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Striking workers to vote on plan today

By Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

Striking union members at Highlands Regional Medical Center are cautiously optimistic concerning a surprise announcement Friday evening that the hospital and Service Employees Industrial Union 1199 have reached a tentative agreement which, if approved by workers today, could end the 73-day-old work stoppage.

Both the union and the hospital issued tersely-worded statements concerning the proposal, revealing nothing about what it contains to either the media or the striking workers who will have the final say whether to accept or reject it.

The announcement comes more than two months since the strike began and many weeks since the two sides last sat down for negotiations.

The agreement was apparently worked out through a state mediator.

According to press releases from both HRMC and SEIU, details of the proposal will not be released until after it is presented to the bargaining units.

Juanita Branham, an LPN who, as a member of the union negotiating committee, will be among the first to see it, says she is hoping for the best.

"I was tickled to death (upon hearing of the proposal)..." Branham said. "We're hopeful they (the hospital) are ready to bring us back to work and give us a con-

tract we can live with."

The negotiating committee will get the first crack at the proposal at 2 p.m. today. At 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., the rest of the union membership will have the opportunity to review and vote on the agreement during meetings at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville.

While union members say they're hoping for the best, they also say they are not ready to agree to a contract which does not include certain items.

Brenda Grimm, a transport orderly with the hospital, said the proposal will have to offer "health insurance we can afford, job security and no subcontracting" before she will vote for it.

"I've not stood out here on the picket line for 72 days to take crumbs from HRMC," Grimm said.

Grimm said she remains skeptical about the proposal because it came as a

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Board votes to sue attorney for malpractice

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

When Floyd County Board of Education members assembled for Thursday night's special-called meeting, they had a judgement in excess of \$600,000 from EAU Cogenex Corporation to consider.

This judgement, which had been set aside in an earlier appeal, became reactivated when the United States Court of Appeals reversed a decision concerning the arbitration award by U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood.

After reviewing the material in the suit, the board approved a motion to bring suit against former board attorney Jerry Patton for malpractice.

The case involves a dispute between the board and EAU Cogenex Corp. for fees charged for a computerized energy management system for the district. The system was billed as a way of saving the board money on energy costs.

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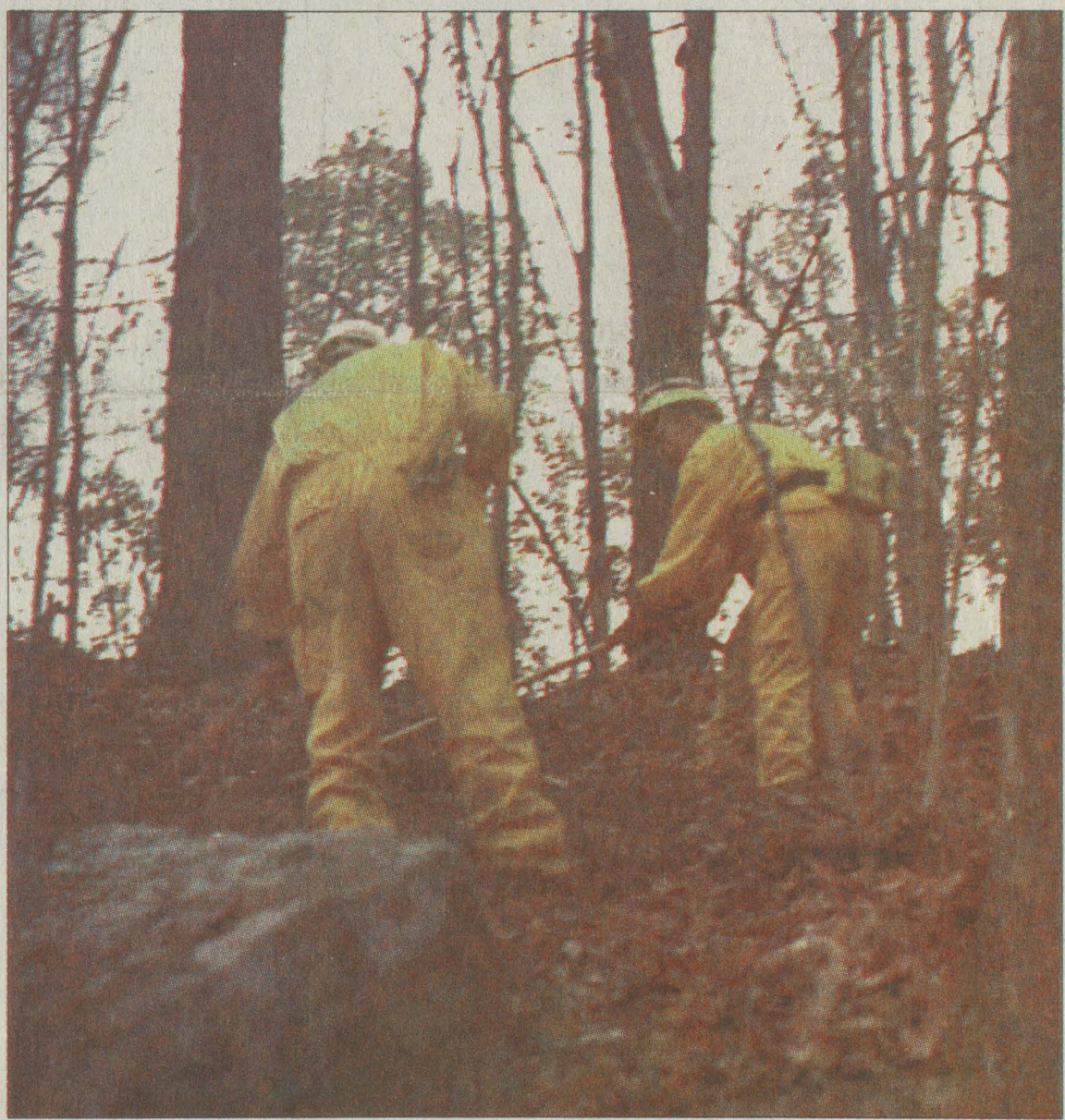
School system to buy land for football fields

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

After about an hour-and-half executive session during Thursday night's special-called meeting, Floyd County Board of Education members made and passed motions that put the construction of the athletic complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd high schools one step closer to being started.

Shortly after going into session, Jack Waff, who has been hired by the Kentucky Department of Education to assist State Manager Woody Carter in getting the facilities started, was called into the meeting, presumably to give infor-

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Division of Forestry firefighters Lucas Meek of Tutor Key, left, and Beverly Fannin of Offutt were among 20 people from the Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers working to clear a line around a 100-acre fire within Jenny Wiley State Park on Friday. It was the eighth straight day firefighters have spent fighting blazes all around the Big Sandy region. (photo by Ralph B. Davis)

Forests remain ablaze

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The number of forest fires in the county and region continues to increase to the point that the Forestry Division at Betsy Layne has been forced to bring in outside resources to help with the situation.

Sarah Douglas at the Forestry Division said firefighters from other districts are being called in. She also said that the National Guard was on

hand yesterday (Saturday) to assist the division in controlling fires.

Douglas said that most of the fires were acts of arson. On Thursday, Scott estimated that 900 acres were burned combined with 400 from fires that restarted from the previous days.

Scott said people could call a toll-free number to report cases of arson. The number is 1-800-27 ARSON. She said the weather forecast of warm tem-

peratures and low humidity did not bode well for firefighters.

Scott said all citizens in the region should be aware of the complete ban on burning. The ban will continue until weather conditions change.

While Scott said the division could not estimate the amount of damage, she did say that, statewide, there have been 1,065 fires since July burning 33,631 acres, making the 1999 fire season the worst in eight years.

Carroll pleads guilty to sex abuse

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

A Martin man admitted to being a sexual offender in Floyd Circuit Court Friday.

Steve R. Carroll 34, stood before Circuit Judge John David Caudill and pleaded guilty to a single charge of first-degree sexual abuse.

Carroll's charge had arisen from allegations he had subjected a 12-year-old girl to sexual contact in

August of 1998.

For entering the plea the Commonwealth's Attorney offered Carroll a two-and-a-half-year sentence, with one year in jail and the remainder of the sentence suspended and served in supervised probation.

If Caudill accepts the sentencing recommendation, Carroll will have to complete a sexual offender treatment program before he can be released.

He is scheduled for formal sentencing on December 12.

Police still looking for drug, robbery suspects

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Kentucky State Police is still on the lookout for two suspects wanted in connection with a pair of unrelated crimes.

Mark D. Shepherd, 27, of either Warsaw, Ind. or Banner, is wanted after being indicted on trafficking in cocaine, complicity to traffic in cocaine, trafficking in

marijuana, complicity to traffic in marijuana and driving while under the influence.

Shepherd is suspected to be a resident of Floyd County or to have family in the area. He is five feet six inches, 185 pounds, and has brown hair and green eyes.

In September, Kentucky State Police Troopers Jamie Kidd and Dwayne Price pulled Shepherd over during a routine DUI stop

and accidentally tripped onto the major drug bust.

Shepherd was pulled over by the troopers for running a stop sign on KY 321 near Paintsville. Shepherd then fled the scene on foot while the officers arrested two passengers in his car — Misty Mollette, 21, of Paintsville, and James Bailey Jr., 28, of Banner.

When the troopers checked the

glove box for alcohol, they found a small bag of cocaine which led to a complete search of the vehicle.

Hidden in the trunk of the vehicle was 5.7 pounds of cocaine in its purest form, about seven pounds of freshly harvested, high-grade marijuana and more than \$17,000 in cash.

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What's Inside



Briefs

Salisbury tabbed as KIDC director

Frank E. Salisbury, an economic development specialist for American Electric Power from Prestonsburg, has been selected as one of six directors of the Kentucky Industrial Development Council.

The selection was made during the group's annual meeting at the Seelback Hotel in Louisville.

The council was formed in 1967 as a non-profit organization with a mission of developing and maintaining high standards in the field through professional development programs, the exchange of information and the advancement of skills and knowledge of those engaged in the profession.

Pike man killed in car wreck

A Freeburn man was killed late Thursday evening after he lost control of his vehicle upon stumbling on a coal truck spill in Phelps.

Ronald E. Hayes, 26, was pronounced dead at the scene by deputy Pike County coroner Ernest Casebolt.

According to police reports, Hayes was driving west on Route 632 when he came upon the spill. He lost control of his vehicle in an attempt to avoid the spill, causing his car to hit an embankment.

An unidentified passenger in his car was taken to the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Public meetings

The Adams Middle School site-based council will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, in the school media center.



Above are two composite sketches of a woman wanted in connection with an armed robbery at a local store.

Industrial site, road repairs part of FCFC special meeting

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

Ending the high interest payments on a local industrial site was a key topic discussed in a special-called meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court Friday morning.

The court granted power to County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson to apply for grants from the Local Government Economic Development Fund in order pay off the several remaining notes.

Thompson said the county will be paying nearly \$35,000 in interest payments a year on the site and it would be best to try to get it paid off.

\$357,000 is owed on the site, but Thompson asked the court to allow him to apply for a \$375,000 grant to

assure all the notes are paid.

The nearly eight-acre site is located across from R&S Truck Body.

Magistrates approved the second reading of one ordinance and the first reading of another to amend its budget to reflect \$347,344 in unanticipated revenues.

Both amendments deal with grants received from the state Transportation Cabinet, including a \$67,144 grant to repair Bays Branch and Simpson Branch roads.

In other court action Friday:

- The county revenue bond for the sheriff's office was raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000. A check for \$600 was okayed for the payment of that bond to the Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency.

- Floyd County was awarded \$21,188.83 from the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Abandoned Mine Land funds for a groundwater contamination study.

- A request for \$6,321.12 for payment to Howard K. Bell Consulting Engineers, Inc. was passed.

- The court approved checks for \$12,618.73 to Kentucky Glass Lined Tank Systems, \$4615.02 to Howard K. Bell Engineers, \$63,221.06 to HP Contracting Inc., and \$1,142.61 to the Beaver Elkhorn Water District. The funds will be drawn from a \$935,000 another abandoned mine lands grant.

- Commissioners approved a request from Jailer Roger Webb to update the jail policy and procedure

manual by adjusting the physician's fee from \$5 to \$10.

- Payments to the sheriff's office for patrolling Dewey Lake were accepted. \$2,198.10 was paid for the month of October.

- A state grant for \$20,000 was awarded to the county. This grant will be used to build one low-income family a new home. The home will be built at Mayo Technical School and then moved in two sections to a site which will be prepared by the county. The

Appalachian Research and Defense Fund will determine who gets the home.

- The Wayland Senior Citizen's Center will be paid \$3,688 as a reimbursement for furniture purchased at the Tackett Furniture Company.

- Emergency payments are to be made for consultant fees, transfers, auditing, office supplies, motor vehicles, supplies and equipment in the amount of \$21,259.29.

- Members approved the reissuing of checks to Fresh-Flo Corp. for

\$2,666 and to Donald R. Tackett for \$300.

- Lacy David Shepherd, after completing six months employment was granted a raise to \$10.90 an hour; deputy jailer Dennis Johnson, promoted to shift supervisor, was granted a raise to \$9.91 an hour; and deputy jailer Dewayne Crum was granted a raise to \$9.40 an hour.

- Payments for election officers and polling places were also granted.

Roads added to county list

A host of roads were adopted into the county road system Friday in a special-called meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

The roads are:

- Jacob and Juda Allen Cemetery Road at Mouth of Brush Creek on Rt. 850; approximately 1,560 feet in length and 14 feet wide; 15 property owners or tenants.

- Ernal Bentley Drive at Rt. 979, Grethel; 310 feet in length and 14 feet wide; four property owners or tenants - Leroy Madison, Darrin Reynolds, Wendy Hamilton and Dock Reynolds.

- 1956 Spurlock Creek Road at 1956 Spurlock Creek, Prestonsburg; three-tenths of a mile in length and 15 feet wide; four property owners or tenants - Francis Branham, John H. Meador, Jimmy C. Webb and Sally J.

Hall.

- Jim Case Lane at Rt. 680; 200 feet in length and 14 feet wide; three property owners or tenants - Ruby Smith, Wayne Slone and Hershel Hall.

- Omery Compton at Price; one-tenth of a mile in length and 14 feet wide; one property owner or tenant - Omery Compton.

- Power Plant Road at District One; 810 feet in length and 14 feet wide.

- Aaron King Road at Lower Toler's Creek Church Road; 190 feet in length and 14 feet wide; three property owners or tenants - Brian Hatfield, Aaron King and Lee Roberts.

- Williams Lane at Jack Creek on Rt. 1498; 70 feet in length and 14 feet wide; two property owners or tenants

- Russell Slone and Billy Williams.

- Cemetery Road at Left Fork on Butler Hall Farm Place; 1,500 feet in length and 14 feet wide.

- Mark Martin Drive at 2301 Abbott Creek Road; 500 feet in length and 14 feet wide; three property owners or tenants - Arnold Jarrell, Brian Jones and Ruby Baldrige.

- Juniper Cove at Daniel's Creek of Banner; 250 feet in length and 14 feet wide; five property owners or tenants - David Dean, David Michael Jamison, Billy G. Slone and Michael and Beth Arnett.

- Rhoda Halbert Cemetery at Fischer Hollow in Printer; 300 feet in length and 14 feet wide; three property owners or tenants - Jannette R. Halbert, Mildred Halbert and Warren Jarrell.

Lawsuit

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Soon after the system was installed, the two parties disagreed on the efficiency of the system and its ability to produce the promised energy savings.

The board had paid only a small portion of the contract price when Cogenex filed a demand for arbitration in the Boston office of the American Arbitration Association on July 29, 1997.

The opinion says that the Floyd County Board of Education "engaged in a pattern of delay from beginning." The board was served with notice of the arbitration and should have responded by August 11, 1997, but failed to do so.

Much of the action with Cogenex was going on while the board was in turmoil, and at one time had only three of its normal five members. The internal turmoil was caused by a public investigation into wrongdoing on the part of board members.

According to the opinion, the board continued using delay tactics until January 5 when the arbitrators

denied the board a 20-day extension and issued an award in favor of Cogenex.

The brief also states that the Patton continued to represent the board, producing documents for Cogenex, taking depositions of the board's only witness, and filing a second motion to dismiss the arbitration, all without informing the arbitrator of the problem with the board's ability to authorize further representation.

Despite the denial of the delay, the appeals court ruling indicates no one appeared on behalf of the board during the arbitration hearing which ultimately led to a finding that the board should pay Cogenex over \$600,000.

The brief also states that "a lawyer should not refuse to attend a hearing or otherwise disregard his obligation to represent a client merely because the client's fees have not been paid." In a footnote in the brief, the following explanation is given: "In this case, there appears to be no real threat that

counsel for Floyd County would not be compensated for their appearance at the arbitration hearing, only that their compensation would be delayed."

The main reason for the opinion seems to hinge on the board's lack of attention to this matter. The opinion states: "In this case, both the board's continued failure to meet its deadlines, including the complete absence of a formal response to the arbitration filing, and its participation in setting of mutually convenient hearing dates six weeks prior to the hearings, can serve as reasonable bases for the arbitrator's decision (to deny the delay). As this court noted, when a party 'expended its goodwill by numerous delays throughout the arbitration proceedings... it should not be able to create reversible error by its own failure to prosecute the case.'"

Patton said he could not comment on any matter concerning possible litigation against him.

Proposal

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mation he has gathered about the two sites.

In regular session, two moves were made related to the complexes. Board member Carol Stumbo moved that the board authorize Waff and Carter to purchase the property of James Ronnie Meade for the construction of the athletic complex at South Floyd, contingent on a fee simple, general warranty deed and final approval by KDE

facilities management.

The Meade property is just above the Left Beaver school on the other side of the creek.

Board member Johnnie Ross made a similar, although less specific, motion. His motion asked that Carter and Waff be authorized to purchase property discussed in executive session to complete the Prestonsburg athletic facility.

Although Ross failed to identify the specific property during the open portion of the meeting, the board has been considering the purchase of properties located near the present field from several homeowners. The city of Prestonsburg has also offered the board land for construction of a field near its mountaintop golf course project.

One motion failed when Stumbo voted no on a proposal to purchase the old Bank Josephine main office on Front Street for use as a central office.

Jody Mullins and Don Roberts were not at the meeting. Mullins was out of town and Roberts had illness in his family, according to board chairman Terry Dotson. When Stumbo voted no to the proposal, it failed for lack of three votes needed for approval.

Stumbo said she needed more information before she could vote to purchase the property. She said she would like to see the building in more detail before making a deci-

sion.

Pamela Hurley, a student in the introduction to American education class at Prestonsburg Community College, was on hand to see how board meetings work. Her observations will go in a portfolio that instructor Dorothy Carlson requires of students in the class.

While Hurley saw little of what normally goes on at a board meeting, she did have a long conversation with Waff, who explained some of the work that boards do.

The board will have a regular meeting on November 29 at Betsy Layne High School.

Proposal

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Bailey and Mollette were charged with drug trafficking following the stop, but Shepherd has continued to elude authorities.

KSP is also looking for a woman who robbed the Cardinal Mart Convenient Store at Stanville.

The unknown woman walked into the store at 3:15 a.m., Sept. 5, pulled a gun on the sole employee, robbed her and fled the scene.

She, too, is believed to be a local resident.

The woman is believed to have been a regular customer at the store according to Scott Stanley, supervisor of Cardinal Country Stores, and may have been in the area for quite awhile before entering the building.

Apparently the woman had paced the road just behind the store for hours before deciding to rob it because, according to Stanley, witnesses near the store had seen her walking along the road around midnight.

The suspect entered the store and asked for an application, Stanley said. She filled out a few lines on the application before pulling a pistol from her purse.

After she demanded money from the female clerk, the woman fled the scene on foot, police say.

KSP released two separate descriptions of the woman and is asking for help from the public.

The suspect was described by one witness as a white female, in her early 20s, fair skinned and freckled. She is between five feet six inches to five feet eight inches and weighs about 110 pounds. She is suspected to have been wearing a dark red wig with straight shoulder length hair at the time of the robbery.

The suspect also is thought to have a dark brown spot on the middle finger of her right hand, near the knuckle.

On the night of the incident, she reportedly wore a dark t-shirt under a flannel shirt, dark sweat pants, and a dark, possibly blue, baseball cap. The suspect is missing her left front tooth and smokes, possibly Marlboro.

She is also described as lean and "very sickly looking."

In a separate description another witness confirmed the first descrip-

tion but said the suspect could have been five feet six inches to five feet nine inches, between 110 and 120 pounds, and was wearing a dark, possibly blue, baseball cap with a Ford logo on it.

The suspect is possibly armed.

Anyone with information concerning Shepherd or the female robber is asked to contact KSP toll free at 1-800-222-5555. All callers will remain anonymous.

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complete surprise.

"I was sitting at home last night watching TV and it came over the TV and I hadn't heard anything about it," Grimm said. "That's why I'm really leery."

Still, Grimm said she is ready to get back to work.

"We weren't trained to walk a picket line," the orderly said. "We were trained to take care of patients and take care of this community."

Hospital officials could not be reached for comment.

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This majestic home on Conley Branch of Spurlock was the home of John Spurlock who is deceased. The house is near the fire that posed at threat to homeowners on Wednesday. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Community members encouraged to be more involved with PRIDE

Representatives from US Rep. Hal Rogers' office were in Prestonsburg Thursday to encourage community members to become more involved in local PRIDE projects.

About 20 persons were present at the Mountain Arts Center at noon for the organizational meeting of the Floyd County PRIDE Committee. They were recruited by Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis, who doubles as the local PRIDE coordinator.

Davis said the intent of the committee is to garner grassroots support and get more people locally involved in environmental cleanup efforts, the primary thrust of PRIDE, which was started by Rogers and James Bickford, state Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Kathy Hall of the Somerset PRIDE office told the local group that the selection of a committee means that more citizens are taking part in cleanup. She was joined by Jeff Speakes, who works with the congressman.

Thomas Hereford, who recently announced he is retiring as head of the local Employment Services office, was chosen to chair the committee.

Committee members came up with a list of subcommittees and signed up to work on them. Anyone in the county who would like to serve on the PRIDE Committee should call Davis at 606/886-9193.

The subcommittees and those who signed up on Thursday include:

- Education: Mark McLemore, Pam Shingler, Ann Campbell, Jean Dorton, Owen Wright. (Leaders of the Floyd County School System were also enlisted.)

- Media: Fred James, Dena Sparkman, Leigh Ann Maynard, Katie Newsome, Pam Shingler.

- Adopt-A-Stream: Jimmy Marcum, Andrew Dorton, Sam Nelson, Lon May, Tom Hereford.

- Grants: Gary Frazier, Jerry Fultz, Mike Vance.

- Spring and Fall Cleanup: Lon May, Mike Vance, Tom Hereford.

- Agency Relations: Andrew Dorton.

- Scorekeeper and GIS: Lon May, Jim Spencer, Andrew Dorton.

- Recycling: Gary Frazier, Jerry Fultz, Sam Nelson, Mark McLemore, Mike Vance, Jean Dorton, Jim Spencer.

- Adopt-A-Highway: Charlotte Frazier, Lon May. (Johnnie Ross and Dan Hall of the state highway department were enlisted.)

Patton proclaims week as American Education Week

Gov. Paul Patton has proclaimed the week of Nov. 14 to 20 as American Education Week and Nov. 17 as Education Support Personnel Day.

The first observance of American Education Week occurred Dec. 4 to 10, 1921. The observation began as a combined effort by the National Education Association and the American Legion. Those organizations were concerned that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and therefore adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education.

Now, 70 years later, communities are still observing American Education Week to remind us of the importance of education. Each year, a theme is selected to be pro-

moted through schools and communities. This year's theme is "Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow."

Throughout America, schools and communities will be observing American Education Week in a variety of ways. Gov. Patton's proclamation emphasized the importance of education to employees — be they custodians, teachers, bus drivers or librarians — who work to serve children and communities with care and professionalism. Schools are linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and education support personnel, volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise.

Even though 70 years have passed, the importance of education has not changed.

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of The David School will teach G.E.D. classes at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

Fibromyalgia meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building. Guest speaker for the next meeting will be Keith Barton, Iridologist from Columbus, Ohio. For more information call: Phyllis at 606/874-2769 or Sharon at 606/478-5224.

Social Security rep at Mud Creek

A social security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of November. He/she will assist people in filing social security claims and appeals. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers.

Entertainment changed at FCRTA meet

The Floyd County Retired

Teachers Association will meet in regular session on December 2 at 10 a.m. at May Lodge. The Prestonsburg High School was scheduled to present a Christmas program. The program will be presented by Ron Vanover, director of Recreation and Interpretation at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A business session will follow.

Veterans rep.

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Call 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

Forest fire hazard season reminder

The Kentucky Division of Forestry reminds that the fall forest fire hazard season continues through December 15. During this time, burning is restricted to the 12-hour period between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Further, burning cannot be done within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

Floyd County Arts council to hold meeting

The meeting of the Floyd County Arts Council for November 9, as listed in the Kentucky Arts Council Connections newsletter, has been transferred to November 22. The meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. The group will consider activities for the Arts Council. One topic of interest is Cultural/Heritage tourism especially related to persons tracing their genealogy, and how this relates to the study of cemeteries

Goal set at 3,000 pints for twelfth annual Big Blue Crush blood drive

Central Kentucky Blood Center (CKBC) is counting on a home-field advantage to help bring home its seventh win over Knoxville's MEDIC Regional Blood Center in the Twelfth Annual Big Blue Crush blood drive competition, November 15-19.

The yearly Battle for Blood between Kentucky and Tennessee generates spirited participation from UK students and fans throughout central and eastern Kentucky and ensures the availability of blood for the Thanksgiving season. Kentucky leads the series 6-4-1.

UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton serves as honorary chair of the event.

"This drive is an exceptional opportunity for the community to focus on the need for blood for Kentucky patients," said Susan Berry-Buckley, CKBC's chief executive officer. "Wildcat fans have demonstrated by their profound giving that they can and do save lives in Kentucky."

Nearly 250 blood donors are

needed daily in central and eastern Kentucky to supply the needs of hospital patients battling life-threatening illnesses and injuries. Anyone 17 or older weighing at least 100 pounds and in good general health can be a blood donor.

The winning state will receive a trophy during the Kentucky-Tennessee football game in Lexington on November 20. All donors will receive a Big Blue Crush t-shirt and a chance to win a football signed by UK Coach Hal Mumme. Donors on November 15 and 16 are also eligible to win UK apparel prize packages.

Donors can roll up their sleeves at the Prestonsburg Donor Center Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The center is located at North Lake Drive in the Municipal Building.

For information about additional drives, call the Prestonsburg Donor Center at 886-1557 or visit CKBC's web site www.ckbc.org.

Wildlife of the American West brought to KET

The Living Edens series transports viewers to the most beautiful, isolated and undisturbed corners of the globe.

Without straying far from home, the next episode continues this fine tradition when The Living Edens presents "Canyonlands: America's Wild West," an exploration of the high, lonely land of the Colorado Plateau.

Actress Sally Kellerman narrates

the one-hour program airing on KET at 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 17.

"Canyonlands: America's Wild West" reveals a stark and untamed wilderness, home to an array of creatures that embody the spirit of the West. From the elusive mountain lion to the resourceful coyote, only the strongest prosper in this often savage realm.

But for the creatures which have learned how to endure the drought, heat and severity of the unforgiving landscape, Canyonlands is a sanctuary.

The Living Edens "Canyonlands: America's Wild West," presented by Devillier Donegan Enterprises, is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET website at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

in the county.

Driving course postponed

The 55-Alive Driving Course which was tentatively scheduled to be held November 15-16, by Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has had to be cancelled, and will be rescheduled in the spring.

Clark Family Resource Center Nursing services

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is at the center on Fridays. Services available: Physicals for the 5th grade students entering 6th grade in the next school year; pre-school, headstart, and kindergarten physicals; physicals for any student, age birth-21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.

Recycling Program—Program for students, kindergarten through grade 3, November 17.

Parent/Child Lunch
Parents are encouraged to eat lunch with their children, November 18.

"Kindergarten for Parents," November 23, at 8:30 a.m.

CAP clothing giveaway

Free clothing will be available to income-eligible families and individuals on Monday, November 15, at the Christian Appalachian Project's Outreach Services facility on KY 321 (old US 23) at Hager Hill. The giveaway will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In case of rain on Monday, the event will be on Tuesday, November 16.

Auxier open house

An open house and dedication at the Auxier school buildings is set for Friday, November 19, at 7 p.m. The facilities have recently been refurbished, after having been purchased from the Floyd County Board of Education by Father Ralph Beiting. Volunteers Charlie

and Sue Schaffer are seeking input from local residents about how the buildings may best serve the community.

Conservation meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 16, at 1 p.m. in the district office. The meeting is open to the public.

4-H program sponsors craft night

The Floyd County 4-H program will be sponsoring a family craft night on Thursday, November 18, at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office in Prestonsburg. A Christmas ornament will be the project. There will be a \$2 charge for materials. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call the Extension Office at 886-2668 before November 16, to register.

Big Sandy retired teachers meet

There will be a meeting of the Big Sandy District Retired Teachers on November 11, at 10:30 a.m., at Jenny Wiley State Park.

Clothing distribution earlier

The distribution of clothing at Town Branch Church on Saturday, November 13, will run from 10 a.m. until noon, beginning an hour earlier than originally scheduled. Persons unable to get to the church during those hours should call 889-9286 to discuss other arrangements.

Apples for the students

James A. Duff is collecting Food City receipts that will help us to get free computers and other items that we can use in our school. Help us by saving your receipts and either send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center. You may also drop them off at the front office of our school. We would appreciate any help you could give our school with this project.



Savoring the beautiful days that remain in the fall, Myrtle Reasor loves to soak up the sun in a mini-park in downtown Prestonsburg. Her friend Lois Long, standing, regularly brings the 86-year-old retired teacher to the park. Reasor lives nearby at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. (photo by Pam Shingler)

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

What this country needs is a good five cent cigar.

Franklin D. Roosevelt—

Sunday, November 14, 1999 A4

Editorial

Chicken Feathers

To those who claim the demise of cockfighting in Kentucky hurts the poor: Chicken feathers!

Betting on the fighting roosters at the cockfights probably took far more money out of the pockets of the poor than the few dollars some may have earned by selling their prized roosters.

"In some parts of this state, it's either the coal mines, Wal-Mart or fighting chickens," said Stirl Maiden, a Montgomery County farmer who raises roosters for fighting.

While he says he will be able to survive without cockfighting, "there are lots of people out there for who this is their whole livelihood."

If that's the case, they need to find another way of making a living. Thanks to a lawsuit that began in Greenup County, the Kentucky Supreme Court has declared cockfighting illegal.

The ruling caused Marvin Watkins, operator of one of the largest and most open cockfighting arenas in Kentucky to close down his Montgomery County operation.

That's hurt the community's economy, cockfighting proponents say. Every time Watkins featured roosters fighting to the death in his 700-seat arena, area motels would fill up, restaurant business would improve, and farm supply stores would increase their sales of chicken feed.

We have little doubt that some did profit from the cockfights, but there's money to be made in illegal activities ranging from prostitution to bookmaking to drug trafficking. That doesn't make those activities right.

Cockfighting is not only illegal in Kentucky, it's cruel and barbaric. No one should lament its demise as a legal and tolerated activity in this state — even if it means some may have to find another way of earning a few dollars.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



Letters to the Editor

Laughter is the best medicine

To Mr. Andrew C. West: I'm the LPN that you referred to in your November 7 letter to the editor. I "hastily" answer your letter in simpler terms, so you may understand. As a vocational or technical LPN of 18 years, my yearly evaluations use the terms "professional" and "competent" several times. You and the R.N. I "hastily" responded to your need to look these terms up in the dictionary. Obviously you have no knowledge of health care professionals or you would know that it does not take a title and certificate to make a nurse. Experience, training, human compassion and lots of common sense, contribute to a professional nurse. This is not all acquired in a two-year nursing program. It takes all workers in a health care facility, whether you are a nurse, tech, aide, matinee worker, food service, housekeeper or clerk. All working as a team to provide quality health care to sick people.

If you had been keeping up with "Comedy Hour" (referring to Letters to Editor) then you know the R.N. I "hastily" referred to, took it on herself to address issues of LPN's who got "down sized" or "Layed Off" due to "Reduction in Force," after many years. She made statements referring to the fact that we were not competent to work other areas in the hospital, after working all those years of services mostly in O.B. Well, let me make it clear to you and to the R.N. in simple language. It was not

an issue which pertained to her to make a comment about. We Lion's were competent enough through the years to be pulled to other areas in the hospital when they were short staffed or census was high. We worked many hours of overtime in areas on all floors, including E.R. and O.R. Due to whatever reason Administration could invent, the administration tried to push us out the door. The hospital did not give our jobs back, as Ms. Rubado stated. Our union, 1199/SEIU, filed charges and this was only one of the examples of unfair labor practices that the administration had committed.

Do you work? What is your profession? Are you a fictitious name for someone who has a personal knife to stick in someone's back? We picketers have a job at HRMC. We, as union members, will go back to work with our heads held high, standing firm in what we believe in. It is our right to be employed if we have the proper training. And meet all criteria of my profession. You are only one in this community. Let the community decide.

Also, don't "knock" the yard sale. We have had much fun and met lots of people. There's one on every corner. Another man's trash, may be your treasure! Keep laughing and stay healthy!

Ms. Bonnie S. King
Langley

Reader defends daughter

Editor:

This is in response to the letter in your Sunday edition of The Times from the man from Beauty who thinks the letters are so funny.

I would like to tell him my daughter is also an LPN from HRMC.

She worked and put herself through nursing school, because I could not afford to send her.

She is also on the picket line and is standing up for her rights.

I think she is very professional and so are all the

other people on this picket line.

Also I would like to say that you, sir, are like myself. You wouldn't know an LPN from an RN if they didn't have a name tag on.

You also accuse these people of committing acts of vandalism. Do you know for a fact that this is true. If not, then you should keep your mouth shut.

Mother of an LPN
Susan Ratliff
Prestonsburg

Guest Column

A Sad Day on Prater



This has nothing to do with sports, but it is on my mind so I am going to mention it.

They are tearing down the schoolhouse at Prater. The Regular Baptist Church bought the building and they decided to tear the building down to use the lot for parking.

I understand their reasoning behind it. It was an expense and a liability to keep the school, but it just breaks my heart to see it torn down.

Nearly all the people who live on Prater attended that school. Our parents attended the school, as well as our children. The people of Prater fought hard to keep the school open but the school board opted to

close it.

I have so many memories of that school. I guess you could say that was the "old school".

Things were different at Prater than they were everywhere else. It was a small school with usually less than 200 students.

Everyone knew everyone. All the teachers knew all the kids by their first name. There was a closeness there you could not find anywhere else.

It was like our second family. If someone hurt at Prater, everyone felt it.

Children got a good education at Prater. They were well prepared for high school when they left.

We had some great teachers at the school. I guess the best teacher, the dearest to everyone's heart, was Ms. Gladys Conn.

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Letters to the Editor

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Poison Pen



By Ralph Davis
Managing Editor

Unfamiliar with the familiar

Walking down a once-familiar street, I was struck by what a stranger I had become. Homes I vaguely remembered no longer existed, having given way to new houses, new businesses. Long torn-down fences were not there to offer my fingers a bumpy ride through their slats as I strolled along. Familiar faces greeted me at nearly every corner, but the names had been erased as the past dozen years have slipped quietly by.

A new place, an old place, irrational one and the same.

I suppose that's the best way to summarize the experiences I've felt since returning to Prestonsburg to assume the position of managing editor here at the Times.

Twelve years ago, I left Prestonsburg, ready to begin a life of my own. In that time, I graduated from college, started a newspaper career, got married and fathered two sons.

I've never been too far away. I attended school in Frankfort and got my first job in Jackson County, both of which are two hours or so away. But in 1996, I moved to Paintsville to work at the paper there, then spent the past couple of months in Pikeville, working at another paper.

I suppose you could say I've had plenty of opportunity to get used to moving around, starting all over again in a new town.

Returning home, however, is an entirely different experience.

Things are not quite as familiar as they once were.

The old municipal parking lot, where we all hung out as teens, is covered by the Justice Center.

The old Sundry Store, a place I used to spend a lot of time as a kid, looking at magazines and browsing through records, closed long ago, sat vacant, became a Sears and now sits vacant again.

Billy Ray's Playhouse, where I probably dropped a couple thousand dollars in quarters to play video games, is now just Billy Ray's. The games are gone, but thankfully the hamburgers are still there.

Other childhood hangouts are still around — the library, the Archer Park swimming pool, the forests on any of the surrounding hillsides (although they, too, may vanish if we don't get some rain soon).

Still, so much has changed.

It's good to have memories of the many places which used to be fixtures in our town, but one thing which can never be replaced or duplicated is the smells.

Smells? That is something terribly odd to say, but it's true.

Remember the scent which greeted your nose when you walked into, say, Francis Shoe Store? The smell of new leather? Or how Francis Clothing Store had its own unique aroma, borne of the racks upon racks of clothes? How about the old Arrowood's Farm and Home stores? There were three within bike-riding distance as I was growing up, and each one had its unique signature scent, generated from feed or tools or the old hardwood floors.

Today's megashops, the Wal-Marts and Kmart's of the world, are a bit too antiseptic. You couldn't walk into one with your eyes closed and tell what's for

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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Johnson County

Joe L. Cantrell, 60, of Marion, died Wednesday, October 6. He is survived by his wife, Mabel A. Borders Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 9, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Tressie Ann "Granny" Howard, 83, of Salyersville, died Monday, November 8. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of the Salyersville Funeral Home.

Kermit McNew, 83, of Salyersville, died Monday, November 8. He was a retired pipefitter and farmer. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Glispie Howard, 73, of Pomeroy, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Friday, October 29. He was an active member of the Huntington, West Virginia Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 521. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 2, under the direction of Fisher

Funeral Home, in Middleport, Ohio.

Pike County

Paul Blackburn, 51, of Pikeville, died Monday, November 8. He was in retail sales. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Patricia Jean Bevins, 51, of Sidney, died Tuesday, November 9. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Oliver Coleman, 81, of Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday, November 6. He had worked at Frigidaire in Dayton and was a parking attendant at Sinclair College. He is survived by his wife, Theda L. Francis Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 9, under the direction of Barnes Funeral Home.

Price Phariss, 91, of Amherst, Ohio, formerly of Phelps, died Monday, November 8. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the

direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Frances Hope Lowe, 83, of Hatfield, died Tuesday, November 9. She is survived by her husband, Woodrow Lowe. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 12, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Aretta Clark Smith Workman, 53, of Turkey Creek, died Tuesday, November 9. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

John H. Frangowlakis, 70, of Huddy, died Tuesday, November 9. He was a retired engineer formerly employed by Norfolk and Western Railroad. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ruby K. Allen, 64, of Hatfield, died Wednesday, November 10. She was a retired teacher in the Pike County School System. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 13, under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Home.

Marvin Goble

Marvin Goble, 71 of Prestonsburg and husband of Allie Joe (Stephens) Goble, died Wednesday, November 10, at the Highland Regional Medical Center. He was born October 3, 1928 at Lancer to Bessie (Skeens) Goble and the late Jim Goble. He was a truck driver and an Army veteran of the Korean War.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two brothers, Charles Goble and Irvin Goble, both of Prestonsburg and one sister, Avalois Crum of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 13, at 1 p.m. in the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Prater and Rev. Michael D. Caldwell officiating. Burial will follow in the Goble Cemetery at Brandy Keg. All arrangements are under the direction of the Floyd Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

Military services will be provided by Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 18 of Auxier. Pall Bearers include Frank Nelson, Joey Hall, Dale Hagens, Darrell Campbell, Johnny Harris, and Lenny Ray Goble.

Howard Chaffins

Howard Chaffins, 71 of Endicott, died Thursday, November 11, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, following an extended illness. He was born on November 15, 1999 in Lexington. He was the son of the late Henry and Lena Cartwright Chaffins. He was a retired heating and cooling employee, an Air Force veteran, member of the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Delong) Chaffins; three sons, Tony Chaffins of Maytown, Terry Chaffins and David Chaffins both of Endicott; three brothers, James Ray Chaffins of Aurora, Colorado, Danny Chaffins of Lake City, Florida and Doug Chaffins of Blue River; one sister, Shirley Setser of Prestonsburg, and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, November 11, at noon at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home with Nathan Lafferty officiating. Burial will follow in the Morrison Family Cemetery at Endicott under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Frank Hall

Frank Hall, 74, of Teaberry, died Thursday, November 11, 1999, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on June 28, 1925, in Amba, he was the son of the late Walter and Lula Hatfield Hall.

He was a retired contract worker.

Survivors include one son, Frankie Hall of Clyde, Ohio; two daughters, Deborah Hall of Teaberry, Robin Lynn Miller of Richwood, Ohio; two brothers, John Hall, and Lafe Hall, both of Pocatello, Idaho; two sisters, Flora Kirsteater of Wellston, Arizona, Eula Lish of Pocatello, Idaho; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted, Sunday, November 14, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Herbert C. Stephens

Herbert C. Stephens, 72 of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 12, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center following an extended illness. He was born on March 31, 1927 in Garth. He was the son of Ike Stephens and Sadie Sturgill Stephens. He was a contract laborer, a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Della Mae (Johnson) Stephens. Survivors include two sons, Bige Cleo Stephens of Brighton, Michigan and James Ray Stephens of Munith, Michigan; two daughters, Sadie Jane Morlock of Howell, Michigan and Anna Jean Day of Hazard; two sisters, Johnnie B. Milburn of Cardington, Ohio and Mary Johnson of Prestonsburg and 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, November 14, at 1 p.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home at Martin. Burial will follow in the Ike Stephens Family Cemetery at Martin under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Burl James Johnson

Burl James Johnson, 64, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 10, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born on April 3, 1935, in Halo, he was the son of the late Leo and America Isaac Johnson. He was a saw mill employee, and a member of the Church of God, Staffordsville.

Survivors include three sons, Burl Johnson Jr. of Concord, North Carolina, Darrell Johnson of Elizabethton, Tennessee, Dale Johnson of Charleston, South Carolina; one daughter, Joetta Johnson of Elizabethton, Tennessee; four brothers, Ishman Johnson of Tennessee, Forrest Johnson, Danny Johnson, Charles Ray Johnson, all of Ohio; four sisters, Adean Chaffins, Shelby Jean Fouts, and Auty Bates, all of Ohio, and Anna Lee of Lexington; six grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, November 13, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Tody Wheeler officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson Family Cemetery, Jacks Creek, under direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kosair Children's Hospital plans Festival

With the holidays right around the corner, now is the time to get into the spirit with a visit to the Kosair Children's Hospital Festival of Trees and Lights, November 18-21, in the east wing of the Commonwealth Convention Center in downtown Louisville.

Because all proceeds from the event go to Kosair Children's Hospital, the region's only full-service, free-standing hospital "Just for Kids," it's also a great opportunity to help the thousands of children in the area who need specialized medical care each year.

This year's proceeds will go to the hospital's telemedicine program which links hospitals around the state to the specialists at Kosair Children's Hospital.

The festival features more than 300

designer-decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands and stockings — all for sale. Also featured at the festival is a display of Jewish artwork and holidays in the Lights Pavilion and a Kwanzaa Pavilion that focuses on the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Other features include a holiday gift shop; the Artisan's Pavilion with paintings and other objects donated by local artists; Children's Activities, sponsored by Meijer and managed by TWIGS of Kosair Children's Hospital, including a full-size carousel; and a miniature train display supported by ARM Financial Group.

New this year is the Century Market Craft Show with many vendors from the former Louisville Christmas Show, an antique car

show and zoo teachers, a hands-on demonstration about animals of all kinds, sponsored by the Louisville Zoo.

Special "Just for Kids" events requiring reservations include a Children's Holiday Brunch Theater from 10 a.m. to noon and the Sugar Plum Ball father/daughter, mother/son dance, 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, November 20.

Tickets for the theater are \$9 for children under 12 and \$15 for adults. Ball tickets are \$15 for children under 14 and \$30 for adults.

Another special event requiring reservations is the Salute to Kosair luncheon on Friday, November 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with speaker Bruce Jenner, Olympic decathlon champion, sports commentator, actor and author. Tickets are \$35 per person.

The black tie Snow Ball Gala is 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, featuring cocktail hour, dinner, dancing and two different auctions for items such as fine jewelry or autographed boxing gloves from Mohammad Ali.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Late Night Snow Ball tickets for dancing, coffee, dessert and open bar from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at \$50 per person.

General hours for the festival are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, November 18; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, November 19; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, November 20; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, November 21.

For more information or reservations, call 502/629-KIDS (5437) or 800/852-1770.

MSU participates in National College Week

Some students look at college as a dream that is beyond their reach, but the numerous resources now available makes higher education accessible for most families.

As part of the effort to help students achieve that dream, Morehead State University will join other institutions in the celebration of the first-ever National College Week, November 15-19.

The activities will focus on the message that "College is Possible" with sufficient academic preparation and sound financial planning.

"In the last decade, a college education has become even more important," said MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. "Completing a degree means better career choices, more opportunities for personal growth, and an increased capacity for public and community service."

University officials will take the message on the road with scheduled visits to some area high schools.

On Monday, November 15, MSU cheerleaders and Beaker, the university mascot, will be at Rowan County Senior High School at 10:45 a.m. for an information session.

Representatives will travel to Perry County Central High School, also on Monday, and to

Montgomery County High School on Wednesday, November 17.

To encourage future students to visit the campus, the president's office will join the Office of Admissions and University Bookstore in making a special gift package available to all who participate. More than 30 persons have already made appointments, according to Sandy Barker, associate director of admissions.

Eighty students from Lynn Camp High School in Corbin will visit MSU on Thursday, November 18, for a tour of the campus and the University Farm, and a group from Prestonsburg Community College will make a campus visit on Friday, November 19.

"With the number of grants and scholarships available through the government and the various institutions, college is very affordable," Barker said.

When looking for ways to pay for their education, students should look at the Hope scholarship, tax credits, Pell Grants, education IRAs, low-interest student loans and institutional aid, she noted.

Additional information is available from MSU's Office of Admissions at 606/783-2000 or 800/585-6781.



Recently, students at Duff Elementary were entertained by the tall tale of "Pecos Bill and Slew Foot Sue." Scott Rirelan, Jeremy Geiger and McKenzie Baker from the Lexington Children's Theater took on the personas of Prairie Dog Slim, Pecos Bill and Slew Foot Sue respectively. Here Prairie Dog Slim and Pecos Bill discuss a point with Slew Foot Sue waiting in the wings. Interested schools can call 1-800-928-4545 or e-mail lct@mis.net or find information on web site www.lctonstage.org. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Prater

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Ms. Conn taught everyone. She taught most of the adults on Prater to write.

Ms. Conn doesn't live on Prater anymore. She moved to Somerset to live with her son. It just seems like Prater is slowly slipping away, the Prater that most of us remember.

We had some other good teachers at Prater. Bill Hammonds, Johnny Maddox, David Hinchman, Russel M. Frazier, Mildred Brooks,

Nora Scalf, Sandy Boyd and Emma Grace Hartley are some of the older teachers who taught at Prater. It really saddened the teachers who were teaching there when the school closed.

Zennith Hall had taught there many years. Glenna Childres and Bonnie Harmon had been there several years as well. Mrs. Harmon had retired a few years before the school closed, but still substituted. Charles

Hicks and Jim Bill Frasure were two others who taught there for several years.

I know things change, and change is good sometimes. But I can't help but feel sad to see the old school being torn down. It's like they are taking a piece of our hearts with it.

Oh well, I guess we will always have the memories.

Unfamiliar

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sale. But that's the world today, the way things are going, for better or worse.

And so, you might be thinking, what in the world does all of this have to do with, well, anything?

Nothing, I suppose. It's just that my first week back in Prestonsburg has been full of reminiscing and it seemed an appropriate spot from which we could become reacquaint-

ed. That, and the fact that my return was prefaced by yet another sad change.

Janice Shepherd has been a fixture in Floyd County journalism for two decades. If I had to point to one negative in my finally being able to return to Prestonsburg, it would be that I will not have the benefit of working alongside her, learning from her irreplaceable experience.

Janice has left some very large shoes for me to fill. And, like many of the other things which have disappeared from our landscape, she can never truly be replaced.

Still, with your help, we will do as our community has done throughout the many changes it has experienced — we will plod forward with one eye kept on our heritage, the other toward progress.

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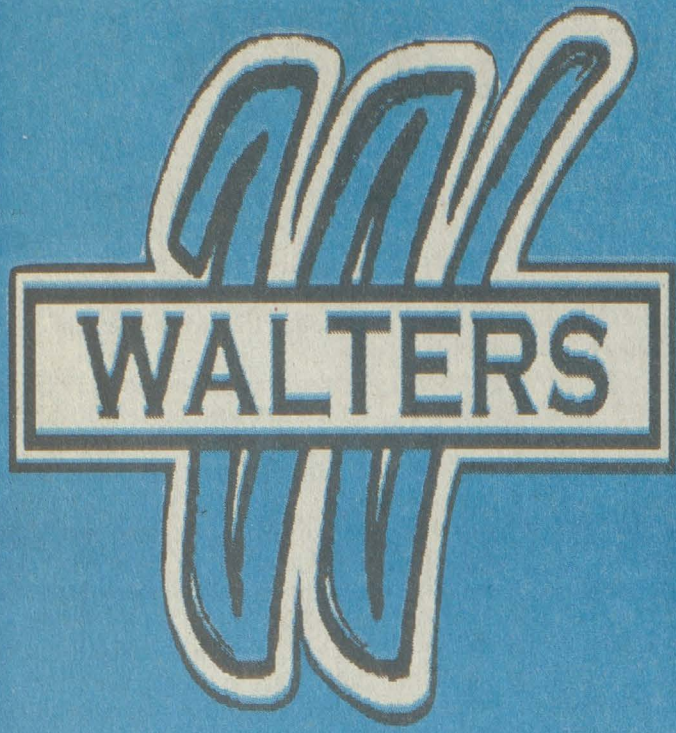
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starting April 1, 2000

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2000 Ford Mustang \$18,689⁰⁰
Trade In - 4,500⁰⁰
Difference \$14,189⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 69 payments of
\$249.37,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# 1027

2000 Ford Escort ZX-2 \$17,639⁰⁰
Trade In - 3,500⁰⁰
Difference \$14,139⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 69 payments of
\$249.49,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# K178

1999 Mercury Sable \$14,995⁰⁰
Trade In - 3,000⁰⁰
Difference \$11,995⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 63 payments of
\$226.96,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# K217

1998 Dodge Stratus \$13,995⁰⁰
Trade In - 2,000⁰⁰
Difference \$11,995⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 69 payments of
\$217.86,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# 1016A

1996 Mercury Mystique \$9,995⁰⁰
Trade In - 2,500⁰⁰
Difference \$7,495⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 57 payments of
\$157.51,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# K249

1999 Pontiac Sunfire \$13,995⁰⁰
Trade In - 3,000⁰⁰
Difference \$10,995⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 69 payments of
\$194.38,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# T2262

2000 Ford Ranger \$16,059⁰⁰
Trade In - 4,500⁰⁰
Difference \$11,559⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 69 payments of
\$204.27,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# K174

1997 Geo Prizm \$9,995⁰⁰
Trade In - 1,500⁰⁰
Difference \$8,495⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 69 payments of
\$149.56,
starting April 1, 2000

stk# T2170A

1996 Ford Taurus \$11,995⁰⁰
Trade In - 2,000⁰⁰
Difference \$9,995⁰⁰

Bruce Walters Ford pays first 3
payments. You pay 57 payments of
\$209.40,
starting April 1, 2000

FLOYD COUNTY
Sports

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Lady Cats, Eagles RBC Champions

Newsome, Bingham lead Allen Charge

Kidd scores 16 for Bobcats in finals

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The curtain came down on the Right Beaver Classic basketball tournament Friday on a very special night for grade school basketball.

It was evident the fans enjoyed the week-long tournament and some stated they "hated to see it end."

But end it did, and on a high note for the Allen Eagles of Coach Jack Goodman as they got past a very good Betsy Layne team, 49-41, for the tournament championship.

The game was played as like it should be — as a team. The unselfish Eagles used their quickness and matched well inside with the Bobcats.

"I won't let my teams play any other way but unselfishly," said Coach Goodman. "We are going to be a good team. We just need to learn to do some things better."

The Eagles knew their game plan when they took to the floor — stopping the inside game of the Bobcats and handling the full-court pressure. Josh Bingham and point guard Nicholas Jamerson had little trouble against the press.

Inside, Nathan Newsome led the Eagles scoring with 16 points. Bingham added 12. Both Nathan Lafferty and Jamerson finished with nine points and Chris Crider scored two.

Betsy Layne placed three players in double figures, led by Jordan Kidd's 16 points. Jordan Scarberry fin-

(See Newsome, page seven)

Betsy Layne survives Beaver scare

Newsome scores 26 in 46-45 win over Beavers

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

How does it go? What did the beaver say to the tree? "It's been good gnawing you!"

Beavers like to gnaw and so did the Beaver Creek Beavers when they faced the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats Thursday night in a semifinal round of the boys Right Beaver Classic at Allen Central Middle School.

The Beavers just wouldn't quit — gnawing that is — and almost pulled off an upset ... or were they the ones who were upset?

Coach Dale Hamilton's ballclub fell to Dwight Newsome's Bobcats 46-45 in a thrilling grade school game that had the fans on their seats' edge.

Beaver appeared to be in charge and headed to the championship game, owning a 45-38 lead with less than four minutes to play. Following a time out and a spill water clean-up around the Bobcat bench, Betsy Layne had plenty of time to plan its strategy. Coming out of the delay, Betsy Layne went to full court pressure and Beaver seemed to come unglued, as they committed seven turnovers on their last seven possessions of the game.

Newsome was uncontrollable under the basket for the Bobcats in the closing three minutes of the game scoring the final 10 points for Betsy Layne.

With 1:54 left, Newsome moved underneath for a basket and a 45-42 game. Later he would grab a rebound and stick it back in to make it a one-point affair. With 50 seconds to play, he rolled underneath and gave the Bobcats the lead, 46-45.

But Beaver was still in control as they had the ball in their front court and the ball in Diomont Caudill's hand. But on a quick move to the right, Caudill slipped on the floor and Betsy Layne came up with the turnover.

With 19 seconds remaining, Beaver sent Jordan Kidd to the charity stripe where he missed on both attempts, giving the ball back to the Beavers. On an alternate possession, the ball went to Betsy Layne

(See Beaver, page seven)



Josh Bingham (10) went in for two points against Betsy Layne Friday night in the championship game of the Right Beaver Classic. Bingham scored 12 in a 49-41 win (photo by Ed Taylor)

A Look At Sports



**ACMS
AD
says
thanks!**

Anyone who attended the Right Beaver Classic grade school tournament at Allen Central Middle School knows what I mean when I say it was a great, great tournament.

Brian Handshoe, the tournament manager, asked me to convey his heart-felt thanks to all the fans, schools and players who were so much part of the success of the tournament.

"Without them we would have had no tournament," said Handshoe of those who were involved. "I just want everyone to know that we here at Allen Central Middle School appreciate everyone."

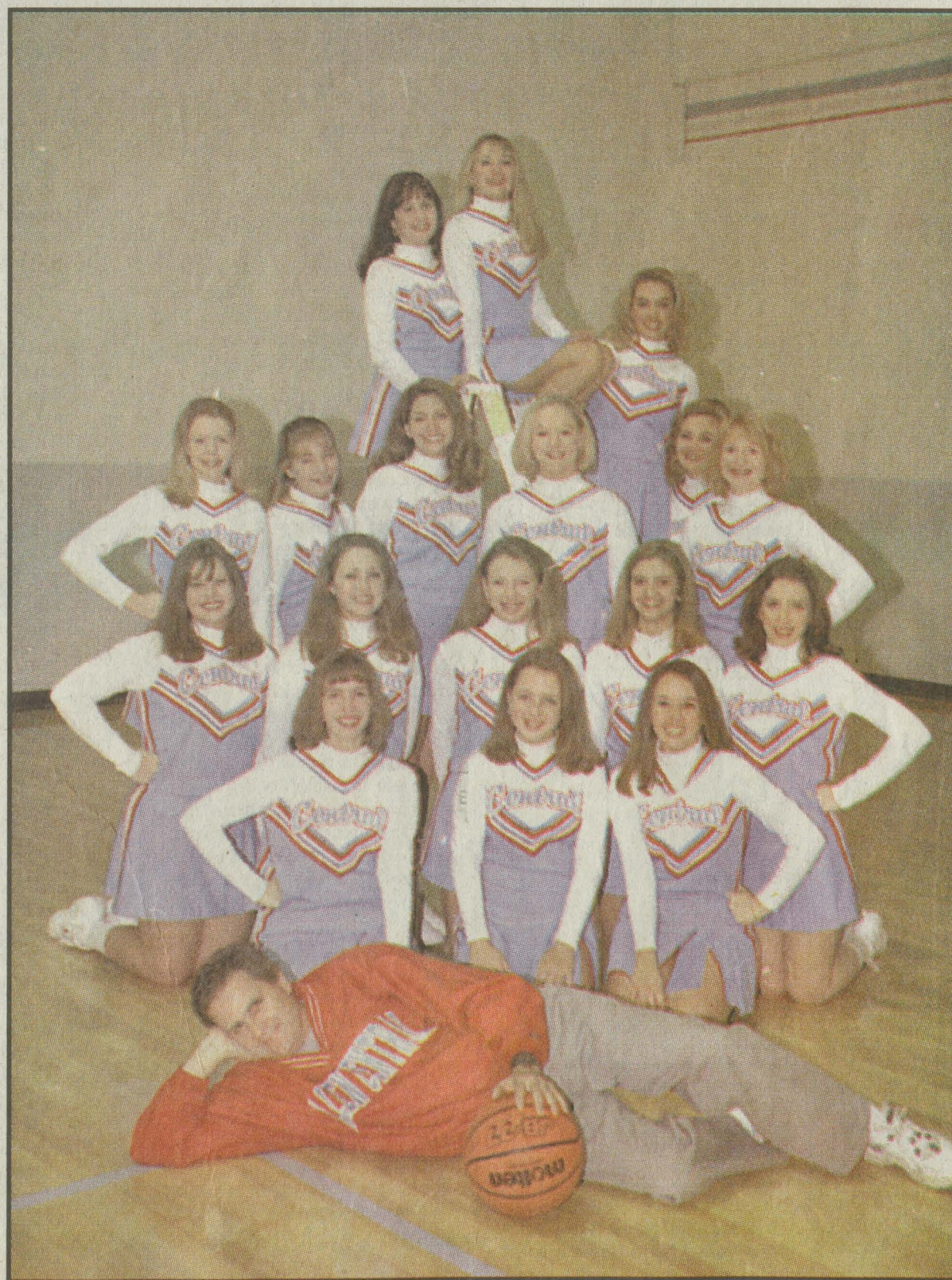
The tournament had no incidents except one and that came Thursday night when some idiot of a fan threw a Coke bottle, half-filled, at a referee, missed and nearly hit a South Floyd cheerleader.

It isn't very smart for an adult to act like that. It just shows that winning comes above the safety of anyone. Why try and hit the official? How would that change the outcome of the game. Fortunately, no one was hit or hurt.

The dance teams and cheerleaders all added to the atmosphere of the tournament. It was a noisy, cheering crowd that filled the gym each night. All the games were close games with the exception of one.

I heard nothing but good things about the way the tournament went. Kathy "Katbird" Isaac, Carl Crisp and Mike Click did a good job of officiating the tournament. There was one other but I did not get his

(See Sports, page seven)



Lykens all Ladycats need in title game

Betsy Layne dedicates win to Jessica Bentley

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

At an emotional time, Whitney Lykens was all the Ladycats of Betsy Layne needed Friday night in the finals of the girls Right Beaver Classic at Allen Central Middle School.

Lykens scored 22 points to lead Betsy Layne to a 28-25 edging of the Allen Central Middle School Lady Rebels.

Before the trophies were presented to the team, school principal Karen Allen took the microphone and said the championship trophy was dedicated to Jessica Bentley, who played only the first game of the season for the Ladycats before being struck by meningitis. Bentley is in the UK-Chandler Medical Center.

Melody Cook and Melanie Meade performed a song to express their feelings toward Jessica.

"We want to dedicate this trophy to Jessica," said Allen. "It has been her strength and dedication that has pulled her through. This song expresses how we feel about Jessica."

Needless to say, there weren't too many dry eyes in the gymnasium.

Lykens, who has dominated the scoring in the week-long tournament, had to settle for 22 points as Allen Central tried every way to cut her off from the basket. But she drilled two three-point baskets and her strong moves to the basket were more than the shorter Lady Rebels could handle.

"We have two eighth-graders on the floor and the rest are sixth-graders," said Allen Central coach John Martin. "We are small, that's for sure."

But the smaller Lady Rebels were not ready to concede an easy victory to the taller Ladycats.

Jessica Isaac scored 15 points to lead Allen Central's scoring. She also hit two three-point baskets, had seven rebounds and three assists.

Lykens opened the scoring with a basket underneath that gave Betsy Layne the first lead at 2-0. But Isaac took charge and scored the next seven points to give Allen Central a 7-2 advantage. After a three-

(See Lykens, page seven)

Lykens pumps in 38 as Ladycats upend South Floyd

Lady Raiders fall in overtime, 52-44

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Betsy Layne's Whitney Lykens scored a game high 38 points, hit 17 of 30 free throws, connected on seven of eight in the overtime period to lead the Ladycats of Betsy Layne to a 52-44 win over the South Floyd Middle School Lady Raiders.

The two teams met in the semifinals of the Right Beaver Classic at Allen Central Middle School Thursday night in front of a packed gymnasium.

Megan Ousley led South Floyd with 16 points, while Ashley Johnson netted 13 before fouling out. Leigh Ann Tuttle scored six points and Brandy Anderson five. Carla Hall hit a three-point basket for three points.

Tabetha Witt scored eight for Betsy Layne and Breann Akers added six.

With 41 seconds to play in regulation, Tuttle stood at the free throw line for a two-shot attempt. After hitting the first to give South Floyd a 39-37 lead, she misfired on attempt number two, with Witt coming off with the rebound. But Lykens found the basket with 24 seconds on the clock and tied the game at 39-39. On a desperation try, the Lady Raiders missed and Lykens missed a desperation attempt at the horn as the game moved into overtime.

In the extra three-minute period, two charity tosses by Tuttle gave the lead back to South Floyd, 41-39. A rebound basket by Akers tied the game at 41.

(See Lady Cats, page seven)

Profile...



Jim Roberts

Coach Jim Roberts has taken over the helm of the Betsy Layne Elementary Lady Cats girls basketball team which recently won the Right Beaver Classic. Roberts used to coach at Harold Elementary before consolidation with Betsy Layne. "When I coached at Harold we were never good enough to get invited to this tournament," he said. The Times Sports Department salutes Jim Roberts, all around nice guy!

NASCAR

Winston Cup Points (Through Sunday's Winston 500)

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Dale Jarrett, | 4602 |
| 2. Bobby Labonte, | 4356 |
| 3. Mark Martin, | 4283 |
| 4. Jeff Gordon, | 4168 |
| 5. Tony Stewart, | 4159 |
| 6. Jeff Burton, | 4063 |
| 7. Dale Earnhardt, | 4039 |
| 8. Rusty Wallace, | 3677 |
| 9. Ward Burton, | 3507 |
| 10. Mike Skinner, | 3491 |
| 11. Jeremy Mayfield, | 3266 |
| 12. Terry Labonte, | 3262 |
| 13. Bobby Hamilton, | 3114 |
| 14. Ken Schrader, | 3103 |
| 15. Sterling Marlin, | 3025 |
| 16. Steve Park, | 3002 |
| 17. Kenny Irwin, | 2974 |
| 18. Jimmy Spencer, | 2952 |
| 19. Wally Dallenbach, | 2951 |
| 20. Bill Elliott, | 2936 |

Money Leaders

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Jeff Gordon, | \$5,022,166 |
| 2. Jeff Burton, | \$4,781,951 |
| 3. Dale Jarrett, | \$3,269,914 |
| 4. Bobby Labonte, | \$2,962,841 |
| 5. Dale Earnhardt, | \$2,497,839 |
| 6. Mark Martin, | \$2,410,196 |
| 7. Terry Labonte, | \$2,110,871 |
| 8. Tony Stewart, | \$2,067,811 |
| 9. Mike Skinner, | \$1,994,731 |
| 10. Rusty Wallace, | \$1,950,129 |
| 11. Ward Burton, | \$1,875,224 |
| 12. Kenny Irwin, | \$1,823,366 |
| 13. Jeremy Mayfield, | \$1,725,914 |
| 14. John Andretti, | \$1,629,496 |
| 15. Bobby Hamilton, | \$1,623,299 |
| 16. Ken Schrader, | \$1,613,259 |
| 17. Michael Waltrip, | \$1,546,370 |
| 18. Sterling Marlin, | \$1,477,706 |
| 19. Joe Nemechek, | \$1,456,321 |
| 20. Jimmy Spencer, | \$1,455,198 |

Lap Leaders

(with number of races led in parentheses)

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Jeff Gordon, | 1316 (25) |
| 2. Tony Stewart, | 1028 (14) |
| 3. Jeff Burton, | 986 (15) |
| 4. Rusty Wallace, | 941 (10) |
| 5. Bobby Labonte, | 876 (26) |
| 6. Dale Jarrett, | 833 (18) |
| 7. Mark Martin, | 662 (21) |
| 8. Mike Skinner, | 464 (13) |
| 9. Terry Labonte, | 349 (10) |
| 10. Dale Earnhardt, | 230 (8) |

Mile Leaders

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Jeff Gordon, | 1918.06 |
| 2. Dale Jarrett, | 1572.08 |
| 3. Bobby Labonte, | 1243.75 |
| 4. Jeff Burton, | 1176.34 |
| 5. Rusty Wallace, | 944.81 |
| 6. Tony Stewart, | 856.03 |
| 7. Mark Martin, | 836.79 |
| 8. Mike Skinner, | 618.87 |
| 9. Dale Earnhardt, | 395.27 |
| 10. Ward Burton, | 333.15 |

Pole Winners

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. Jeff Gordon, | 6 |
| 2. Bobby Labonte, | 5 |
| 3. Rusty Wallace, | 4 |
| 4. Joe Nemechek, | 3 |
| 5. Tony Stewart, | 2 |
| Kenny Irwin, | 2 |
| Mike Skinner, | 2 |
| Ricky Rudd, | 1 |
| Ken Schrader, | 1 |
| Sterling Marlin, | 1 |
| Ward Burton, | 1 |

Rookie Standings

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Tony Stewart, | 301 |
| 2. Elliott Sadler, | 185 |

Manufacturer Standings (victories in parentheses)

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| 1. Ford, | 204 (12) |
| 2. Chevrolet, | 194 (11) |
| 3. Pontiac, | 72 (6) |

Winston Cup Career Wins (x-indicates active drivers):

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Richard Petty, | 200. |
| 2. David Pearson, | 105. |
| 3. x-Darrell Waltrip, | 84. |
| Bobby Allison, | 84. |
| 5. Cale Yarborough, | 83. |
| 6. x-Dale Earnhardt, | 74. |
| 7. Lee Petty, | 55. |
| 8. Ned Jarrett, | 50. |
| Junior Johnson, | 49. |
| 10. x-Rusty Wallace, | 48. |
| x-Jeff Gordon, | 49. |
| 12. Herb Thomas, | 48. |
| 13. Buck Baker, | 46. |
| 14. Tim Flock, | 40. |
| x-Bill Elliott, | 40. |
| 16. Bobby Issac, | 37. |
| 17. Fireball Roberts, | 34. |
| 18. x-Mark Martin, | 31. |
| 19. Rex White, | 28. |
| 20. Fred Lorenzen, | 26. |
| 21. Jim Paschal, | 25. |
| 22. Joe Weatherly, | 24. |
| 23. x-Dale Jarrett, | 22. |
| 24. Benny Parsons, | 21. |
| Jack Smith, | 21. |
| x-Terry Labonte, | 21. |

Bowling News

MIXED NUTS LEAGUE

| Team | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Randy's Customs | 25 | 7 |
| Mine Rite | 20 | 12 |
| Lucky Strikes | 20 | 12 |
| Pin Zone | 19 | 13 |
| Noelle Trucking | 19 | 13 |
| The Unpredictables | 18 | 14 |
| R & R | 17 | 15 |
| Alley Cats | 15.5 | 16.5 |
| MRC Materials | 12 | 20 |
| FCF | 11 | 21 |
| TMC Printing | 10.5 | 21.5 |

HIGH SCRATCH GAME, TEAM

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Pin Zone | 908 |
| Alley Cats | 770 |
| Randy's Custom | 757 |

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, TEAM

| | |
|------------|------|
| Pin Zone | 2471 |
| Alley Cats | 2171 |
| R & R | 2965 |

HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Pin Zone | 972 |
| Mine Rite | 873 |
| Alley Cats | 857 |

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Pin Zone | 2663 |
| Mine Rite | 2435 |
| R & R | 2434 |

TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

| Team | Win | Losses |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
| Pin Zone | 8 | 0 |
| Storm Hollow Five | 7 | 1 |
| R/S Body | 6 | 2 |
| J & S Battery | 5 | 3 |
| M.T.S. | 5 | 3 |
| D&S | 5 | 3 |
| Music Carter Hughes | 4 | 4 |
| Martin Dairy Queen | 4 | 4 |
| X-treme Bowling | 3 | 5 |
| Good Ole Boys | 3 | 5 |
| Poe's Torch | 3 | 5 |
| Mine Rite | 1 | 7 |
| Holiday Inn | 1 | 7 |

HIGH SCRATCH GAME, TEAM

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Pin Zone | 1047 |
| X-Treme Bowling | 955 |
| MCH | 943 |

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, TEAM

| | |
|----------|------|
| Pin Zone | 2897 |
|----------|------|

SportsBoard

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| X-Treme Bowling | 2823 |
| MCH | 2674 |

HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Pin Zone | 1165 |
| D & S | 1066 |
| Storm Hollow | 1056 |

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Pin Zone | 3251 |
| X-Treme Bowling | 3075 |
| Storm Hollow | 3030 |

HIGH SCRATCH GAME, INDIVIDUAL

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Carl Mullins | 259 |
| Larry Webb | 254 |
| Gail Campbell | 254 |

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, INDIVIDUAL

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Larry Webb | 691 |
| Neil Wicker | 686 |
| James Slone | 622 |

HIGH HANDICAP GAME, INDIVIDUAL

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Carl Mullins | 266 |
| Gail Campbell | 264 |
| Juny Grino | 262 |

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, INDIVIDUAL

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Larry Webb | 712 |
| Neil Wicker | 686 |
| Juny Grino | 678 |

MIXED NUTS LEAGUE

| Team | Win | Lost |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| MRC Materials | 4 | 0 |
| TMC Printing | 4 | 0 |
| Noelle Trucking | 4 | 0 |
| R & R | 3 | 1 |
| Pin Zone | 3 | 1 |
| Randy's Customs | 3 | 1 |
| The Unpredictables | 1 | 3 |
| Mine Rite | 1 | 3 |
| Lucky Strikes | 1 | 3 |
| FCF | 0 | 4 |
| Alley Cats | 0 | 4 |

HIGH SCRATCH GAME, TEAM

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Pin Zone | 777 |
| Randy's Customs | 748 |
| MRC Materials | 745 |

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, TEAM

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Pin Zone | 2214 |
| TMC Printing | 2103 |
| R & R | 2085 |

HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| MRC Materials | 874 |
| Randy's Customs | 852 |
| R & R | 851 |

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM

| | |
|---------------|------|
| TMC Printing | 2481 |
| MRC Materials | 2450 |
| R & R | 2442 |

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| East | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|
| Miami | 7 | 1 |
| Indianapolis | 6 | 2 |
| New England | 6 | 2 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 3 |
| N.Y. Jets | 2 | 6 |

| Central | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|
| Jacksonville | 7 | 1 |
| Tennessee | 6 | 1 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 3 |
| Baltimore | 3 | 5 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 8 |
| Cleveland | 1 | 8 |

| West | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| Seattle | 6 | 2 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 3 |
| San Diego | 4 | 4 |
| Oakland | 4 | 4 |
| Denver | 3 | 6 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| East | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|
| N.Y. Giants | 5 | 3 |
| Washington | 5 | 3 |
| Dallas | 4 | 4 |
| Arizona | 2 | 6 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 7 |

| Central | W | L |
|-----------|---|---|
| Detroit | 6 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 4 |
| Green Bay | 4 | 4 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 4 |
| Chicago | 4 | 5 |

| West | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| St. Louis | 6 | 2 |
| Carolina | 3 | 5 |
| San Francisco | 3 | 5 |
| Atlanta | 2 | 7 |
| New Orleans | 1 | 7 |

| Today's Games | W | L |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Carolina at St. Louis | | |
| Cleveland at Pittsburgh | | |
| Indianapolis at New York Giants | | |
| Kansas City at Tampa Bay | | |
| Miami at Buffalo | | |
| Minnesota at Chicago | | |
| San Francisco at New Orleans | | |
| Tennessee at Cincinnati | | |
| Washington at Philadelphia | | |
| San Diego at Oakland | | |
| Baltimore at Jacksonville | | |
| Green Bay at Dallas | | |
| Denver at Seattle | | |

Monday Night Game

New York Jets at New England

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Miami | 5 | 1 |
| Boston | 4 | 2 |
| New York | 4 | 3 |
| Orlando | 4 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 4 |
| New Jersey | 1 | 5 |
| Washington | 1 | 5 |

Central Division

| | | |
|-----------|---|---|
| Toronto | 4 | 1 |
| Charlotte | 4 | 2 |
| Milwaukee | 4 | 2 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 2 |
| Indiana | 3 | 2 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 4 |
| Detroit | 1 | 5 |
| Chicago | 0 | 5 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| | | |
|-------------|---|---|
| San Antonio | 5 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 1 |
| Denver | 2 | 2 |
| Utah | 3 | 3 |
| Vancouver | 2 | 2 |
| Dallas | 2 | 4 |
| Houston | 0 | 5 |

Pacific Division

| | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| L.A. Lakers | 5 | 1 |
| Seattle | 5 | 1 |
| Portland | 4 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 4 | 2 |
| Sacramento | 2 | 1 |
| L.A. Clippers | 1 | 4 |
| Golden State | 0 | 4 |

Game Notes

Wildcats, Herd looking to go Bowling, McKeon gets respect

By Jason Blanton
Sports Columnist

Sometime late Saturday night or early this morning, the future of the University of Kentucky football occurred.

The Wildcats faced Vanderbilt University with a bowl game waiting for the winner and a long postseason in all likelihood waiting for the loser.

Since his arrival, Hal Mumme has brought excitement to football fans, but if UK lost at Vandy, just how far has the program come?

Oh yes, I remember 1-1-99 when the Wildcats appeared in a New Year's Day bowl game, but Penn State proved again that UK still has a way to go.

I'll be the first to admit that Mumme's crew lost a lot of talented players from a year ago, but to have a program that wins year-after-year a true football program has depth. A coach doesn't have to change position of player after player.

Back-to-back bowl games would mean more to the university than many people realize.

UK has started getting most of the best players in-state and have a lot of talented offensive players from around the country. But the Cats still do not have the depth to compete with Florida and the better teams in the Southeastern Conference.

If Mumme can only get the team in a bowl game every three or four years, UK is in the same situation it has been in over the past 25 years.

But as most Wildcat fans say, "Hey, we can put points on the board and that's exciting."

Even if the Wildcats lost Saturday, they still can make a bowl if they beat Tennessee in their next game.

Well, at least basketball season is getting ready to start this week.

A time to remember

Marshall University is having just a great football season. The Thundering Herd entered this weekend one of a few unbeaten teams.

Marshall is ranked among the top 15 teams in the country.

It's remarkable just how far the Marshall football program has come.

Twenty-nine years ago Today (Nov. 14.), the school lost 36 players and five coaches among 75 people killed in a plane crash near Huntington, W. Va.

The football program went through some lean times after that tragedy, but now has risen to top of the heap.

A lot of fans this week were upset that the Herd dropped out of the BCS standings — because of their schedule — and maybe a chance of major bowl game.

When Marshall University left the Southern Conference and moved into NCAA Division I-A, it had to know that the Mid-American Conference wasn't a conference like the Big Ten or the SEC.

If the Herd can win the rest of its games then a "big" bowl will probably come calling and the program can move into that next level.

One question, just how far can an UK/Marshall football game be down the road?

Sports Briefs...

Baseball

Padres trade ace Ashby to Phillies

Andy Ashby, a two-time All-Star who resurrected his career in San Diego, was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night for three pitchers in a cost-cutting move by the Padres.

The Padres received Carlton Loewer, Steve Montgomery and prospect Adam Eaton for Ashby.

The deal was announced at the general managers' meetings in Dana Point, Calif.

Ashby has veto power over the trade, but said he would likely accept the deal.

"You hate to leave somewhere where you've been so long and what we've been through there," Ashby said from his home in Pittston, Pa. "But I knew it was going to happen ... It's going to be nice, I hope."

The 32-year-old right-hander began his career in the Phillies organization in 1986. Ashby went 70-62 with the Padres, but is still under .500 for his career at 72-74.

He was 17-9 with a 3.34 ERA in 1998 and 14-10 with a 3.80 in 1999.

Reds' McKeon voted top NL manager

Jack McKeon was voted National League Manager of the Year



Lady Bears advance to finals of RAX Invitational

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Eleven players dot the Pikeville College Lady Bears roster and all 11 saw plenty of playing time, with all but two making the scoring column, as Pikeville advanced to the finals of the Rax Invitational with a convincing 76-51 win over Mt. Aloysius in first round action.

Four Lady Bears finished in double figures, led by sophomore Nicole Stanley, who finished with 16 points. Former Pike County Central standout, freshman Amanda Collins added 14 points coming off the bench. Tecco Gallion, a freshman, netted 11 points. Michelle Stanley tossed in 10 points while pulling in 12 rebounds.

Senior point guard Kelly Blackburn put on a show with 10 assists while committing only two turnovers.

"Kelly is a solid player," said Coach Bill Watson. "Kelly has a lot of experience and knows how to get ready for a game like this. Here's a young lady who took only one shot

in the game, but got the ball where it needed to be."

Pikeville improved to 3-1 and looks to reclaim the title to its own tournament (they faced Cumberland Saturday afternoon). Alice Lloyd was last year's champion, but was eliminated in the first round.

"We didn't play that well, but our talent was the difference in the end," said Watson. "We'll have to play a lot better in the championship game against Cumberland." Mt Aloysius (0-1) was led by freshman Ginger Finelli, who scored a game-high 24 points in her collegiate debut. Michele Taddei followed with 10 points for the Mounties.

Pikeville held a 40-27 halftime advantage shooting 48 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes. The Lady Bears finished shooting 46 percent for the game. Pikeville out-rebounded the visitors 46-38.

Former Betsy Layne player, Jessica Johnson, had a three-point basket for three points. She had two assists in the game.

The Lady Bears hit only four of 12 from the free throw line.

CUMBERLAND VS ALICE LLOYD

In the opening game of the Rax Invitational, Cumberland posted a 78-65 win over Alice Lloyd College, the tournament's defending champion.

Karrah Sampson led Alice Lloyd with 16 points while Jennifer Hilton tossed in 13.

Kelly Ferguson topped Cumberland with 21 points and Emily Luttrell added 18.

Cumberland led 40-31 at the half, shooting 45 percent. They out-rebounded the Lady Eagles 37-32. Cumberland did not shoot that well for the game, hitting only 43 percent from the floor. Alice Lloyd hit nearly 50 percent of their shots but shot poorly from the free throw line with only 50 percent shooting. The Lady Indians hit 23 of 32 free throw attempts.

Cumberland improves to 3-0 on the season while Alice Lloyd is still winless at 0-3.



by Jim Lyon

If you are an angler, there is always a fishing trip that you remember as special. One that made an impression on your mind that you can't forget.

This trip for me was one made by my brother and me to Cave Run Lake.

I lived in Pittsburgh, Penn., at the time. My family and I came on vacation to Kentucky, visiting my relatives in Elliott County and my wife's relatives in Floyd County.

During our vacation, while visiting in Elliott County, my brother and I decided to go fishing at Cave Run. We loaded up early that morning, checked all our equipment and began our 25 mile drive to the lake.

My brother, being a resident of Kentucky, had previously acquired his fishing license. But being from out of state, I was required to purchase an out of state license.

We had gotten underway very early in the morning, and the places which sold fishing licenses had not opened for business. We proceeded on toward the lake anticipating a great day of fishing. We planned our strategy, and I listened as my brother related stories of some great catches of muskie.

We were within a few miles of the dock when we noticed something was wrong. We pulled to the side of the road, got out of the car to find we had a flat tire on the boat trailer. We had no spare, and no way to fix the flat.

We removed the wheel and tire from the trailer, and I drove to Campton, near West Liberty, purchased a new tire for the trailer while my brother stayed with the boat and equipment. About two and a half hours later I returned with the repaired tire, installed it on the trailer then proceeded to the lake.

We stopped at a lake side store to purchase some additional supplies, and my out-of-state license. A young lady who probably had never sold an out-of-state license had been left in charge of the store, nor did she know anything about them.

I asked her if I could purchase an out-of-state fishing license. She said, "Well, I don't know why you would want to fish out of state, We have some of the best fishing in the

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world right here."

I replied, "Yes, I know you do, but I am a resident of Pennsylvania and I'm required to purchase an out-of-state fishing license."

The young lady began to look under the counter and shuffle all the fishing license documents around, looking carefully at each one. She stopped and looked at me in bewilderment, and said, "Mister, what state do you want to fish in, I'm afraid I only have Kentucky licenses."

After a careful explanation of how the license worked, she very shyly admitted that she was not one of the regular clerks.

The morning had been very eventful, and we were not yet on the lake.

When we arrived at the dock, we backed the boat into the water and my brother unhooked it from the trailer, and I parked the car and trailer. We were at last ready to catch the big one.

We boated down the lake about three miles and found a place we both anticipated being the habitat of largemouth bass. We fished for several hours catching a few average-size fish.

Later in the afternoon, the fish seemed to quit hitting any of our lures. We tried live bait to no avail. We were weary and began boating around the lake looking for another place more suitable.

While we were looking around at slow speed, I cast a deep diving shad lure and let it trail about 20 yards behind the boat. My brother informed me that the lake was full of logs that were not removed when the water was backed up, and if I wasn't careful I would get my lure stuck on one of them.

I had just begun to retrieve of my lure when it stuck. I informed my brother that he was right, I was stuck on a log.

He stopped the boat and had started to back up, when I felt a tug on my rod and this large muskie jumped out of the water in the area where my hook seemed to be hung. I had a 31-and-a-quarter-inch fish on my lure!

I was so excited I almost fell out of the boat before landing it. There is nothing that will get your heart pumping more than watching a big beautiful muskie take to the air as it

tries to throw the hook.

We trolled the rest of the day trying to repeat the catch ... and were unsuccessful.

We found a sandy beach, landed the boat, and began to stretch our legs on the shore. Another angler saw us there and also landed his boat on the same sandy shoreline.

He stepped from his boat and we exchanged our greetings. He informed us of his trophy catch of the day. He stepped back into the boat, opened his live well, and lifted a very large bluegill from the well in his hands. He was showing us the fish, when it gave a flop and slipped from his hands into the water.

The man looked horrified as the fish hit the water. His action seemed as fast as a cat, he jumped out of the boat into the water, went under his boat and trapped the fish between the boat and the sand.

With a great effort, as the water was splashing in every direction, he came up with the fish once again in his hand and quickly placed it back into the live well of his boat.

My brother and I were amazed and amused at the agile moves this man displayed as he struggled to keep his trophy. I wouldn't be surprised if after these many years this man still has this bluegill over his mantle mounted on a beautiful plaque, and perhaps from his rocking chair he relates the story to his grandchildren, how he caught this monster, how it got away and how he dove in the water and caught it again with his bare hands.

This fishing trip happened many years ago, but my brother and I, when we get together, often amuse ourselves by reminiscing about the flat tire, the man with the fleet hands, the unexpected muskie and the inexperienced store clerk. It never fails to bring a smile and often a chuckle, as we remember this special fishing trip.

Local fishing information: Dewey lake is below summer pool stage and falling, water temperate 64 degrees and clear.

Yatesville lake is below normal pool stage and falling. The water temperature is 57 degrees and clear. Fishing is reported as good using live bait.

Paintsville Lake is below summer pool stage and falling. The water is clear and 58 degrees on the surface. Fishing is reported as good using crank and spinner baits. Crappie fishing is good using live bait.

We are having some beautiful fishing weather. Load up and head for your favorite fishing hole. Always practice water safety and protect our environment by keeping all trash off the lake... See you at the fishing hole.

Karen's Korner

A tough job: But someone has to do it.

by Karen Joseph



If you go to the dictionary and look up the word official it reads, "One prescribed or recognized as authorized."

If you look up the word referee is says, "A sports official usually having final authority in administering a game."

So one could conclude that a referee (official) would be authorized to have

the final say at a sporting event. Some people would say this, but not all people.

It never fails, at any sporting event that you attend, someone will disagree with the officials. But I can't recall in any situation where a fan has caused a referee to change his or her call. They do have the final say.

We have several men and women in Floyd County who officiate sporting events. And boy, do they ever take the lip. Seems like there is always someone in the stands that gives them a hard time.

It is hard enough that the coaches chew on the officials, but when the fans start, that makes it even worse. Maybe we need to let the fans take a turn behind the whistle.

I don't mean to give anyone a hard time, but sometimes we don't realize how hard it is to get out there and officiate a ball game. Just think, what it would be like without any officials at a ball game? Things would get pretty wild.

The referees in Floyd County do a very good job calling the ball games. We have some veterans and some who are just starting out.

These referees just don't pick up a whistle and get out there and call a game. They have to attend many classes to be certified.

After they are certified by the 15th region Officials Association, they are required to attend 80 percent of all meetings. They also are required to attend clinics and be evaluated.

The assigning secretary, Ancey Casey, also has people who evaluate the officials during a game. They are evaluated on their appearance, dress, how they handle themselves and whether they are able to make the 'big' call.

So, these men and women go through a lot more than people realize, only to get on the floor or field and be harassed.

We have people in our county who have been in the officiating business a long time.

Lowell Parker had probably been calling longer than anyone else in Floyd County. Parker has officiated for 26 years.

Parker lives at Wheelwright and started officiating in 1976, right after high school.

"I started doing grade school basketball games and worked independent leagues in Martin and Floyd counties," Parker said. "I did church leagues as well. I have worked many grade school games. In 1996, I worked the 'All A' state tournament in Richmond. I have enjoyed a lot of good years officiating. I love working with elementary and middle school age children. It has become my mission to work toward and aid the development of young officials that are starting out in their officiating careers."

Wendell Wallen is another veteran official in Floyd County. Wallen has been officiating for 25 years.

"In my years of officiating, I have met a lot of people and I have made a lot of friends," Wallen remarked. "I really enjoy being around the game and I really enjoy doing the best job that I can."

Phillip Tucker has been calling the plays for 23 years. Tucker says, "In my 23 years of officiating I've met people of all walks of life. I've made many lifetime friends through officiating. Officiating is not for everyone, but can be very rewarding for those who like it."

Arnold Wheeler has been officiating for 16 years. Arnold says, "I love the game of basketball, being with the kids. I believe in letting the kids play the game."

Neal May lives at Ivel and has been in the business for 18 years. May referees several grade school games.

Dale Conn is another veteran. He lives at Harold and had been an official for 14 years.

"I have officiated for 13 years and getting ready to start my 14th," Conn said. "I have officiated several district tournaments. I have met and made many friends throughout my career. We, the officials, lost one of our own a few months ago when Archie Tackett passed away. Archie was a good official and a dear friend to everyone. We really miss him. More than most people realize, the game of basketball, or any sport, is more than winning or losing, it helps to prepare our young children for life."

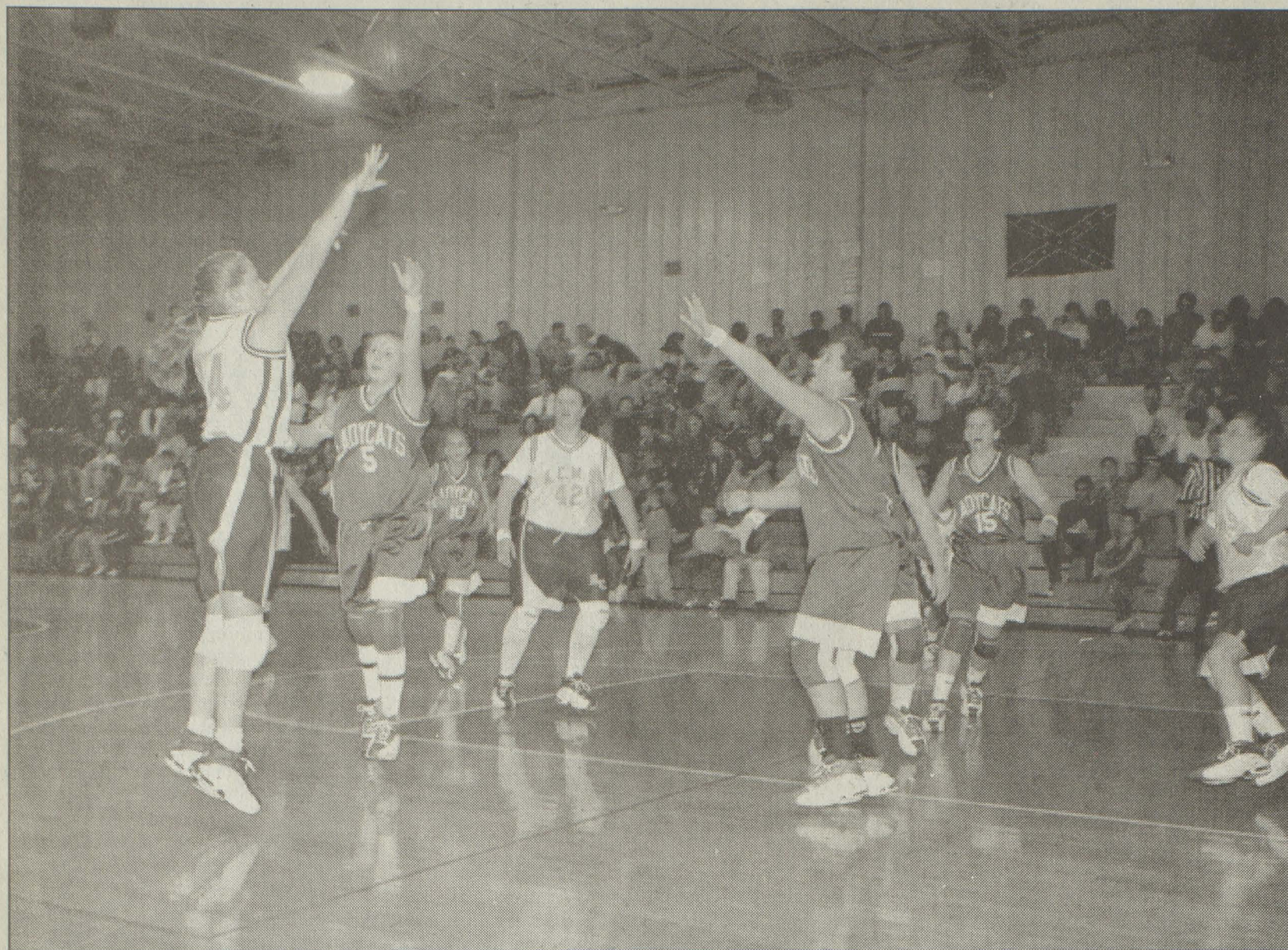
We have some rookies who are just starting out in Floyd County. We also have some women who are getting into the business.

Kathy Isaac is a veteran official. Isaac referees grade school basketball only. We have two other women who

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SOUTH FLOYD'S MEGAN OUSLEY DROVE IN FOR two points against Betsy Layne in girls semifinal action in the Right Beaver Classic Thursday night. The Lady Cats won in overtime. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Allen Central Middle School forward Jessica Isaac (24) hit a 12-foot jumper against Betsy Layne Friday night. The two teams clashed in the girls championship game of the Right Beaver Classic. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Enjoying Retirement

by Karen Joseph

We have had some great coaches and teachers in Floyd County over the past years. We still have some good teachers and coaches, but we have lost a great number of the good teachers and coaches to retirement.

William Newsome — everyone knows him as Junior — is one of those.

Newsome spent his teaching and coaching career at Betsy Layne High School. He started coaching as an assistant with Tommy Boyd for the boys varsity basketball team at Betsy Layne in 1970.

Newsome was the world civilization teacher at Betsy Layne High School, and he also taught physical education.

Junior retired in June 1997 after 30 years of teaching and coaching.

"I really do miss teaching, but I miss coaching most," says the veteran coach. "I keep very busy and this helps me. When I first retired, I talked to several people and they said the main thing was to stay busy."

Coach Newsome has picked up a different hobby to keep busy. Most of the time, weather permitting and sometimes weather not-so-permitting, you can find the retired coach on the golf course.

"Golf is a very relaxing sport and I have met some very fine people playing golf," Newsome explained. "This helps me occupy my time.

Golf is a very good sport. You compete against yourself. If you shot a bad round, you have no one to blame except yourself. But you always want to come back the next day. I just wish I had started playing golf at an earlier age. I didn't start to play golf until a few years ago, but I really enjoy it."

After a person works for over 30 years, it is harder than people think to retire and just sit home. Coach Newsome has had a hard time adjusting to a different lifestyle.

"It is totally a different lifestyle," Newsome said. "In retirement you follow your own schedule. I had a hard time with that at first, but I have learned to adjust. I just stay busy. Besides playing golf, I help my wife Josephine with her real-estate business and this takes up a lot of my time, but I do enjoy what I am doing."

Even though Coach Newsome is happy in what he is doing now, he still has a problem with not coaching.

"I have purposely not attended any basketball or baseball games since I retired because I am afraid that I will start missing it too much and want to go back," Newsome said. "At the time that I retired, I thought it was the best thing to do, but sometimes I have second thoughts. So I don't go to baseball and basketball, because then I would really miss it."

During his coaching career

Coach Newsome took two teams to the Sweet Sixteen.

"I have some really great memories from my coaching career," commented Newsome. "I took two teams to the Sweet Sixteen in basketball. Betsy Layne went to the state in 1976 and 1980. This is every high school coach's dream. I had some very talented boys on those teams. In 1976, I had Ricky Roberts, Ronnie Clark, Howard Brown, Wilburn Samons, Mike Hall and Jimmy Rose. And, in 1980, I had a coach's dream of a team. I had 10 players return from the previous year that had a lot of playing experience. Ronnie Akers, Darrell Newsome, Joey Reynolds, Paul Layne, Gary Kidd, Keith Akers, Hagan Bush, Robbie Roberts, Dwayne Jarrell and Brian Meade. That was a very enjoyable coaching year."

One of the hardest aspects of coaching, is coaching your own child.

"I had the joy of coaching my two sons in sports," the coach recalled. "This is sometimes very rewarding, but most of the time it is the most difficult time in your coaching career. Not that my boys were hard to coach, but you can't win. I was always harder on my sons, because I didn't want other parents to think I was showing favoritism. This was not fair to my sons, but I was guilty of it most of the time. But I enjoyed coaching

them too.

"Another rewarding feeling that I had as a coach is when a player went on to play at the next level. This really made me feel as if I had accomplished something. When you coach a child for four years and then he has the opportunity to advance their education due to the fact that they played sport is a great feeling. You feel like you have made a difference on a child's life. I have had more players go on to play at the next level in baseball than basketball. Most people in Floyd County don't realize that more scholarships are awarded in baseball than in basketball in Floyd County."

There are other aspects that coaches don't enjoy in coaching.

"I enjoyed coaching about 95 percent of the time," Newsome explained. "No one realizes, unless you have coached, how hard it is to coach. And I am not talking about knowing the games. I am talking about not being able to play all the kids all of the time. Everyone expects you to have a winning team and at the same time play the players equally. This is impossible. You will always have some children that have more talent in that particular sport that is a better player. But when you can't play everyone equal time, then the parents gets upset and that's the part of coaching that I dislike the most."

Coach Newsome says, "I had done what I wanted to with my life. I know I could of made more money, but you have to do what you enjoy. And I enjoy working with children and being around them. It helps to keep you young."

Things are different now at sporting events. At one time, there was a packed house at all ball games, but nowadays attendance is declining.

When asked why he thought this was happening Coach Newsome replied, "I think that the attendance is down because there are so many games. Used to, the high school girls and boys played on the same night. But now the girls have their own schedule. You will have at least four games a week during the high school basketball season, plus some grade school games still going on. Not many fans can afford to attend four or five games a week with a family of four. They usually attend only the games that their children participate in. And the student attendance is down because there is so much more to do these days than those was, say, 15 or 20 years ago."

Another problem that we have in our school today is the transferring of students to play sports. Coach Newsome's thoughts on this problem is, "I think that the KHSAA needs to adopt a policy and stick to it. I think that if it is in the child's best interest, then it should be allowed, but not for athletic purposes only. I think that the county and region would be more evenly paired if the transferring stopped."

The veteran coach thinks, "we need to support our children. This is the most important thing parents need to do."

When asked if he would ever return to coaching, Newsome said he was like James Bond — "Never say Never."

Paintsville falls hard to Panthers, 41-15

By Rick Bentley
Contributing Writer

PIKEVILLE — It was a good mix of veterans and rookies who led Pikeville to its 41-15 win over Paintsville Friday night.

Senior Jeremiah Akers continued his torrid postseason, catching seven passes for 176 yards and two touchdowns. On the other end of those passes, junior Matt Branham finished the night 15-21 for 314 yards with only one interception.

And then there was freshman Jarrod Frasure, who ran nine times for 65 yards and two touchdowns, as the Panthers won for the 11th consecutive time this season after dropping the season opener.

"We knew it would be a tough ball game," said Pikeville Coach Chris McNamee. "We came in at halftime and we had them 21-7, which is a little better than we had them last time. I thought our kids hung in there well."

McNamee was referring to his club's meeting with Paintsville two weeks earlier to end the regular season. On that night, Pikeville led 14-3 at the half before the Tigers returned the opening kick of the second half for a score, pulling within three at 14-11.

Frasure got the Panthers on the scoreboard in the first period, plunging in from a yard out with 5:11 to play. Matt Walls was good on the kick for the 7-0 lead.

Paintsville (8-4) did something early in the second frame it wasn't able to do two weeks ago — it pulled even with the Panthers. That came on a two-yard run by Travis Preston with 8:16 left in the half. The kick by Brook Stinnet locked the game at seven.

The tie wasn't on the scoreboard long, however, as Pikeville's potent passing attack went to work.

Branham's first scoring strike to Akers came with 3:32 to play. After Nick King picked off a Preston pass, Branham hit Akers from 27 yards out. The lead was 13-7.

Only 90 seconds later, Akers hauled in another toss and hustled downfield for a 78-yard score. This time, Pikeville went for the conversion, and again it was Branham finding Akers for the 21-7 lead at 2:02.

"Jeremiah Akers made some catches, and then made some tremendous runs," said McNamee. "Our line did a good job of block-

ing and our backs did a good job of running."

The lead stood at the break, which gave the coach a reason to breathe a little easier.

"We had them down 14, and we thought at halftime they'd probably have to put the ball in the air," he said. "They do both well, but they're probably a better running team than throwing. We thought if we forced them to throw, we would make them do things they didn't want to do."

The decision to go to the air didn't pay off for the Tigers, as Preston finished the night with only 6-18 completions for 80 yards. On top of that, he was picked off three times.

The Panthers put the game away in the third quarter on two rushing — or was that Chase-ing? — touchdowns. Chase Rogers scored on an 18-yard run with 9:58 to play in the frame, while Chase Gibson found pay dirt after a 10-yard carry with 1:55 to play.

Walls' kick after the second score made the score 34-7 heading into the last 12 minutes.

The teams traded fourth-quarter scores. Pikeville went first, as Frasure scored on a three-yard run with 8:04 left. David Peters scored from five yards out with 2:52 remaining.

Paintsville's score was followed by a Preston-to-Ben Hale conversion pass.

Pikeville carried the ball 26 times for 145 yards in the game, led by Frasure's 65 and Rogers' 35, in addition to Akers' 176 in the air. Gibson and King caught four passes each for 84 and 64 yards respectively.

Paintsville finished with 35 carries for 182 yards, paced by Peters, who had 84 yards on 17 tries, and Matt Brown, who carried 10 times for 79.

Hale had the big night in the air, catching three balls for 58 yards.

However, the most telling stat of the night for the Tigers was in the penalty category. Paintsville was flagged 13 times, yielding 170 yards. Of those, nine were of the 15-yard variety.

Pikeville will play at Harlan in the Region IV finals.

"They have a good offense and defense," said McNamee. "A lot of people said they wouldn't make it out to the regional finals, but here we are."



Korner

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officiate. April Newsome and Gloria Mullins are just getting started.

Steve Parker of Prestonsburg is in his second year and is still considered a rookie.

We have several officials who cannot be classified as rookies. They have been calling several years, but they are not considered veterans either.

Johnny Webb is one of those officials. Webb has been calling for seven years and does a very good job.

Mike Potter of Harold is another one who is doing a good job. Potter has been refereeing for five years.

Jim Clark has been in the business for seven years and has become a very good official.

Mark Ousley and Mike Rose are young in age, but they have six years of experience in the refereeing field.

Tim Martin and Gary Kidd,

both of Prestonsburg, have five years of experience.

We have other gentlemen in Floyd County who are brave enough to get out there and take the abuse.

We have Larry Dean Cecil and Jimmy Cecil, Keith Henry, Todd Duff and Carl Crisp. I am sure there are other officials I have missed, but my hat goes off to all of them. They have a tough job.

So the next time that you attend a sporting event and you don't agree with a call the official just made, think before you voice your disapproval. The person sitting next to you may be that official's brother, sister, father, mother, cousin, husband, wife or child. And no matter how much you may be upset with the call, remember they love the person on the floor no matter what.



Junior Newsome

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

TV Introduces Reluctant Star

When the TV lights went out on the \$3.5 million Ranger Millennium M-1 bass tournament and Fox Sports returned to an NFL game Sunday afternoon, the aura of the sport's biggest moment enveloped its simplest of heroes.

Like it or not, **Darrell Robertson** is now a genuine fishing star who will not be able to simply fade back into the obscurity of his third-generation family farm in Jay, Okla. For the first time, network TV viewers across the nation saw live bass-tournament action — and they saw the humble Robertson win a record \$600,000.

Add that to the \$250,000 (the sport's previous record catch) he earned by winning the FLW Tour Championship two months ago, and you can see that life is bound to be different for this pro, who never sought the spotlight.

Tim Tucker's Tour Notebook

Instead of becoming a full-time pro, signing dozens of product endorsements and hitting the national seminar circuit, Robertson would just as soon return to Jay, tend to his three daughters and enjoy the fellowship of his neighbors at the Full Gospel Church.

When asked two months ago if big-money success would change his life, Robertson replied, "I hope not. I like my life."

Success — regardless of how it manifests itself in the coming months for Darrell Robertson — couldn't have picked a nicer guy.

School's In **Jeff Ransom**, a 32-year-old school superintendent from Muldrow, Okla., was one of the 10 finalists in the Ranger event. That meant his students at the Liberty School in Muldrow got a chance to watch him on television Sunday.

"The kids will love it," said Ransom, who had a shot at winning \$600,000. Asked if school would be out for him if he was able to win the big money, he replied, "No. I love what I do."

Ransom finished eighth and won \$16,000.

Ranger M-2? Although there were some technical glitches that hampered the live portion of its airing (as well as the final weigh-in for about 5,000 spectators), the Ranger Millennium M-1 tournament was considered a big success by the organizers. Operation Bass chief operating officer **Charlie Evans** said that plans are already under way for a repeat of this Ranger owners' tournament, but it will probably be held two years from now.

BASSMASTER Winner **Randy Jackson**, a 43-year-old aluminum smelting plant employee from Poplar Bluff, Mo., won the \$208,000 BASSMASTER Missouri Central Invitational on Lake of the Ozarks on Saturday.

Jackson, who caught a three-day total of 34 pounds, 13 ounces, took home the \$45,000 top prize (which includes a Ranger boat). His success came on a 1/2-ounce spinner-bait and tubegig fished around docks.

Kansas pro **Brent Chapman** finished second with 34.3. Defending tournament champion **Dan Morehead** of Kentucky placed third with 33-11.

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

| This Week | Last Week | Weeks on List | Angler, Hometown |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 21 | Denny Brauer , Camdenton, Mo. <i>Runner-up in 1999 Classic; still the man to beat</i> |
| 2 | 2 | 21 | Davy Hite , Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i> |
| 3 | 3 | 21 | Larry Nixon , Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener, made Md. finals</i> |
| 4 | 4 | 21 | Kevin VanDam , Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; third in Md. Top 150</i> |
| 5 | 5 | 21 | Rick Clunn , Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in VI. BASS Top 150</i> |
| 6 | 12 | 4 | David Fritts , Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up</i> |
| 7 | 7 | 21 | Stephen Browning , Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Mich. Top 150 finals</i> |
| 8 | 8 | 4 | Tim Horton , Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Won Md. Top 150; leads Angler of Year race</i> |
| 9 | 9 | 17 | David Walker , Cannon, Ky. <i>FLW Tour Angler of Year; 15th in Md. Top 150</i> |
| 10 | 10 | 21 | Zell Rowland , Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of VI. BASS Top 150</i> |
| 11 | 11 | 17 | Clark Wendland , Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up</i> |
| 12 | — | 1 | Darrell Robertson , Jay, Okla. <i>M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months</i> |
| 13 | 13 | 21 | Mark Davis , Mount Ida, Ark. <i>Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals</i> |
| 14 | 14 | 11 | Roland Martin , Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.</i> |
| 15 | 15 | 15 | Dean Rojas , Lake Havasu City, Ariz. <i>Top Western BASS pro</i> |

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

PRO BASS FISHING RESULTS

Central Invitational

Here are the top finishers in the BASSMASTER Central Invitational held Nov. 4-6 at Lake of the Ozarks, Osage Beach, Mo., including angler, hometown, number of fish caught/dead, total catch (lb.-oz.), and winnings.

| Rank | Angler | Hometown | Fish | Dead | Winnings |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------|----------|
| 1 | Randy Jackson | Poplar Bluff, Mo. | 14/0 | 34-13 | \$42,000 |
| 2 | Brent Chapman | Lake Quivira, Kans. | 12/0 | 34-03 | \$27,000 |
| 3 | Dan Morehead | Paducah, Ky. | 10/0 | 33-11 | \$25,000 |
| 4 | Lee Knight | Mineola, Texas | 11/0 | 32-04 | \$9,000 |
| 5 | Kevin VanDam | Kalamazoo, Mich. | 12/0 | 28-10 | \$7,000 |
| 6 | Eric Holt | Cape Fair, Mo. | 11/0 | 27-15 | \$5,500 |
| 7 | Allen Head | Grove, Okla. | 8/0 | 27-11 | \$5,000 |
| 8 | Chad Brauer | Osage Beach, Mo. | 12/0 | 26-01 | \$4,500 |
| 9 | Edwin Evers | Durant, Okla. | 8/0 | 25-00 | \$5,000 |
| 10 | Scott Pauley | Columbia, Mo. | 8/0 | 24-14 | \$3,700 |
| 11 | Jeff Kelley | Benton, Ark. | 8/0 | 24-03 | \$3,200 |
| 12 | Kevin Short | Mayflower, Ark. | 9/0 | 23-13 | \$2,900 |
| 13 | Gary Yamamoto | Mineola, Texas | 7/0 | 22-11 | \$2,500 |
| 14 | Ladd Shannott | Atkins, Ark. | 7/0 | 22-06 | \$2,300 |
| 15 | Brian Snowden | Springfield, Mo. | 8/0 | 22-04 | \$2,200 |
| 16 | Joe Schmidt | Wildwood, Mo. | 9/0 | 21-15 | \$2,000 |
| 17 | Sam Henry | Murray, Ky. | 9/0 | 21-08 | \$2,000 |
| 18 | Scott Rook | Little Rock, Ark. | 9/0 | 21-08 | \$2,000 |
| 19 | Rudy Gautreaux | Baker, La. | 8/0 | 21-04 | \$2,000 |
| 20 | Curt Lytle | Suffolk, Va. | 8/0 | 21-03 | \$2,000 |
| 21 | Ken Cook | Meers, Okla. | 8/0 | 21-00 | \$1,900 |
| 22 | Q.T. Fears III | Sallisaw, Okla. | 7/0 | 20-14 | \$1,900 |
| 23 | Raul Morneau | Mexico City | 7/0 | 20-03 | \$1,900 |
| 24 | Bill Wilcox | Burleson, Texas | 8/0 | 19-10 | \$1,900 |
| 25 | Robert Urbanovsky | West, Texas | 8/0 | 18-15 | \$1,900 |
| 26 | Mike Hawkes | Sabinal, Texas | 9/0 | 18-14 | \$1,800 |
| 27 | Terry Bolton Jr. | Paducah, Ky. | 9/0 | 18-03 | \$1,800 |
| 28 | Shonn Goodwin | Moore, Okla. | 6/0 | 17-07 | \$1,800 |
| 29 | Ray Brazier | Lawrenceburg, Tenn. | 8/0 | 17-04 | \$1,800 |
| 30 | Mark Randolph | Monticello, Ind. | 6/0 | 16-15 | \$1,800 |

| Rank | Angler | Hometown | Fish | Dead | Winnings |
|------|------------------|----------------------|------|-------|----------|
| 31 | Craig S. Schuff | Fort Worth, Texas | 8/0 | 16-13 | \$1,700 |
| 32 | Larry Stinson | Buras, La. | 6/0 | 16-11 | \$1,700 |
| 33 | Bill Guillory | Jasper, Texas | 7/0 | 16-11 | \$1,700 |
| 34 | Ron Shuffield | Bismarck, Ark. | 7/0 | 16-09 | \$1,700 |
| 35 | Jeff Kriet | Ardmore, Okla. | 7/0 | 16-08 | \$1,700 |
| 36 | Jay Yelas | Tyler, Texas | 7/0 | 16-07 | \$1,600 |
| 37 | Nelson Scherrer | Festus, Mo. | 6/1 | 16-03 | \$1,600 |
| 38 | Dave Mungast Jr. | St. Louis | 6/0 | 15-12 | \$1,600 |
| 39 | Steve Bruton | Broken Bow, Okla. | 6/0 | 15-10 | \$1,600 |
| 40 | Jami Fralick | Martin, S.D. | 6/0 | 15-08 | \$1,600 |
| 41 | Marc Lowenthal | Prairieville, La. | 7/0 | 15-06 | \$1,500 |
| 42 | Eddy L. May | Wichita, Kans. | 5/0 | 15-01 | \$1,500 |
| 43 | Frank Lannon | Lebanon, Tenn. | 5/0 | 14-14 | \$1,400 |
| 44 | Ken Adamson | Stuttgart, Ark. | 7/0 | 14-13 | \$1,400 |
| 45 | Jerry Dolezal | Waco, Texas | 5/0 | 14-13 | \$1,400 |
| 46 | Rocky Casey | Eufaula, Okla. | 7/0 | 14-13 | \$1,400 |
| 47 | Stan Gerzsenyi | Mineola, Texas | 5/0 | 14-08 | \$1,400 |
| 48 | Rick Littlegard | Atkinson, N.H. | 5/0 | 14-07 | \$1,400 |
| 49 | Tim Bitter | Fruitland Park, Fla. | 5/0 | 14-07 | \$1,400 |
| 50 | Marty McGuire | Osage Beach, Mo. | 6/0 | 14-05 | \$1,400 |
| 51 | Ralph Schmidt | Glencoe, Mo. | 6/0 | 14-03 | \$1,000 |
| 52 | Shawn Stinson | Wolfe, La. | 7/0 | 14-01 | \$1,000 |
| 53 | Bill Stewart | Moore, Okla. | 7/0 | 13-14 | \$1,000 |
| 54 | Chris Johnson | Hannibal, Mo. | 6/0 | 13-13 | \$1,000 |
| 55 | Mike Boyles | Ozark, Mo. | 6/0 | 13-09 | \$1,000 |

| Day | Big Bass | Angler | Price |
|-----|----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | 6-12 | Edwin Evers, Durant, Okla. | \$1,000 |
| 2 | 5-15 | Earl Carver, Marthasville, Mo. | \$1,000 |
| 3 | 6-11 | Ronnie Delozier, Sulphur, Okla. | \$1,000 |

| Day | Fish | Dead | Limits | Lb.-Oz. |
|-------|-------|------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 387 | 0 | 12 | 964-02 |
| 2 | 369 | 1 | 6 | 915-06 |
| 3 | 281 | 0 | 4 | 666-07 |
| Total | 1,037 | 1 | 22 | 2,545-15 |

Millennium M-1

Here are the final round standings in the Ranger Millennium M-1 tournament held Nov. 5-8 on the Chain of Lakes at Winter Haven, Fla., listed by angler, number of fish caught, total weight, and earnings.

| Rank | Angler | Hometown | Fish | Winnings |
|------|-------------------|----------------------|------|----------------|
| 1 | Darrell Robertson | Jay, Okla. | 5 | 10-6 \$600,000 |
| 2 | David Fritts | Lexington, N.C. | 5 | 8-5 \$115,000 |
| 3 | Rex Huff | Corbin, Ky. | 5 | 8-4 \$58,000 |
| 4 | Chip Harrison | Bremen, Ind. | 5 | 6-12 \$37,000 |
| 5 | David P. Dudley | Manteo, N.C. | 5 | 6-12 \$24,000 |
| 6 | Koby Kreiger | Osceola, Ind. | 2 | 4-15 \$20,000 |
| 7 | Jackie Davis | Willard, Mo. | 4 | 4-15 \$20,000 |
| 8 | Jeff Ransom | Muldrow, Okla. | 1 | 4-4 \$16,000 |
| 9 | Jim Bitter | Fruitland Park, Fla. | 3 | 4-3 \$22,000 |
| 10 | Marty Fourkiller | Cleveland, Okla. | 3 | 4-3 \$14,000 |

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|------|--------------------|--------------------|------|---------------|
| 1 | Jerry Tice | Chipley, Fla. | 4 | 7-2 \$150,000 |
| 2 | Taylor Hutchings | Phoenix | 5 | 6-3 \$54,000 |
| 3 | John Jacobs | Birmingham, Ala. | 3 | 3-4 \$34,000 |
| 4 | Ross Taylor | Burnsville, Minn. | 1 | 2-9 \$12,500 |
| 5 | J.J. Dean | Huntington, W. Va. | 2 | 2-3 \$14,000 |
| 6 | Jack D. Bell | Kane, Pa. | 1 | 1-10 \$1,000 |
| 7 | Edward Miller | Fort Wayne, Ind. | 1 | 1-0 \$8,000 |
| 8 | Danny Moore | Henderson, N.C. | 0 | 0-0 \$9,000 |
| 9 | Randall R. Hillier | Summerville, S.C. | 0 | 0-0 \$8,000 |
| 10 | David Millsaps | Woodstock, Ga. | 0 | 0-0 \$5,000 |

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RANGER MILLENNIUM M-1 TOURNAMENT



Cattle rancher and part-time pro Darrell Robertson of Jay, Okla., shows off his winner's check.

Part-Timer Bags the Big One

Oklahoma's Fishing Farmer Wins Largest Purse Ever

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — A part-time bass pro from Oklahoma has now won the two biggest prizes ever in competitive fishing — \$850,000 total in two months — yet still plans to keep the job he loves: cattle ranching.

"I wouldn't trade my farm for bass fishing," Darrell Robertson said Sunday after winning \$600,000 — the largest prize ever in competitive fishing history — for taking first place in the \$3.5 million Ranger Millennium M-1 tournament.

"I really like my life," the 49-year-old rancher said. Two months ago, when Robertson won the \$250,000 top prize in the Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championship, he said, "I don't know if I'm going to fish professionally for a living in the future. I think an awful lot of the farm."

That resolve may well be tested in the coming months, since the Oklahoma angler's latest exploits came under the spotlight of live network television coverage, the first ever for the pro bass fishing tour, giving him instant nationwide recognition.

The unique Millennium Tournament, for owners of Ranger Boats, wrapped up four days of competition on the Winter Haven Chain of Lakes with a weigh-in Sunday at Cypress Gardens, attended by an estimated 5,000 spectators and televised throughout the nation by Fox Sports.

In the end, the stage was left to Robertson, the most unlikely of pros to achieve such celebrity status.

Robertson wrapped up his historic victory with a final-round total of 10 pounds, 6 ounces. That was enough to hold off veteran North Carolina pro David Fritts, who finished second with 8-5 and won \$115,000.

Victory came to Robertson in the last moments of the round. It took a pair of chunky largemouths falling victim to his Daiwa lipless crankbaits in the final 15 minutes of the competition to salvage what had been a frustrating day for Robertson.

"I had faith all day long that I would catch what I needed to catch," he said. "The good Lord can take care of you when he needs to."

"Back home, we had a gymnasium built by our church about a year ago. This will pay that off. So I think I had a lot of good people back home praying for me to do well here."

Ironically, Robertson nearly withdrew from the event when he was wracked with pain from a kidney stone the first day. Fortunately, medication and rest help the stone pass that evening.

As the cameras were stowed and the spectators filed out of Cypress Gardens, a contented Robertson said he will gladly return to tending the 800 head of cattle that roam his 2,800-acre spread near the small town of Jay. His latest earnings will also help pay off the mortgage on his farm, he said.

Tips From the Pros



BILL DANCE, one of the pioneer tournament pros, was a three-time BASS Angler of the Year before retiring to start "Bill Dance Outdoors," now one of the longest-running shows on TV.

Crankbait Is a Lure for All Seasons

"Do you want to discover a fishing lure that is really easy to use in locating bass? One that can be used almost 12 months of the year, can be fished shallow or deep, and doesn't require any special techniques for setting the hook? Got any idea what it is?"

"Well, if you guessed a crankbait, you would be 100 percent correct. It is a lure you can cover a lot of water with quickly. It stands to reason, the more productive water you can fish in a day, the more the odds will be in your favor — and the more bass will have the chance of seeing your lure. And the chances are much greater that you will catch more bass."

"One of my long-time favorite crankbaits is the Bomber Fat A. It is an excellent all-around crankbait. There is no doubt about it, crankbaits like the Fat A are among the easiest lures to learn to fish since the action of the lure often attracts a strike, regardless of the retrieve. This makes them an excellent choice, even for a beginner."

YOUR SPORTS

Bison Roundup Offers a Taste Of the Old West

By RITA COOK

As 1,500 buffalo stomp angrily, the cowboys know they have a challenging morning ahead. About three dozen wranglers work in the midst of the huge herd. They work in three groups, trying to steer the shaggy beasts inside corrals for the yearly vaccination and thinning of the herd.

The buffalo aren't cooperating as they have in Octobers past, so the three teams have their work cut out for them. Several riders wind up flat on their backs, staring face-to-face with a buffalo, after they are thrown from their horses.

And they have asked for this privilege. Every year, cowboys and cowgirls apply for the opportunity to ride the 73,000 acres of wild prairie in South Dakota's Custer State Park for the annual Buffalo Roundup.

Some of the wranglers have put aside suits and ties for this occasion, hoping to relive some of the adventure of the Old West. Others are real cowboys who relish a challenge. "We like the adrenaline of it," one said.

The roundup is not just some thrill ride, though. It is an integral part of the park's resource management plan. The size of the buffalo herd must be kept under control.

So each year, the bison must be collected and driven to the corrals, where they are sorted by park workers. Most are released back into the park, after the calves have been branded and the females vaccinated against brucellosis.

The animals that are not returned to the park are sold at auction on the third Saturday in November. The proceeds from the sale go into the park's operating budget.

One needn't ride a horse to experience the roundup. It is open to the public, and 10,000 or more curious onlookers show up each year at the corrals, waiting to feel the ground shake as the herd thunders over a nearby hill.

Those who do ride, though, and want to get a little closer to action will find that the roundup requires considerable skill. Buffalo are ornery animals, so it's important to look for signs that the animal might charge — if it has its tail in the air or if it is looking backward, for instance.

Old-timer Bob Lantis, who has participated in the roundup for 28 years, said he was charged by a buffalo more this year than he had been in years.

"As I was pushing a bunch of them along that fence, I had one cow that was just charging me about five or six times. Finally I got mad at her and when she charged back the next time, I pulled the gun and I shot two deals of birdshot at her rear end. Then she decided she wasn't interested in charging anymore."

Lantis is quick to point out that the birdshot doesn't harm the buffalo. "All that does is sting," he said. "It doesn't do any damage."

After the roundup, the veteran cowboys exchange stories — especially about the less experienced hands. "Did you see that one guy out there all by himself with the buffalo? He won't be here next year," one jokes.

"Many people put in for the buffalo roundup, and lots of them don't know anything about it," Lantis said. "We hope that we have enough good riders to watch out for those that aren't."

Lantis, who was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa, has been an integral part of the roundup since its beginning.

"I heard about it and I figured it was something I wanted to do," Lantis said. "It ended up that for the first 15 years I furnished most of the horses for them."

In those days Lantis had to hunt down riders. Now, he said, he easily gets at least 150 riders each year.

Lantis says he's already thinking about next year's roundup, which will be held Oct. 2.

"I'm thinking of riders that are doing a good job. There was one kid out there that was really a good hand, and some out there that didn't do a hoot," he said.

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ON THE SCHEDULE

WINSTON CUP

Coming up: Pennzoil 400
Where: Miami-Homestead (Fla.) Speedway (1.5-mile track), 300 laps/400 miles
When: Sunday, Nov. 14
Defending champion: First event
Event qualifying record: First event

Race record: First event
Notable: Homestead is the lone first-time track on the 1999 schedule, and no new tracks will be added in 2000. ... Dale Jarrett won the first Busch Grand National race there in 1995.

Where: Miami-Homestead (Fla.) Speedway (1.5-mile track), 200 laps/300 miles
When: Saturday, Nov. 13
Defending champion: Jeff Burton
Event qualifying record: Casey Atwood, Chevrolet, 148.262 mph, Nov. 14, 1998
Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 129.605 mph, Nov. 15, 1998

Notable: Jarrett won the track's first BGN event despite running fourth with one lap to go. The first three drivers crashed in the third turn of the final lap. ... Joe Nemechek, Kevin Lepage and Burton are the other former winners.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: HotWheels.com 300

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

| WINSTON CUP | BUSCH | TRUCK |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Dale Jarrett, 4,927 | Dale Earnhardt Jr., 4,467 | Jack Sprague, 3,747 |
| 2. Bobby Labonte, 4,696 | Matt Kenseth, 4,278 | Greg Biffle, 3,739 |
| 3. Mark Martin, 4,613 | Jeff Green, 4,212 | Dennis Setzer, 3,639 |
| 4. Tony Stewart, 4,471 | Todd Bodine, 3,957 | Stacy Compton, 3,623 |
| 5. Jeff Gordon, 4,432 | Elton Sawyer, 3,767 | Jay Sauter, 3,543 |
| 6. Jeff Burton, 4,403 | Jeff Purvis, 3,570 | Mike Wallace, 3,494 |
| 7. Dale Earnhardt, 4,212 | Dave Blaney, 3,467 | Ron Hornaday, 3,488 |
| 8. Rusty Wallace, 3,904 | Jason Keller, 3,452 | Andy Houston, 3,359 |
| 9. Ward Burton, 3,806 | Mike McLaughlin, 3,375 | Mike Bliss, 3,294 |
| 10. Mike Skinner, 3,706 | Randy LaJoie, 3,303 | Jimmy Hensley, 3,280 |

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) **Dale Jarrett** Title all but locked up
- (5) **Bobby Labonte** Third was not enough
- (2) **Jeff Gordon** Won BGN race, 10th in Cup
- (4) **Mark Martin** Couldn't catch Tony
- (3) **Jeff Burton** One win shy of Gordon
- (7) **Tony Stewart** Best rookie ever? Yes
- (6) **Dale Earnhardt** Coasted home 11th
- (8) **Ward Burton** Drove from 37th to 13th
- (9) **Rusty Wallace** In pit-road melee
- (—) **Ricky Rudd** Has to beat the odds

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP

Tony Stewart equaled an all-time rookie record by winning for the second time in the Dura Lube 500K at Phoenix International Raceway. The 28-year-old Indiana native and Pontiac driver led nearly half the laps and easily outraced Mark Martin's Ford.

Dale Jarrett overcame adversity — a flat tire briefly put him a lap down — and finished sixth,

enabling him to close in on his first Winston Cup championship.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Jeff Gordon won his first Busch Grand National race in seven years, the Outback 200 at Phoenix. Just as significantly, Dale Earnhardt Jr. clinched his second series championship with a runner-up finish. Both drove Chevrolet Monte Carlos.

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

| | | |
|---------|--|-----------------|
| Nov. 14 | Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex | Homestead, Fla. |
| Nov. 21 | Atlanta Motor Speedway | Hampton, Ga. |

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Rusty Wallace vs. Geoffrey Bodine

A pit-road melee with Wallace cost Bodine what potentially could have been an opportunity to win. Steve Park was also involved, but his Chevrolet was hardly damaged. At the time of the melee, Bodine had spent almost all the race in the top five. He wound up 22nd.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:

"Wallace deserves credit for being a stand-up guy and taking the blame for the incident, which occurred prior to the halfway point. Yes, it was 'one of those racing deals.' No, that didn't make Bodine, who has been struggling all year, feel any better."

AROUND THE GARAGE

Gordon upset about crew members leaving

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jeff Gordon, at Phoenix International Raceway early for Busch Grand National practice and qualifying, expressed his disappointment at the defection of five crew members to Robert Yates Racing and Dale Jarrett next year.

"It was kind of interesting and definitely a surprise to us because we weren't given an opportunity (to make a counter offer)," Gordon said. "We had big plans for those guys ... but obviously they had different plans."

"They pretty much made their own plans and went off and did it. ... That's fine. We'll be fine without them; it's just we're going to have to shuffle a bit to get some guys, and we would've loved to have kept them."

The Rainbow Warriors, the name given the crew by former crew chief Ray Evernham, were trendsetters in that they were the first pit crew custom-designed for that purpose. Most NASCAR pit crews consist of employees with other duties, but the Rainbow Warriors were put together for their athletic ability, not their value as mechanics. Gordon won three

Winston Cup championships with them.

FOR THE RECORD: The five crewmen hired away from Hendrick Motorsports by Yates were Barry Muse, Mike Trower, Kevin Gilman, Jeff Knight and Darren Jolly.

"This opportunity was presented to us earlier this year, and after much thought between myself, Todd (Parrott, crew chief) and Dale (Jarrett), we elected to take advantage of it," said Robert Yates. "This sport has been driven to the point where every situation tends to get more specialized. We compared

notes and felt this would be a positive move. When a job is performance-driven, it's only smart to have specialized people in those positions."

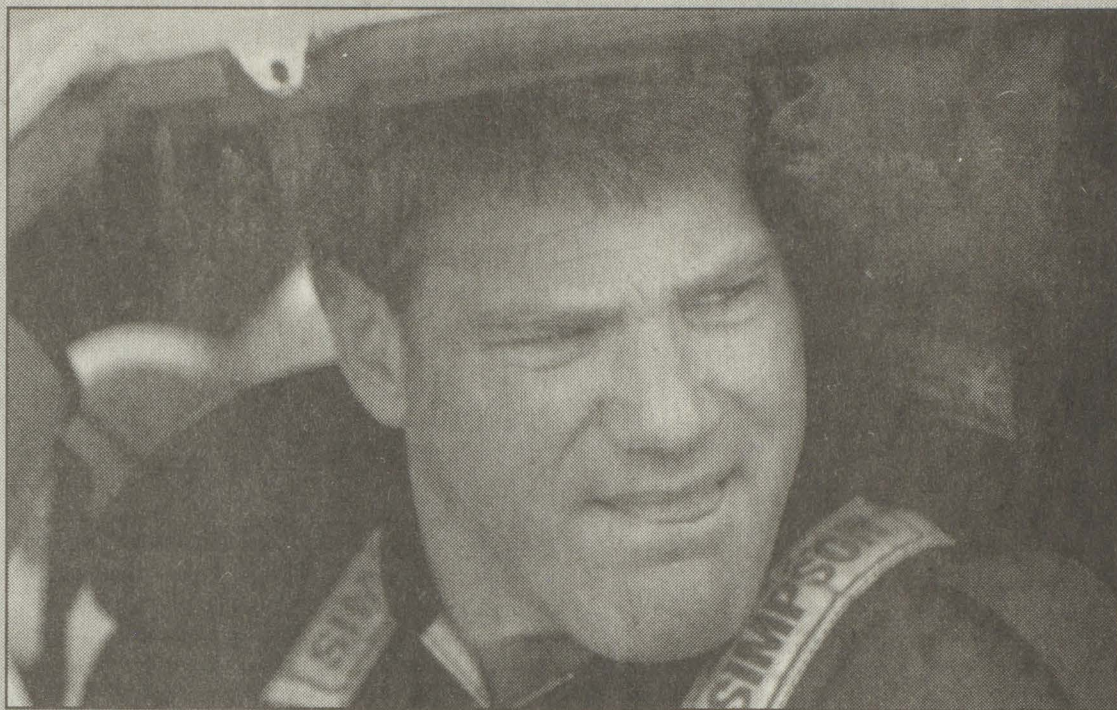
YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE IT: Bruton Smith, the relentless visionary of motorsports, is at it again.

The Pennzoil World of Outlaws and the Hav-A-Tampa Racing Series will compete next June 2-3 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

What? Aren't these two series strictly for dirt tracks? Yes, they are.
Speedway Motorsports CEO

PROFILE

Steve Grissom



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Steve Grissom has been reduced to occasional appearances in Winston Cup.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Steve Grissom, once considered one of stock car racing's more promising young drivers, has never been able to quite turn the corner in the Winston Cup Series.

Grissom is one of many NASCAR drivers to have risen from the ranks of Alabama short-track drivers. Once a power to be reckoned with at almost every race, the "Alabama Gang" has been reduced to occasional appearances in the Winston Cup ranks, as drivers like Grissom and Hut Stricklin have been unable to fulfill the legacy of forerunners like the Allison and Neil Bonnett.

Once a fine high-school football player, Grissom won the Busch Grand National championship in 1993. In NASCAR's chief support series, Grissom has won 11 times, most recently at Daytona in 1996.

AGE: 36

HOMETOWN: Gadsden, Ala.

WIFE: Susan

CHILDREN: Two

CAR: Grissom has driven several different cars in Cup competition this year

RECORD: BGN — 230 starts, 4 poles, 11 wins, 42 top-five finishes, 74 top-10s, \$1,311,471 in career earnings

FIRSTS: In Busch Grand National — Start (Sept. 6, 1986, at Richmond), pole (July 28, 1990, at New River Valley), win (July 28, 1990, at New River Valley)

HAVE ALL THE HILLS AND VALLEYS IN YOUR CAREER TAKEN A TOLL? "Every driver in this garage has been through a silly season one way or another, and sometimes it's kind of neat and sometimes it's no fun at all. What every driver hopes for is the 'no-brainer' offer, where the best team in racing offers you more resources and more financing than you ever dreamed of. What every driver gets is usually a lot closer to the line of what's good and what's not so good."

WHAT IS YOUR STATUS AS A DRIVER RIGHT NOW? "I've spoken with some of the biggest names in this sport and I've spoken with some on other levels. I've even spoken with some who aren't in stock car racing at all. Where there were offers, we weighed them pretty heavily. Where they were promising situations, we tried to be honest in what we could give them."

ARE YOU HOPEFUL SOMETHING WILL TURN UP? "There are other opportunities out there, and some pretty good ones too. I have a family, so I have to take a look at everything that comes up and look at it as seriously as I can. There have been a few that I had to step back and say, 'Whoa!' There are a lot of people wanting to build really good programs out there. Winston Cup is still my number one goal, and it's still where I'm headed one way or another. Right now I just want to make absolutely sure I take the right road to get there."

Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Tony Stewart's victory was his 20th top-10 finish.

■ **NOT:** Bill Elliott has finished outside the top 10 in 14 straight.

Trackside Trivia

- What two former NBA stars have owned or co-owned Busch Grand National cars?
- Who won the first Brickyard 400?
- Who won the first Winston Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway?

ANSWERS
1. Brad Daugherty and Julius Erving; 2. Jeff Gordon; 3. Jeff Burton

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Is it true ESPN has been bought out by Jarrett-Gordon Enterprises? Too bad. Most fans would like to know what the other 40 are doing in a race.

Jack Chapman
Kingsford Heights, Ind.

No such company exists.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
In watching the victory at Talladega, which was won by Dale Earnhardt, I'm very upset by all the booze flowing and sprayed around in victory lane. The races are watched by thousands of kids. What kind of a message does this send out to them? It's OK to win, celebrate and get in a drunken stupor?

Elton Shelly
Mercersburg, Pa.

The spraying of champagne after a victory is not uncommon in other forms of sports.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Jeff Gordon's behavior shows that he is the best and fairest driver on the NASCAR circuit. The reason that people boo him is because they cannot accept a young driver who is not one of the "good old boys."

Bob Knight
Frankfort, Ind.

The author wants us to know he is not the Indiana University basketball coach.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Why does Buddy Baker always say the same things in favor of Mark Martin? Baker is all for Martin and no one else. The officials of NASCAR should look into this and put a stop to it.

Eddie Hare
Wilmer, Ala.

Fan Tips

■ Hey, all you armchair quarterbacks (or crew chiefs)! La-Z-Boy has just introduced an armchair, the Oasis, equipped with a built-in electric cooler. The Oasis also includes phone, caller ID, massage and heat. For more information, consumers can call 1-800-625-3246, or can visit the company's Web site at www.lazyboy.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ The longest track where NASCAR ever raced was the 4.2-mile Daytona Beach "beach/road course," where races were held from 1949 through 1958. Tim Flock won a 1955 race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis. That track was a 4.1-mile road course.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ After an early miscalculation — he ran out of gas on the lap he was scheduled to pit — Greg Zipadelli and the Home Depot team performed impressively down the stretch in Tony Stewart's Phoenix victory. As a result of Stewart's last pit stop, the 28-year-old rookie was able to increase his lead threefold, from one to three seconds.

Sports

(Continued from page one)

name. Mike got a little sick after Monday night's three games and did not come back until Friday night.

"I was sick," he said. "I didn't know where I was at. I thought I was the Allen gym."

Sorry, Mike, wrong place.

Congratulations to the Betsy Layne Elementary Lady Cats and the Allen Eagles on being crowned tournament champions in their respective divisions.

Team free throw trophy, individual, went to Whitney Lykens in the girls tournament. For the boys, it was a tie between Beaver's Eric

Cook and MCA's Matt Potter. Beaver and Betsy Layne shot an identical 55 percent to share the team free throw trophy.

The Betsy Layne girls won the team free throw trophy.

Dance Cats first place award went to Allen Central Middle School with Allen taking second

place.

The Allen cheerleaders took home all the metal in cheering. Both the girls and boys squads finished first. Betsy Layne was second for the girls and Allen Central Middle School took home second place in the boys.

I enjoyed the tournament great-

ly. Thanks for the hot dogs, popcorn and diet coke. The kids were great and I enjoy all of them. They make me feel young, when I know better.

Some people asked me how I keep up the pace I do and I confessed to them that at times I can't but when I get to the gym, I feel

better because being around the kids just makes me feel that way. I wish I could take everyone of them and write about them.

Well, it is Saturday as I write this and it has been a long day at the old newspaper.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Lady Cats

(Continued from page one)

Betsy Layne took the lead for good on a 16-foot jumper by Witt with 1:30 remaining. A rebound basket by Lykens gave Betsy Layne a four point lead, 45-41. South Floyd had three straight turnovers with the Betsy Layne going to 47-41. Carla Hall's three-pointer made it a 47-44 game. But the Ladycats kept the ball in the hands of Lykens and she connected on seven of eight free throws down the stretch.

South Floyd scored only two points in the third period, on a field goal by Ousley, in what was a mysterious disappearance by the Lady Raider floor general and leading scorer.

South Floyd came out of the gates on fire led by Johnson, who was missing offensively in the third period. Johnson scored the game's first four points and had eight in the first quarter as the Lady Raiders opened up a 11-0 lead en route to what appeared to be a "blowout."

Coach Jim Roberts called a much-needed time out to settle his team down and to regroup.

"I didn't yell at them but told them they were going have to play better defense," said the Betsy Layne coach.

The instructions took hold when the two teams returned to the hardwood. A 5-2 run by Betsy

Layne made it a 13-5 game. Witt scored underneath at the 2:30 mark to put the Ladycats on the scoreboard. With 1:34 to play, she converted a three-point play and it was 13-5. Baskets by Johnson and Tuttle made it a 10-point game, 17-7 after the first quarter.

Lykens scored the first five points of the second quarter and pulled to within five of the Lady Raiders with 3:39 to play before halftime. Johnson had the only field goal for South Floyd in the first three minutes of the period. Ousley and Johnson had back-to-back baskets to build a 23-14 lead for South Floyd and on a great play by Ousley, the Lady Raiders led by 11 points.

Betsy Layne had four straight turnovers but South Floyd could not capitalize on the mistakes and Lykens scored the final five points of the game to narrow the South Floyd advantage to six points, 25-19, at the half.

Neither Ousley nor Johnson were offensively active in the third period as South Floyd appeared to be going through the motions of playing basketball, not looking like the team that opened the game with the first 11 points.

Betsy Layne took charge and chipped away at the lead to where

they went in front for the first time, 28-27 at the 1:02 mark on a basket by Akers. Betsy Layne led 29-27 after three quarters.

Lykens hit a long three-pointer to start the fourth period for Betsy Layne and a five-point lead. But the Lady Raiders got consecutive baskets from Anderson, Tuttle and Ousley to go in front 33-32 with 3:14 left to play. Four-of-six free throw shooting by Lykens gave the lead back to Betsy Layne at 36-34. The game was tied at 36 and again at 39 going into overtime.

Lykens said her thoughts during the game were on her friend and teammate, Jessica Bentley, who is in the hospital at UK.

"I was thinking of Jessica out there," said Lykens, referring to when she hit the important free throws in the overtime. "That helped me just a little bit more."

The Ladycats were wearing yellow arm bands in support of Bentley.

"We have her name and number on them," said Lykens. "We are hoping that she will come back home real soon."

Lykens said the win was sort of a revenge from last year when they lost to South Floyd.

"We wanted to avenge last year's loss to them," she said. "They beat us twice last year."

Belfry falls in close encounter to Breathitt

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Belfry Pirates saw a 14-0 lead disappear at Breathitt County Friday night in the third round of the state football playoffs.

In the high scoring affair, Breathitt will advance to host Middlesboro this coming Friday night.

Belfry finished the season at 8-4 while Breathitt improved to 11-1 on the year. Their lone loss was to Middlesboro.

The game was tied 27-27 at the half, but Belfry struck first to take a 14-0 lead on a 29-yard pass reception by Chris Pauly from Eric Wright. The second touchdown came on a 19-yard Pauly reception. John Smith kicked both PAT's.

Breathitt County made it a 14-6 game on Brandon Alsop's 45-yard pass reception from the state's leading quarterback, Allen Sperry. But Belfry came right back and made it a 20-6 game on Steve Childers 60-yard touchdown run. The PAT failed.

Before the first quarter ended, the Bobcats would strike pay dirt twice to tie the game at 20-20. Sperry connected with Brandon White for a 40-yard pass play and then hooked up with Kevin Turner for a 5-yard catch. Sperry then hit Anthony Johnson on the two-point conversion to knot the game.

Both teams scored once in the second period, with Breathitt County tak-

ing a 27-20 lead. Sperry hit Johnson on a 88-yard pass play, showing why he is the number one quarterback in the state. Childers found an opening and tied the game at 27-27 when he hauled in a completion from Jonathan Wright that went for 16 yards.

In the third period, Breathitt County went in front 34-27 when White carried the ball into the end zone from 9 yards out and Spencer added the point after.

Sperry teamed up with Alsop for a 33-yard pass completion as the Bobcats began to put some distance between

them and the Pirates. Breathitt went up 41-27 when Spencer kicked the extra point.

Belfry would make the game close scoring the next two touchdowns. A 1-yard plunge by Wright and Steve Vippeman's 1-yard run made it a 42-41 game after Wright hit Pauly on a conversion play and Smith kicked an extra point.

But the winning touchdown came on Kevin Turner's 13-yard pass reception from Sperry, his sixth touchdown pass of the game.

Beaver

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with only two second left. Victory was the Cats'.

Betsy Layne held a 9-6 lead after the first quarter behind the scoring of Jordan Scarberry, who drilled a three-point basket and scored five first-quarter points.

Beaver jumped out to a 4-0 lead on baskets by Caudill and Eric Cook. But Kidd hit a short jumper and, with 1:47 to play in the first period, Newsome scored underneath to tie the game at 4-4. Betsy Layne took its first lead on a three-point basket by Scarberry. Scarberry later made it a 9-6 game on a long jumper from 18-feet out.

At the start of the second quarter, Newsome's put-back made it 11-6 but the Bobcats seemed not to be able to handle prosperity and let the Beavers gnaw their way back into things. Caudill completed an old-fashioned three-point play, Cook hit two free throws and Brad Martin sank a trey as the Beavers were chomping again to lead 14-11 at the 5:01 mark.

The Beavers went on an adventure of their own and turned the ball over thrice, only to see Betsy

Layne convert each mistake into baskets to reclaim a 17-14 lead on a short jumper by Kidd.

The game was tied twice and the lead exchanged hands five times before Betsy Layne settled on a 25-22 lead at the half.

Newsome opened the third quarter for the Bobcats with a put-back and a five-point lead. But Betsy Layne went on a spurt again, this time turning the ball over on six consecutive trips up the floor. The mistakes allowed the Beavers to build a 33-27 lead with just over two minutes to play in the period. Beaver led 37-31 after three quarters.

Caudill led the Beavers' offense with 24 points. Martin finished with 10 points for Beaver. Cook added six and Huff netted three points. Joe Moore scored two.

Newsome led all scorers with 26 points for Betsy Layne. Kidd netted nine and Scarberry finished with five points, including a three-point basket. Brenton Akers, Jeremy Coleman and Preston Simon had two points each.

Lykens

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pointer by Lykens, Isaac hit again from 12 feet out to give the Lady Rebs a 9-5 first quarter lead.

"This Lykens kid is probably the best grade school player in the county," said the Allen Central coach. "There might be a better team than Betsy Layne but she has to be the best individual player."

At the onset of the second quarter, Lykens scored seven consecutive points which gave the Ladycats a 12-9 lead. She scored off a steal, buried a trey and went underneath for a basket.

Allen Central did not score until a minute remained in the half. Isaac hit a free throw and Terri Mullins hit a jumper.

Both teams had problems finding the basket in the third quarter as they mostly ran up and down the floor. Lykens scored the three third period points for Betsy Layne and Becky Thomas had the only two for

Allen Central. Betsy Layne led 19-14 after three quarters.

The biggest lead of the game for Betsy Layne came in the fourth quarter then the Ladycats built a eight-point advantage, 22-14, only to see it all but disappear on the play of Thomas underneath.

Allen Central cut the margin to four points, 24-20, on a jumper from the corner by Amanda Mills, who played a strong defensive game. Mills is only a sixth-grader. Lykens and Thomas traded baskets to keep the margin at four. Candice Meade and Witt hit free throws for a six-point game before Isaac canned a long three-pointer for the final 28-25 margin.

Witt finished with three points for Betsy Layne. Breann Akers added two and Meade had one.

Thomas added six points for Allen Central and Mills finished with two.

Newsome

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ished with 11 points, burying two three-pointers and completing a three-point play. Brent Newsome had 10 points. Jeremy Coleman and Adam Roberts had two points apiece.

It was a game of spurts for both teams, with each making runs in the contest. The Bobcats found themselves looking at a six-point deficit entering the fourth quarter. Allen extended the lead to 11 points twice but each time the Bobcats would cut into the margin. However, Allen found ways to get the ball in the hands of Bingham where he and Jamerson carried the load in the closing minutes.

"We were just flat tonight," said Betsy Layne Coach Dwight Newsome.

Allen held an 11-9 lead after the first quarter. Betsy Layne led only twice in the game, with both leads coming in the opening minutes. Newsome hit the back end of a two-shot foul to give the Bobcats a 1-0 lead. Their second lead was at 3-2 on a basket underneath by Newsome. The game was tied twice at 5-5 and 9-9. Bingham's lay up gave the Eagles the 11-9 lead.

Early turnovers for Betsy Layne to start the second period allowed the Eagles to stretch the lead to 15-9 on two baskets by Bingham.

After a basket by Jeremy Coleman, Allen went on an 8-2 run to assume a 25-13 advantage. Scarberry drilled the first of his two treys just before the half ended with the Bobcats trailing Allen 27-18 at the half.

Lafferty hit two free throws before a second had ticked off the scoreboard to start the third period. Betsy Layne was two minutes late coming from the locker area as Allen waited on the floor to start the second half. A technical was called and Lafferty sank both charity tosses.

Betsy Layne would stay within six points of the Eagles, in spite of several runs by Allen. Allen held a 34-29 advantage when both teams entered the fourth quarter.

Five points was as close as the Bobcats would get in the final period, with Allen using ball control to keep the ball out of the Bobcats' hands.

GAME NOTE...

• It could be a first, but the championship game used three officials. No one could recall a three-man crew for a grade school game.

• It was a packed Allen Central Middle School gym that took in the championship game.



Betsy Layne's Brent Newsome had a put back against Beaver Elementary in the semifinals of the Right Beaver Classic Thursday night. The Bobcats pulled out a 46-45 win (photo by Ed Taylor)

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by t.j. tomasi

Director of the Players School at PGA National

TEERING OFF

Sports Psychologists: Use 'Em or Lose 'Em?

Some swear by them and some swear they'd never go to one. Tiger used to have one, but Ben Hogan never did. We're talking about sports psychologists, who, along with physical fitness trainers and swing coaches, form the support team for many modern tour players.

But are sports psychologists for everyone? Mike Adams, one of Golf Magazine's Top 100 Teachers and swing coach to numerous tour players, thinks not.

"Basically it seems that some golf psychologists try to crutch everybody into the same mold," Mike says. "A recurring theme is that every time you hit a bad shot, you have to forgive yourself and tell yourself it's OK. Well, for some players, it isn't OK. Some of them operate differently than that."

"One of the tour players I teach is a good example. The player worked with a sports psychologist and I think it dulled

that champion's edge, and it's a fine edge you can't understand just by talking. Sometimes convincing a tour player that winning isn't everything and that there is more to life than golf is what dulls that edge. The player feels better but plays worse."

Adams, a former tour player, believes that not only do players have different swings, but also different personalities. Just as you match a person's swing to their body type, so too do you have to be aware of and able to work with different mind-sets.

"One of the things sports psychologists do is to generalize everything," says Adams. "For example, if not getting mad and being calm works for one player, then they train all their clients to act that way. But not everybody can be like Fred Couples. Greg Norman has to get fired up to play well, and so do Craig Stadler, Curtis Strange, Tiger

Woods and Lanny Watkins."

Adams has a point because a lot of champions, from Sam Snead to Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, never had a mental coach. Jackie Burke, who has counseled his share of tour players, said, "Jimmy Demaret and I had the best golf psychologist in the world. His name was Jack Daniels and he was waiting for us after every round." Scott Hoch, known for his feisty self-reliance, said he's had only one appointment with a sports psychologist. When asked what happened, he said, "I think I screwed him up!"

What it boils down to is that whoever helps you (and everyone needs some help), you can't be dependent on others. In the last analysis, standing on the 18th tee under the heat, it is you and you alone, sans your teacher, your sports psychologist and your trainer. It's you who must pull the trigger, and if you do



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not have self-ownership of your own learning, you will not be able to execute.

ASK THE PRO

Q: On one of the holes where I play, the second shot must go over water about 100 yards to the green. Between the cut of the green and the water there are railroad ties supporting the bank and a yellow line has been painted about 18 inches in front of the ties. If your ball hits the green and rolls back against the ties so you can't hit the next shot, do you have to go all the way back and hit your shot over the water again?

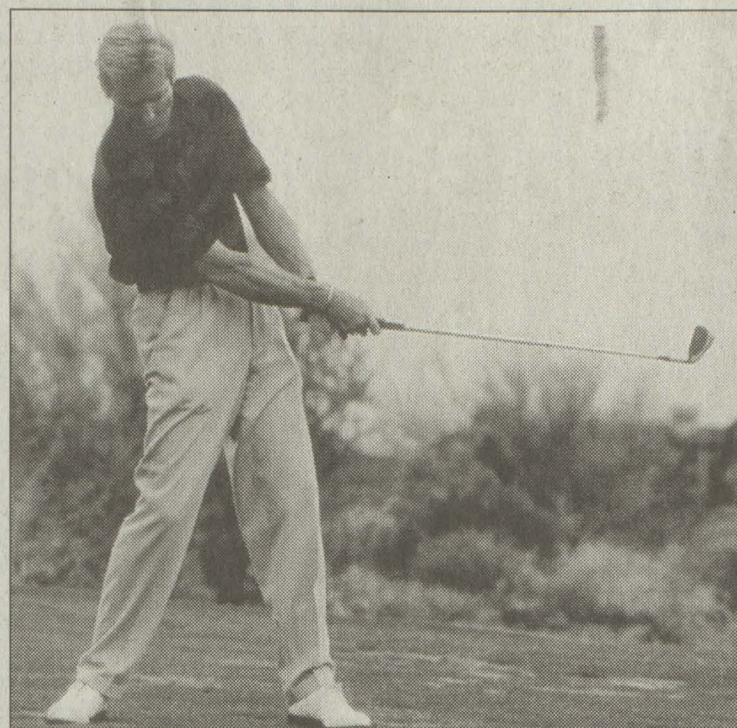
— Roger from Hernando, Miss.

A: In this case, when the hazard is marked in yellow, you have only three options: You can play it (which you couldn't do), you can hit it again from its original position (stroke and distance), or drop on a line drawn from the hole through the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, keeping that point between you and the hole. That means yes, you must go back behind the hazard and hit over the water again.

If it was a lateral water hazard — marked in red — you could drop two club lengths (no nearer the hole) where it last crossed the margin of the hazard, but for a regular water hazard you don't have that option, so it's back to the other side.

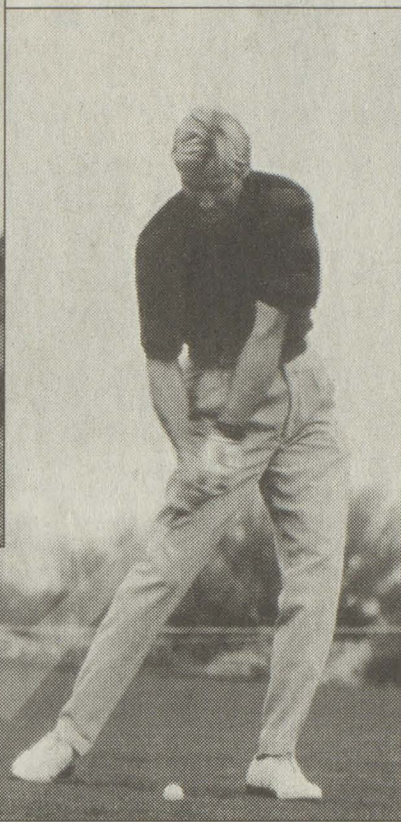
To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Above, I'm demonstrating what happens when a golfer tries to swing up on the ball and leaves his weight on his back foot. On the right, I've shifted to my front side to start my downswing, and I'm hitting down on the ball instead of swinging up to it.

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Hitting Down on the Ball Gives It the Lift It Needs

One of the things that makes golf so hard is the apparent illogic a good golf shot sometimes requires. A good example is the matter of how the ball gets airborne, certainly of prime concern anywhere but on the green.

Most beginners think they must lift the ball into the air by swinging upward just before impact. This produces a swing that is too vertical, making it almost impossible to hit down on the ball at the correct angle.

To add insult to injury, trying to lift the ball in the air encourages the weight to stay on the rear foot with the inevitable result — a golf shot that is either hit thin, topped or hit very fat.

Actually, golf is a little like tiddlywinks, the old game where you pressed down on the back of the tiddly with the wink to chip it into a cup. It's a matter of applying a force to the back of an object that causes it to rotate, creating lift, and this is exactly the kind of "pinching action" that produces the backspin you need to get the ball in the air. As air flows over and under

the ball at different speeds, the pressure on the top of the ball becomes lower than that underneath it, and it's this pressure differential that causes lift.

To get the ball in the air you must swing so the clubface shaves the back of the ball through impact, creating backspin that translates into lift — and up it goes. The harder you hit ball, the more spin (revolutions per second) you produce. That's why most power players hit the ball very high and weaker players hit it low.

If the back of the ball is struck cleanly with a descending blow so the clubface grooves are engaged, the ball will climb up the grooves making the ball rotate backward toward the clubface. The grooves create friction, which helps backspin.

Your clubs are designed with a certain amount of loft cut into the clubface, ranging from say 10 degrees for your driver to as much as 60 degrees for your lob wedge. The more loft, the higher the ball goes, but the key is that you have to pinch the ball with your clubface to take advantage of the clubface loft.

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SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION

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Named one of Golf Magazine's top 25 golf schools, Kostis/McCord Learning Center is at Grayhawk Golf Course in Scottsdale, Ariz. Peter Kostis is an excellent teacher who worked in his early years with the great Bob Toski. Gary McCord knows the golf swing and is a fine player, but does not have many years of teaching experience. Neither teach on a regular basis at their school; that job is left to the well-qualified Paul Trittler, a Golf Magazine Top 100 Teacher, and his staff. I can tell you, though, that Grayhawk is beautiful and that Kostis, McCord and Trittler produce a quality, though pricey, product.

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THE GOLF DOCTOR

Good Form Lasts From Start to Finish

Some people ignore the follow-through because they figure the ball is already gone, and nothing you do after impact can be important. But the swing is so integrated that each part of it influences the others. Focusing on how you finish your swing can have a big effect on your ball flight.

Although follow-throughs vary from the whirlybird finish of Arnold Palmer to the reverse-C of Colin Montgomerie, the much more standard form is exhibited here by LPGA Tour star Brandie Burton. Note how her right knee points toward the target, and the majority of her weight

resides on the outside rim of her left foot, distributed from the ball of her foot back to the heel. And, of course, she shows the hallmark of the standard-issue finish: She's up on her back toe, indicating that a proper weight transfer has occurred.

To incorporate this beneficial move into your swing, use this drill: Hit a bucket of balls and hold your finish after every swing (practice swings included), then tap your back toe twice. If you can tap your toe without repositioning your weight, you shifted your weight completely to your front leg.



Brandie Burton is one of the longest hitters on the LPGA Tour.

QUOTE OF THE YEAR

“ While the rest of the nation mourned the loss of a sports hero, a true good guy in an era when they are becoming more difficult to find, Springfield (Mo.) is left reeling over the loss of a tremendous person, a friend, a man who gave our city an identity. ”

—Written from the heart by Scott Puryear, Springfield News-Leader

BIRDIES & BOGEYS

Over There

Colin Montgomerie told the U.S. press that his decision to cut back on the number of tournaments he'll play in the United States has nothing to do with insults leveled at him during the Ryder Cup at Brookline, Mass. But just before that he told BBC television that he would play less in the United States next year because of "the personal insults I tend to get over there. I just don't need that." Whichever is true, we won't see him much here in the states next year.

The Ryder Cup's Not This Tough

Tom Lehman, one of the heroes of our Ryder Cup team, was taken to task by his wife, Melissa, in an alternate shot couples tournament. He striped his drive down the middle of a par-4 hole and she topped their ball well short of the green. He stuck their third shot close to the pin and she whacked it 20 feet by. He then made the putt for a bogey 5. Going to the next tee, Tom gently chided his wife that she needed to play a little better, and she replied: "Well, you took three shots and I only needed two."

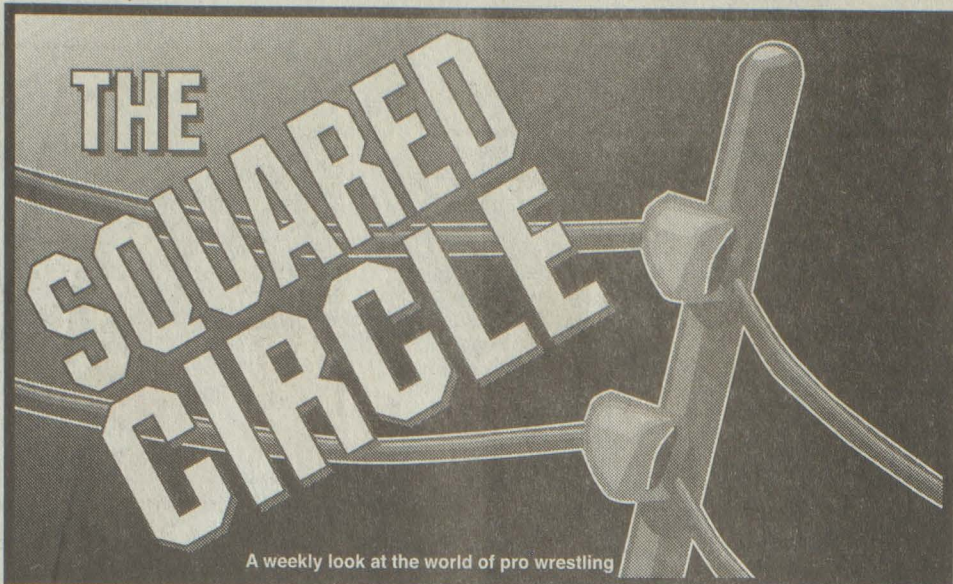
A Tour by Any Other Name

Effective immediately, the tour known as the Nike Tour (formally the Hogan Tour) since 1993 will be called the Buy.com Tour. Doesn't quite sound the same as the Nike Tour or the Hogan Tour, does it?

GOLF SPOKEN HERE

Sky Ball

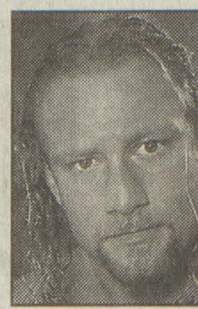
A pop-up where the ball goes very high and very short off the tee. It's often caused by too steep a downswing, where the weight doesn't shift in time to the front leg. Since the ball is on a tee, the clubhead goes under it and contact is made very high on the clubface, sometimes causing what are fondly termed "idiot marks" — scuffs on the top edge of the driver.



A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

TOP 10

1. Triple H, WWF
2. The Rock, WWF
3. Sting, WCW
4. Stone Cold Steve Austin, WWF
5. Mike Awesome, ECW
6. Justin Credible, ECW
7. Sid Vicious, WCW
8. The Big Show, WWF
9. Lance Storm, ECW
10. Chyna, WWF



■ JERRY LYNN



■ THE BIG SHOW

Look for: ECW's Jerry Lynn to continue to perform his aerial moves.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WWF, Detroit, Survivor Series, Nov. 14
- WCW, Toronto, Mayhem, Nov. 21
- WWF, Armageddon, Dec. 12

MAILBAG

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.
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Dear Squared Circle,
I think that Steve Austin and Triple H should have another title match because Austin was a better champ than Triple H. Triple H is a crybaby. Austin's the only reason I watch the WWF. If he left I would quit watching. Austin 3:16 rules!
— Charlie Adkins
Prestonsburg, Ky.

Dear Squared Circle,
I would like to know where to look for a job in the wrestling industry? Whatever happened to Sable? I wish The Squared Circle was two pages instead of one.
— Joe Martinez
San Antonio, Texas

A. The best place to look is at your local independent cards. That's where most wrestlers get their break into the business. Sable is doing some modeling and is not expected to return to wrestling anytime soon.

Dear Squared Circle,
I have been a fan of wrestling for 20 years and in the last few years I've been saddened to see the turn for the worse that it has taken with its "sex sells; who cares about the kids" attitude. It seems the hypocrites at WCW are going down the same path. As much as the top brass at the major organizations want to say that wrestling isn't geared toward children, who are the action figure lines geared toward?
Is Hulk Hogan's career with WCW over and if so, is there any chance he will resurface with the WWF?
— Robert Gotses
Fairmont, WV

A. Hogan is still with WCW at this date.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



The Hardy Boys vs. Edge & Christian

CATCH PHRASES

"I am the game."
— Triple H

REAL NAMES

Gangrel
Vampire Warrior

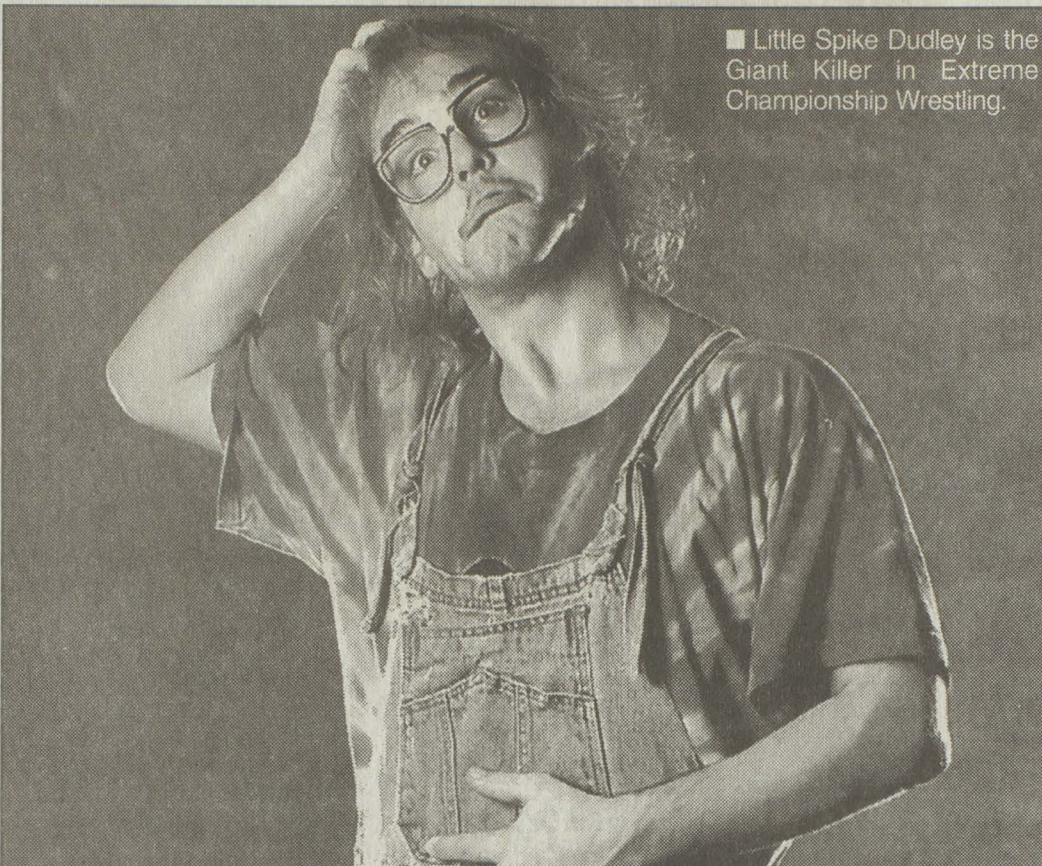
David Heath

6-3, 255

Hometown:
Parts unknown

Pro debut: 1988

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



■ Little Spike Dudley is the Giant Killer in Extreme Championship Wrestling.

SPIKE SLAYS THE GIANTS OF ECW

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

When someone hears the term pro wrestler, images immediately are conjured up of big, beastly men, generally 300-pounders or ex-football players.
Giants, if you will.
Spike Dudley, at 5-foot-7, 155 pounds, doesn't look like your typical wrestler. But he's been in the land of the giants for more than five years and has won enough matches against the big guys that he's been dubbed "The Giant Killer of Extreme Championship Wrestling."
"I grew up in New England... the Dudleyville section," he said prior to an ECW card at Cleveland's Agora Theatre.
"I wanted to be a pro wrestler. I started out as a clean-cut wrestler at first. I used a scientific style, but was very scrappy," said Dudley, who made his ring debut against Frank Dalton in the APW, a California promotion.
Not content with wrestling there, Dudley (real name: Matt Hyson) began to send demo tapes to all three major promotions. It was ECW that called him back.

"I sent a video to ECW and Tommy Dreamer was the first to see it. At the time he and Taz were running their wrestling school. They looked at it, liked what they saw and asked me to send some complete matches."
Dudley did just that and Paul Heyman told him if he would move back East, he could work for ECW. That was September 1996, and Dudley's career took off.
Over the next couple of years Spike made a name for himself by beating giants Bam Bam Bigelow, 911, Buh-Buh Ray Dudley and Curtis Hughes using his finishing maneuver, the Acid Drop. It is a swinging bulldog off the ropes that results in a pinfall.
"At the time the Dudley Boyz were feuding with New Jack and Axl Rotten. I also had been feuding with them. Then New Jack and Axl got hurt and the

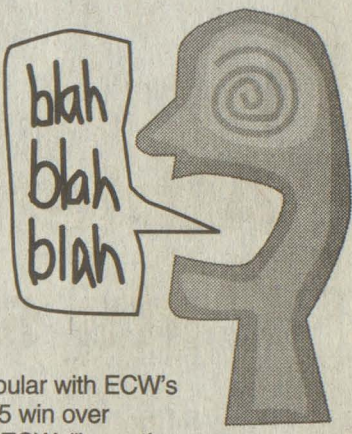
only ones left in the dressing room to stand up to them were me and Balls (Mahoney)," he said.
For the next three months they brawled with the Dudleys all over the country.
"We fought them every night and they beat the crap out of us and we did the same to them."
The team's success culminated when they won the ECW tag team championship at Heatwave '99 this summer by beating the Dudleys.
"We made a great team, but now Axl is back so he and Balls are back together and I'm doing the singles mode again."
Spike has been fortunate not to suffer any major injuries, given his hardcore style and high-flying maneuvers.
"I've had stitches, concussions, torn and cracked parts of my body. But no major injuries. This is pro wrestling. You're guaranteed to get hurt at some point," he said. "But I've never been out of a match because of an injury."

It was at the Living Dangerously pay-per-view in 1997 when Dudley did something in the arena that he had never done before — he dove 15 feet off a balcony.
"It was New Jack who always did that, but on that night he forced me to jump off a balcony in the middle of a match. I've been doing it ever since. It's a rush. I don't think about fear. I just want to pull it off."
"Before the match, yeah, I get butterflies. But once the match starts and the adrenaline gets going, I don't even think about it."

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

- Several reports indicate that TNT is planning on a "Nitro New Year Marathon" to run from 8 p.m. on Dec. 30 through 6 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000.
- The already-high WWF pay-per-view prices have risen again as the Stamford, Ct.-based World Wrestling Federation feels it can get more buck for its product. With regular pay-per-view ringside seats normally at \$200 to \$300 (with the addition of a collectible chair), the WWF has decided to raise the ringside price to \$400. Not only that, but floor seats will also be raised to \$90 and \$70, while the first deck will go for \$50 to \$70. The higher deck seats will also be raised to \$30 from \$20. These prices begin at the Royal Rumble pay-per-view this January in Madison Square Garden.
- Ric Flair had a recent radio interview with Dave Meltzer. Flair said he would return to WCW in January. Flair said he is enjoying his time off and spending a lot of time with his family.
- Three-time ECW champ Sandman recently returned to the promotion after he left WCW, thus becoming the fourth WCW wrestler to join the ECW fold in the past couple of months. His brawling style is popular with ECW's young fan base. He holds a 1995 win over Steve Austin when both were in ECW. "I saw the future and it was spelled ECW," said Jim Fullington. "I'm looking forward to demonstrating all my nasty moves to the fans who'll be watching on TNN," he added.



- Mike Awesome and Masato Tanaka likely will feud for the remainder of the year in ECW.
- It appears as though "Thunder" may move to Wednesday nights starting in January. It's not official yet, as WCW officials are still studying the possible switch. Tapings would occur on Tuesdays, so talent would go from Monday "Nitro" to the next city for "Thunder."
- Many fans are concerned with the idea of WWF top face Stone Cold Steve Austin turning No. 1 heel soon. It remains to be seen if that actually will happen, but it's a red-hot rumor right now.
- Jim The Anvil Neidhart will be a wrestling teacher in Memphis, Tenn., for upcoming WWF superstars in the making. Neidhart, a former Oakland Raider, spent nearly 20 years wrestling in both the WWF and WCW.
- Brian Clark (Wrath) has been released from WCW. Clark signed a three-year contract last year for \$325,000, but WCW had the option to terminate the contract after the first year. They exercised that option. Clark was out of action for the past 5 1/2 months after suffering an ACL tear.
- Long-time WCW wrestler and booker Dusty Rhodes apparently quit the company after he refused to be involved in an on-screen angle with son Dustin, who is returning with a supernatural type of character. The feud was going to play off the real-life differences between the two, and the elder Rhodes decided he wasn't going to do that. He also wanted more booking power and more money. When WCW refused, he walked out.

COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

- WWF...**
Nov. 14, Survivor Series, Detroit
Nov. 15, "Raw Is War," Pittsburgh
Nov. 20, Toronto, Canada
- WCW...**
Nov. 21, World War III, Toronto, Canada
Nov. 29, Denver
- ECW...**
Nov. 12, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Nov. 26, Trenton, N.J.
Nov. 27, Philadelphia



MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

- 1938: Steve Casey beats Lou Thesz in Boston to win the old AWA version of the world heavy-weight title.
- April 9, 1987: Jim Crockett Promotions purchases the Universal Wrestling Federation, headed by Cowboy Bill Watts.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

ON THE RISE

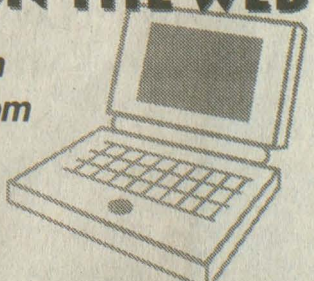
Droz: After suffering a paralyzing injury in a match against D-Lo Brown, Darren Drozdov is doing remarkably well in his rehab. Our prayers are with him.

TAKING A FALL

Vampiro: He has missed a lot of work with WCW because of his wife's illness. He is a talented performer who does have a bright future, however.

WRESTLING ON THE WEB

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KENTUCKY Wildcats

1999-2000



The Future is NOW!!!

Athleticism to be Cats strength

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Kentucky Wildcats open their 1999-2000 season Wednesday, November 17 in tournament action when they host Penn State (out of the Big 10) in a first round game.

The Wildcats are not expected, or so the forecasters think, to finish in the top 10 in the national polls but some may be counting the youthful Cats out a little prematurely.

"Our athleticism will be our strength," said third-year coach Tubby Smith. "We are going to be very quick and very athletic, especially in the frontcourt."

Big man Jamal Magloire, who wanted to test the waters of last year's NBA draft but decided to return to school, led Kentucky with 66 blocked shots last season. Magloire averaged just seven points per game and nearly five rebounds. But his forte is on the defensive end, where he has gained a reputation as the "Swatter."

"Having him back makes us better," said Smith. "He brings aggressiveness and physical play that you need."

The Wildcats went to three straight championship games from 1996-98 and won titles in 1996 under Rick Pitino and 1998 for Coach Smith, keeping the big basketball reputation intact.

It will be an unusual season for the Cats as they tip off the new year. They will come into several games as the underdog, something they are not accustomed to.

Why the Cats, not mentioned early in the top-10 nationally because of the inexperience they bring to the hardwood this season, Smith believes this team could be a surprise.

"I think we are as talented as any team I've had since I've been here," he said. "We have had some outstanding talent. That's not to say we haven't lost some great players the last two years, but the guys we have this year are much more talented."

Don't count the Cats out just yet!



Tackett looks for more playing time

Todd Tackett

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Former Paintsville product, Todd Tackett did not see much playing time off the Kentucky bench last year, but there are those who say all that will change this year, especially now the Cats have a dire need for guard play.

Tackett entertained thoughts of transferring after last year's season, but reconsidered his decision and returned to UK.

Tackett is one of the team's top three-point shooters and that is where UK was hurting last season. But Tackett saw little playing time, not because of his offense ability, but not being able to play defense at the Division I level.

Todd earned Smith's confidence when he inserted him into the lineup late in the first half against Ole Miss. He survived despite having to guard All-conference pick Keith Carter while several of his teammates were benched in foul trouble.

Tackett was a leader on the Paintsville Tigers state tournament championship team and a late signee with UK after his senior season.

Knight to add to UK front court

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor



Nate Knight has never known what it's like to don a UK uniform, get on the hardwood and perform. Knight, like the rest, will get that taste this Wednesday night when UK opens its basketball season in a first round game in the National Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Knight (spelled like Bobby's) is a junior college transfer student from Utah Valley State College. There he averaged nearly 15 points a game and pulled in nine rebounds per contest. Coach Tubby Smith expects Knight to add to the depth UK has in the frontcourt.

"Nate is an athletic guy who could play either forward, or maybe center," Smith said. "He runs the floor well and that adds to our versatility."

Nate Knight



First UK game

Rodney Wiley had a front row seat at Rupp Arena Thursday night as he took in his first Wildcat basketball game. He was not disappointed as the Cats won over Athletes in Action. (photo by Heath Wiley)

"We are going to be very quick and very athletic, especially in the frontcourt."

- Coach Smith

November

- 17 Pennsylvania NIT
- 19 Ark. St./Utah NIT
- 24 NIT Semifinals
- 26 NIT Finals
- 29 Dayton

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December

- 4 Indiana
- 7 UNC-Asheville
- 11 Maryland
- 18 Louisville
- 23 Michigan State
- 27 Alaska-Anchorage
- 30 Missouri

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January

- 5 Georgia Tech
- 8 Vanderbilt
- 11 Auburn
- 15 South Carolina

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TAYSHAUN PRINCE DROVE AROUND two Athletes in Action players during Thursday night's exhibition game at Rupp Arena (photo by Heath Wiley)

Lifestyles



Serving Floyd County since 1927

La femme of the flames

Full-time female firefighter is city's first

by **Randell Reno**
 Staff Writer

A number of women have worked part-time over the years in the Prestonsburg Fire Department, but one has come to stay. Kate Gulick, a former preschool teacher from Joshua Tree, California, has taken the coat of one of the world's most dangerous jobs, firefighter.

Originally working as a volunteer EMT for the fire department, Gulick has become the first fully certified female firefighter the Prestonsburg FD has ever had.

Raised in southern California, Gulick and her husband Buck came to eastern Kentucky searching for a better place to raise their children. It just so happened that Buck was working with Safe-Lite Autoglass in Joshua Tree and had earned a promotion into management. Prestonsburg was the first location available to him, and the Gulicks decided they had better take it. They have remained in the area for seven-and-a-half years.

"I wouldn't want to live anywhere else now," said the firefighter.

Gulick said she became bored after being unemployed for a while, so she decided to take an EMT course.

"I took it for fun and took it for the fact that I had two kids," she said.

But she still had too much free time. Officer Sue Blackburn, long-standing member of the Prestonsburg Police Department, talked Gulick into volunteering at the fire station, beginning in June of 1995.

For a while, she said she wanted nothing to do with fires. "It scared me for about the first six months," she said.

So, once a week Gulick worked the ambulance for the PFD, trying to get her EMS experience. "I didn't really want a lot to do with the fires. I guess that whole idea scared me," she said.

Gulick's mind was changed when she began to see the rush the firefighters got from doing their job. "They all came back from a fire one night and it just clicked. I thought, I want to do that now. I want you guys to teach me to put out fires."

Like most of the firefighters in the city, Gulick received her firefighter training through the local department. Gulick admits she didn't think she could do it, but she said that the men were "real patient" while teaching her.

And despite the fact that Gulick was female, she was given no special conditions, said Chief Tom Blackburn.

Gulick, like all the firefighters, has been trained to keep her own personal safety in mind. This training includes heavy lifting and intense situations that she has learned to perform well in.

"She is still in training," said Chief Blackburn. "When she first came here, we were using her more for her EMT training. She's learning."

The only thing that holds Gulick back is her strength, according to the chief. "She is a small person and I think if you compare the same weights and heights, she would be right along with the men," he said.

At 5'4" and a spare 105 pounds, Gulick said she thought, at first, the men at the station didn't have the confidence in her to do the job.

After intensive training and working hard to learn, Gulick grew tired of staying in the station when the calls came in.

Blackburn said the tendency is to put any of the firefighters with limited experience out of the way. But rookie Gulick wanted a piece of the action. The fire that destroyed Mike's B&W was her first call into that action.

"I said, how am I going to know if I can do this if you don't let me do anything," said Gulick.

At that fire last spring, she began by



Buck and Kate Gulick lean on each other after a recent fire they worked together as members of the Prestonsburg Fire Department. Kate is the first full-time, female firefighter in the local squad.

setting up the first-aid station, and then she donned the gear and joined the fight. She worked hard and did a good job, the chief said.

Blackburn said he has had women work as volunteers before at the station and believes the women actually work a little harder because they want to do well.

As for Kate Gulick, Chief Blackburn said, like any new firefighter, she has a way to go and a lot to learn. "She is going and she's learning. She's got as much knowledge as she can get in the time she has been here," he said.

She missed the two big fires in Paintsville that Prestonsburg firefighters were asked to assist with because of what she calls bad timing. She was in fire school in Pikeville when the Herald Hotel burned and was on ambulance duty when the Maggard and Joseph's furniture store burned. But she wishes she could have been at both.

Blackburn says Gulick "does it all," adding that each fire gives the firefighters new experiences to put under their belts, which, in turn, gives them a little more courage.

Gulick said the fear is still in her. "I don't think I would ever go into a fire not

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United Way sponsoring two holiday events

The United Way of Eastern Kentucky is sponsoring two Christmas projects for the area.

The first project involves personalized letters from Santa Claus to children. With information supplied by parents, the letter will contain references to siblings and what they want most to find under the Christmas tree.

The letters can be sent to children — or the child at heart — living anywhere in the United States and will display a Santa postmark. The cost is \$5 per letter and requests must be received no later than December 8.

On Saturday, December 11, the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg and WDOC/WQHY-Q95 radio will

host a "Breakfast with Santa" from 9 a.m. to noon.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will attend the pancake breakfast and a photographer will be available to take pictures of a child on Santa's knee. Cost of the breakfast is \$3 per person.

All proceeds from these events benefit the United Way and the 17 local non-profit agencies it serves, including the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Area 16 Special Olympics, Big Sandy Family Abuse Shelter, Dream Factory and others.

For more information, call toll-free at 888/393-5632. The United Way of Eastern Kentucky serves people in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1959.

When is a sheep not a sheep? When it's dead, then it's mutton. A pig, likewise, becomes pork, a steer is beef and a deer becomes venison. When is a man not a man? When he acts sheepish, makes a pig of himself, gives a friend a bum steer and beefs about everything.

PERSONAL JEREMIAD

Friend of mine called the other day to inquire if my fishing luck really is as bad as I make it appear in this column. Having only recently read my No. 2 son's fishing diary and therein finding encouragement, I told him it is not. But after giving a good imitation of a man suffering from St. Vitus' dance while braving the gusts on the shores of Norris Lake, meanwhile catching one fish which I promptly returned to the warmer expanse of said lake, I must make a re-appraisal of the situation.

It appears that I am among, if not in the lead of, the more unfortunate ones. We froze on the lake, then froze to the shore. And, back in a cabin built strictly for summer habitation, we froze some more. When I got home the wife found that one of my socks had been burned in three places, in the vicinity of the hock, and now I am wondering if that happened while I was so numb I had lost all sense of pain.

The only real casualty, however, was "Red" Osborne, who seems to have bedded down with a wasp which had frozen out of his nest on the wall and made his way to a warmer spot among the blankets. In the middle of the night friend Osborne announced to all who would listen that feeling had returned to him. He had just been stung on the cheek. He didn't wait to turn the other.

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To Your Good Health

BY JUDITH SHELDON

MENINGITIS VACCINE: A recent outbreak of bacterial meningitis among residents in a college dormitory has prompted the Federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to urge universities and health professionals to alert college freshmen to a new vaccine which has proved effective against most meningitis strains.

Bacterial meningitis is considered potentially fatal and can lead to limb amputations and other complications. Certain populations, such as college dorms where many people live in close surroundings, enable the infection to spread quickly. For that reason, health authorities have advised college officials to provide information "to those who plan to live in dormitories or residence halls about meningococcal (bacterial) disease and the benefits of vaccination to those students and their parents."

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms are often described as "flu-like," and include headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, and drowsiness. Even if the flu is suspected, the symptoms should be checked out. Delaying treatment can prove deadly within hours. As Dr. Jim Turner of the American College Health Association told Reuters: "An otherwise healthy 18-year-old can walk into your clinic with symptoms of the flu and within three hours be in a coma."

PARKINSON'S DISEASE: It's ironic that if actor Michael J. Fox hadn't gone public with the fact that he has Parkinson's disease, funding for research on this condition would not only not be raised, but might have been cut. Fortunately, Fox chose to speak up. Unfortunately, who knows how much time had already been lost in researching the cause and potential cure because of a lack of sufficient funding to study an expanding area of research, includ-

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SOCIETY NEWS



Courtney Thoroughman

Thoroughman first place winner

Courtney Thoroughman won first place in the Jenny Wiley pageant for the December 12-24 month division. She is the daughter of Darwin and Lori Thoroughman and the granddaughter of Damon and Jan Chaffins of Prestonsburg, Laryl and Elouise Branham of Wheelwright, and Evelyn Music of Clearwater, Florida. She is the great-granddaughter of Gladys McKinney, Cora Branham, and Josephine Music, all of Floyd County.

Think twice about what is in your child's back pack

Back to school should not signal the start of aches and pains, but for many youth who use back packs, it could be full of visits to the physician's office.

Overloaded back packs used by children have received a lot of attention in schools. Everyone from parents to school administration staffs have started to voice concern about their use.

"As specialists who treat the musculoskeletal system, orthopaedists are concerned about this potential 'hazard' to a child's body," said Charlotte B. Alexander, MD, practicing orthopaedic surgeon, Houston Sports Medicine Associates, Houston.

"Orthopaedic surgeons have noticed an increase in children visiting their offices with muscle fatigue problems that we usually did not see until later in their adult years."

In a survey conducted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, 58 per-

cent of the orthopaedists reported seeing patients complaining of back and shoulder pain caused by heavy back packs.

"Overloaded back packs are contributing to these increased visits to the physician's office," said Dr. Alexander. "The extra stress placed on the spine and shoulder from the heavy loads is causing some unnecessary medical problems in children."

More than 70 percent of the orthopaedists surveyed indicated that heavy back packs can become a clinical problem in school-age children if not enough attention is made to decrease some of the weight being carried in the packs, Dr. Alexander said.

The orthopaedists cited muscle fatigue and strain as the top clinical problems that could occur if children continued to load their back packs with books, athletic equipment and other school essentials.

"The survey findings do not suggest a link between back pack

use and the development of a serious pediatric condition like scoliosis or spondylolysis," Dr. Alexander said. "Instead, we want these results to be used to educate children on how to use back packs properly in order to decrease stress on their back and shoulder muscles."

The survey also concluded that a back pack could cause injury to a child when its contents weigh 20 percent of their body weight.

"If you have an 90-pound female carrying a 20-pound back pack, then the back pack weight becomes a medical issue," Dr. Alexander said. "It is at this level when students could experience some sort of muscle fatigue or injury to their bodies, especially the spine and shoulders."

Fifty percent of the physicians surveyed also indicated they felt a back pack becomes a clinical problem by 20 pounds. "Most of the students surveyed are carrying back packs weighing more

than 10 percent of their body weight," Dr. Alexander said. "We found one 10-year old female student with a back pack weighing 47 pounds."

Dr. Alexander noted the survey indicated that excessive weight carried in back packs can cause some children to develop bad habits early in life like poor posture or excessive slouching.

Students carrying more books, extra bags and less time between classes to visit their lockers were noted by the orthopaedists in the survey as reasons why children's back packs are heavier than years ago.

Asking students to modify the way they currently use their back packs is one way to combat the problem, Dr. Alexander said.

Orthopaedic surgeons involved in the survey recommended that children and their parents adopt these guidelines when using back packs:

- A back pack's weight should not exceed 20 percent of your

body weight, and even less for a young child.

- Use a hip strap for heavier weights.

- Use a back pack with padded, wide straps and a padded back.

- Use both of the back pack's straps, firmly tightened, to hold the pack two inches above your waist.

- Engage in exercises to condition your back muscles. Ask an orthopaedic surgeon for advice.

- Use the correct lifting techniques. Remember, bend with both knees when picking up a heavy back pack.

- Place the heaviest items close to your back.

- Neatly pack your back pack, and try to keep items in place.

- Try to make frequent trips to your locker, between classes, to replace books.

- Consider purchasing a back pack with wheels

- Purchase a second set of books for home.

THINGS TO PONDER

Ways to prevent counting sheep

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Well, it seems "something" is

wrong with the picture, when one has to get out of bed earlier than usual to think about how to sleep better. Maybe different time management techniques need to be on the list of how to sleep more.

Anyway, we were to focus this time on ways that you can hopefully cope better with any sleep disorder or disturbance you might have that is not likely to need professional treatment. It is time to think about what can be done to make sleep and wakefulness more balanced.

Sometimes sleeping pills, a temporary solution for sleep deviation, are the answer. All sleeping medications should be used sparingly for the shortest possible time and in the smallest effective dose. Although sleeping pills of the past, "yellow jacks," were usually addictive, some of today's night-time medication is not.

Some, but not all, sleep-promoting medications can create side effects as other medications do, such as disturbed sleep, a sleep "hangover" during the day. Older people may have difficulties with sleep meds due to their reduced tolerance to all medications; they may stumble or fall, feel groggy, or appear forgetful and senile.

Napping may be what we're meant to do naturally. The urge to rest in the afternoon is nearly universal, even people who've slept well. One's energy tends to slump because of a normal low in body temperature that occurs about 12 hours after the midpoint of our nighttime sleep.

Most nappers are young children, college students, and retired people. Afternoon naps are made up of restful nonREM sleep that can wipe away fatigue, sharpen memory and attention, enhance decision-making and improve mood.

If you know about an impending sleepless night, taking a nap beforehand is more effective than

napping afterward to make up for lost sleep.

In contrast, if you have problems falling or staying asleep at night, keep your eyes open during the day. A better alternative for insomniacs is 10-minute time-outs for relaxation, exercise, or meditation when they get tired during the day.

Ten healthy sleep habits have been recommended to decrease sleep loss and daytime sleepiness.

- Keep regular hours — the best way to ensure perfect nights of sleep. Keep your biological clock on the beat by getting up at the same time, regardless of how much or how little you've slept, and try to stick to your usual sleep schedule on weekends and holidays as well as the work day.

- Try to maintain some semblance of regularity when travel or work disturbs your routine by eating meals at the same times you normally do, get some sleep during your usual bedtime hours, and return to normal as soon as you can.

- Exercise regularly. Exercise increases the odds of good sleep by burning off the tensions gathered throughout the day, so that the body and mind can relax. A 20- to 30-minute walk, jog, swim, or bicycle ride at least three days a week should do the trick.

- Cut down on stimulants — 400 million cups of coffee are drunk by North Americans. While some seem sensitive to even small amounts; others build up a tolerance. Have your last cup of coffee no later than six or eight hours before your bedtime, since its stimulating effects will peak two to four hours later and possibly stay longer.

Another dietary substance that may be a sleep-robber is tyrosine, found in chocolate, Chianti, and cheddar cheese and may trigger heart palpitations in the night. Also be aware of diet pills, other

drugs or drug interactions, and some over-the-counter drugs.

- Sleep on good bedding. Good bedding helps you fall asleep, stay asleep and prevents damage to your back and neck while you sleep. Begin with a good mattress with a "topping" that cushions body pressure points and improves circulation.

- Good bed pillows should adjust to give healthy support and comfortable sleep.

- Don't smoke. Would you believe that nicotine is an even stronger stimulant than caffeine? Heavy smokers have been found to take longer to fall asleep, awaken more often, and spend less time in REM and deep NREM sleep.

- Due to nicotine withdrawal about three hours after their last cigarette, some smokers wake up craving another smoke.

- Drink only in moderation. Although alcohol is the oldest, most popular sleep aid, liquor late in the evening may cause problems during the night. REM and deep NREM sleep can be diminished by even moderate drinking so that shifts between sleep stages are accelerated.

- Too much alcohol with dinner can make it harder to fall asleep and too much at bedtime can make it harder to stay asleep. Research has shown that, as the immediate effects of alcohol wear off, REM sleep suppressed by alcohol interrupts other sleep stages; depriving you of deep rest. Your sleep ends up in fragments and waking often in the early morning hours.

- Go for quality, not just quantity. Five or six hours of good, solid sleep can make you feel more rested than eight hours of light or disturbed sleep. Don't focus on having to have eight hours, but what works for you. Doing well with less hours of sleep does not mean you are an insomniac, just a naturally short sleeper.

- Set aside a planning time early in the evening. Remember that daytime distractions can follow you to bed, so make plans to deal with them before hand; i.e., make lists so you don't feel you have to not forget and write out anxieties with possible solutions.

- Don't go to bed stuffed or starved. Eating a big meal late at night makes your digestive system work overtime. At first, you may feel drowsy, but you'll probably toss and turn through the night. Avoid gas producing items, such as peanuts, beans, fruits, or raw vegetables.

- High fat snacks take longer to digest. When dieters go to bed hungry, their rumbling stomach is likely to interfere with their ability to settle down and go off to sleep. Have a low-calorie snack, such as a banana.

- It seems so disappointing that a big dish of nurturing ice cream is never listed as an excellent bedtime snack—wonder why.

- Develop a sleep ritual. Get into the habit of parking distractions of the day. Repeating a few activities, such as enjoying a warm, long bath, reading a story, and saying prayers add to one's ability to make the transition from wakefulness to sleep.

- Your sleep ritual can be as simple or elaborate as you choose; just do the same things every evening until they become cues for your body to settle down for the night.

- By the way, the following are myths about sleep — aging does not cause sleep problems and seniors do not need less sleep as they grow older.

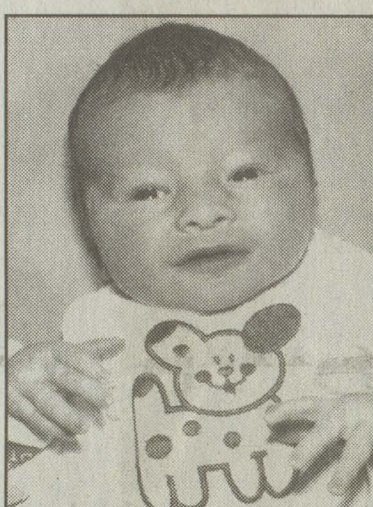
- Now, since you may know more about your sleep habits, hopefully you will recognize your choices to increase the probability of feeling better about the time you take to rest and refresh your body. Maybe you'll be able to give up your nighttime job of counting sheep.

BIRTHDAYS



Fourth birthday

Kristin LaShea Frazier celebrated her fourth birthday on Sunday, October 31. She celebrated with a chocolate cake and ice cream. She is the daughter of Wayne and Anna Frazier of Hi Hat. She is the granddaughter of Ervin and Lois Hamilton, and Bill and Rosemary Frazier, and the great-granddaughter of Angie Bell Justice and Willie Wright.



Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Amanda Blevins of Prestonsburg announce the birth of their son, Ricky Aaron Blevins, on September 29, at Lexington. He weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Riley and Juanita Collins of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Marlene Blevins of Prestonsburg and the late Paul Blevins.

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Sunday morning, when we started home, the sun shone brightly, the lake was calm—or should I say, worn out from all its restless tossing of the two preceding days and nights? Tip to fishermen: If you want to be assured of good weather, go fishing when I go home.

ANONYMOUS GIFT

Gordon "Red" Moore received a letter from The Millionaire, the other day, and with it came a million-dollar check. The letter solemnly warned him never to divulge the identity of his benefactor. It pointed out that he was being so richly endowed because he had been recommended as an "outstanding young man, a connoisseur of the better things of life, a patron of the arts, a fisherman of great skill, kind and lovable, a protector of the faith, champion of the cause, highly skilled in trades unknown and a faithful member of the Micky Mouse Club."

A postscript read: "In order to remain anonymous I am leaving the check (enclosed) unsigned. Just present to any bank—they have all the money."

HE NEEDS A PSYCHIATRIST

I have just completed reading a column-length feature in a daily newspaper which tells all about the ailments of dogs. It says here the day is past when dogs die only of distemper, worms or old age. Now they are heir to most of the diseases of humans. Veterinarians now say man's lord and master comes down with such ills as heart disease, tonsillitis, encephalitis, gastritis, fungi, allergies, infec-

tions. And, they add, your dog may be suffering from a neurosis.

That last one is an eye-opener for me. My dog apparently knew all along what he needed but I didn't. This explains why he insists on stretching himself, full length, on every couch he spies.

FIVE QUESTIONS

When the great finals come, each one will be asked five questions:

First: What did you accomplish in the world with the power that God gave you?

Second: How did you help your neighbor and what did you do for those in need?

Third: What did you do to serve God?

Fourth: What did you leave in the world that was worth while when you came from it?

Last: What did you bring into this new world which will be of use here?

—J. Stanley Durkee

Health

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ing stem cell applications.

DIET CAUTION: If you need to lose weight, be careful about the high protein, low carbohydrate diet in the news these days. You may probably lose a few pounds quickly, but you could be setting yourself up for serious complications, including regaining the weight, and developing a high risk factor for certain cancers and cardiovascular problems.

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Firefighter

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scared. If I was ever at a fire and just went right in, then I would quit," she said.

This is not a bad fear, according to the chief. The lack of fear in the firefighters is all too often what leads to accidents. "I think that if you are not scared, you are going in there cocky, and you won't be as careful," said Gulick.

The chief said that all firefighters have fears. "Every firefighter who comes on here, as macho as they want to be, has fears and we find it through training," said Blackburn.

Gulick's goal as a firefighter is to learn from it all that she can. She wants to continue the ambulance runs but has no plans to become a paramedic.

She likes being a firefighter and has become a role model to her children, ages 14 and 12, and her husband, who has followed her lead and become a firefighter, too. Gulick said if it wasn't for his support she probably would not have stuck it out.

Gulick said her children want

her to come to school in uniform so they can show their friends their mom is a firefighter. "They thought that was the neatest thing," she said.

Buck Gulick wanted a career change and joined the department about a year ago. But working at the same fire station has not always been easy for the two. They are scheduled to work different shifts, and if they're fighting a fire at the same location, they're separated, so each can concentrate on the task at hand. The two work well together, said the chief.

The Gulicks enjoy a good relationship and even though they have worked a few fires together, they are separated for four days during the week, except for shift changes. Gulick jokingly said their quality time is doing CPR together.

Being in the same line of work has created a rapport between them. They are able to commiserate with one another after being in a bad experience, she said.

Kate Gulick has become one of the "guys" and enjoys the camaraderie of the team. Her aspirations are high. "I told the mayor once that I wanted to be Prestonsburg's first female fire chief," she said.

"I'm not going to stop now. Tombo (Chief Blackburn) happened to be sitting right there. And Tombo said 'Are you going to wait until I retire.' and I said 'Oh yeah. Your job is to teach me how to be fire chief.' That's really what I would like to do."

Blackburn looks at Gulick as another firefighter under his wings. It takes time to teach them to fly, he said. "Most people don't believe that fire fighting is very dangerous," Blackburn said.

"A lot of them think, well, you squirt water and you get back on your truck and go back to the station."

"It is not that way. I think she learned that right in the beginning, because we don't hold back. When we think she's ready we put her right to it. She's learning it's a pretty dangerous job. It's not something you just take for granted. You don't just jump into it and think they hired me yesterday and now I'm a firefighter. You learn it the hard way."

"She does a good job and probably tries harder than anybody," said Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. "I think she really likes it. I think her heart is in it."

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Suits Filed

Phyllis Renee Tilley of Prestonsburg VS Donald Ray Tilley of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Robbie Dean Wright of Wheelwright VS Monica Lynn Wright of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Juanita A. Bevins of Banner VS Timothy A. Brown of Royalton, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about July 7, 1999.

Darrell and Glenda McKinney of Harold VS Travis J. Chambers of Mount Sterling, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about April 12, 1999.

Carolyn Mahan of Craynor VS

Jackie Trimble of Staffordsville and B & B Distributors Inc, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about August 16, 1999.

Jennifer Henson of West Prestonsburg VS William J. Lyons of Stanton, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about May 31, 1998.

Travelers Insurance Co VS Dude Branch Mining Inc of Beaver, collection of debts.

Amy Leigh Calhoun of East Point VS Randall Calhoun of East Point, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ricky Newsome of Floyd Co VS John K. Blackburn, Floyd Co Sheriff's office, wrongful termination suit.

Gary Akers of Floyd Co VS

United Parcel Service Inc of Louisville, et. al., compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about June 4, 1999.

William W. Hall of West Van Lear VS Eric D. Grass of Van Lear, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about November 8, 1997.

Wilson Equipment Company VS Flat Top Construction Inc, order to transfer for collection of debts suit.

Matewan Banks F.S.B. VS Ronald T. Burchett of Martin, et. al., collection of debts.

Tivis Johnson of Wheelwright VS Brian K. Dotson of Regina, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about February 3, 1998.

Linda Anderson of Kite VS Dora Bolen of Garrett, et. al., compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about August 8, 1998.

Conseco Finance Servicing Corp of Lexington VS Judy Williams of Prestonsburg, collection of debts.

Sandra Parsons of Harold VS David E. Mullins of Shelbyana, et. al., compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about August 18, 1999.

Marriage Licenses

Tonia Gaye Kennedy, 30, Minnie, and David Carl Davis, 43, Georgetown.

Katrina N. Patton, 26, Weeksbury, and David D. Osborne, 43, Topmost.

Sally Luann Fisher, 40, Lexington, and Joseph Eilmore Hurt, 39, Wheelwright.

Kathy Renee Selby, 28, Harrodsburg, and Danny Salem Bell, 32.

Jennifer Renee Preston, 23, Lexington, and Charles Henry Hill III, 24.

Shashania Desiree Mulkey, 19, Endicott, and Kenneth Grant Burke, 22, Endicott.

Shaunda Marie Whitaker, 20, Blue River, and Gregory Robert Wayne Dixon, 19, Prestonsburg.

Tonya Michelle Butcher, 19, Van Lear, and Chad Douglas Bays, 20, Prestonsburg.

April Marie Craft, 21, Allen and Steven Thomas Goble, 27, Allen.

Kathy Arnett Adams, 41, Auxier and Frankie Alvin Webb, 26, Auxier.

Moriah Mayo Hyden, 21, Martin and James Brandon Kinzer, 21, Prestonsburg.

Karla Sue Spencer, 30, Prestonsburg and Carlos Randall Griffith, 36, Prestonsburg.

Regina Sue Dutton, 19, Weeksbury and Steven Keith Lawson, 25, Hi Hat.

Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Jesse's Snack Shop, Pikeville, 98: Door in disrepair. Light not working and not shielded.

KY Oil Card #4, Prestonsburg, 88 in deli and 96 in retail: Critical violation: Chicken and hot dogs not being held at safe temperature (140°). It was 110-

112° at time of inspection. Owner given 10 days to correct.

Other violations noted: Food packaged for retail sale not properly labeled. Food stored in open containers in reach-in freezer. Shelf over range soiled. Outside garbage container not covered. Lights over grill area not working.

Allen Central ROTC, 81 in deli and 95 in retail: Critical items: Hamburger temperature recorded at 80°. Crock pot holding cheese not functioning. Hand sanitizer not in all booths. All critical items were corrected during inspection.

Other items noted: Thermometers absent from all heating and cooling units. In-use food dispensing utensils improperly stored. Wiping cloths not in all booths. Trays noted improperly stored. Screening around food preparation area inadequate.

Sabrina's, Prestonsburg, 100: No violations found.

Parker Youth Ministries, Wheelwright, 100: No violations found.

Floyd County Republican Party, 98: Door propped open. No hair restraints observed.

Eastern Band Boosters, Martin, 96: Thermometers not present in coolers or hot holding units. Hair restraints not observed in use. Wipe cloths not observed. Door observed propped open.

Allen Central Dance Team, 99: Single-service articles improperly stored.

Full Gospel Community Church, Martin, 98: Thermometers noted to be absent in hot and cold units. Single-service items improperly stored.

Clark Elementary Forensics, 99: Single-service articles improperly stored.

SEIU 1199, Martin, 98: Thermometers not observed in hot

and cold units. Screening not complete around food preparation area.

Garrett 1st Baptist Church, 98: Thermometers absent from heating and cooling units. Single-service trays improperly stored.

Martin Volunteer Fire Department, 98: Thermometers absent in heating and cooling units. Screening absent around food prep area.

Special Occasions Catering, Martin, 99: Screening improper.

Betsy Layne Elementary, 88: Water fountain not working next to boys' restroom. Knob missing on water fountain in 500 building. All three lavatories in boys' restroom in new building not working. Soap, toilet tissue and paper towels not provided in all restrooms.

Hot water not provided in all restrooms. Light out in girls' restroom.

James D. Adams Middle School, 86: Water fountain not working in sixth grade wing and in eighth grade wing. Lavatory not working in boys' restroom. Covered trash container not provided in girls' restroom in sixth and seventh grade wings.

Toilet tissue not provided in boys' and girls' restrooms in eighth grade wing. Soap not provided in boys' restroom. Switch box cover missing in boys' restroom in eighth grade wing. Ceiling tile not in place in janitor's closet.

David School, 100: No violations observed. Note: Very nice school.

David School Cafeteria, 97: Tables outside in disrepair. Silverware stored improperly. Back door weather-stripping in disrepair.

Anniversaries



Celebrating 50 years

The children of Bennie and Wanda Fleming Blankenship are hosting a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents, with an open house at the Prestonsburg Church of Christ Annex on Saturday, November 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. The couple was married on November 23, 1949, at Virgie. They have four children: Diane Fish of Prestonsburg; Darrell of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; Phillip of Wichita, Kansas; and Timothy of Prestonsburg. They also have five grandchildren. Bennie has been preaching since May 1953, and has been the full-time minister of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ since January 1966, after he left his work as a mine foreman in Pike County. Wanda, a homemaker throughout her married life, was a seamstress for 28 years and has been a salesperson with Home Interior for 21 years.



Salisburys celebrate 50 years

The children of Ashland and Joyce Salisbury are hosting a celebration of the couple's 50-year marriage. The anniversary couple were married on November 19, 1949, in Paintsville, just after Ashland returned home from serving four years in the military as a Staff Sergeant with the 45th military police. He retired after 47 years with Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. She has been a homemaker all her life. They reared six children at their home in Langley: Judy Halbert, Sherry Shepherd, Bill Salisbury, Harold Salisbury, Renee Brown and Tony Salisbury. They have 13 grandchildren. The anniversary celebration will be Sunday, November 14, at 2 p.m., at the Pines Building at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. For directions to the site or other information, call 886-2711.

Right response to teasing helps ease nagging problem

While adults often advise children to ignore teasing or tell an adult about it if it becomes a problem, a more light-hearted response might make them more liked by their peers and less likely to be teased again.

Given three options—ignoring, retaliating or joking—most children like a humorous response best, according to a study by University of Kentucky psychologists. Children like the victim better when he diffuses the teasing with a joke.

"Nobody had ever really tested what might work with kids," Richard Milich, one of the researchers, said.

Using child actors, researchers videotaped three scenarios in which a child is teased for being held back a grade. The scenarios

showed the three reactions to the teasing, and each scenario was shown to a group of children, 8 to 11. They were then asked how effective the response was and how they felt about the people involved.

After the humorous response, ignoring was seen as the second-best response and retaliating was seen at worst. However, parents cannot expect their children to come up with a clever response on the spot.

"In the heat of the moment, it would be good to have a line to fall back on," Milich said.

That requires talking to children about the best way to respond and even role-playing. If a child is teased for a particular reason—glasses or shyness or obesity, for example—then prac-

tice ways to respond to that particular topic.

When Monica J. Harris talks about teasing, she speaks not only as a UK psychology professor who has conducted a study on teasing, she speaks as the mother of a 3-year-old daughter.

"It starts that early," she said.

One reason the humorous response works best is that it does not let the teaser, or witnesses, know that the teasing is getting to the child.

"The victim's response is the best predictor of whether or not they'll be teased again," Milich said.

UK researchers are not only finding the best responses to teasing, they are finding out just how damaging teasing can be on a person. In another study, the researchers asked college students to recall teasing experiences and found that painful childhood memories often are fresh on adult minds. That goes for teasers as well as victims.

"They feel tremendous guilt for not apologizing for their teasing," Harris said.

Individuals who are emotionally over-reactive are most likely to be teased, according to her stud-

ies. As adults, they express more anger about being teased and are less likely to forgive their teasers. While the study of best responses shown that retaliatory responses are worst, these personality types are more likely to see retaliatory responses to teasing as best.

Those people with this over-reactive personality are not only more likely to be teased, but they also are less able to deal with it effectively long-term, John Georgesen, a UK doctoral student, said. Their anger at being teased festers even into their adult lives.

Georgesen said he hopes the attitude toward childhood testing is changing and thinks parents can approach teasing with the information they need.

"Traditionally, people have ignored teasing as a harmless part of childhood, but the recent spate of school shootings where teasing has been implicated as a major cause shows that it can no longer be ignored," he said.

Volunteering in girl scouts is a rewarding experience

While membership in the Girl Scouts is at an all-time high, there are many girls who want to be Girl Scouts but can't, because there are not enough leaders.

Girl Scout leaders say being involved in Girl Scouts is rewarding and has a positive influence on their lives. Volunteers also have a positive influence on the lives of the girls they work with in Girl Scouting.

"We have hundreds of girls who want to be Girl Scouts, we just don't have enough volunteers," said Anne Weston, Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council executive director. "Until we recruit more leaders, these girls have to be placed on a waiting list. There are so many fun and important programs going on in Girl Scouting, we strive to include every girl we can."

"However, we can't have troops if we don't have leaders, so identifying those in the community who would like to be involved in helping girls grow strong is vitally important."

All volunteers receive excellent, free training to help them develop leadership skills that are beneficial to all aspects of life. Eighty-five percent of Girl Scout leaders surveyed said they received rewards from Girl Scouting that they don't typically get in their daily lives.

Other benefits leaders report are increased self-confidence, spending more quality time with their daughter, developing new skills, a better appreciation for diversity and adults building friendships with others.

Dr. Mary Piper, author of "Reviving Ophelia," the famed book about empowering adolescent girls says, "Girl Scouting is a great vehicle for girls to learn how to trust people other than their parents. And while they're developing trust they're also learning skills through supervised activities with loving adult mentoring."

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting—and its special girls-only environment—girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

To learn more about becoming a Girl Scout leader in eastern Kentucky, contact the Paintsville office at 606/789-3901 or the Pikeville office at 606/437-7814.

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Something Different

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



Picking up furniture

Picking furniture for your home is always hard. Affording it is harder.

It's worse when you periodically recycle your life, as I seem to do. I'll buy something, decide I need to downsize and give it away or sell it, often wishing later I'd kept it.

Last year, I went through one of my "less is better" periods. I had a yard sale and sold, among other things, a mattress and springs set that I thought I no longer needed.

It was the set that went with one of my grandmother's iron bedsteads, the one she shortened the legs on.

I'm not sure why she did it, and I only know that she did by the word of my mother and aunt who were there. Having known Mamma for an important part of my life, I suspect she just got a wild hair one day and sawed the legs off.

Probably she did it for the same reason I painted the bed frame pink, or more likely what they call "mauve." I just liked the color splotch on the top of the paint can.

That was back when Lowe's sold, at a considerable discount, paint that had been returned by people, I suppose, who didn't like the color after they got it home. That practice has been stopped and my collection of exotics paints has dwindled, sadly.

Anyway, as fate would have it, here I am in a huge (to me) house where I could use the mattress set. I have the pink, iron headboard, footboard and rails, but they're leaning against a wall, arguably no longer a bed.

Ironically, in recent days I have seen two mattress sets that might have once served me well.

A single mattress is, at this writing, in the ditch up against the hill just north of the Prestonsburg water treatment plant. Another few feet and the rock slide last week would have covered it — thankfully. No such luck.

Unfortunately, I don't have a way to get it home, and I'm not sure — given how long it's been on the road — I could ever feel comfortable about the dust mites and other bugs of the bed.

Three more mattresses rested for four or five days at the three-way stop sign in Auxier. Somehow, they came to rest in the ditch next to the railroad tracks.

What could have happened? I don't know. Perhaps a mover unfamiliar with the village came upon the stop sign unexpectedly, stepped on the brakes too fast and the bedding went sailing through the air and landed head over tail over head at the roadside. What a sight to see.

However, I suspect no one saw the sight. I suspect these mattresses ended up in the ditch by design by the dark of night.

They've disappeared, picked up, perhaps, by someone who needed them even worse than I. Most likely, though, they were taken away by those people who do their best, against great odds, to make us all look better than we deserve — county work crews, prison inmates or Waste Management haulers.

But, I digress. What I mean to ponder is how we all tend to go at cross ends. I got rid of a mattress set and now I need one. Others apparently lost theirs, so I reckon they'll need new ones, too. If we'd known, maybe we could have agreed on a swap.

Life does get complicated.

Garlic puree packs great flavor and good health

When cooking for the holidays, most of us ease up on counting calories, cholesterol, and grams of fat in a meal. To avoid paying too a heavy a price in January for two months of holiday indulgence, though, I occasionally prepare holiday dishes that are deliciously, deceptively lean.

One is a creamy, seemingly decadent garlic puree. This ivory cloud of pungent mashed potatoes melts in your mouth as if heaps of butter have been whipped into it, but it is actually made with nothing more than lowfat milk and a very modest amount of extra virgin olive oil.

People rave about this unexpected accompaniment. I love being able to make this dish in minutes, and getting it ready a day or two in advance. Only if pressed will I tell the fanatic guests who never lets their guard down, nutritionally speaking, that this treat is too healthful to pass up.

In fact, garlic is the rare food both enjoyed by food lovers and enthusiastically endorsed by nutrition and health experts. At some trendy restaurants, diners are presented with a whole head of roasted garlic and encouraged to squeeze out the cloves onto crusty country bread, luxuriating in their earthy flavor, gentled in the oven to a mild treat. The velvet texture of this fat-free spread has captivated so many people that terra cotta garlic roasters have become a popular kitchen item.

At the same time, respected researchers keep discovering more about garlic's health benefits. Recently, at a conference sponsored by the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C., scientists shared results of studies showing garlic's protective effects against various cancers, including colon, breast, prostate, skin, and

lung. During the holidays, heap this flavorful puree into sautéed mushroom caps, or pipe it from a pastry bag. The rest of the year, enjoy it elegantly presented or unadorned, with meat loaf, grilled chicken or fish.

Mushrooms Stuffed With Garlic Puree
1 large yellow-fleshed or baking potato, 8-10 ounces

1/4 cup thinly sliced garlic
1/2 cup lowfat milk
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
6 large white mushrooms, stems removed

Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon minced chives, for garnish (optional)

Peel the potato and cut it into half-inch pieces. Place in a deep saucepan. Add the garlic and milk. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce the heat so the milk simmers gently; it will foam somewhat. When the potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes, transfer the contents of the pot to a medium bowl.

With a fork, mash the potato mixture to a smooth puree. Mix in the olive oil.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. (The puree may be refrigerated in a closed container for 1-2 days).

Spray a medium-size non-stick skillet with cooking spray. Place the six mushroom caps in the pan, top down. Sprinkle a bit of salt and pepper in the cavity of each mushroom. When they have browned, 6-8 minutes, turn. Season the tops of the caps and cook until well-colored and tender when pierced with a knife in the center, about 4 minutes. Transfer the caps to a plate.

Fill the cavity of each mushroom with 2 tablespoons of the potato puree, smoothing it into a nice mound. Or pipe the puree into the mushrooms using a pastry bag fitted with a decorative tip. If desired, sprinkle with minced chives, and serve.

Each of the six servings contains 78 calories and 3 grams of fat.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author, Dana Jacobi, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

Nutrition Wise

by Karen Collins, M.S., R.D., C.D.N. American Institute for Cancer Research

Q: If snack foods are labeled "baked," does this mean that they are low-fat?

A: No. The key to low-fat foods is not only whether they are cooked in fat, but also how much fat is used as part of the ingredients. Baked chips and cracker may be low in fat, but don't count on it. If a product catches your eye, quickly check the fat content listed on the Nutrition Facts panel (adjusting the portion size listed to match what you would eat). And as you shop for nutritious, low-fat snack foods, remember to look beyond the "snack food aisle." Besides being low in fat, fruits and vegetables—fresh, frozen, canned or dried—offer important dietary fiber and nutrients. Some breakfast cereals also make nutritious snacks, alone or mixed with dried fruit and a few nuts in quickly-made "trail mix."

Q: Is it true that for best nutrition we should eat all our vegetables raw?

A: No. Although the heat from cooking does destroy a portion of certain heat-sensitive vitamins like Vitamin C, some sources have misinterpreted this to mean that no nutrients remain in vegetables after they are cooked. This is

far from true. If you take care not to cook vegetables until they're limp, then you will get plenty of nutrition. Also, cook by steaming, microwaving, roasting or stir-frying to prevent vitamins from leaching out into cooking water. New research shows that at least one valuable phytochemical (a naturally-occurring substance in plant foods) may actually become more available to our bodies when we get it from cooked vegetables. Lycopene, which some studies suggest plays a role in helping to prevent prostate cancer, is better absorbed by the body from processed products like tomato sauce, soup and juice than from raw tomatoes. Eat vegetables the way you enjoy them so you eat substantial portions every day.

Q: Is the resveratrol found in wine available in any other foods?

A: Resveratrol is a naturally-occurring substance found mainly in grapes that may have health-protective benefits. At a recent American Institute for Cancer Research conference, scientists reported that resveratrol does more than merely promote heart health. It may also help prevent the development of cancerous cells. Researchers cautioned, however, that much of the work regarding resveratrol's effects has been conducted only in test tubes; we

are just beginning to see how this compound may work in animals or humans. Content varies with the type of grape, growing conditions and stage of ripeness. Since resveratrol is found in the grape skins, white wine (which is not fermented with the skins) has little of the substance. Resveratrol is most readily found in red wine, but it is wise to drink it in very moderate amounts. The health risks of more than one or two small glasses of wine a day outweigh the potential phytochemical benefits. Grape juice (especially dark types) and table grapes provide resveratrol in less concentrated amounts, but you can consume larger portions without health risk. With so much said, remember, phytochemicals like resveratrol tend to reinforce each other. The greatest health benefit drives from enjoying a mostly plant-based diet that includes phytochemicals and nutrients from a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

"Nutrition-Wise" is provided as a public service by the American Institute for Cancer Research. Questions for this column may be sent to "Nutrition-Wise," 1759 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Ms. Collins cannot respond to questions personally.

C'est La Vie

by Don Flood

EAT YOURSELF SLIM

America is now being forced to face the most horrible addiction of all: carbohydrates.

Books include "The Carbohydrates Addict's Lifespan Program," and of course "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution," a book so popular the Gideon group has begun placing it in hotel rooms across the country.

But as with any addiction the first thing you have to do is admit you have a problem.

Answer the following questions as honestly as you can, in other words not like last year's tax return.

- o Have you ever had hash browns first thing in the morning?
- o Do you sometimes eat potato chips alone?
- o Do you sometimes find excuses to eat french fries with lunch? (Hey, it's Tuesday!)
- o Do you insist on having your sandwiches on bread?

o Have you ever woken up, not remembering exactly how many potato chips you had the night before?

o Have you ever tried to eat just one potato chip and found you couldn't?

If you answered "yes," "maybe," "occasionally," "almost never" or "no" to any of the above questions, you are a carbohydrate addict.

(People who say "no" are in denial. You say you're not in denial? Well, that just proves it, doesn't it?)

I admit that I am not a doctor. However, I have watched TV shows with actors who pretended to be doctors, so I feel I'm qualified to pretend as well.

(Also, when I was 7 years old, I dressed up for Halloween as Dr. Kildare. People totally believed it.)

There are two problems with most diets: (1) remembering what foods to eat, and (2) not having those foods available.

That's why I have invented The Don Flood Slim Jim Diet Revolution. All Slim Jims, all the time.

It's so easy!

Here's a typical day on the Slim Jim diet: breakfast - two Slim Jims; lunch - two cold Slim Jims cut into small pieces; dinner - two extra long Slim Jims.

And you can carry Slim Jims in your pocket all day. They never go bad. (Scientists believe that some convenience store Slim Jims have been there since before the last Ice Age. They're made from mastodon meat.)

Naturally you want to know how I discovered the Don Flood Slim Jim Diet Revolution. Well, one night after eating a Slim Jim, I weighed myself before going to bed.

The next morning I weighed one pound less. In just one day! Over the course of a year, I could lose 365 pounds, 366 during leap years!

Now, since individual results may vary, I can't promise that you'll lose 365 pounds in one year - particularly if you weigh less than 365 pounds - but I can guarantee that if you stay on the Slim Jim diet, you will have very bad breath, making it less likely that you will be invited to parties where you are virtually certain to gain weight!

But don't fret about being left out. As my Diet Revolution sweeps the country, there'll be loads of Slim Jim-only parties to attend. (dgf@dca.net) © 1999 King Features Synd., Inc.

Working women putting heel down survey shows high heels on decline

A survey of 1,031 working women found that the majority, especially younger women, are wearing sensible shoes at work now. "If this trend continues, we expect that these women will have fewer foot problems in the 21st century," said Carol Frey, MD, a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

"More than 67 percent of working women now wear flats, low-heeled pumps or other comfortable shoes on the job, and thus are reducing their foot injury risk," reported Dr. Frey, interim clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery, UCLA, and co-author of the survey. "Women who wear heels have the highest percentage of ingrown toenails, bunions, neuromas and calluses."

"The steep incline of a three-inch heel places enormous pressure on a woman's forefoot—seven times that of the pressure of a one-inch heel."

Many women today stay away from high-incline spike heels, opting instead for the elevated platform shoes which raise the entire foot, not just the heel, two-to-three-inches.

"This design distributes the person's weight more evenly across the whole shoe, because there is little or no incline," said Dr. Frey. "In addition, the extended or asymmetrical toe common to this style provides more toe room, further helping to prevent foot problems." She did caution people over age 65 or anyone with balance difficulty

not to wear these platforms.

"In contrast to the shoes popular in the 1950s and 1960s which were bad for women's feet," said Dr. Frey, "many of today's styles are well-cushioned sturdy and actually good for foot health."

Results of the survey shows that at work, more than 42 percent of the women wear flats; more than 25 percent wear athletic shoes; more than 20 percent wear low-heeled pumps; and less than 2 percent wear high heels. The American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (<http://www.aofas.org>), Seattle, conducted this telephone survey of 1,031 women who work outside the home to determine what types of shoes women choose to wear at work. Not included were women required to wear standardize industrial shoes, such as workboots or nurse's shoes, on the job.

Dr. Frey is chairperson of the AOFAS Committee on Footwear and Orthoses. Co-author of the survey with Dr. Frey is Charise Dyal, MD, an orthopaedic surgeon in private practice in New York City.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (<http://www.aaos.org>) has a national public education campaign to prevent foot problems, "If the Shoe Fits, Wear It." Individual copies of the brochure are available free to the public by sending a self-addressed stamped (business size) envelope to Wear It, AAOS, P.O. Box 1998, Des Plaines, Ill. 60017.

Women at Work

BY TAMARA JONES

With Steve Jobs of Apple and Bill Gates of Microsoft and Andrew Grove of Intel, etc., etc., we sometimes forget that Rear Admiral Grace Murray Cooper ("Amazing Grace") as her colleagues called her) actually made it possible for computer technology to become the indispensable tool of modern business. Dr. Cooper solved many of the programming challenges for the first generation of computers, and helped them evolve from machines that were more like giant calculators into their increasingly sophisticated forms.

One of the "amazing" attributes of Amazing Grace was her refusal to accept defeat. She knew there was always an answer to a problem. She rejected the philosophy of "we've always done it that way" as not only not scientific, but insulting to human intelligence. "We evolve," she said, "by finding new and better ways to do things ..."

Dr. Cooper was born in New York City in 1906. She earned a BA in mathematics and physics from Vassar college. She earned her MA in 1930 and a Ph.D. in 1934 at Yale. Her thesis was brilliant, and at first, her advisers thought "a man must have written it."

During World War II, she joined the Navy and started working on an early generation of computers. After her husband died in 1945 she devoted herself to developing new and "friendlier" programs and applications. She recognized the country would need programmers and encouraged the training of young women to study math, engineering and physics, telling them of the opportunities opening up for them in the growing computer industry.

In 1969, she accepted the first-ever "Computer Science Man-of-the-Year Award" and, according to a colleague, suggested that while she was honored to be recognized for her achievements, it would have been nicer to see the term "Computer Scientist of the Year."

She believed that by the Millennium, computers would be a vital part of all our lives. Once again, she was right.

On January 1, 2000, let's remember Amazing Grace for all she did to make all our lives better.

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ACADEMICS

Clark announces perfect attendance

Recognized for having perfect attendance during the first nine weeks of school at Clark Elementary were:

Miss Key—Tiffany Allen, Chris Meade, April Spears, Melissa Walker.

Mrs. Barrows, kindergarten—Chase Baldrige, Nicole Crace, Sarah Shepherd, Jordan Tackett.

Mrs. Stumbo's Class, first grade—Olivia Bentley, Morris Gilstrap, Mika Hackworth, Evan Hayes, Danielle Howard, Alex Lucas, Michael Ousley, Samantha Trout and Holly Whitaker.

Ms. Collins, first grade—Taylor Bragg, Casey Conley, Daniel Howard and Monica Reed.

Mrs. Bragg, 2nd grade—Della Chaffins, Dustin Coleman, Latoshia Ferrell, Jerry Hicks, Jake Layne and Stacy Perry.

Miss Bailey, 2nd grade—Cortneh Cottrell, Brandon Hall, Zack Howard, Beth Justice and Stephanie Spears.

Mrs. Dingus, third grade—Isaac Bentley, Kristen Bentley, Kevin Burchett, Jonathan Dye, Vincent Hayes, Tara Rohr, Alex Stumbo and Ali Wright.

Mrs. Warrix, 3rd grade—Jessica Allen, Jordan Baldrige, Joseph Collins, Kyle Hall, Hank Lanham, Krystal Pitts, Brandon Ratliff, Aaron Ward, Jordan Watkins and Shane Williamson.

Mrs. Madden, 4th grade—Bradley Owens, Zachary Bragg, Kimberly Kilgore, Seth Hackworth, Ali Hackworth, Erica Pitts, Timra Jacobs, Kasey Ousley, Krystin Little and Brittany Crum.

Mrs. Hunsucker, 4th grade—Weston Hicks, Brittany Hook, Lashona Bradford, Teddy Ratliff, Corey Watkins, Julie Ford, Kendra Ousley and Stephanie Conley.

Ms. Leslie's 5th grade—Beth Allen, Stephen Allen, Jennifer Belcher, Jessica Conley, Allison Dye, Bryan Ousley, Adam Reffett, Heather Shepherd, Pamela Slone and Amber Whitaker.

Osborne's, 5th grade—Nathaniel Auxier, Chris Baker, Erica Osborne, Brittany Ousley, Stephanie Ousley, Alex Shepherd, Del Shepherd, Jamie Shepherd, Brianna Slone and Tiffany Smith.

Ms. Bingham—Elizabeth Gilstrap.

Prestonsburg Elementary announces honor roll

1st nine weeks

Mrs. Linda Combs—A-Kim Collins, B-Jonathan Lowe, Justin Spears, Josh Slone, Shane Blackburn, David John Hicks, Josh Paige, Jeannie Meade and Amanda Conn.

Ms. Debra Holland—A-Rachel Tussey, B-Adam Layne, Joshua Rodebaugh, Nathaniel Stephens, Jocelyn Phillips.

Mrs. Lisa Hunt—A-Brittany Collins.

B-Whitney Caudill, Josh Clause, Megan Goble, Nakeesha Maines, Randall Yielding, Ryan Barber.

Ms. Betty Minix—A-Maura Minix, Caitlin Newsome, Charlotte Hale.

B-Emily Stanley, Dane Sizemore, Joshua Salyers, Zachary Mitchell, Laura Hughes, Joshua Holbrook, Natalie Combs, Robert Allen.

Mrs. Joy Adams—A-Elizabeth Chaffin, Amanda Slone.

B-Andrea Crum, Mikè Crum, Carmen Maines, Chayse Martin, Cory Wright.

Mrs. Jalenda Shepherd—B-Elliott Baldrige, Zack Hicks, Shawn Goble, Samantha Littleton, Matthew Collins, Wesley Woods,

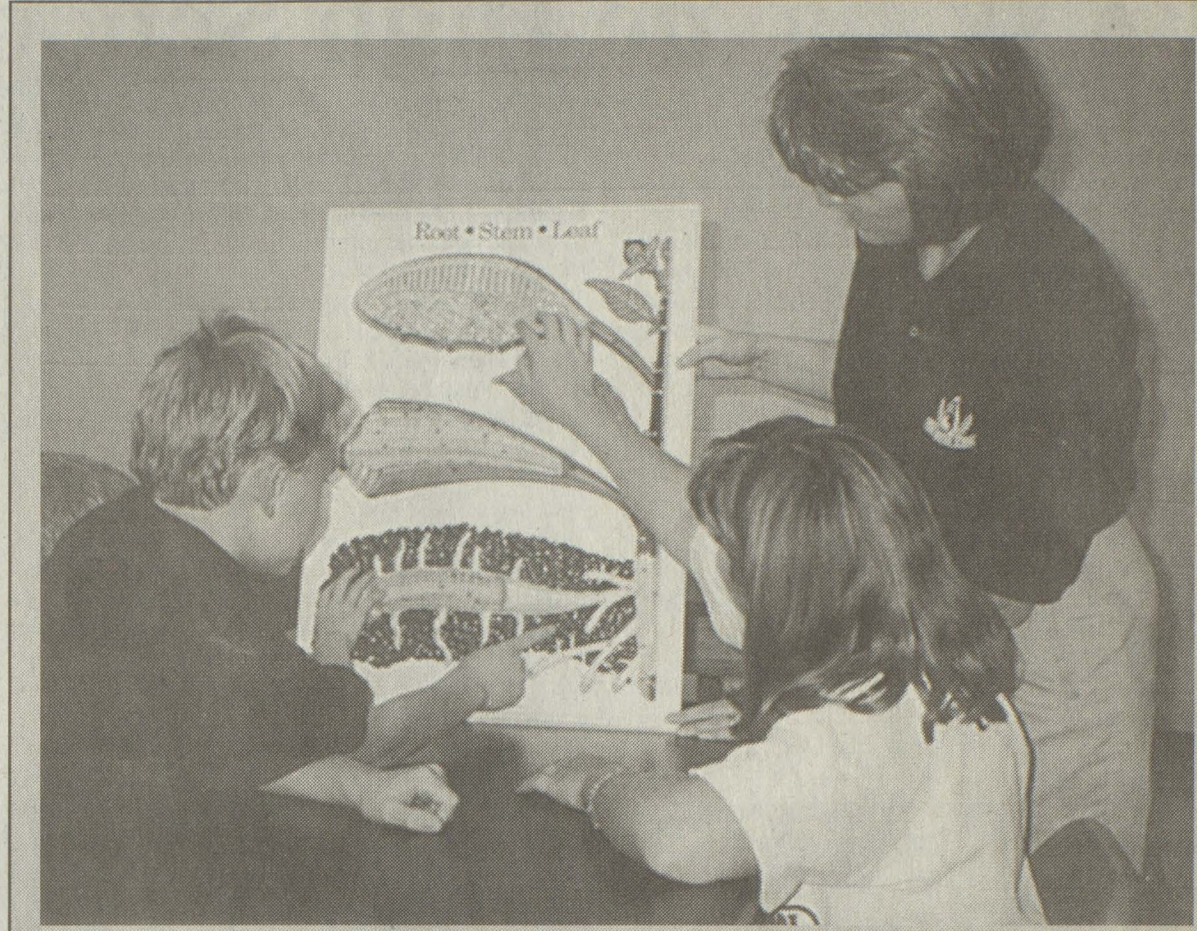
Jordan Hayton.

Mrs. Marcella Slone—A-Jordan Ochala, Jarrod Willis.

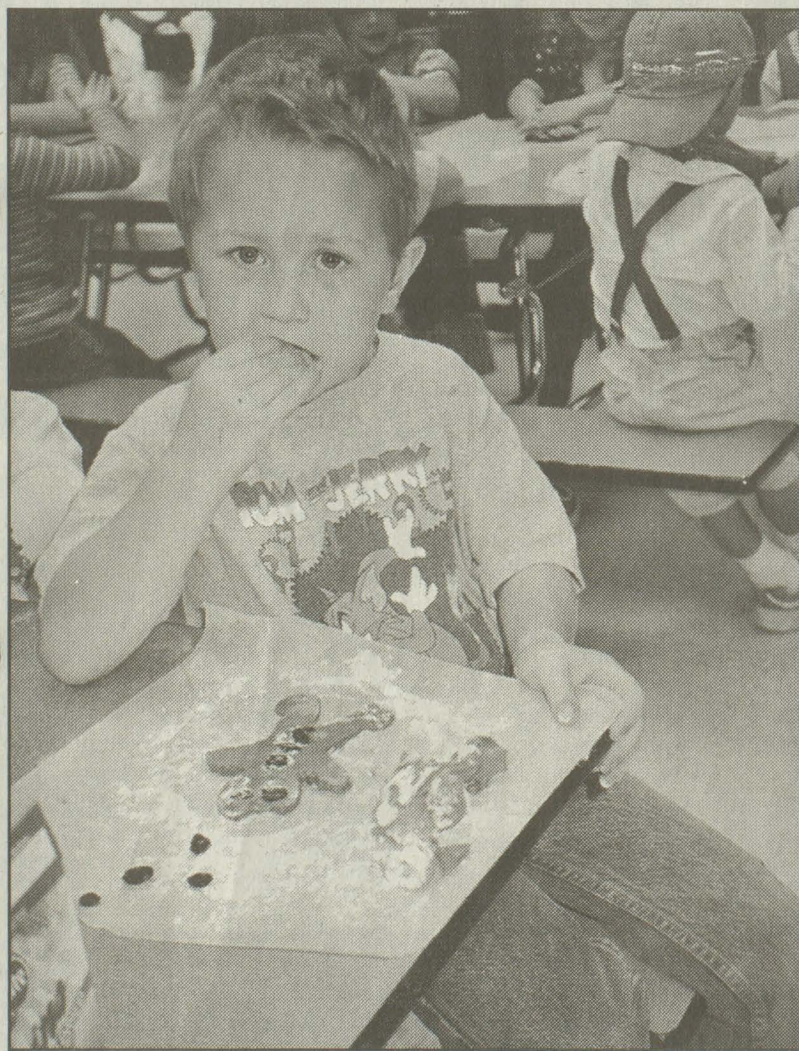
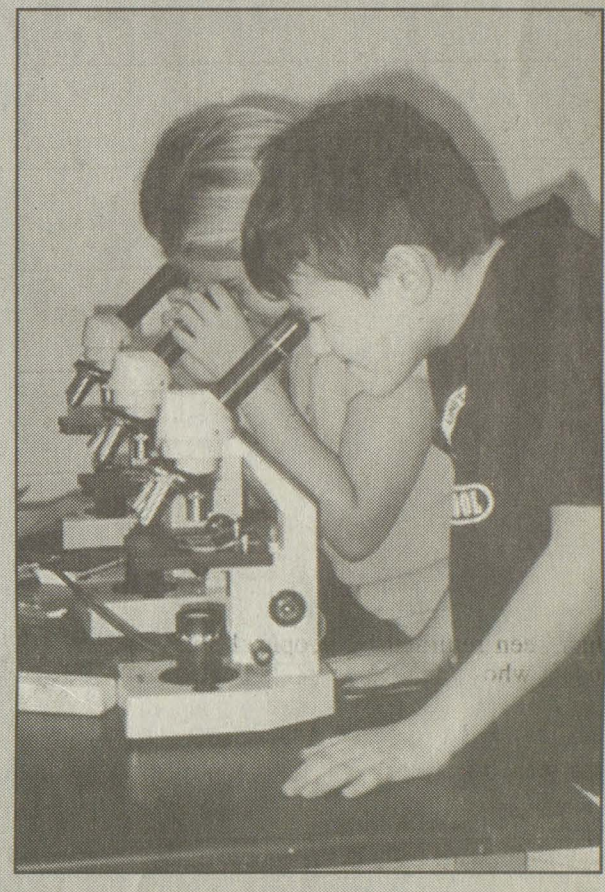
B-Whitney Allen, Whitney Blackburn, Justin Conn, Benji Fish, Sarah Salisbury, Kevin Sherman, Meaghan Slone, Morghan Slone, Katie Yates.

Mrs. Glessie Stumbo—A-Holly Pack.

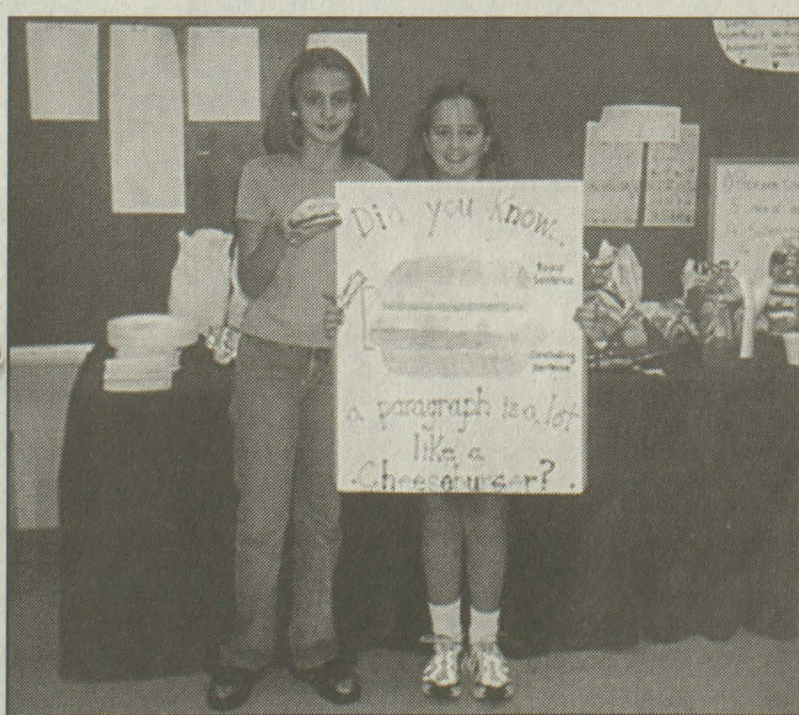
B-Sam Chaffin, Tommy Goble, Westley Hall, Kellie Hatfield, Kevin Horn, Victoria Hughes, Kayla Marsillett, Jenny McNutt, Leannie Newsome, Brittany Ousley, Jordan Williams.



Wesley Christian students enjoy exploring in their new Science Lab. Students can now experience the mysteries of science by taking part in research and conducting their own investigations. John Turner and Whitney Trimble, right, search for answers through the microscope, while Beverly Lewis explains plant life to Justin Murray and Emily Coleman.



Kevin Carroll of Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary ate gingerbread he made during Heritage Days in the Valley.



Mrs. Carter's seventh grade writing class at Allen Elementary participated in a lesson entitled, "Did you know a paragraph is a lot like a cheeseburger?" After the lesson, they enjoyed "building" their own cheeseburgers given by Dairy Cheer and Pat's Courtyard Cafe.

J.D. Adams Middle School November activities

• November 1st-30th: J.D. Adams Middle School Second Annual Book Drive, Collecting new or used books for the media center. Contact Lana Wicker at 886-2671, ext. 111.

• November 1st-November 30th: Co-Ed Y-Club holding their annual Food Drive. Each year the club members collect non-perishable food items to donate to the area food pantries. If you would like to donate, you may call 886-2671 or drop items off at the school office.

November 15: 7 p.m.: SBDM Committee/school media center

• November 16, 6-8 p.m.: Parent Workshop—C.A.T.S. CTB test scores.

Mrs. Charlene Nunn, school guidance counselor will be available to answer questions. This workshop will give parents an opportunity to view your students test score and learn how to interpret those scores. Parents will receive a copy of score to take home with them.

Also, bring a sweatshirt, the Youth Service Center will show you how to jazz up your shirts for the holidays.

• November 1st-November 30th: P.T.A. Drive—membership drive. Come to the meeting, November 29, 7 p.m., at A.M.S. media center.

• November 29, 7 p.m.: P.T.A. / school media center.

Harold native receives honor

Harold native Michael T. Cecil, a fourth-year student in the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, was honored recently at the college's annual Academic Convocation and Awards Day program.

Cecil, a son of Homer and Faye Cecil of Harold, was named to Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society.



Wesley Christian School students enjoyed a lesson in Fire Safety and a visit from Freddie the Fire Hydrant during Fire Safety Week in October. Larry Adams and the Prestonsburg Fire Department gave a colorful demonstration to the students on the good and evils of fire, and how to keep safe. Members of the Prestonsburg Fire Department pose with students in Janie Tincher's Classroom.



Students of Kim Reed's class at May Valley Elementary completed a class poster depicting the importance of the 911 system and the Emergency Medical System. Students participated in the 25th anniversary of E.M.S. poster contest. Pictured are, row one, from left: Megan Williams, Kelsey Jones, Nevan Slone, Elizabeth Salisbury, Zac Hall, Jessi Hayes, and Dustin Wright; row two: Steffanie Martin, Quentin Scott, Shalious Hall, Josh Stone, Jaimie Mullins, Cody Boyd, Corey Bailey; and row three: Whitney Ousley, Brittney Collins, Andrew Burke, Kyle Greene, Brianna Combs, Michael Ison, Tyler Tucker, and Cory Conn.

ACADEMICS

Betsy Layne High School lists quarter honor roll

Betsy Layne High quarter honor roll is listed as follows:

3.0-3.99—Loria M. Akers, Sheena D. Akers, Joshua N. Allen, Joshua R. Allen, Lenora Baker, Christen Blackburn, Kelly Blackburn, Nathaniel Blackburn, Elizabeth Blankenship, Tureem Blankenship, Amanda L. Boyd, Danielle Boyd, Jennifer Boyd, Jim E. Boyd, Lacey A. Boyd, Margarita Boyd, Rebecca Boyd, Nina Boyette, A. Brandis Bradley, Candice L. Branham, Jamie Bray, Charles B. Brooks, Marlania Bryant, Stephanie Burchett;

Tanya Campbell, Douglas Carr, Krystal Carroll, Leigh Ann Carroll, Deanna Case, Sarah L. Click, Chris Cochran, Emma Lou Cole, Adam Collins, Richard S. Collins, Sarah R. Conn, Triska Conn, Christopher Evans, Jerrod Flannery, Matthew Gillespie, Tina L. Gillespie, Pamela Goff, Tara Gray, Joey A. Hall, Amanda L. Hall, Amber Hall;

Amber R. Hall, Clayton Hall, Courtney M. Hall, Dennis Hall, Jonathan G. Hall, Kelly Hall, Kimberly Hall, Kristin Hall, M. Jason Hall, Nicholas Hall,

Pamela Hall, Patty Hall, Shaundra Hall, Tiffany D. Hall, Timothy J. Hall, Allison J. Hamilton, Bryanna Hamilton, Eddie Randa Hamilton, Elizabeth Hamilton, H. Leann Hamilton, Hollie Hamilton, Holly B. Hamilton, Jennifer Hamilton, Jimmy "Bobo" Hamilton;

K. Ryan Hamilton, Leslie L. Hamilton, M. Starr Hamilton, Matthew Hamilton, Miranda S. Hamilton, Rachel Hamilton, M. Tyler S. Harris, Gigi R. Henson, Kevin Hohenecker, Elaine Holbrook, Jonathan T. Howell, Justin Hughes, Cara Hunt, Heather D. Hunt, Heather Hunter, Jason D. Hurd, Jonathan S. Irick, Crystal D. Iricks, Jessica Jarrell, Randall Jarvis, Sabrina Jarvis;

Heather D. Johnson, Robbie J. Johnson, Andrea K. Keathley, Eric Keathley, J. Brock Keathley, Amanda Kidd, Benjamin Kidd, Christian Kidd, Joshua R. Kidd, Megan N. Kidd, Randall J. Kidd, Stacy Kimbler, Jessica D. Kinzer, Gary Kiser, Larry D. Kiser, Daniel Knausz, Amanda Lawson, Latoya Lee, Amanda L. Leedy, Kelly A. Lewis, Misty R. Lowe, Jessica L. Lykens, Jason McCoy, Amber D. McKinney, April E.

McKinney, Brandy McKinney, Kristy McKinney;

Tiffany Meade, Wesley Meade, F. Darvin Mitchell, Tabitha Mitchell, Shawna Mulkey, Brian Mullins, Charles A. Mullins, Tarha Mullins, Jennifer Music, Jessica L. Newsome, Stephanie Newsome, Sara B. O'Neill, Britany Osborn, Amanda Osborne, Jimmy Osborne, Kristina Parsons, Misty Parsons, Melissa Patrick;

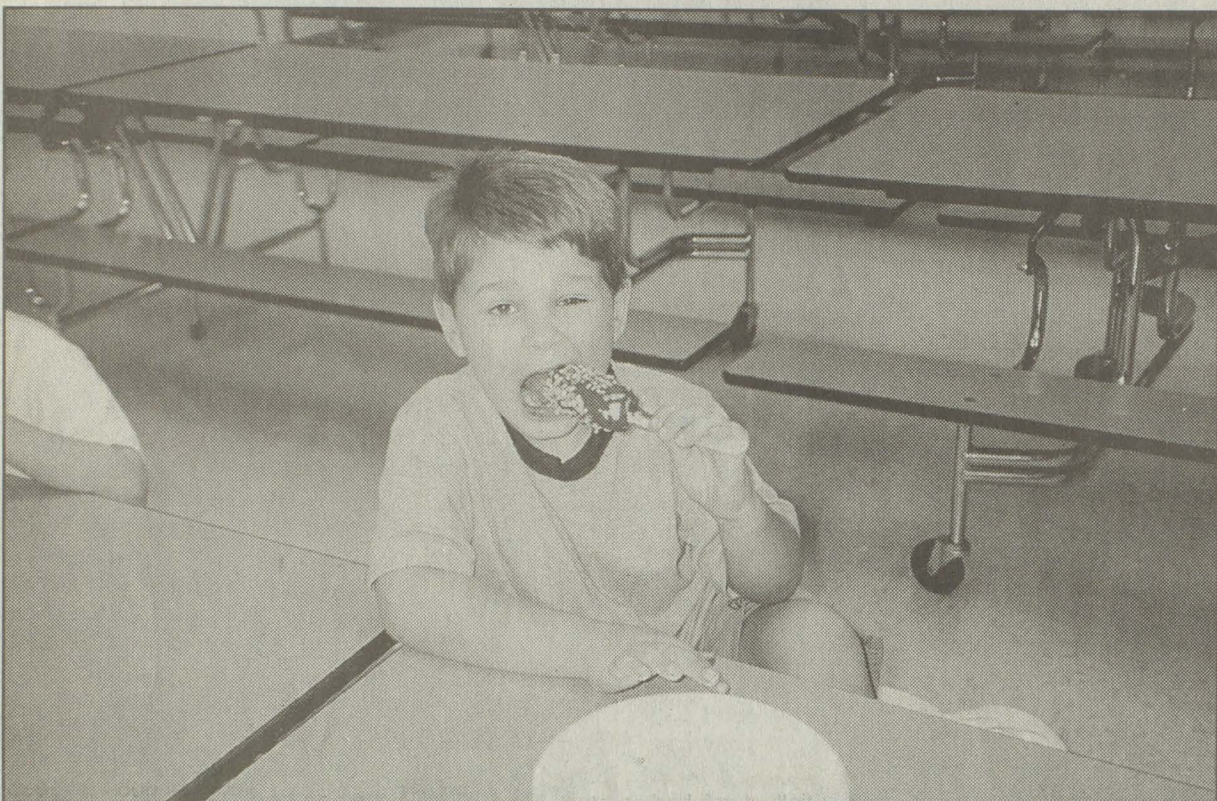
Misty D. Poe, Christopher Porter, Courtney Reid, Devon Reynolds, Tasha Rice, Crystal Richardson, Amber B. Roberts, Shanna Roberts, Amanda Robinette, Monica R. Robinette, Patricia Robinson, Candice Rogers, Tabatha Rogers;

James Robert W. Rose, Tonya M. Ryan, Michelle Salisbury, Jacki Shell, Douglas Slone, Kelly Slone, B. Trista Spears, Nicholas Spears, Jodi Stapleton, Leslie Steele, Ashley Stevens, Michael Stevens, Amanda Stewart, Natasha L. Stewart, Selena Stewart;

Bryan J. Stratton, Natasha Stratton, Rhonda Stratton, Jessica L. Stumbo, Jessica Sturgill, Jessica N. Swain, Kitty M. Swiger, Adam C. Tackett, H. Casey Tackett, Janella Tackett, Jonathan G. Tackett,

Kimberly Tackett, S. Adam Tackett, Trenton Tackett, Cynthia Taylor, Joe Dustin Taylor, Matthew Taylor, Jamie Terry, Kristy Townes, David Tucker, Tony Wakeland, Amanda Walker, Bryan E. Watkins, Tiffany Wesley, Thomas Westfall III, Ashley Williams, Matthew Williams, and Lora Beth Worrix.

Attaining the 4.0 list at Betsy Layne High School were: Kurastine C. Adkins, Marcus Allen, Amber Biliter, Christibet Blackburn, Brittany Blankenship, Jonathan M. Bradford, Nicholas Burchett, Jessica Carroll, Jeremy Clark, Dustin Elkins, Heather Evans, Cortney Flannery, Sara Fraley, Michael D. Goble, Heather N. Hamilton, Breanna Harris, Sabrina Hughes, Rosley R. Hunt, J. David Johnson, Kelli Johnson, Denise Jones, Brandi L. Lykens, Rebecca Lykens, Alexis Maldonado, Daphne McCoy, Mollie McMillan, Gerald B. Newsome, Billy R. Newsome II, Jada Newsome, Jenny Parsons, D. Joseph Ratliff, Kristy R. Reynolds, Amanda B. Rogers, Erin Rogers, Alicia Shell, Amanda Tackett, Desirae A. Tackett, Jeremy Tackett, Kimberly A. Tackett, Tiffany Tackett and Bart Wagner.



Benjamin Carroway seemed to enjoy eating shivering bananas while working on the letter "Bb" in Lisa Thornsberry's room at May Valley Elementary.



Students of Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary participated in an Adopt-an-Egg activity on the Friday before Mother's Day. Students brought an egg to babysit the entire school day. Pictured are Kaitlyn Combs, Odessa Duncan, and Jerica Blair.



Mrs. Waugh's fifth grade class at Allen Elementary studied a social studies unit on recycling. The students tore up the paper into tiny shreds and then soaked it for several days until it turned into a formable mixture, and then they molded their mixture into shapes.

Pikeville-Maroon, Johnson County 8 winners at meets

Pikeville-Maroon and Johnson County 8 were the overall winners at the Eastern Kentucky Academic Conference meets held on October 23 and 30.

In the high school division, Pikeville-Maroon accumulated 48.5 points to capture first place. Johnson Central finished second with 42.67 points, Betsy Layne was third with 40 points, and Pike Central placed fourth with 32.83 points. In the middle school division, Johnson County 8 totaled 60.5 points for first place. Johns Creek-Varsity finished second with 35.33 points, Pikeville was third with 30.83 points, and Paintsville placed fourth with 27 points.

In the high school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Justin Shofner of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Swathi Rao of Johnson Central; 3. Tie between Josh Allen and J.R. Conn,

both of Betsy Layne.

Social Studies: 1. Noah Friend of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Joe Brown of Paintsville; 3. Tie between Galen Conley of Johnson Central and Eddie Gilliam of Pike Central.

Science: 1. Tie between Stephen Slone of Johnson Central and Brenessa Matney of Phelps; 3. Sean Deskins of Pikeville-Maroon; 4. Tie between David Campbell and Anthony Fraley, both of Johnson Central.

Language Arts: 1. Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; 2. Tie between Friend and Joshua Salyers of Pikeville-Maroon; 4. Tie among Rao, Brittany Smith of Pike Central, and Laura Wells of Johnson Central.

General Knowledge: 1. Tiffany Caldwell of Pike Central; 2. Tie between Brown and Jonathan Maynard of Sheldon Clark; 4. Tie between Stephen Conley of Paintsville and Pradeep Mettu of Pikeville-Maroon.

In quick recall competition,

Betsy Layne and Pikeville-Maroon both finished first with a 6-0 record; Johnson Central was third with a 6-1 record; and Sheldon Clark placed fourth with a 5-1 record. Individual honors went to the following: 1. Maynard; 2. Conn; 3. Steven Bartley of Millard; 4. Brown.

In the middle school division, the following student finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Tie between Caleb Branham and Garrett Conley, both of Johnson County 8; 3. Nick Ruktanochai of Pikeville; 4. Tie between Donnie Keathley of Pikeville and Nathan Mills of Johns Creek-Varsity.

Science: 1. Daniel; 2. Shawn

Reynolds of Johns Creek-Varsity; 3. Tyler Shockey of Pikeville; 4. Tie among Cameron Harding of Johns Creek-Varsity, Brandon Rinebold of Johnson Co. 7, and Ruktanochai.

Language Arts: 1. Chris Wells of Johnson County 8; 2. Shefa Sikder of Johnson Co. 8; 3. Charla Hughes of Pikeville; 4. Renee Thompson of Johns Creek-Varsity.

General Knowledge: 1. Kevin Wells; 2. Tie between Conley and Chris Wells; 4. Nick Chapman of Pikeville.

Three teams finished with perfect 4-0 records in quick recall competition: Johns Creek-Varsity, Johnson County 8, and Paintsville. Johnson County 7 and Pikeville each had a 3-1 record.

The next high school regular season meet is scheduled for November 20, at Betsy Layne, and the next middle school regular season meet was on November 13, at Pikeville.



There is a new requirement for graduation beginning with the class of 2002. It is a humanities class which includes visual arts, dance, music, and drama. Sharon Sammons teaches the dance portion of the new humanities class at Prestonsburg High School. Her students

were enlightened on ballet, tap, and jazz on two separate occasions by guest performer and speaker, Jody Shepherd. Jody is the instructor at Dance Etc. in Prestonsburg and her students will be performing the Nutcracker ballet in December.

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14X70 MOBILE HOME: 2 BR, large living room & kitchen. \$8,000. 874-2696.

BANK FORCLOSURE! New 14' wide, 3 BR, 2 BA. Features Bay window, fireplace, all appliances, central air, skirting, delivery & set-up for only \$219/mo. 606-478-4530.

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HOUSE FOR RENT: 220 Westminister St., Prestonsburg, Ky. \$400 a month, \$250 deposit. Call 606-298-7323 or 606-298-4051.

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3 BR, 2 BA: Harold area. \$600 month, 1 yr. lease. Gas heat included. 478-9496 or 437-4853 ask for Tom.

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Mobile Homes

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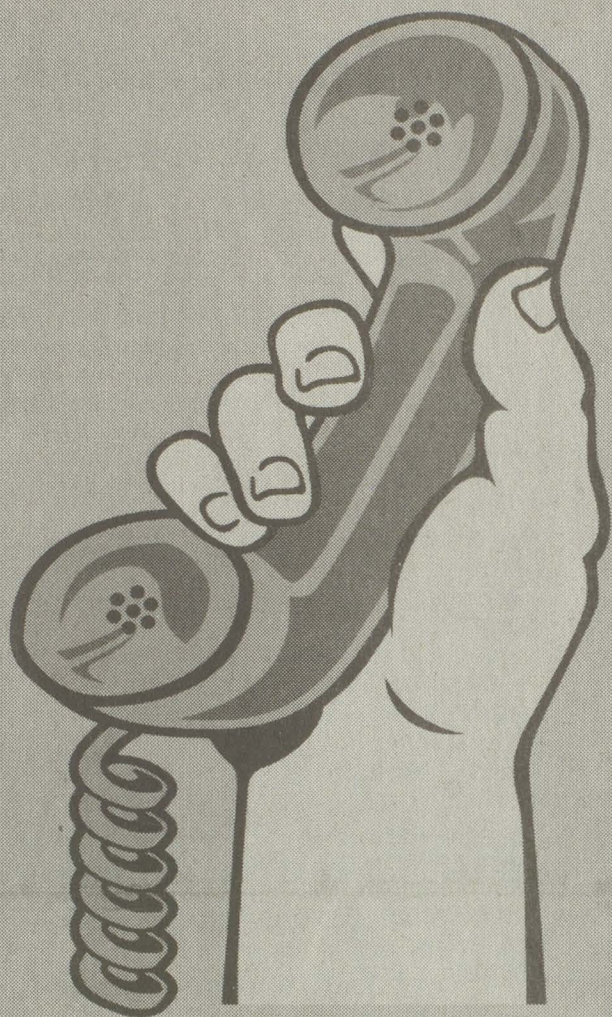
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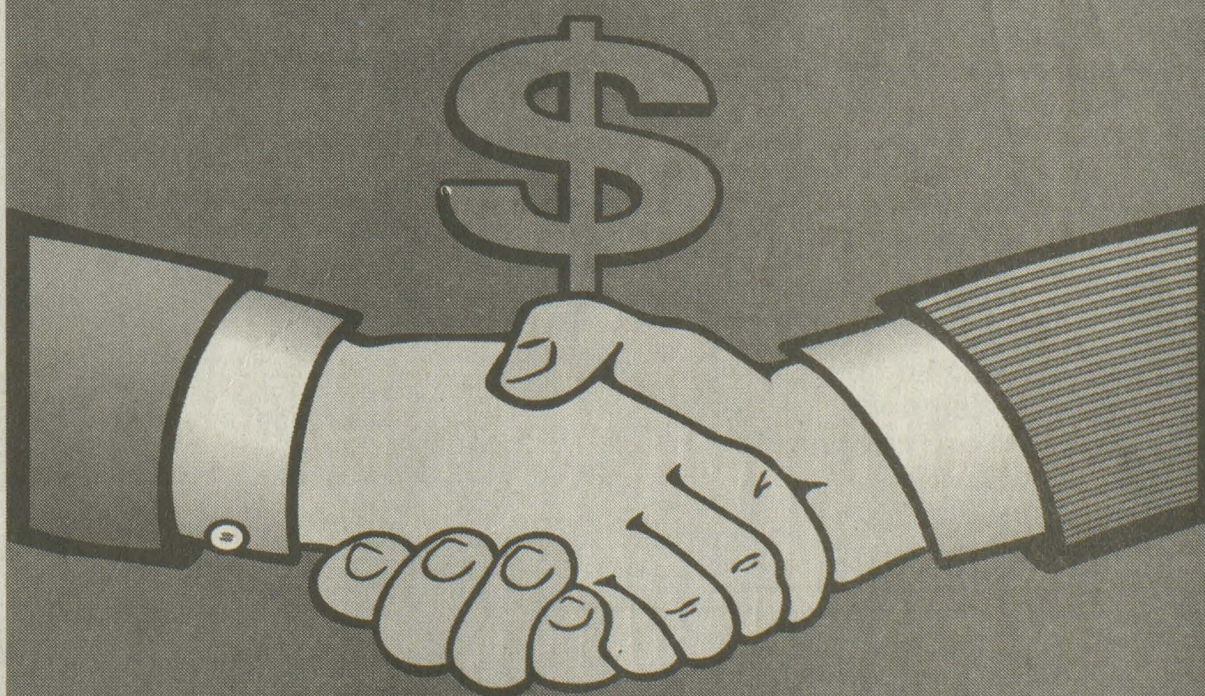
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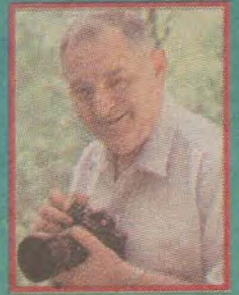
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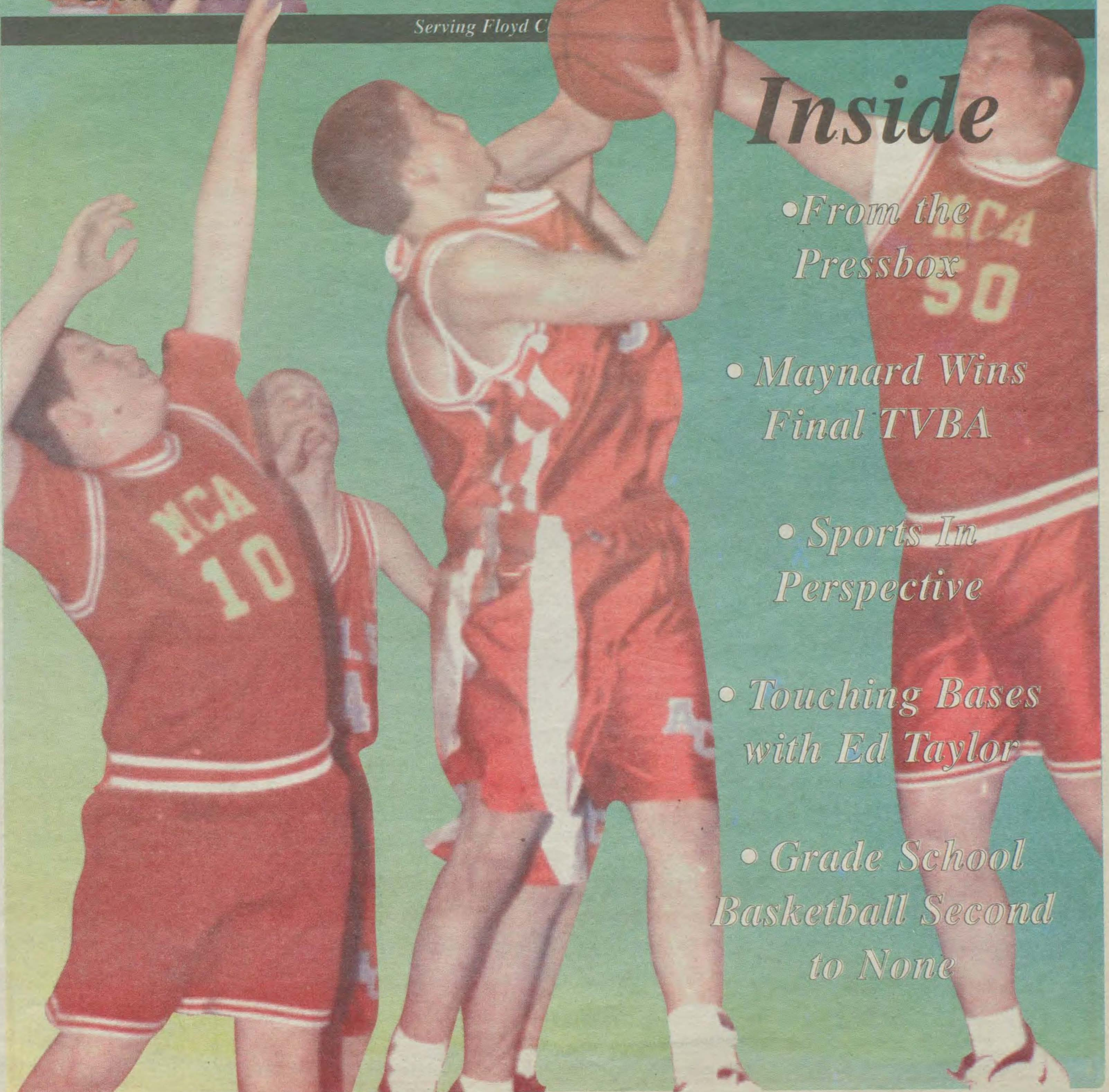


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From the Press Box...

Next level brings changes for frosh Skeans

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

What is it like when an eighth-grader moves from the elementary stage to varsity high school basketball?

It means certain changes and you are no longer the focal point of the team.

Stephanie Skeans, who starred for South Floyd Middle School last year, is in her first season with the Lady Raiders of South Floyd High School.

Skeans did not have to change school buildings, but she is finding her first year at the high school level a year of adjustment. But the biggest adjustment hasn't been her playing — she can

do that — but leaving behind some teammates.

"Leaving teammates and changing teams, that has been the biggest adjustment for me," said Skeans, who is expected to contribute as a freshman this year. "But I have found we have a good chemistry on this team and everyone is playing good team basketball."

While changing schools and teammates, Skeans said she is also finding the competition a little stronger.

"The big difference from middle school to high school has been the competition I've got to go against," Skeans said. "You have bigger players and tougher coaching. It takes some

adjusting, but last year I was able to come up and play and get some time in. That has made it easier to adjust this year."

Two teammates Skeans said she missed were Megan Ousley and Ashley Johnson.

"I miss Megan and Ashley bad," she confessed. "They are two good players to play basketball with. It is easy to work with them. We always played team ball. We knew what each other was doing. I hope to do well this year and I can't wait to get back with them in high school next year."

The Lady Raiders have never enjoyed a winning season in their history, but Skeans feels this could be

the year.

"I am excited about this year and this team," she said. "I am looking forward to us having a winning team and I feel like we can do really good."

Skeans feels confident the Lady Raiders can compete against other district teams.

"I just want to beat them," she said. "We have a lot of potential and I believe we can be a winning team this year."

OUSLEY WILL PLAY ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

While Skeans is settled in with the Lady Raiders, Megan Ousley, a super play-

er with South Floyd Middle School, says the varsity will have to wait until she completes her eighth-grade year.

"They asked me to come up and play on the varsity," said Ousley, "but I told them I wanted to stay in middle school and concentrate on my eighth-grade year."

"After our season is over (early February), then I will go up and play on the varsity. I do plan to play on the freshman team this year."

Ousley had a quick answer when asked why she is such a quality player at such an early age.

"I just concentrate on my game and I listen to what the coaches tell me. I just go out and do what I am supposed

to do," she said. "I just concentrate on the little things I am supposed to do to help my team win."

While Ousley can score, and does often, she is still considered to be an unselfish player. But she likes the tag.

"I am supposed to dish off the ball because I am the point guard," she said. "That is my job. I like setting up the other players."

Ousley said her love for sports helps in her excelling in all of them.

"I just love athletics," she said.

But she does have some time for herself, although most of it centers around sports.

"I do some things that help me relax," she said. "I concentrate on my education a lot. Other than that I am at practice all day long. I watch a lot of television and I like to talk on the phone. That's my hobby, talking on the phone."

Ousley feels the middle school Lady Raiders will have a great season.

Maynard wins final TVBA tourney of '99

Greg Maynard will go down in the books as the last angler to win a Tug Valley Bass Anglers fishing tournament of the 1999 fishing season.

Maynard finished first in the November 7 tournament at Yatesville Lake, the ninth of the year for the Louisa-based club. Second place went to Eugene Runyon, with Tim Marcum placing third. Kevin Runyon was fourth.

The tournament was held under clear skies in warm

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Touching Bases w/Ed Taylor

Roberts returns to coaching

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

TOUCHING FIRST BASE

Jim Roberts is a good basketball coach.

Now some folks around the county might be asking, "Who in the world is Jim Roberts?"

But the folks up around the Betsy Layne area know him and remember when he used to coach at Harold Grade School about three or four seasons ago.

This basketball season, Roberts has returned to the coaching ranks and guides the Lady Bobcats of Betsy Layne Elementary. Roberts is sort like "Superman."

Not that he is the "man of steel" but that he is more like the reporter side of Clark Kent, a mild-mannered coach.

Roberts has this year's edition of Lady Bobcat basketball off and steamrolling to a good season. He guided Betsy Layne through seven games for a perfect 7-0 record before his team entered play in the Floyd County grade school conference. Roberts has his team in the finals of the Right Beaver Classic, held Friday night at Allen Central Middle School.

For the veteran coach, just being in the Classic has been an honor.

"This is a great tourna-

ment to start the season off," he said. "I am just glad to be here. When I coached the girls at Harold, we weren't good enough to be invited to this tournament. But now we are here and in the finals."

If you sit down and talk with Roberts, you would think, "How in the world could he get a basketball team excited about going on the floor?"

In a conversation, he is soft-spoken, but on the sidelines he knows what he is doing and what he wants done. It is good to see Jim back on the sidelines and he has the Lady Bobcats heading in the right direction.

SECOND BASE

The issue of football fields in Floyd County continues to be nothing more than a discussion. It has been tossed back and forth for so long, one has to wonder if it will ever become a reality.

I know the folks up Left Beaver have drawn the conclusion that they are being overlooked as far as a new facility goes.

The purchasing of land seems to be the problem at both South Floyd and Prestonsburg. Well, maybe not so much the land problem as it is money.

I hope our administrators will not let this one get away, that it will come to

fruition and not be a lost cause. The Raiders football program needs a new field. They do not need a renovated Brackett Field, but a new one they can be proud of.

THIRD BASE

The Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats will hold the first Ladycat Challenge Panorama on Saturday, November 27, at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Twelve teams will take part in six games scheduled throughout the day. The first game starts at noon and the tournament runs all day long.

Here is a good time to get a preview of the region-

al teams.

Fleming-Neon faces Pikeville at noon. Sheldon Clark takes on Breathitt County in a 1:30 p.m. start. At 3 p.m., host Betsy Layne meets Jenkins and Millard will take on Magoffin County at 4:30 p.m. In the final game, Allen Central meets Paintsville.

Look at the list of teams, there are some of the top mountain teams in this one.

HOME

We are wishing the best for Jessica Bentley, in UK Hospital, and wish she could return home real soon. You are in our prayers, Jessica.

ALC Eagles looking to be national contender — again

After a season of improvement, the Alice Lloyd Eagles basketball team and coaching staff hope to return to their glory years, when the Eagles were a national power in the NAIA.

From 1993 to 1996, the Eagles spent four consecutive years ranked in the NAIA Division II top 25, being ranked as high as fourth in 1996. Eagles coach Jim Stepp stepped down as head coach in 1997-98 when the Eagles finished 10-22.

After a two-year leave of absence, Stepp has returned to the helm of an Eagles team that finished 15-16 last season under Stepp.

Joe Stepp, who was vice president for student services when he helped coach earlier, is now president of Alice Lloyd College and will not be on the Eagles bench this season, but former Eagle player Tom Holbrook will. Matt Baker, who played at Allen Central High School and Alice Lloyd, will be a student assistant for the Eagles.

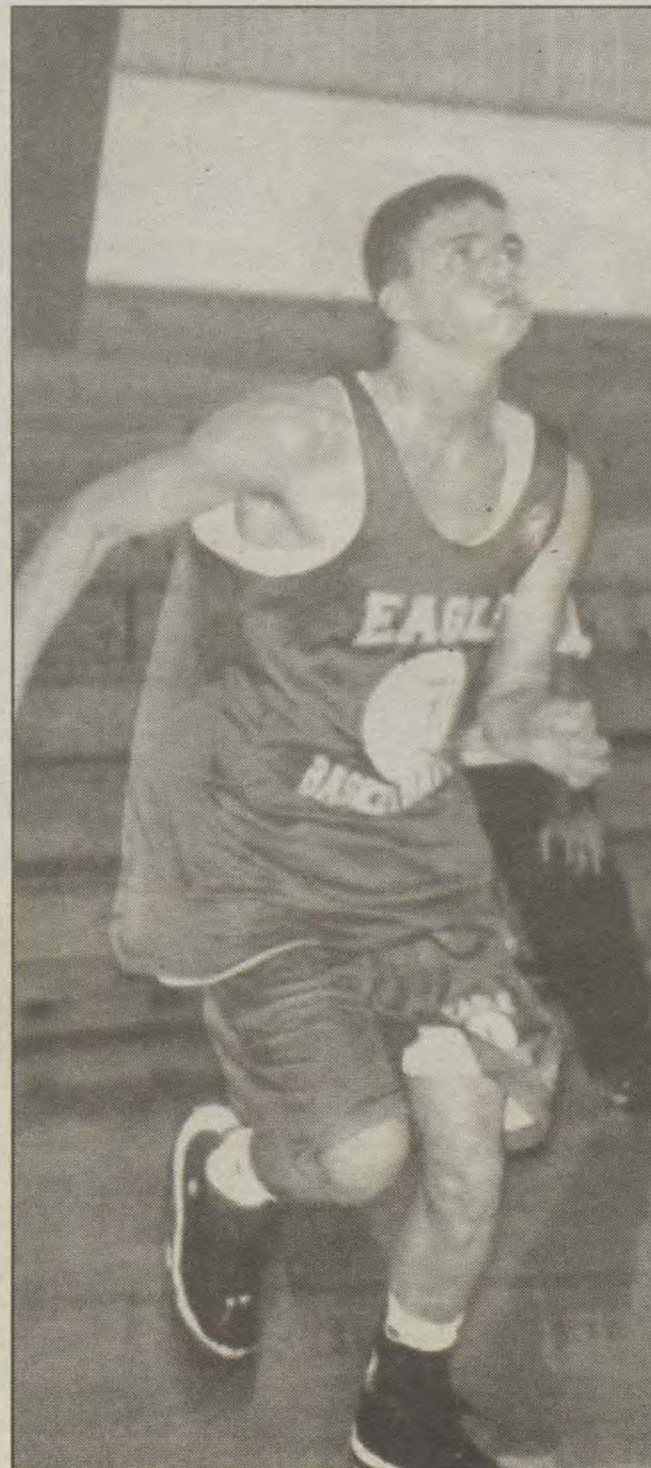
Troy Gingerich, a three-year starter, returns for the Eagles this year. Gingerich earned All-Conference honors last year while averaging 14 points, six assists and nearly three steals per game. Gingerich also received national recognition by being named an NAIA Academic All-American. He is a pre-med major.

Also looking to carry a large load for the Eagles this year is reigning freshman of the year, Jason Collins. Collins averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Eagles and is expected to shoulder much of the load this season. He earned All-Conference Honorable Mention last year.

Other key players returning for the Eagles include twins Jason and Jeremy Osborne, Dave Felner and Trinity Crank. Red-shirts R.J. Bilinovic and Travis Stepp are also looking to contribute to the Eagle backcourt. Sophomore James Moore will push for playing time in the front court.

Coach Stepp and his staff feel some holes have been filled with a good recruiting class last year. With the loss of big man Matt Baker, the Eagles recruited George Potter, a 6'7",

(See Eagles, page seven)



Next level doesn't interest Newsome

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

If Monica Newsome has anything to do with it, the 1999-2000 South Floyd girls basketball season will be a good one. She almost made that promise at a recent practice in Raider Arena.

Newsome is one of four returning seniors for the Lady Raiders and will play the two-guard slot.

Her ability to hit the three-point shot and take the ball underneath gives South Floyd some versatility on offense. Newsome said it will have to be a whole team concept this year.

"I think we will really do good this year," she said. "Coach (Paul) Cline has worked us real hard. There seems to be a good attitude this year and the players are optimistic."

Newsome said it will be a year of senior leadership for an otherwise young team that is not all that deep this season.

"Monica (McKinney) and Lindsey both can score outside or inside," said Newsome. "We don't really have the tall girls in the middle, so we will have to be an up-and-down-the-floor team. That is what Coach Cline wants us to do."

Newsome realizes this is the last go-around for her as a Lady Raider and an

extra effort is going to be necessary.

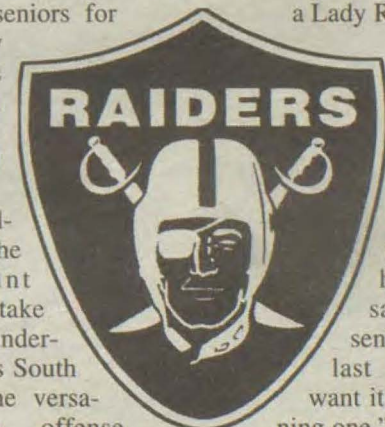
"I just want to go out and play my hardest," she said. "I'm

senior, it is my last year and I want it to be a winning one."

While others aspire to continue their playing days at the next level, Newsome said she is not interested.

"I don't really want to play college basketball," she said. "With all the work and other stuff you have to do, that would get in the way of practicing and playing."

Newsome just wants to enjoy her senior year and hopefully help lead the Lady Raiders to a winning season.



Exciting Time

Grade school basketball second to none

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Basketball people in the 15th Region, and even beyond those walls, are searching for a way to get fans back in their seats at high school basketball games.

Over the last five years, the basketball scene has seen a drop in attendance and those who do attend sit as though they are at a funeral rather than a game.

Game officials are concerned over the lack of enthusiasm that should be displayed with attending a game.

While high school basketball may be suffering from crowd participation, grade school basketball is just the opposite. The fans are turning out in big crowds and the excitement in the air can be felt.

What is the reason? What has grade school basketball got to offer that the high school game doesn't? After all, they use the same size court, the goals are at the same height and the game rules the same.

Some observers said the reason for the decline in high school has been the lack of a competitive program — a team contending for a regional title and a berth in the Sweet Sixteen. No one wants to go and watch a loser except the parents of the players, others have observed.

Other reasons given have been the attitude of high school players when on the court and off. That has turned fans off and they don't want "to pay money to watch such actions."

Then there are those who indicate that instability in the coaching ranks has caused some people to stay home. Rivalries from by-gone years are no longer present and the small school is no longer in existence. The reasons go on and on.

However, can we expect the same to happen in the grade school ranks? Let's hope not. Some have contended that consolidation, which destroyed rivalries in high school, will soon take its toll on the grade school game also.

The middle schools, a result of consolidation, have made some teams more dominant than the smaller grades and soon the interest will die down.

In Floyd County, we had at one time 15 different basketball teams. That has been cut to six through consolidation. That takes nine teams out and numerous players. That, in turn, takes away all those grandparents, brothers, sisters, mom and dads who pay to come and watch their kids play grade school basketball.

The greatest show in Floyd County has to be the Floyd County Grade School tournament. There is not a greater show around. Last year's event was held at the Allen Central Middle School gym (Duff) and what a show it was. Big crowds each night and a very noisy gymnasium.

In our high school ranks, the instability of coaching has fans concerned that politics continues to dictate who coaches a team, whether they are qualified or not.

If the fans are turned off by "who gets the job," they will stay home. Only one school hasn't gone through a coaching change over the last 12 years and that is Allen Central (boys). At Prestonsburg, Betsy Layne and South Floyd, it has been a steady game of "coaching musical chairs."

Hopefully, that will all end this year as the coaching ranks seem to be settling down with

some good quality coaches.

In grade school, it is the same ones who are at the helm each year, and so should it be. Floyd County has some quality grade school coaches (both girls and boys). There still remains that fierce competition between the six remaining schools and when they meet on the hardwood, you can expect a good game.

"Keno" Trivette, Athletic Director at Pikeville High School said it all when he stated, "We have to get the fans from watching the college game, to come back to the gyms and watch the local kids play."

His reference was to fans staying home on nights the University of Kentucky plays.

Grade school basketball offers a night of good, hard-played basketball. Fans love that. Players in the grade school ranks are not yet told they are the whole team. More of a team concept is taught (with the exception of some) and overall team basketball is the rule.

Elementary players have not yet "been spoiled" with all the hype that goes with being a good player. Players, because of quality coaches, are learning to handle the recognition they are getting in the grades and the fact that academics is stressed so much more has helped some players to keep a level head about them.

Parent involvement, as in the past, does not seem to be that much so far this year. How often we have heard it said, "Keep the parents out of it and the players will get along." That may be true to an extent, but I hate to think where some programs would be without the parents being involved as fund raisers, road block coordinators, etc.

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THE SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS CHEERLEADERS took up one end of the Allen Central Middle School gym during the Right Beaver Classic. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Sports in Perspective

by Denis Harrington

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa merit as much of the headlines concerning professional baseball today as do the pennant races.

When "Big Mac" steps to the plate, his bat twitching to-and-fro like the tail of a stalking tiger, no one in the stands leaves their seats. In fact, most of them are standing, straining to see, while not a few hold cameras poised.

The home run, even in the modern era when "hyped" balls and buggie-whip bats make it a fairly common occurrence, elicits a certain fascination on behalf of the average fan.

In the early days of professional baseball, the game's so-called "dead ball" period, a round-trip-

per was a rare phenomenon indeed. Hitting with precision was the order of the day along with daring and skill on the base paths.

But Babe Ruth changes all that forever. And a good thing he did too. His Herculean wallops saved the diamond sport by starting the turnstiles whirling at a big money clip.

Whenever Ruth had a bat in hand, he meant to hit a home run. It was all part of his persona and what he was paid to do.

"I swing as hard as I can," he said. "I try to swing right through the ball. I swing big, with everything I've got. I hit big or miss big. I like to live as big as I can."

When questioned about his average, Ruth replied, "If I just tried for those dinky singles I'd hit around .600."

Ty Cobb didn't care for the home run. He thought it cheapened the game. And he particularly didn't care for Ruth.

"Just swinging from the heels on every pitch, that's not baseball," Cobb said. "I can do that and I'll prove it."

So he went out and hit five four-baggers in his next four games.

When Ruth heard of Cobb's comments he said, "The guy is a (bleep). But he sure can hit. God Almighty, that man can hit."

Perhaps Ruth's most storied home run came in the third game of the 1932 World Series, which pitted the New York Yankees against the Cubs. Before hitting the towering drive, he gestured with his bat in the direction of the distant stands then proceeded to

put the next pitch right there.

"I hit it out off (Chicago hurler) Charlie Root there in Wrigley Field," he said. "But right now I want to settle all arguments. I didn't exactly point to any spot, like the flagpole. I just sorta waved at the whole fence, but that was foolish enough. All I wanted to do was give that thing a ride ... outta the park ... anywhere."

Unlike many accomplished hitters, Ruth didn't have a pitch which he felt best suited him.

"All I try to do is pick a good one and sock it," he said. "When anybody asks me what it was I hit, I just tell them I don't know except it looked good."

Each year before the National and American League teams square off in

the annual All-Star game, a home run derby is conducted with all of the players participating. Invariably, an SRO crowd watches the proceedings.

This summer the long-ball festivities took place at Boston's Fenway Park before a packed house. Heading the list of heavy hitters were McGwire, Sosa and Griffey Jr., of the Seattle Mariners. In the streets outside the stadium, boys with mitts waited in hope that a ball would reach them. They would not be disappointed.

During the course of his swings, McGwire launched one booming shot out over the light tower in left field and into the traffic beyond. A mad scramble for the ball ensued.

One of the veteran All-

Stars who watched McGwire's feat exclaimed, "Incredible! Absolutely unbelievable!" Then he turned to a fellow player, excitement evident in his voice, and said, "Did you ever see anything like that, man? Unreal!"

Roger Maris once observed, "There's nothing like getting a hold of a pitch and watching it go out and you jog down the first base line. It's a sensation like no other."

Added Ruth, "I've never heard a crowd boo a homer. But when I didn't hit one the fans really got on me."

Home runs may be more plentiful now only the paying public doesn't seem to mind. They are still baseball's biggest attraction.

JEFF RILEY, KENTUCKY LOT-
TERRY, was in attendance Monday
night at the Right Beaver Classic
at Allen Central Middle School.
Riley was a standout basketball
player for the Wheelwright
Trojans. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Jeff Riley

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Case in point was the way parents and grade school officials worked together in the dedication of the old Wheelwright gym. Fifth- and sixth-grade basketball has certainly caught on and there are some very good young basketball players in the ranks.

The real problem with parents is when "little Johnny or sweet Sue doesn't get much playing time." They become

vocally involved and that is the kind of involvement which is not needed.

Let's not let the grade school game get away and go the way of the high schools. Let's keep it entertaining, free of greed, and just a pleasant atmosphere to be in. The game itself needs no special attention. The competition is strong and that's the way it should be.

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240-pound center who is expected to take up some of the inside scoring Baker gave them.

The Eagles also landed outside shooter Matt Spencer from Elliott County. Former Allen Central standout Nick Samons signed with the Eagles last spring and will see playing time at the point guard slot.

Swingman Brian Briggs, Boyd County, has the potential to be a vital player. Others include Jeremy Dorton from Elkhorn City and Dustin Gosser of Casey County. Both are walk-ons at Alice Lloyd.

Alice Lloyd is a private four-year liberal arts college in Pippa Passes, located in Knott County.

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conditions with some fog in the early morning hours. The lake was two feet below summer pool. The water was clear on the main lake and in the creeks with water temperatures in the mid-50s.

Fishing in the early morning hours was good, with most of the fish caught by 10 a.m. After that, the fish closed down for the day.

The pattern for the tournament was to fish deep on main lake points and structure. The baits which produced best for the top finishers were a jig and spinner-bait.

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