

The wild cat turned and headed

toward the woods where her "real" friends dwelled. In between the tears, she told them what had happened. Similar things had happened to all of them. When the squirrel once climbed in the trees surrounding the domesticated cat's house, he was attacked and chased off by the cat. The cat had also chased away all of the birds that lighted upon the laundry lines.

After a while, all of the woodland creatures stopped visiting the domesticated cat's house, and they never ventured near his yard or house again.

The domesticated cat became very lonely and wondered what had happened to all of the other animals. "Perhaps they had all been attacked and killed," he thought.

One day he crept into the cover of the forest. He soon heard the sounds of laughter playing upon the spring breeze. Hunting down the source of the merriment, he slowly approached a clearing in the forest; and there, amidst the ferns and wildflowers, he saw the wild cat frolicking with all her woodland friends. He turned away and slowly crawled under the brush toward his comfortable home. Loneliness was his only companion accompanying him on his journey home.

This story was written as an assignment for English IV. It is a fable, a brief story, usually with animal characters, that teaches a lesson or a moral.