

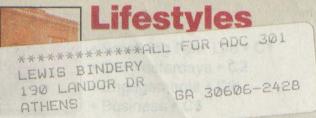


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November 24, 1999

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Board bickers over Bank Jo building

By Willie Elliott Staff Writer

Amid charges that some members were being political, the Floyd County Board of Education twice voted down the proposal to purchase the old Bank Josephine building to be used as a central office — making three times the issue has been turned down - during Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting at Betsy Layne High School.

The board discussed the issue and board member Carol Stumbo said she was not Ross accuses Stumbo, Mullins of playing politics; Dotson says they are 'ill-informed'

opposed to purchasing the building after looking into the matter in more detail. A vote was taken and the proposal failed to get the necessary three votes, with Stumbo and member Jody Mullins voting against the

Mullins said he was upset that the measure was put on the agenda at the last board meeting, since Mullins had told Chairman Terry Dotson that he would not be at the meeting. At that meeting, Stumbo voted no as the measure failed with Dotson and Ross voting yes and Mullins and Don Roberts not

After the vote, Dotson asked for a nineminute recess to relieve some of the tension that was obviously connected with the issue.

Rather than going on with the agenda after the break, the board revisited the same issue, with member Johnnie Ross making a plea to all board members, but particularly to Stumbo and Mullins, to reconsider and vote for the proposal to buy building, which he said is vitally needed for the system.

It was during this plea that Ross said he thought Stumbo and Mullins were playing

(See Board, page three)

Student • charged with arson at Perkins

By Randell Reno Staff Writer

An 18-year-old student has been arrested for arson following the recent fire at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center.

Ramere Delaney Hayes was arrested Friday and charged with first-degree arson.

Hayes was an original suspect in the investigation of the incident by Fire Marshall Larry Adams. A group of suspects were interviewed by Adams before he narrowed his investigation to Hayes. He had told Adams in a previous interview that he saw a student set the fire.

Adams followed the interview with a visit to Hayes at the center, where he took him to a security room and asked him more questions. Adams said Hayes initially denied any part in the fire, but confessed after questioning.

Students had told Adams that Hayes had set a paper bag on fire and threw it on another student's bed the night before the fire.

Hayes allegedly admitted to setting fire to a bed in room 208 of the center while knowing the center was occupied with 200 people, according to police reports.

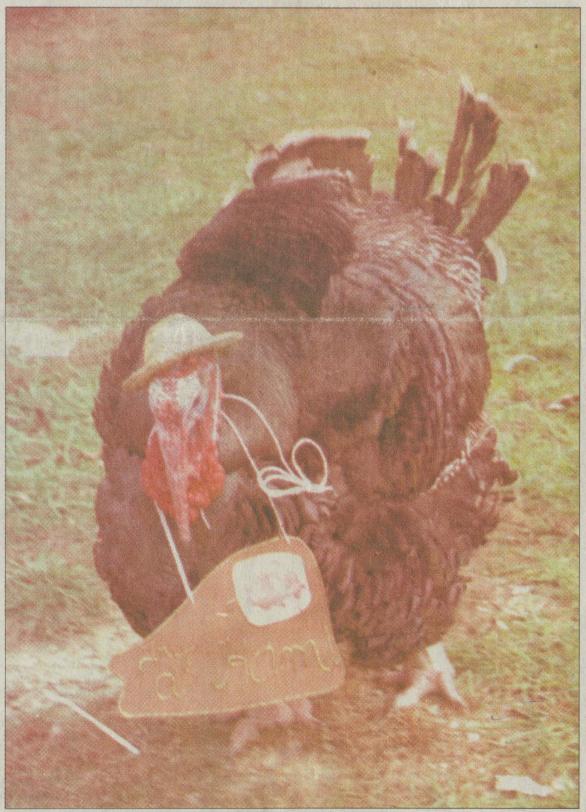
Hayes was arrested by Adams, who was serving as an auxiliary police officer for the Prestonsburg Police Department, and placed in the Floyd County Detention Center under \$25,000 cash bond.

Hayes is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing November 30.

Adams said the mattress fire had been contained by the sprinkler system before they had

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"Try ham"



Tom, a pet turkey of Cindy Martin and her family of Bucks Branch near Martin, in a self-preservation mode, has a suggestion to help people plan their Thanksgiving dinner. Tom is three and one-half years old and still gets a little nervous this time of the year. (photo by Willie Elliott)

School attack headed to grand jury

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

The case of a Floyd County teen accused of attempted rape has been sent to a grand jury for possible prosecution.

Judge James R. Allen cleared the courtroom yesterday in order that the alleged victim could testify. Allen found the teen's testimony ample persuasion to send the

case on to the grand jury.
Richard E. Martin, 18, of Left Fork of Abbott Creek, is charged with attempting to rape a Prestonsburg High School student. The crime reportedly happened inside the school between 3:10 and 3:50 p.m., February 23, just after the bell rang releasing

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Pursuit suspect charged again

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

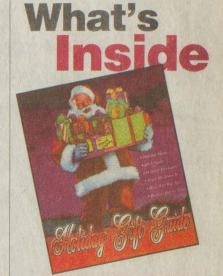
On Monday, a Johnson County man who led local police on an election night chase learned he is now facing stiffer charges.

Koree Thompson, 24, of Volga, who was already in the custody of the jail, was charged with trafficking in marijuana less than eight

Trooper John Hunt signed the warrant, which states five individual plastic "baggies" of marijuana were found in the suspect's van.

Thompson was arrested the evening of November 2 after he

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Briefs

MAC receives \$100,000 grant

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced Tuesday that the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg will receive a \$100,000 grant for educational programs. The money was included in the budget for the U.S. Department of Education.

"The Mountain Arts Center has made its mark as a cultural center, a top-quality performing arts facility, and an important resource for education," Rogers said in announcing the appropriation "The center's outreach program reaches thousands of students across the region. This funding will help expand the Mountain Arts Center's ability to provide important education opportunities for those young people."

Pike woman faces murder charge

Kentucky State Police arrested a Pike County woman Saturday, charging her with killing another woman.

Police say Michelle May, 30, of McAndrews, was fighting with 37-year-old Sabrenia Bartram, of McVeigh, at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, when Bartram pulled a knife and stabbed May multiple times in the chest and abdomen.

May was taken to the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following the attack. She was later transported to Cabell-Huntington Hospital, where she died at 2 p.m.

Bartram was arrested at South Williamson ARH at 6 p.m., while she was seeking treatment for minor injuries she received in the melee. She is being held in the Pike County Detention Center.

Martin to seek fiscal court help

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

Martin City Council members are grinning with excitement that their city may be saved.

Larry Workman and Steve Radcliff of the Army Corps of Engineers met with city officials Monday evening with a new plan for the city flood project.

Workman told the council that several structures outside the city limits would be in jeopardy if not included in the project. Those structures come under county jurisdiction, prompting the engineers and Big Sandy Area Development District director Roger Recktenwald to consider

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Law enforcement agencies will beef up for holidays

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

Sheriff John K. Blackburn would like the citizens of Floyd County to know the Sheriff's Department will be out on the county roads in full force over the holiday weekend. Road blocks and patrols will be

set up across the county in an effort to keep Floyd County roads safe for travelers Kentucky State Police will also

be out and about in full strength. KSP will offer assistance to the Sheriff's Department in road blocks and will have separate blocks themselves.

A high number of citations is expected to be given out in the area, as the many law enforcement agencies will be on the alert for anything suspicious.

Agencies across the state are

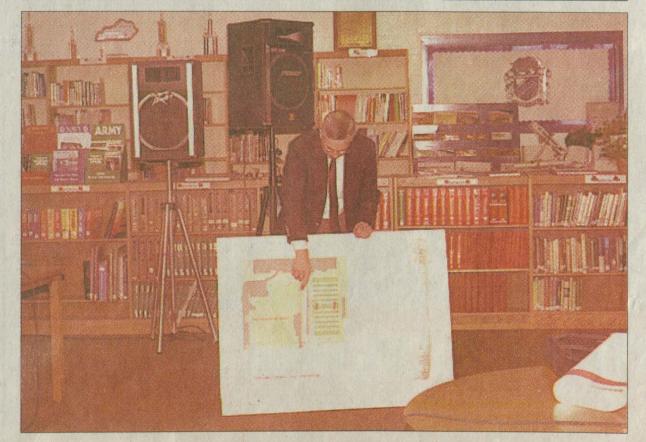
also attempting to enforce stricter standards in child safety and will be on the lookout for children who are not buckled up or placed properly in child restraint systems.

The sheriff said the department will also be looking for possible drunk drivers, as well as speeding and safety belt violations.

During the holiday weekend, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the sheriff's office will open a red ribbon safety campaign. The "Tie One On For Safety" campaign is MADD's largest annual public awareness program to help fight drunk driving. Red ribbons will be available to the public through the sheriff's office, in area police departments and in various public agencies.

Motorists are asked to tie the ribbons to a visible area of their

(See Cops, page two)



Using graphics, architect Joe Johnson gives the board a report on the status of the Prestonsburg High School athletic complex. The report for the South Floyd site is not finished. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Council

project and its cost.

Workman told the council to

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asking the county to join in on the council was advised to find ways hoping the county will enter the deal goes through. to secure funding.

"We are ready to move forkick around the idea because it ward," said Blackburn, "This is a jump into the fray, hopes are that was time to "fish or cut bait." The major task for a small community to take on."

The \$65 million to \$95 million project is expected to take six to eight years to complete, at a potential cost of a \$250,000 a year to the

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project to help defray the cost to Martin. If the county decides to the county would be able to secure more grants for the project, cutting costs even further.

The engineers asked the council for a resolution affirming the city will pay its bills. The studies are nearing completion and the Corps Engineers and officials from is ready to submit its report. Plans Big Sandy ADD and the city are are to begin in the spring if the

A special-called meeting between county and city officials is planned for mid-December.

Councilman Mahendra Varia asked the engineers why cost estimates jumped from \$42.7 million to a potential \$90 million. They explained to the council that conditions were not as good as expected. Two old mines had been found beneath parts of the city and structures between the twin bridges will need to be moved. The added cost to secure the land and to purchase or move those structures contributed to the existing projected

In another development, council members told Mayor Alan Whicker and city clerk Pam Justice to freeze current spending.

The council adopted a resolution that any bills to be paid by the city are to be presented to the council before they are paid. Council members had been pre-

sented a list of bills already paid at each meeting.

Council members Thomasine Robinson and Varia asked that bills payable be given to the council instead of bills paid, citing the control of the city's finances was not in the hands of the council if they were not determining where the money was going to.

The council okayed payments for utilities, salaries, insurance, bank payments, sewer construction costs and bond payments to be made without the council's

"If we sit down together," said Robinson, "we can work out a way to pay all the bills. Unless it is an emergency, we should not incur any more.'

Council members have long fought over deficits in the city's budgets, but progress has been made in the quest for a balanced budget.

The council presented a first reading of a balanced utilities budget Monday evening. The amended budget will need \$12,330 from the general fund, but for all intents and purposes it stands balanced for

Other issues resolved by the council include the payment of bills incurred for repairs to the Mountain Christian Academy sewer system. Council members voiced the sentiment that the project be paid as possible.

With \$16,861 due December 1 for the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority bond payment and only \$8,000 in actual funds, council members decided to dip into funds that have been collected for bond payments in order to make the payment. Three separate accounts

were earmarked by the council for the USDA, USDA Reserve and KIA payments in August. These accounts were made to the ensure bond payments would be made. Council members are to discuss

how to get money back into the accounts.

A bill of \$15,000 was presented to the council from HMB Engineering. While the bill claims to be for the construction of a lift station at McDonald's, no one could confirm that HMB had performed any work for the city in a while. According to council members the lift station's construction was handled by a separate company, not HMB. Justice was asked to write a letter to HMB, telling the company to justify the bill or else the city would not pay it.

Members agreed to pay \$3,000 on the bill of Henry P. Thompson. Thompson performed the construction of the McDonald's lift

The city will also try to make repairs on a few of its streets in an attempt to alleviate the problem of standing water. Citizens at the meeting said that water has stood in some of Martin's streets for a number of years.

Edgel Bide Click was reappointed by the council for another term as director of the Martin Housing Authority.

An ordinance to raise the city utilities rate will be drawn up and presented to the council.

Council members adjourned after agreeing to hold a special meeting on the second week of December to avoid the lack of a quorum during the Christmas holi-

Thompson

vehicle pursuit, then a foot chase for nearly four hours. Officers from four separate agencies were involved the hunt.

Thompson was pulled over at the University BP in Prestonsburg by Hunt for a possible DUI, beginning what would turn out to be a long night for officers.

When Thompson approached, he allegedly pulled a gun on the trooper, said Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn. The suspect allegedly tried to push Hunt away from him and then fled in his vehicle.

Hunt pursued Thompson along University Drive down Cliff Road to Cliff Church where he made a umouth of the road. Thompson allegedly forced Prestonsburg City Police Officer Stevie Little into the ditch while speeding down the narrow roadway.

Police say Thompson then pulled to the side on the road after being pursued nearly four miles. When Hunt approached the vehicle, Thompson allegedly accelerated toward him, prompting Hunt to fire two shots into the vehicle.

With his exit blocked, Thompson allegedly crossed the railroad tracks near Schwan's into a

led a host of police officers on a trailer park, where he abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot.

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A posse of 13 officers was quickly mobilized by the KSP, the County Floyd Sheriff's Department, Prestonsburg City Police and the Department of Transportation.

An anonymous caller told a city dispatcher the suspect was known to frequent a white doublewide trailer on the river bank and that he could be hiding there.

Officers searched the neighborhood for nearly two hours officers before they discovered Thompson hiding in a trash bin.

Thompson was charged with three counts of attempted murder, speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55 turn and headed back toward the zone, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and fleeing and evading a police officer.

Trooper Hunt was assisted on the scene by Troopers Ronald Peppi, Rick Conn and Sgt. Les Stapleton, Sheriff John K. Hunt, Lt. Deputy Ricky Thornsberry, Sgt. Shawn Roop, deputies Linzie Hunt and Herman Morris, Prestonsburg police officers Stevie Little, John Dale, Roy Roberts and Bryan Hall.

Thompson Remains in the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$100,000 cash bond.

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vehicles through the holidays and on the campaign will not be held until December 3.

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Board

politics in the matter.

"Call it what you might," Stumbo said. "As a board member, I can't vote for this measure until more information is available."

Stumbo said there were several schools in the system in dire need of roofs and those projects should come before purchasing a central office.

Stumbo said she took a tour of the building and found evidence of water damage and said the roof on one part of the building needed to be replaced.

Mullins said he had no personal reason that the central office Allen, Clark, Prestonsburg High, should be in Martin. He said he thought the board should use some of the buildings the board already owns. Mullins said the Corps of Engineers would build the system a new building when the proposed project which would raise the city of Martin out of the floodplain is completed by the Corps of Engineers.

Ross said the Corps would build a building that would be "as good as or better than the one it tears down.

After the meeting, Dotson said he was disturbed that Stumbo and Mullins were ill-informed and did not take advantage of a good business deal. He said he asked Associate Commissioner Tom Willis to override the board's decision. Willis did not respond to that request.

On his way out, Ross simply pointed to the belief and mission statements that the board approved during the meeting.

The status of the athletic complexes, which has taken center stage in recent board meetings, was handled quickly, with Joe Jones presenting a graphic on the Prestonsburg site. Jones said no plan was available for a similar project at South Floyd High School because property negotiations were still being conducted.

After an executive session, Ross made a motion to offer Janet Whitten, a property owner whose land adjacent to PHS is needed to complete the Prestonsburg project, a final offer and if she refuses to give the board attorney authority to begin condemnation proceedings

Announce birth

Richard and Elizabeth Hamilton of Prestonsburg, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Rose, on October 13, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Jenny Osborne of Auxier, and the late Marilyn Ann Osborne. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Lorraine Hamilton of Prestonsburg.

on the property.

Stumbo asked Jones if the Prestonsburg project was being done within budget. Jones said if it was not within budget, it was very

In other news, Pete Grigsby gave the board a report on property, saying it appears that part of US 23 was built over property owned by the board. The board did not receive any money for the property and is looking to collect money from the highway department for

The Prestonsburg area schools, and Prestonsburg Elementary gave a brief report on test scores and what was being done to raise scores. Stumbo asked each school if it could reach a 100 score by 2014. Stumbo and the rest of the board applauded the schools that made improvements.

Adams Middle School was scheduled to report, but did not due to the illness of Principal Janice

In a move that caught at least one principal off guard, Dotson asked what the board could do to help the schools reach their goal of 100. Dotson said the board was dedicated to helping schools. He added that the board needs to know what schools lack to carry out the plans to reach proficiency in state

Following up on a question by Stumbo, Dotson said the board probably erred in sending a facility plan on the Frankfort before it was

The plan lists construction projects which are to be built. Even though the plan can be changed, it has been a source of controversy at recent board meetings.

Dotson checked with Willis

who said the plan would be pulled and sent back to the board for additional discussion and approval.

Roger Conley, from the accounting firm Kelley, Galloway and Company, gave results of the audit for the fiscal year ending

Conley said the board had made great progress from previous years. The board closed the year with \$4,260,252 in the general fund, \$2,083,565 in capital project funds and \$26,429 in trust funds for a total fund balance of \$6,370, 246.

The audit did find one shortcoming in the financial operation of the system. Initial control of cash receipts was previously performed by accounting personnel responsible in the cash and accounts receivable areas. No listing of cash received by mail is prepared. The firm recommended that all checks should be endorsed "for deposit only" by an individual who has no accounting responsibility for cash or accounts receivable. Finance office Andy Lyons said this new practice has already been adopted.

In other action the board approved the following:

· Allen Elementary School's request for a historical battle reenactment. A parent, Ted Frasure, requested that he be able to bring a group who are members of the Fifth Kentucky Civil War Unit. The group will do a presentation and answer questions from students on December 6 or 7. The rule about weapons will be waived since this is an authorized curricular activity.

· The use of Adams Middle School for Junior Basketball/AAU programs from November through June 30, 2000.

dropped and a new charge of first-

degree attempted rape was brought

to leave his mother's home unless

being transported by her to

he awaits a ride to an alternative

school. He was also banned from

entering Prestonsburg High School

and by restraining order cannot

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come within 500 feet of the victim.

Martin is under house arrest, not

· The use of J. D. Duff

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Elementary to host Allen Central High School's Fifth Annual John Campbell Dog Holiday Tournament for middle school students, which will be held Dec. 22 23 and 28. The Allen Central High gym could not be used because of cheduled renovations.

facilities for a Christmas dinner at John M. Stumbo and waived the usual rental fee.

· A contract with the Floyd County Health Department (FCHD) for family resource centers/youth service centers to search

· Use of the John M. Stumbo out needy students who need health coverage. The (FCHD) will finance the project, but the search must conclude by December 31. Those students will be entered in the KCHIP program.

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· An ROTC trip to Montgomery, Alabama, for Allen Central High.

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the students for the day. October 19, seven months later Prestonsburg police Sgt. Mike after the alleged crime, the charge of third-degree sexual assault was

against Martin.

crimes.

Omerod sent blood and semen samples from Martin and the victim to the State Police Crime Lab in Frankfort just days after the alleged crime.

Charged with third-degree sexual abuse, Martin was arrested and placed in the Floyd County Detention Center and held on a \$4,000 bond March 1. He was released after his bond was reduced to \$2,000 the next day.

When test results were faxed to County Attorney Keith Bartley

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arrived on the scene. The smoldering mattresses were overturned by firefighters in order to thoroughly soak them.

The fire burned two mattresses and bunk beds but the resulting water and smoke caused a heavy amount of damage to the dormitory.

Adams said that, along with the room, the corridor ceiling of the dorm received extensive smoke damage. Water from the sprinkler system left about an inch of water in every room, damaging light fixtures and sheet rock that had to be replaced. Many of the rooms had to be repainted also, bringing the monetary damage total to just under \$16,675.

The bed that was set on fire belonged top Hayes's roommate. He owed Hayes \$3.

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-Editorial-

Giving Thanks

Tomorrow, most of us will get up from the dinner table moaning and rubbing our stomachs, vowing never to eat that much again, and then later, we'll go back and munch another plateful. But not all.

Tomorrow, most of us will spend time with family members and friends, reliving memories, sharing hugs and kind words, feeling warm and safe in the bosom of those who love us. But not all.

Tomorrow, most of us will be talking about the next big holiday, looking forward to gift-giving and gifttaking, making lists for cards and presents and parties. But not all.

Not everyone will share the blessings that most of us have.

Some will not have full bellies.

Some will be alone — even together.

Some already dread the onset of the Christmas season because they lack the money they think they need, because they're mourning a loss, because they're far away from loved ones, because they feel unloved and unvalued, because ... any number of becauses.

Most of us can do little to solve the problems of all the others. In some cases, we may even risk destroying our own sanity and security by trying.

What we can do is be thankful that we are blessed - even though we eat too much, even though we sometimes take for granted the people who round out our lives, and even though we tend to put too much emphasis on material things.

What we can do is pledge a share of our blessings to others who have fewer. We can contribute money on a regular basis — not just around the holidays — to organizations that distribute goods to those who have little.

We can volunteer our time to help these organizations. Members of the Prestonsburg High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, who helped with the clothing giveaway at Town Branch Church a few weeks ago, are good examples to follow. Marlow Tackett, with his holiday distributions that have grown to several times a year, is another.

We can pay more attention to the needs of people around us, employees, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, club members, church-goers. Do they need a little part of us — a helping hand, a shoulder, an ear, a kind word, a piece of our time?

We can celebrate and be thankful for the many ways in which we have been blessed, concentrating on the positives in our lives and downplaying the things we

don't like. Sure, most of us have been blessed. We must be grateful for our own good fortune and for the opportunity to share what we have.

Floyd County

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From the Times' staff to you, Happy Thanksgiving.

- Pam Shingler

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Letters to Editor

Prestonsburg Elementary marks education week

Editor:

American Education Week recognizes the importance of education in our country. At Prestonsburg Elementary, we celebrated by having community members read to our classes on Friday, November

Our faculty would like to take this opportunity to thank those that participated in this event and acknowledge their partnership with us in providing an education for our children.

Our thanks goes out to Marthan Damron, Robin

Smith, John McKinney, Linda Ritchie, Wendy Poe, Keith Bartley, Sally Allen, Pat Barnette, Steve Farthing, Terri Hall, Rev. Johnnie Ross, John McIntosh, Rev. Wayne Sayre, Bobby Hale, Dr. Paul Fanning, Rebecca Haywood, Clarence Risner, David Barber, Phillip Hunt, Rob Allen, Tim Martin, Scott Walker, Terry Sizemore and Willie Elliot.

We appreciate your support. Thanks again.

Ms. Gwen Harmon, Principal Prestonsburg Elementary School

Clothing giveaway planned in Martin

red light, across from Long John Silver's and SuperAmerica, on Tuesday, November 30, giving away clothes beginning around 9:30 a.m. They are free, so help yourself.

If anyone has toys they would like to give for the

kids, just bring them and I will give them away. If Den Hunter will be in Martin at Route 80 by the you have cakes or chips you like to give, I will give them away.

Let's show our children and our people we care. So, come on out and join me in my giveaway.

God bless you all. Den Hunter

Water problem has been ignored

Editor:

I am a concerned citizen of Spurlock Creek,

located on Route 2030 on Left Beaver Creek. I am writing this letter to draw attention to the problem the people in my hollow have with our drinking water. Last spring, my aunt contacted the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals regarding our water problem.

The Department of Mines and Minerals sent out Dexter Evans to take samples of the water. He in turn contacted William Duke Hopper, Geologist III from the Frankfort office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement, who also took samples of our water. His report, dated August 5, 1999, stated that "all wells surveyed were heavily infested with both iron related bacte-

ria and sulfate reducing bacteria." He also stated that "the water in this area is unfit for human consumption."

Dexter Evans of the Department of Mines and Minerals suggested that we contact Congressman Hal Rogers in an effort to have our water problem declared an emergency. We have also contacted State Rep. Greg Stumbo and Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson about our water problem. As of this writing, October 25, 1999, we still haven't heard from any of these people.

If anyone reading this letter knows anyone who can help us with this problem, please contact me. Martha Humble

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Guest Editorial-

A drawback in outlawing hate

The parents of Matthew Shepard visited Washington to promote pas sage of a federal hatecrimes law. The dead student's father said, "We need to do this for Matthew, for everybody else, to keep this from happening again." By "this," the father meant the fatal beating last year of his son by two thugs near Laramie, Wyo. The crime appears to have been motivated at least in part by the fact that the victim was homosexual.

Such talk sets up the public for a disappointment. Judging from court testimony leading to their convictions, the killers of Matthew Shepard were not the kind of public-minded citizens who keep themselves well-versed in the law.

They were drinkers and meth users general ne'erdo-wells, though testimony differed as to the pharmaceutical content of their brain cells the night they gave Shepard a ride.

Testimony indicated that, in the vehicle, the victim made a sexual advance. At some point the two others decided to rob him. A scuffle ensued. Eventually his torn and bleeding body was tied to a fence and left for dead.

If a hate-crimes law is going to "keep this from happening again," the kinds of creatures who commit hate crimes are going to have to know the law. They are going to have to recognize their hate and restrain it in situations when they would otherwise assault another human being. See how crazy that sounds? A hate-crimes law is aimed at the margins. If it is to have any effect, it must reach people who

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Letters to the Editor

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Mountain

by Willie Elliott Staff Writer



Why I'm

Halloween came and went without too much fanfare. Of course, the youngsters enjoyed it immensely. Youngsters seem to enjoy every day, provided they get to play some and are fed and cared for. Have you noticed that when the chil-

dren have a good time, grownups tend to have a good time, too? That is, those of us who like children enough to take care of them. Pity to the man/woman who is not able to enjoy the presence of children.

I also noticed that several people bought enough candy and treats to feed an army, knowing that no army was going to come trick-or-treating.

And then, you guessed it, they could not see the stuff go to waste so they ate it. How do I know this happened? I have my

Now we should turn our attention to Thanksgiving and give the holiday its full due. All too often, we skip the idea of Thanksgiving and head straight into Christmas, and I don't mean the version of Christmas as found in Matthew.

Instead of the star leading the wise men to Bethlehem, the signs draw us to the malls to buy things that will, for the most part, lose their luster by the time we get our W-2s and find that we spent more for the trinkets than we had anticipated. So we hearken back to Thanksgiving and give thanks that Uncle Sam will give us until April (a little after April Fools' Day) to come up with the money.

Many of us boldly proclaim how our representatives in Washington are not too bright. Guess who ends up with more of your money than anyone else? You guessed it — those same jaybirds who dole it out to make certain they get elected again.

We don't complain too much because the guys spread it around. When you think about it, all they are doing is using our money to get us to vote for them.

So do we include them in our list of things to be thankful for? Of course we do. As bad as we perceive them sometimes, they represent the best form of government that has been devised (with the possible exception of no government, which isn't going to happen) on this small

Let's be thankful for happiness. If you look forward to getting up in the morning to do whatever it is you do, you are ahead of the game and should be thankful. If you don't enjoy the prospects facing you each day, maybe you should find out why and eliminate the problem.

I think people get too serious sometimes. Everyone should have one good laugh every day. I know that is not possible because there are days that I simply find no joy in the world. I make up for it by having two (shucks no, four or more) laughs the next day.

I'm even thankful when I click on word count and the readout says 498 (which is where I am right now) words. That means that I have somehow managed to turn out another column, or, almost anyway.

Once I get to 500 words, it's all downhill from there. Then I think of something really important (sure, Willie) and the composition gets too long.

So, have a good Thanksgiving and, sometime during that long weekend, think of Celine Dion's words from one of her songs: "These are the special times, the times we will always remember."

And keep your eyes off the turkey dressing. It makes him blush!

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Board outlines beliefs, sets goals

On November 5 and 6, the Floyd County Board of Education held a retreat at Ramada Inn in Paintsville and came up with belief statements, a vision statement, a mission statement and goals for the system. The board approved these items at the Nov. 22 board

The following belief statements were unanimously agreed upon during the retreat:

Belief statements

- · The school system needs to employ the best candidates for the positions available.
- · Academic standards that challenge students need to be in place.
- · All children need an opportunity to reach their highest levels of excellence.
- · Positive attitudes toward a good education need to be developed.
- · Central office staff members need to be more service-oriented and supportive of school person-

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- · Technology needs to be integrated throughout the curriculum.
- · Education needs to be the priority of the board.
- · Adult education needs to be a focus of Floyd County schools.
- · Community schools need to be a priority of Floyd County
- · Career exploration needs to begin at an earlier point in a child's education.
- · A priority of the board is to eliminate dropouts.
- · Education needs to be a shared responsibility of parents, teachers, administrators and the community.
 - · School need to serve children.
- · The school system needs to develop plans and adhere to those
- Total community involvement is essential to educational improvement.
- · A variety of educational programs which meet student interests and needs is essential. Life success are not necessarily based on a degree from higher education.
- · KERA needs revision as it relates to site-based councils and finance. (The board had a discussion as to whether this was a reasonable statement from the viewpoint of the board's legal discretionary authority).
 - · Success breeds success. · The basic needs of students

is now offering a newly-increased

enlistment bonus of \$20,000 and,

for the first time, is offering cash

bonuses in addition to the Army

Lt. Col. Thomas McCool, com-

mander of the Army Recruiting

Battalion in Beckley, W. Va., the

headquarters for recruiting in this

area, announced that young

Kentucky men and women who

meet the normal enlistment quali-

fications will now be eligible for a

cash enlistment bonus of up to a

maximum \$20,000. This is a 67

percent increase over the \$12,000

maximum bonus previously avail-

In addition to announcing the

increased bonus, McCool said the

cash enlistment bonus can now be

taken in conjunction with the

Army College Fund, which offers

up to \$50,000 for college or voca-

tional training after a four-year

ment bonus or the Army College

Previously, recruits had to choose between taking the enlist-

Cash enlistment bonus amounts

(Continued from page four)

would otherwise commit deadly

assaults against protected groups

and persuade them, because of the

added penalty for a hate crime, to

a noble sound. The symbolism of

its passage might provide a morale

boost among groups that are the

targets of hate crimes. The nation

might well end up with such a law,

considering that Republicans who

try to raise the discussion above the

level of emotional platitude may be

getting tired of being branded as

As a deterrent, however, the

public should look out for overin-

flated expectations. If Shepard's

attackers had nothing in their heads

to prevent them from killing in a

death penalty state, no reason exists

to believe that a hate-crimes law

would have made a difference.

That's the reality of outlawing hate.

The evolutionary throwbacks that

commit these kinds of crimes are

by definition driven by impulses

that can all too often override any

racists by the White House.

Certainly a law against hate has

College Fund.

(food, clothing and health care) need to be a concern of the school

- · Accountability is important in improving performance, e.g. daily attendance of students and faculty.
- · Community schools are important to the development of
- · Educators have a responsibility for seeking out resources available to them.
- · The role of the school counselor needs to be examined with the understanding that the counseling function is critical.
- · Every school employee needs a job description with a method of evaluating performance.
- · Schools need to serve a broad er function than serving P-12 students only; the needs of adults and community members need to be highlighted as well.
- · Life's successes are based on lifelong learning.
- · Successful experiences for students serve as motivators
- · Parents should be made to feel wanted and needed in the district.

Vision statement

The Floyd County School Board is committed to the development of schools of excellence that are linked to their communities and are constantly evolving and improving.

Mission statement

Army offers increased enlistment bonuses

As of this week, the U.S. Army available range from \$1,000 to ment incentives, an applicant must

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\$20,000, based on the military

occupational skill selected and the

has just been approved is a cash

enlistment bonus now being

offered for two-year enlistments.

Until now, cash enlistment bonus-

es were offered only for three-year

available for two-, three- and four-

year enlistments, with the amount

ranging from \$26,500 for a two-

year enlistment, \$33,000 for a

three-year enlistment and either

\$40,000 or \$50,000 for a four-year

enlistment, depending on which

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are enrolled in college or voca-

To be eligible for these enlist-

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or longer terms of service.

term of service.

The Floyd County School Board's vision is to develop students who have the ability to succeed at their next level of learning by providing a safe, challenging environment delivered by a quality staff in partnership with the community.

Goals

The following goals attained unanimous agreement from the board members present:

- · Establishment of high expec-
- · Continued improvement in financial management and the budgetary process.
- · Improvement and strengthening communication between the Board of Education and site-based councils.
 - Curriculum alignment.
- · Improvement and implementation of the planning process.
- · Establishment of job performance and accountability mea-
- · Development of a facilities improvement and maintenance
- humanities and curricular areas not currently being addressed. • Improvement of instructional

· Planning to enhance arts,

- practices/quality of staff through hiring and selection process.
- · Strengthening community

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He was a member of the Auxier

Volunteer

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Other survivors include two

Slone

daughters, Renee Wells of Van

Prestonsburg; one brother, Elmer

Ferguson of Wheelwright; seven

grandchildren and seven great-

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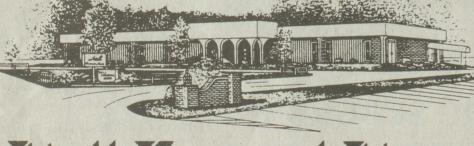
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John H., (Jack) Keenon Sr. Howard Mayo

John H. (Jack) Keenon Sr., 91, of Kenneth City, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 19, 1999, at his home.

Born in Oak Park, Illinois, he lived in Prestonsburg, before he moved to Florida in 1978.

He was a mechanical engineer for the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company where he was a district superintendent. He was a member and past master of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg.

He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and was a scoutmaster, former member of the Red Cross and was an instructor during WWII. He was a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

He is survived by his wife,

Other survivors include his sons, John H. Keenon Jr. of Mount Dora, Florida and Rodney W. Keenon, of Tazewell Virginia; one brother, George Keenon of Jolliet, Illinois; one sister, Hazel Lang of St. Petersburg, Florida; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, November 23, at 11 a.m., at the Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg, under the direction of Blount, Curry & Roel Funeral Home.

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Magoffin County

November 13. Funeral services

November 15, under the direction

of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn

Edna M. Prater, 76, of

Roundhead, Michigan, formerly of

Salyersville, died Tuesday, October

19. Funeral services were conduct-

ed Friday, October 22, under the

direction of Hanson-Neeley Funeral

conducted

Salyersville, died

Funeral Home.

Lottie Howard Jenkins, 83, of

Saturday,

Dave Mullins

Dave Mullins, 75, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, November 21, 1999, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended ill-

Born on June 6, 1924, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Steve and Mary Bryant Mullins.

He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Little Nancy Old

Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat. He is survived by his wife, Rosie Mullins.

Other survivors include six sons, Joe Johnson of Hi Hat, Eugene Johnson of Maysville, Ransom Mullins, John Mullins, Steve Mullins all of Hi Hat, James Mullins of Eddyville; two daughters, Letty Moore of Hi Hat, Myrtle Newsome of Deer Park, Texas; three brothers, Milford Johnson of McDowell, Paul Willis Johnson and Kermit Johnson, both of Ohio; three sisters, Bethel Hall of Hi Hat, Grethel Johnson of Fort Knox, Ethel Little of Weeksbury; 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 24, at noon, at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat.

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

Serving as pallbearers will be Jody Johnson, Daniel Hatfield, Brad Moore, James Mullins, Teddy Hall, Dwayne Hall and Timmy Hall.

Hammonds Hammonds, Lola Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 22, 1999, at the Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin, following an extended ill-

Lola

She was born January 7, 1937, at Prestonsburg, a daughter of the

late Andy and Ada Nelson Crisp. She is survived by her husband, O.T. Hammonds.

Other survivors include three sons, Charles Dean Hammonds, Joe Taylor Hammonds, Donnie Hammonds, all of Prestonsburg; one brother, and one sister; Joe Crisp and Dockie Belle Pigman, both of Prestonsburg; and four

grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, November 25, at 11 a.m. from the Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Clinton (Buddy) Jones officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery Memorial Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Aileen B. Lester

Aileen B. Lester, 71, of Garrett, died Sunday, November 21, 1999, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born on February 4, 1928, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Beech Bailey and Corneila Brown Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hershell Lester.

Survivors include one son, Thomas (Timmy) R. Bailey of Garrett; one daughter, Linda C. May of Valdosta, Georgia; four grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Bud Jones officiating.

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

Pike County

Cassandra Clark, 34, of Wolfpit, died Thursday, November 18. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the Justice Funeral of direction Services.

Annie D. Gollihue, 74, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Friday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Rell Maynard, 75, of Turkey Creek, died Thursday, November 18. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Harold Phillips, 82, of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 18. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Clark Phillips. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Freddie Ratliff, 73, of Regina, died Thursday, November 18. He was a retired coal miner, and was formerly employed as a belt mechanic by Republic Street. He is survived by his wife, Cora Ann Price Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Gary Roger Roberts, 49, of Pikeville, died Friday, November 19. He was a truck driver employed by Austin Powder Co. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 23, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lonnie Allen Rose, 58, of Dorton, died Thursday, November 18. He was a self-employed carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Hestaline Newsome Rose. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Tom "Buster" Sellards, 55, of McAndrews, died Thursday, November 18. He is survived by his wife, Diana Bowman Sellards. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Clive V. Smith, 88, of Canada, died Friday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Murphy Tackett, 89, of River Rouge, Michigan, formerly of Virgie, died Thursday, November 18. He was a retired coal miner. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

See Obituaries, page ten

FLOYD COUNTY CATHOLICS ST. MARTHA CHURCH

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Thanksgiving travel means more cars and trucks, says

one out of every eight traffic fatalities resulted from a collision involving a large truck. During the holiday season, big truck traffic is heavy because more goods are delivered to stores and homes. That's why, this Thanksgiving holiday, the Blue Grass Auto Club motorists to take special care dri-

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Early Times

Last year in the United States, but also alongside, especially near the rear wheels.

· When passing, give yourself plenty of time—it can take 25 to 30 seconds to safely pass a long tractor trailer.

An estimated 27.8 million Thanksgiving travelers will be going by personal vehicle; a slight Safety Foundation advises increase over 1998. AAA estimates that the highest volume of ving in front of, behind and around motorists will come from the Southeastern states with 7 million, The Safety Foundation offers followed by the West with 5.7 million. Heavy travel is also expected to come from the Great Lakes and • Don't tailgate—if you can't Midwest, with the Northeast com-

ing in last. arrive at their destination safely, mote traffic safety in 48 counties • Watch out for a truck's blind here are some more tips on driving in central and eastern Kentucky.

· Give trucks a safely cushion when you move in front of them. Wait until you see both headlights (or front grill) in your mirror.

• Remember it takes a long time for a truck to stop—almost twice as long as cars at highway speed.

• Trucks make wide runs. When turning, their mirrors are useless.

· Trucks create wind gusts. When passing keep both hands on the steering wheel.

• Don't speed up when a truck is passing. Racing with a truck is not worth the risk.

The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization founded by To help all these travelers AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky to pro-

Lottery funded scholarships helping thousands in KY

More than 30,000 college stu- through Lottery funded scholardents in Kentucky are attending school this fall on money provided

ships, Lottery board members learned in their meeting recently.

These students are attending universities, colleges, and postsecondary technical schools all across the Commonwealth. And those schools are very appreciative of the assistance the lottery funded dollars are providing through the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

Lottery board member Bobby Bartley of Glasgow, provided the board with copies of a letter he had received from Dr. Gary Ransdell, president of Western Kentucky University, which is highly complimentary of the funding the lottery is providing to the scholarships and grants programs established by the General Assembly. Dr. Ransdell's letter states, "The Kentucky Lottery Corporation is making it possible for numerous students at Western to receive significant financial support for their post secondary studies." His letter also says that the lottery-funded scholarships are '...quickly becoming all important part of the financial profile for students on this campus and other campuses throughout

Commonwealth." Through Senate Bill 21, passed in the 1988 General Assembly and signed by Governor Paul Patton, \$14 million of Lottery funds went toward need based grants in fiscal year 1999. Fifteen million dollars are going to need based grants and \$7 million to merit based scholarships in FY 2000. The amounts increase over the next five years until nearly all of the lottery's dividends will go to support need based grants and merit based scholarships.

Videoconference on EIC slated

The Internal Revenue Service will conduct an hour-long videoconference, hosted by The Center for Rural Development and the Kentucky Cooperative Extension

Service, on November 29 at noon. The nearest site for Floyd County participants in the conference is Hindman at the Knott County branch of Hazard Community College.

Judy Krebs of the IRS Communications Department and George Cupp, IRS volunteer education manager, will explain new guidelines and income thresholds for the Earned Income Credit (EIC). They will also discuss ways to spread information about EIC to eligible clientele.

The workshop is ideal for extension agents, paraprofessionals, workers in family resource centers and community-based services, as well as anyone who works with the limited resource audience.

Earned Income Credit is available to thousands of families and individuals in Kentucky, yet only a fraction of those eligible have applied for credit. Workers with two children, making \$30,580, can receive nearly \$4,000 in cred-

In 1997, more than 19 million persons nationwide received EIC, bringing more than \$28 billion in federal funds into states and increasing the financial stability of low-income workers.

The workshop is free, but space

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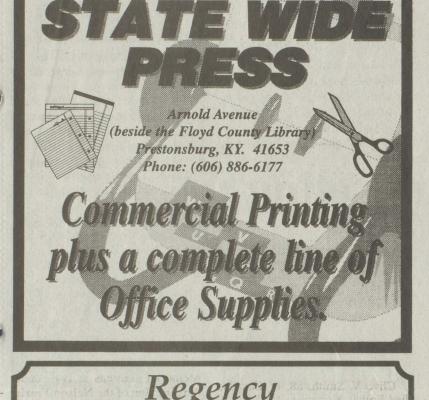
At this event, customers will be able to appraise their own trade. The official November edition of the Black Book will be available for customers to view.

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Remember, this sale is for 2 days only-Friday, November 26th, and Saturday, November 27th, and will be located on our Mazda-Mitsubishi lot at 3987 North Mayo Trail, beside K-Mart in Pikeville, Kentucky.

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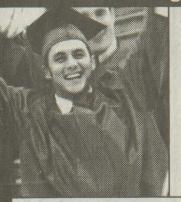
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COMMUNITY CATIONDAR

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 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.

Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

McDowell Family Resource Center Activities

November 23: Parent Support Group Meeting from 12:30-1 p.m. This meeting is for parents who

College welcomes James Manley,

assistant professor, to its family as

him an impressive educational

background and work history. He

has a Bachelor of Arts in secondary

education (social science &

English) from Miles College in

Birmingham, Alabama, and a

Masters of Science in guidance

counseling and psychology from

Chicago State University. He has

also pursued postgraduate work at

both the University of Alabama and

Alabama State University. He has

Professor Manley brings with

the director of counseling

want to discuss their child's education, discipline techniques, and other information with other parents (and other qualified personnel from Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Floyd County Board of Education Title IV) who share their

No school November 24th-26th. Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 30, Introduction to First Aid for 6th grade students.

G.E.D. classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free of charge for those interested in earning their G.E.D.

The Floyd County Health Departments Nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients needing immunizations, TB Skin tests, pre-natal WIC, WIC, and school physicals (head start, kindergarten, 6th grade).

Call to schedule an appointment, 377-2678.

A Mountain Comprehensive Care counselor is at the Center each Tuesday to see students in need of counseling services. If you feel your child is in need of counseling services, call the Center for more information, 377-2678.

If you would like more information on any of the above programs or services contact the Center, 377-

John M. Stumbo election

An election to elect one parent representative to the John M. Stumbo Elementary School-Based

Campus Facing Shortage of Black

Males in Pursuit of Higher

Education," and he presented a

paper at a national conference in

Chicago on "Counseling the Black

Client from a Black Therapist's

Perspective." He also was in private

practice as therapist for over five

years. He has credentials as an alco-

hol/drug counselor, cognitive

behavioral therapist, and a national-

ly certified psychologist. He is a

member in good standing with the

American Counseling Association,

American College Counseling

Decision-Making Council is set for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A December 2, at 6 p.m. Nominations business session will follow. must be submitted to the principal by 2:55 p.m., on November 24.

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

Manley becomes PCC's director of counseling

published an article on "College Cognitive Behavioral Therapists ing point for him upon "finishing

and the National Academic

Advising Association and a nation-

ally known black male fraternity-

Alpha Phi Alpha. Professor Manley

says that his "philosophy of coun-

seling is to educate, motivate, and

guide students in their efforts to be

successful. And it is our job as edu-

cators to create a safe learning com-

munity that facilitates the best acad-

emic support to enhance success for

our students." Moreover, he says

the decision to pursue a doctorate in

education was a professional turn-

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 12hour period between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Further, burning cannot be done within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

PHS classes to host reunion

Prestonsburg High School classes of 1940-49 will have a reunion September 23, 2000, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Members of those classes shall contact graduates in Prestonsburg by January

Apples for the students

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

Veterans affairs

up" his education specialist degree

from Morehead State University

and to matriculate his doctorate

degree at the University of

Professor Manley has been an

adjunct faculty member at the

University of Georgia, East Georgia

College, Chicago City Wide

College and the University of

Washington. He has served as a

support counseling staff at the

University of Chicago, director of

counseling for the U.S. Navy

Louisville.

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War. U.S. and North Korean Governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is; please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at (606) 886-7920.

Sullivan College's pre-registration

Pre-registration for winter quarter classes at Sullivan College's extended campus at Prestonsburg Community College for the Business Bachelors of Administration degree program will be held Wednesday, November 24, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the lobby of the Magoffin Building on the Prestonsburg Community College campus. To find out more about transferring your college credits or for further registration information, contact Kimberly Coleman at Sullivan College at (800) 467-6281.

South Floyd Youth Center walking track opened

eral public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special event). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the Center for time and

Counseling Program, counselor for

the police department, program

director for the VA Hospital

Counseling Program and an

employee assistance counselor for

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Manley brings with him to PCC

over 20 years counseling experi-

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mitted, and dedicated to student

Sandra Kaikumba, dean of stu-

the state of Illinois.

success."

subjects. The center has a One-Stop Career Station satellite. This is available to the community as well as to the students. Feel free to stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Ed.,

contact the center. The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall at

606/452-9600, ext. 242 or ext. 243.

Bobby Gene Williamson, 69, of Pikeville, Thursday, died November 18. He was a retired automobile mechanic. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.



Mary Elizabeth Lewis,

age 75, of Prestonsburg, KY., passed away Saturday, November 20, 1999 at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY., following an extended illness. She was born February 6, 1924, in Ivel, KY., the daughter of the late Elder K. Lewis and Jessie Dillon Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was a home-

Survivors include two daughters, Claudette Griesman, Corbin, KY., Jo Ann Hyden, Belleville, MI.; five brothers, James Lewis and Birkey L. Lewis both of banner, KY., Chester D. Lewis, Stanton, KY., Bobby Gene Lewis, Ypsilanti, MI., Forrest D. Lewis, Prestonsburg, KY.; two sisters, Kathryn Sizemore, Lexintgon, KY., Generive Lewis, Prestonsburg, KY., six grandchildren,

three great grandchildren. Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth Lewis were conducted Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home chapel, Martin, KY., with Roger Music and David Garrett officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin,

Kentucky. Pallbearers were: Daniel Goble, Tommy Lewis, Dallas Justice, Jeff Lewis, Bill Lewis and Jerry Lewis. Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Sunday,

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Card of Thanks

The family of Joy Price Hall would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our loved ones, the Dinwood community, and all our friends, who came by, called, sent flowers, cards, etc - to comfort us during the loss of my wife, and our mother.

A very special thanks to her sister, Zella Price, and her husband, Gary ,and also, her sister, Betty Douglas who have been with us side by side, with much comfort, love, support and encouragement throughout her

THE FAMILY OF JOY PRICE HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Lucy Meadows wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in the loss of our loved one by bringing food, flowers, or by giving encouraging words. A special thanks to George D. Garrett for comforting us, and the lovely singers who came with him. We would also like to thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness, and the Sheriff's Department for assisting with traffic control.

In life, times like these are the hardest. Thank you all for being there for us - for praying with us - and praying for us. God Bless You.

THE FAMILY OF LUCY MEADOWS

Card of Thanks

The family of Pamela Fay Hall wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF PAMELA FAY HALL

by Linda Lyon

How thankful are you for the education you received, the profession you have, the friends you will enjoy for a lifetime and the future you look forward to?

This is the time of year many of us reflect upon our pasts and dream about our futures. I sometimes wonder if we hasten through our daily lives, so busy with living that we take so many things for granted.

Everything we do makes a difference one way or the other. It may make a good difference or a bad difference, but, like tossing pebbles into the pool of life, the ripples have far-reaching effects. The pebble sinks and may never feel the wave, yet a butterfly skipping along the surface of the water may be tossed and turned by the waves.

You may have thought about returning to school, changing careers, starting a career, or just picking up a new skill. These thoughts only affect you the thinker, but when you put that thought into action and enroll in school, you toss a pebble into the pool.

The career you establish will affect your family by the example you set, the increased dollars you earn, the atmosphere in your home and your place in the com-

munity. You will affect your community by the roles you take, the dollars you spend and your involvement in social circles. You also will affect those you touch and/or may never see by role modeling, contributions, scholarships, donations, and just setting a good exam-

So many things change when you step out and make your own life better and fuller. All of us are examples. We have to decide if that will be a good example or a

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Ashley Gunnell and Amanda Lewis were honored at Monday night's board meeting for their involvement in the inaugural mission of the Challenger Learning Center in Hazard. The two students were among a group of 16 school districts to participate in this mission. Thirty-two students from these districts were part of the crew manifest. (photo by Willie Elliott)

In Memory of Narcie Click

You could always find her out in her lawn, growing flowers to beautify her home. Or in her kitchen preparing food, waiting for her children to come home from school. Come Sunday morning, you would find her in her church, singing praise unto her Lord. When all was quiet and still, you could find her sitting in her old rocking chair, reading her faded old Bible, studying God's, Word. Thanksgiving morning, God had need for another angel, to grace His throne, and he called her on home. How we would have liked to have been there, when Jesus, with all of her loved ones who had gone on before, came with Jesus, to welcome her home. And when He placed on her head her Golden Crown, and her long white gown, her heavenly shoes on her feet, and when He placed on her finger the Bride's ring, you should have heard the angels sing when Jesus, called her by her new name. We miss her smiling face. But she's in Heaven now, and she wouldn't want to be any other place. She never worries about growing flowers any more, for now they bloom all around her mansion's door.

Her niece, **Helen Click Roberts** Her sons and daughters.

'KCTCS trains Park Service employees across U.S.

may become safer places for Americans to work and play because of training provided by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Thirty representatives of national parks and historic sites across the United States have come to the Middlesboro Campus of Cumberland Valley Technical College to receive training in the safe operation of heavy equipment. The U.S. Park Service employees represent attractions such as:

· Cape Canaveral, Fla., launching pad for space flights.

· The Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

· Valley Forge, Pa., where Gen.

LEXINGTON - National parks Revolutionary War troops weathered the winter of 1777.

> · Vicksburg, Miss., to which U.S. Grant laid siege in a battle that helped the North gain the upper hand in the Civil War.

> · Cumberland Gap, where pioneers coming to Kentucky broke through the Appalachian Mountains.

> While in Kentucky, the Park Service employees are learning "heavy-equipment safety - how to operate machines such as forklifts, road graders, backhoes and farm tractors," said Vic Adams, community and economic development coordinator for Cumberland Valley Technical College. "This is a big opportunity for us."

KCTCS is working with the Washington's Park Service to identify other

just beginning to scratch the surface," Adams said. "The buzz throughout the Park Service right now is how big a deal this is and what we can do for them."

Adams set up the current training session after receiving a request from managers of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. Representatives of any Park Service agency were eligible to apply to receive the training. Sixty people applied, but only 30 were accepted because of/space limita-

Instructors from Cumberland Valley Technical College are training the parks employees. Other KCTCS institutions — Southeast Community College and Hazard Technical College — are conproject.

Also, Adams said, support the trainers have received from the KCTCS Office of Workforce and Economic Development "has been a tremendous help in getting us the resources we need. We're finding out where the opportunities are and going after them.'

The Park Service project is an example of how KCTCS is delivering education and training to support economic development, said Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the system.

"This is exactly what Gov. (Paul) Patton and the General Assembly had in mind when they created KCTCS," McCall said.

"The Park Service identified a need for training, and our colleges,

training opportunities. "We are tributing time or equipment to the with the support of the system, stepped in to fill that need. As a result, national parks may be safer places for all of us.'

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(NUE) - For teachers who don't local cable companies and cable networks.

> The first workshop is already online and up to four other workshops are expected to be on the Web by December 1999. After that, officials plan to add three or four new workshops annually.

> Upcoming workshop topics include locating study guides to complementary, commercial-free videos, capturing text from Web sites; and incorporating cable resources into lesson plans.

In addition to providing Internet

the Cable in the Classroom umbrella, local cable companies have partnered with 41 cable networks to provide schools nationwide with

free access to over 500 hours each

month of commercial-free, educational programs.

For more information about the programming or cable's Internet resources, call 703/845-1400.

profit education training arm of training, for the past 10 years, under Public comment sought on healthy Kentuckians 2010 The Kentucky Department for eral health priorities — health communication, public health Public Health is seeking cominfrastructure, arthritis, osteoporoments on a document that defines

Kentucky's health agenda and guides policy that promotes health and prevents disease.

A draft copy of "Healthy Kentuckians 2010" is available to the public. The document, which is scheduled to be published in April, includes specific objectives with 10-year targets that will be monitored over the next decade. By identifying significant opportunities to improve the health of all Kentuckians, "Healthy Kentuckians 2010" helps focus both public and private sector action toward common health improvement goals.

The two overreaching goals are to eliminate health disparities and increase the years of healthy life. and trends of the upcoming decade - a larger, more diverse population, the rising number of uninsured persons, and many new health risks such as emerging infections.

While it draws substantially from Healthy Kentuckians 2000, this document includes five new areas of focus reflecting new fedsis, and chronic back conditions, disability, and respiratory dis-

During the past decade, Kentucky public health successes have occurred in tuberculosis reduction, childhood immunization rate increases, breast cancer screening availability, and infant mortality reduction. Concerted efforts still need to be focused on reduction of smoking, obesity, sexually transmitted diseases, teenage pregnancy, and others outlined in the document.

Copies of the document may be obtained by calling the Health Policy Development Branch at 502-564-9592. Comments and suggestions are very important to The document addresses changes the Department. Responses may be submitted until Dec. 20 by e-

> margaret.stapleton@mail.state. ky.us <mailto:margaret.stapleton@mail.state.ky.us>

Comments may also be mailed to Margaret Stapleton, Division of Epidemiology and Planning, HS-2C-B75, 275 East Main, Frankfort, Ky. 40621.

Revenue Cabinet sets 2000 tax inerest rate at 8 percent

interest rate charged by the banks during October 1999. A Kentucky Revenue Cabinet (KRC) recent survey of Kentucky banks on unpaid and delinquent taxes remains 8 percent. Where applicable, the same rate is paid on refunds issued by KRC.

The rate, effective January 1, 2000, is based on the prime inter-

FRANKFORT — The 2000 tax est rate charged by Kentucky showed that the weighted average prime interest rate in October was 8.25 percent, which was rounded to the nearest whole percent (8 percent).

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New attitude, new season sparks Collins

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

What you think and how you feel will always dictate how you perform in anything in life. Think negative and you perform the same. Think positive and you will perform positively with good results. That is just a fact of life.

But it is also a lesson that Betsy Layne senior Scott Collins has learned and he wants to take the lesson he has learned and make it work for his team and himself in the coming basketball season.

"The past three years I have been up and down and haven't been wanting to play basketball."

"Because I didn't have the right attitude toward the game and my team," said Collins. "This year, I want to just help my team win. If you have the right attitude you want to play

That new attitude could take Collins a long ways this season, but, more importantly, it could take the Bobcats a long way and Collins wants

"I feel I have to be a leader this year," he said. "We have five seniors but two of us have more experience on the team.'

Collins said he was looking forward to the season and expects it to be a good one.

"It is going to be a fun year for us," he said confidently. "This is my last year and I am not going to be here next year, so I want this to be a good one for me and the team."

The "team-first" attitude has not always been the thinking of Collins in the past. As an outstanding grade schooler at Betsy Layne Elementary, he came on strong

BETSYLAVNE

In overtime ...

Allen defeats Betsy Layne

by Karen Joseph Sports Writer

There was a big crowd on hand at the D. W. Howard Fieldhouse Monday night when the Betsy Layne

Bobcats hosted the Allen Eagles. By looking at the parking lot you would have thought it was a high school game. But the grade school games usually draw a bigger crowd than the high school games.

Betsy Layne and Allen have already met once in the season. They faced each other in the finals of the Right Beaver Classic in the opening week of the season. Allen came away with the win in the tournament and

the Bobcats were out for revenge. Both teams played a hard ball-

(See Allen, page two)



Brent Newsome (30) goes after the rebound in the game between Betsy Layne and Allen. Newsome scored had 18 points against the Eagles, but the Bobcats lost a heartbreaker in overtime to the Eagles. (photo by Karen

A Look At Sports



We will see the last of the high school basketball panoramas this week (there is something to be thankful for) and the real season gets started Monday night as the 1999-2000 season

I know the panoramas are nice revenue raisers for teams and the money is needed in this day and time. However, if you attend

every one of them, soon you will be "burned" out with basketball before the season even begins

Allen Central will host its annual Pete Grigsby Jr. Shootout tonight, with four games beginning at 5:30 p.m. Three of the county teams will be in competition, with Betsy Layne having already played their two allowed scrimmages. The games will be televised on a delayed basis

by WPRG, Channel 5. Saturday, Coach Cassandra Akers and the Ladycats will host their first annual panorama with some very good teams coming in. So,

Up at Betsy Layne this Less than a week away

(See Sports, page four)

Grigsby Classic tips off tonight

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The Pete Grigsby Jr. Tip Off Classic, an eight-team panorama, will get the first tip tonight at 5:30 p.m., as the teams converge on the John Allen Arena for the second

The event was named after Grigsby, who served the county as athletic director so admirably. Grigsby is currently an assistant school superintendent with the board of educa-

Knott County Central will face Johnny Ray Turner's Johnson Central Eagles in a 5:30 start. Tommy McKenzie will lead the Eagles this season, as they contend for a repeat in the 57th District.

(See Grigsby, page five)

Addis hits six treys as AC Rebels roll

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The Allen Central Middle School Rebels hit seven threepoint baskets and rolled to a 50-33 win over an undermanned Mountain Christian Academy team Monday night at MCA.

Dustin Addis needed a fire department to put out his hot hand as he buried six three-point baskets in scoring a game-high 22

Clinton Halbert led the Falcons with 13 points and hauled in 10

(See Rebels, page four)



MCA'S CLINTON HALBERT (50) hit a short jumper against Allen Central Middle School Monday night. MCA fell to the Rebels at home (photo by Ed

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CBS SHOWS NCAA THE MONEY

By Jason Blanton Sports Columnist

If you believe my friends, I am a cheap person.

I call myself a person who knows the value of a dollar - probably because I have the first one I ever made.

CBS this week paid \$545 million a year to keep the NCAA men's basketball tournament on its network.

Yes, \$545 million.

The NCAA and CBS still had three years on its current deal, but now the network will have the tourney through

What the pricetag means is that CBS will pay more for the three_week tournament than it does its NFL TV package.

That deal is a bargain at only \$500 million annually.

I was a little disappointed with CBS winning over ABC/ESPN.

At least with ABC/ESPN, I think, there would be a more wide range of games to be viewed.

Of course, with our local CBS station, they might have to run some infospot or join the games in progress like they do some many other CBS pro-

The tournament is big money and the schools of the NCAA will be happy with a bigger cut, but aren't students supposed to go to school for an educa-

Since this new big money deal is done, now it is time to help the players - the ones who people turn on the TV to watch — get help so they could take their dates to a movie and grab a hamburger without having to take out a

TOTAL SPORTS NETWORK?

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Add the NCAA to the list of groups that might start the downfall of ESPN. What, you ask?

Over the past several months, ESPN has been sued by Major League Baseball and lost the right to NASCAR and the NCAA men's tour-

The Disney Company's sister network ABC lost horse racing's Triple Crown earlier this year. ESPN has a Dec. 6 court date with baseball, as the two sued each other over the network moving games from ESPN to ESPN 2.

ESPN'S baseball future is likely at stake with the suit. With no baseball, no NASCAR, no NCAA tournament, can, then, ESPN be the leader in sports television it claims to be?

FINAL FOUR TIME

The high school football playoffs have advanced into the semi-final round and two area teams are still

In Class A, Pikeville improved to 12-1 with a big win (33-12) over Harlan Friday night.

With all the turmoil the Panthers started the season with and to now be just one game away from the finals seems remarkable.

Taking over a program like Pikeville after only one game of the season had to be tough, but when it's your alma mater then it has to be even

Chris McNamee did just that. The former Panther came into what could have been a very bad situation and handled it with the class he has.

The players have responded to McNamee and his staff by reeling off 12 straight victories, but 13 will be

Nemesis Beechwood stands in the way of McNamee competing as both a player and a coach in the state championship game. As a player, his Panthers won the title in 1987.

The other local team that still has hopes for a trip to Louisville is Lawrence County.

Chuke Williams' high-power offensive attack rolled over Rockcastle County Friday night and will take a trip to Northern Kentucky to face Ft.

Thomas Highlands. Michael West, a sophomore tailback, has had just an outstanding season in the very difficult to learn tripleoption offense. West and Gerad Parker give the Bulldogs, now 12-1, a great 1-2 punch.

Williams has always been a winner. He won at Sheldon Clark. Prestonsburg and Magoffin County before his arrival at Lawrence County and now has the Bulldogs in a place to compete for a state championship.

Whether either team wins come Friday night one thing is for certain, both teams gave fans a lot to be thankful for this year.

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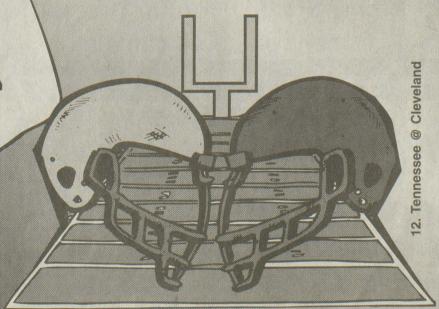
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Firday, Nov. 26

Nebraska 26, Colorado 13 S. California 22, Louisiana Tech 17 St. John's 16, Stony Brook 12 Texas 24, Texas A&M 20 Texas Christian 21, Southern Methodist 9 Virginia Tech 35, Boston College 7

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Arizona State 27, Arizona 19 Arkansas 23, LSU 15 BYU 30, Utah 20 Colorado State 25, Nevada-Los Vagas 7 Georgia Tech 20, Georgia 9 Hawaii 21, Washington State 19 Miami 26, Suracuse 17 Oklahoma 31, Oklahoma State 13 San Diego State 21, Wyoming 20 Southern U. 29, Gambling 10 Stanford 20, Notre Dame 19 Tennessee 36, Vanderbilt 6 Utah State 18, North Texas 15 West Virginia 16, Pittsburgh

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rebounds. Allen Central rolled out to a

19-4 first-quarter lead behind the shooting of Addis late in the period. He hit two consecutive treys to end the first and opened the second with a long three that gave the Rebels a 22-6 lead.

The Rebels opened up a 5-0 lead behind Justin Hall two baskets and a free throw by James Slone. Lewis Barnett got the Falcons on the board on a basket underneath and Matthew Potter's basket made it a 9-4 game, but the Falcons could not fly fast enough to keep up with the Rebs.

Allen Central led 32-13 at the half. Addis scored 10 points in the second period hitting two three-point baskets.

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In the third period, Allen Central continued to rain in the treys as Hall buried on and Addis hit his fifth and sixth of the game to open up a 44-20 lead.

Halbert scored on a rebound basket and then on a play underneath, but Addis hit the long trey. Chris Conley had a three-pointer and Lincoln Slone stole the ball and went solo for the easy basket as the third quarter ended 44-25.

Coach Kevin Stumbo inserted his bench for most of the game. In the third period MCA played the Rebs even in closing out the

Adam Milan and Lincoln Slone added four points for the Falcons. Barnett finished with five and Conley netted three. Matthew Potter had two points.

Hall and Paul David Francis totaled seven points. Slone netted three. Austin Francis, Michael Chaney, Anthony Prater and Ryan Slone scored two

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Rebels — (Continued from page one) Sports -

unfolds, then tonight and better shooting team. Saturday will be your chance.

night with three girls games. Invitational. South Floyd opens by hosting Pikeville, Allen Central travels to Johnson Central and Prestonsburg plays at Magoffin County.

The Allen Central/Johnson Central game will be a big early regional match up between two regional powerhouses. Pikeville figures to be a contender in the presence as well as outside. girls region this season.

Boys basketball gets its start Tuesday night with Feds Creek, which is expected to be strong, meeting Allen Central on the home court. Prestonsburg will travel to Sheldon Clark while Betsy Layne will host Magoffin team that has all the ingredients

I look forward to the basketball season. I have already enjoyed the grade school games. The boys and girls 58th District will be a good one and we expect some close contests this year.

Coach Jackie Day Crisp, although not new to the game of basketball, will try to work his magic in building Prestonsburg into a contender by tournament time. No team in the district was hit as hard as Prestonsburg, losing its first eight players from last year.

But Coach Crisp is able to rise Prestonsburg will contend, but it may be late in the season.

New coach Brent Rose has already won the hearts of Bobcat fans and they are talking about a district championship. Well, could be. I know they impressed me when I saw them play at Johnson Central.

Allen Central is expected to be a better shooting team than

if you want to catch some bas- not shoot all that well, but this ketball before the season year's team will be smaller but a

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Of course, South Floyd has already been written in as con-The season tips off Monday ference champions and district titlist. But I am sure that Coach Betsy Layne will play Tuesday Henry Webb knows his team has night in the Pike Central to go out and prove itself in both campaigns.

It promises to be a good season on the local level.

In the 15th Region, Coach Bill Mike Runyon and the Paintsville Tigers get my nod as the top regional boys team. With four starters back from last year, the Tigers will have the inside

The Pikeville Panthers, last year's regional champions, will return Jeremy Akers and Chase Gibson but the Panthers will also miss the floor leadership of John Mims. Second place for the Panthers.

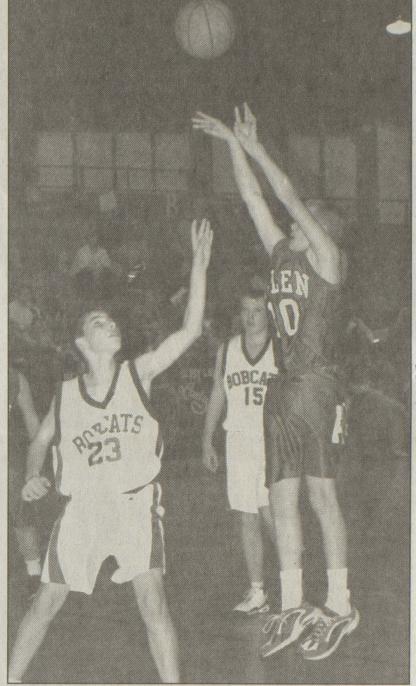
South Floyd gets my number three spot in the region. Here is a of being a top regional team. They have the height, firepower from the outside, and they play a strong defense as well as hitting the boards.

Coach Johnny Ray Turner over at Johnson Central will dispute the choices above because he has an outstanding array of players coming back and he will definitely be one of the top five programs in the region. He feels he can compete against the Pikeville and Paintsville teams. I do, too!

From the top four, the rest of the region will be pretty much even. Pike Central, Belfry, to the challenge and Shelby Valley, Allen Central, Betsy Layne and Feds Creek will all be strong teams when tournament time rolls around.

I'm excited when I think of all the good basketball games that lie in front of us. It is going to be an exciting season and I hope the student bodies from each school will turn out in droves to support their teams.

Until Friday, good sports



Josh Bingham (10) shoots a two point basket in the Allen Elementary second victory over the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Bingham finished the game with eleven points. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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time to defeat the Bobcats for the second time, 43-41

Allen placed two players in double figures while Betsy Layne had one. Chris Crider had 18 points and Josh Bingham had 11 points for the Eagles, while Brent Newsome had 18 for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne did not hit a free throw in the game. They attempted four. Jordan Scarberry had three three-pointers for the Bobcats.

Allen took the first lead of the game when Chris Crider scored a two-point basket, but Jordan Kidd answered quickly for the Bobcats by scoring two on the next trip down the floor. Betsy Layne took the lead on another basket by Kidd. Betsy Layne retained the lead for the remainder of the first quarter and went into the second quarter leading the Eagles 11-8.

Jordan Kidd had a hot first period, scoring six of the 11 points for the Bobcats, but Allen quickly stopped Kidd. Kidd did not score the rest of the game.

In the second quarter it was mostly Newsome for Betsy Layne doing all of the scoring. Newsome had three baskets for a total of six points in the second period. Buddy Conn had one basket for the Bobcats to give them seven points for the quar-

For the Eagles, Nathan Lafferty had four points, including one fantastic move, in which he went around a Betsy Layne defender to score a basket.

Nicholas Jamerson had a free throw in the second period and Stratton had a basket to help the Eagles outscore the Bobcats 11-8 in the second period. Jordan Kidd missed a basket at the buzzer that would have given the Bobcats a two-point lead at the half, but instead the teams went into the locker room even 19-19.

The second half was just as exciting as the first. It could have been called the game between Chris Crider and Brent Newsome. They were the only players to score in the third quarter.

Allen took the lead for the second Creek.

game and it took the Eagles an over- time at the beginning of the third quarter when Chris Crider hit a twopoint basket. Crider hit another basket to give the Eagles a four-point lead, which they held on to the rest of the quarter.

At one time in the third quarter, Allen went out to a six-point lead, but the Bobcats fought back and went into the fourth quarter trailing the Eagles 29-25.

In the fourth quarter, the game got even more exciting, if possible. The Eagles led most of the fourth quarter but Betsy Layne tied the score with 1:35 remaining on a bas-

ket by Brent Newsome. Both Allen and Betsy Layne scored a basket and, with 14 seconds to go, Betsy Layne had the ball but threw it out of bounds and the ball went back to Allen with 1.5 seconds to go. The Eagles failed the score, sending the game into overtime.

In overtime it was all Josh Bingham and Buddy Conn.

With 2:26 remaining in the overtime the score was tied again at 39. Bingham went up for a basket and was fouled. Bingham hit one of the free throws, which was crucial, giving the Eagles the one-point advantage with 1:14 to go in the overtime.

Betsy Layne regained the lead on a basket by Buddy Conn with 40 seconds to go, but Josh Bingham answered by scoring and giving the Eagles back the lead.

Betsy Layne had the ball with 9 seconds to go and Derrick Case hit a two-point basket, but the horn had sounded and the Eagles came away with another win over the Bobcats.

Brent Newsome finished with 18 points, Jordan Scarberry finished with nine points (three three-pointers), Buddy Conn had eight, Jordan Kidd finished with six.

For the Eagles, Crider finished with 18, Nathan Lafferty had seven, Josh Bingham had 11, Nathan Newsome with four, Stratton had four and Nicholas Jamerson had one point for the Eagles.

The Bobcats will host the Rebels of Allen Central Middle School on Tuesday and the Allen Eagles will host the Beavers from Beaver

Collins

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as a freshman and was tagged as a

His sophomore season his play took a dive and continued through his junior season. But the senior forward says it will be a different year for him and the Cats.

"We are working real hard as a team," he said. "We have a different attitude toward the coaching staff. Coach (Brent) Rose has brought a lot of discipline to this team. If you work hard, good things will hap-

"Scott is working hard. The biggest thing about Scott is he gets down on himself when he is not shooting well," said Coach Rose.

"But he is playing harder on defense than he has ever played before."

Collins said he compared this year's edition of Bobcat basketball to the Betsy Layne grade school team that won the county champi-

"We are running the ball the same as we did that year," he said. "We are going to be stronger this year. We just want to get out and run the ball. We do need to pick up on our defense some."

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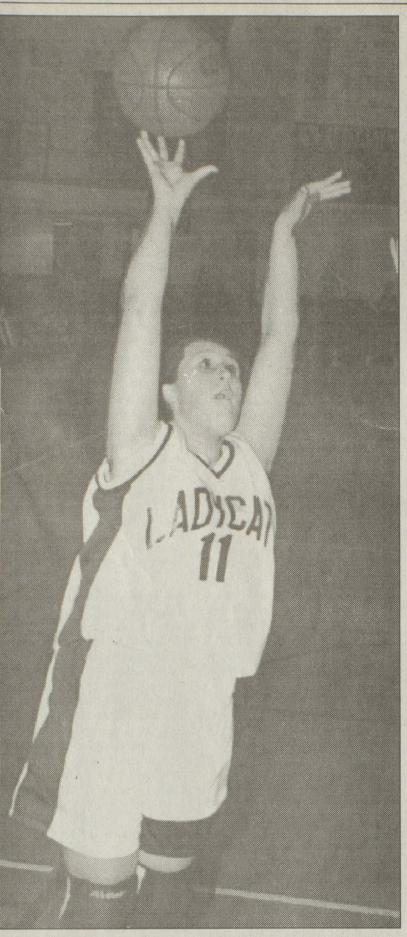
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Lyndsey Frasure (11) goes up for two of the six points she scored against the Allen Lady Eagles. The Lady Bobcats defeated the Lady Eagles 34-11 (photo by Karen Joseph)

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Bentley's Comments

Pikeville success begins with Chris McNamee

Let's begin right here with this: Going into Friday's 33-12 Pikeville win, I knew nothing about the Harlan Green Dragons.

Well, almost nothing. I know the town. I know their colors. I know their mascot.

But as for this 1999 edition of the Dragons, I knew nothing.

I do, however, know something about this Pikeville team. I know it has probably the top young coach in the Bluegrass in Chris McNamee. When it comes to McNamee, very little negative can

Here is a young man who comes from one of the finest families in the area, who was an all-state high school player and all-OVC collegian. He played at Eastern Kentucky at a time when playing in Richmond meant something.

On top of all that, the word which comes to mind when I think of him is class. Here's a guy who has been successful all his life. Athletically, and now professionally, things seem to come so natural to him. He makes wise decisions, and seems to put little thought into

Then, however, you talk with him, and you realize something's missing. It's something which should be there, when you consider all he's accomplished in a very short lifetime. But it's not there at

What's missing, you ask?

Others around him, who are there because of him, have it. Heck, all of us, even the most meek around us, have something in which we take a great deal of pride. But for Chris McNamee,

those three small letters have yet to McNamee would be the man. manifest themselves.

Could they? You bet. Here's the guy coaching the most storied program in the mountains — sorry, Breathitt County — at a very young age. Not only that, but as of yet, and we're at the regional finals, mind you, he hasn't lost a game yet! The only mark in the negative column came before he was named coach.

He beat arch-rival Belfry. Ran the table in Class A, Region IV, District Two (yawn). Beat longtime enemy Paintsville twice in 15

But most importantly — and I believe he is the only person who could have done this — he calmed

Remember, this was a program in disarray one week into the season. It's coach had been accused of taking out his frustrations on a former player and was asked to leave. Players didn't want the coach back. Many supporters did.

But in the end, Chris McNamee did what he came home to do - he took over as head coach of the

Oh, he knew it. You knew it. I knew it. Surely John Chapman knew it. Everyone knew when Pikeville lured Chris McNamee away from Buckleys Creek he was going to inherit the Panther program he helped build.

Young? Yes, Chris is young to lead such a program. But he's a Pikeville boy, and he's uniquely talented, and he has the uncanny ability to make everyone he comes into contact with both like him and feel better about themselves.

Sure, no one thought Chapman would be gone only one game into the season. Most thought he would have only this season, and nothing short of a state title (if that) could

But we all knew, eventually,

Cumberland squeezes past Pikeville Bears

Sophomore Jerry Williams scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Cumberland College past Pikeville 62-58 Saturday night.

The game was tied at 58 in the closing minutes before freshman Shannon Miller hit a jumper to break the tie. Senior Frank Brillhart made two free throws to push the lead to

Pikeville (3-3) had two chances to score but couldn't as the Indians won for the fourth time in five games this

Brillhart, who finished with 12 points, joined Williams in double figgrabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Indians, who also won the rebounding battle 37-30.

Pikeville got 14 points each from Ricky Freeman and Brian Russell. Freeman had 11 rebounds, while Russell grabbed seven and four steals.

Shooting played a key role in the game. Cumberland hit 27-of-51 (52.9 percent), while Pikeville was only 21of-60 (35.0 percent). The Indians were 5—of-8 from the line. Pikeville got to the stripe 26 times, but only converted 15.

John Mims finished with nine points for Pikeville, while Craig ures in the scoring column. He also Ratliff netted seven.

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Game two will pit two regional powerhouses against one another when host Allen Central meets Paintsville. Coach Johnny Martin's Rebels are inexperienced this season but are expected to put some points on the board. Larry Mullins, Rodney Scott and Leslie Slone will guide the Rebels. Game two will tip

off at 6:30 p.m. Somerset will make the long trip across the area to take part in the third game of the evening. Coach Henry Webb's team is confident this season as they bring a very experienced team to the Allen Arena. Ryan Shannon, Jimmy Stumbo and Byron Hall will lead the Raiders' charge. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The final game of the evening will pit two inexperienced teams in Phelps and the Coach Jackie Day Crisp's Prestonsburg Blackcats. Prestonsburg will look to its underclassmen this season with the likes of Brandon Branham, Matt Tackett and senior Seth Crisp. The two teams will tip it at 8:30 p.m.

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veteran team and should be a pleasure to watch. Mitchell Coleman will join

McKenzie at Johnson Central as Coach Turner will put a big team on the floor as well. The Eagles were upset in the regional semifinals last year by Pike Central.

And make no mistake about it: Chris McNamee is the man. His team rolls out and whips its opponent week in and week out, and then he humbly stands on the field and answers questions from Frosty Davis and whichever writer happens to be at that particular game, and then he shrugs off the congratulations and heads home.

In the end, he had his team ready to play. The adjustments were made after the half, and the Panthers rolled.

How far will they go? I have no idea. But one thing is for sure -Chris McNamee will have his team ready to play. They'll win like champions. Maybe they'll lose like champions.

In the end, however, there are about 50 young men who will be better off 20 years from now because they spent the fall of 1999 under the influence of Chris McNamee.

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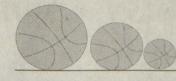
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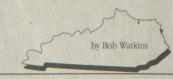
Once this silent disorder advances, though, the gums and even the jawbone may become inflamed and eventually break down. But this extreme can be

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SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



Tubby's early platoon system with a twist is savvy strategy

Borrowing a concept from Newsweek's Conventional

Up arrow: Tubby Smith employed a two platoon rotation in the early going, but with a twist. When J.P. Blevins hit a crucial 3pointer, then another before halftime against Penn, it earned the sophomore guard additional playing time, which fired the team and crowd and buoyed his confidence. It demonstrated to others that good performance (and a hot hand) will be rewarded night-to-night. It is a savvy way to start with so young a team.

Up arrow: College basketball's experimental rule letting a team have free throws or possession of the basketball on the tenth foul in the last stages of games.

Down arrow: The experimental rule means more camera time for coaches. And, presumably, fans don't buy tickets or turn on the tube to see coaches.

Up arrow: NCAA negotiating a \$6 billion contract 11-year contract with CBS to continue covering the men's three-week, 64-team basketball tournament. The figure is more than double the previous contract with runs out in 2002.

Down arrow: CBS-Sports. Just my hunch, but 11 years is a long time for a college sport that continues to farm its best players for early departure to the NBA. And CBS ignores the rise in popularity of women's college basketball.

Up arrow: UK's athletics department successfully petitioned for a sixth year of college for Jimmy Robinson ... who happens to be a receiver on the football team.

Down arrow: ESPN's Digger Phelps says Kentucky has no perimeter offense. No doubt, the ex-Notre Dame coach will receive a Thanksgiving card from UK

Up arrow: UK placekicker Marc Samuel is a "third-year-sophomore" who already has a BA degree and a 3.88 GPA.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Basketball's early signing period came and went and Kentucky struck out on every prospect we heard had UK on his list. Why?

A. The answer is as layered as the minds of teenagers expected to make such an important decision with velvet-tongued recruiters coming at them from so many directions.

· Playing time. On a roster of 12, UK has two seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and three freshmen. Two of the last group are already in the rotation. Rival recruiters have no difficulty pitching, "... at Kentucky you get lost in the shuffle."

• Being a so-called "America's Team Of The Century" intimidates some high school prospects. Eighteen-year-olds still wrestle with self-doubt no matter how much bravado comes out of their mouths. Often times youngsters simply don't believe they can cut it at Kentucky and some are right (the list is long from Clarence Tillman ('79) to Myron Anthony and Ryan Hogan).

• The media glare that comes with (UK's) national reputation, coupled with fan demands in the Bluegrass State, is enough to scare away some youngsters. Kentucky is a cadillac in college hoops and not every kid wants to ride in a big car. He wants to drive it.

· Which brings us to the bone marrow of Kentucky's success (1,750 victories). It has been and remains team play.

There have been no national scoring champions at UK. And nearest thing to a one-man band was 1961-64 — Charles "Cotton" Nash's era. In that time Adolph Rupp demanded and got UK to 60 wins in 78 games.

A team philosophy along with learning to play within a system and moving at an exacting pace toward maturity has little or no appeal to, for example, Michael

Bradley and more recently, Rolando Howell (South Carolina), who's thinking — as are so many youngsters today — is "just show me the quickest way to the NBA."

O. We hear about a college basketball program being "ranked" for its recruiting class. Is this ranking just hype?

A. Apparently not. Ranking high school basketball players by, say, Bob Gibbons, has become incentive clauses in coaches' contracts. For instance, Louisville's Denny Crum gets an additional \$25,000 a year if UofL has a "top 25" recruiting class, according to Sports Illustrated.

Q. Is it true UK signee Cliff Hawkins has not yet qualified to participate as a freshman?

A. Yes, Hawkins scored 16 on his first testing, a point away with 17 needed. There is little doubt the 6-2 senior at Oak Hill Academy will qualify.

Q. If Hawkins is so good how come we never heard about him?

A. Because, despite being given legitimacy by daily newspapers, high school talent hustlers like Bob Gibbons, Van Coleman and Clark Francis don't always get it right. If Tubby Smith believes Hawkins has potential to be an effective player for The Team of the Century, that's all that matters.

Postscript: In a classic backdoor play that reflects what the "experts" know, watch Hawkins' "ranking" improve now that he has signed with Kentucky.

Q. You've said all along that J.P. Blevins could be a contributing player at UK. He's off to a good start. How come no "told you so?" A. Because it's very early. And

because Blevins is a nice player who has apparently worked hard enough to earn his "good start." Q. Is the University of

Louisville better than advertised (no national ranking in preseason)?

A. Wait for it. If Denny Crum gets steady guard play from freshman Reece Gaines, UofL will be in the top 15 by Dec. 18. The day the

Cardinals play at Rupp Arena.

Q. What's your take on the Derby Classic All-Star game in Louisville gaining new sponsorship from Nike?

A. First, moving the game to Sunday afternoon is a change that should have been made years ago. Now the game is at least available for television.

Second, I think it regrettable that Nike Corp. now has its tentacles wrapped around one more island of amateur sports. There could be a lesson here: Louisville is the city whose movers and shakers are talking up supporting NBA franchise. Same people can't even come up with chump change to sponsor a once-a-year schoolboy all-star game.

Louisville and Kentuckiana support a franchise that will charge patrons more than \$50 a ticket, \$5 to park and \$10 for concessions? Yeah, right.

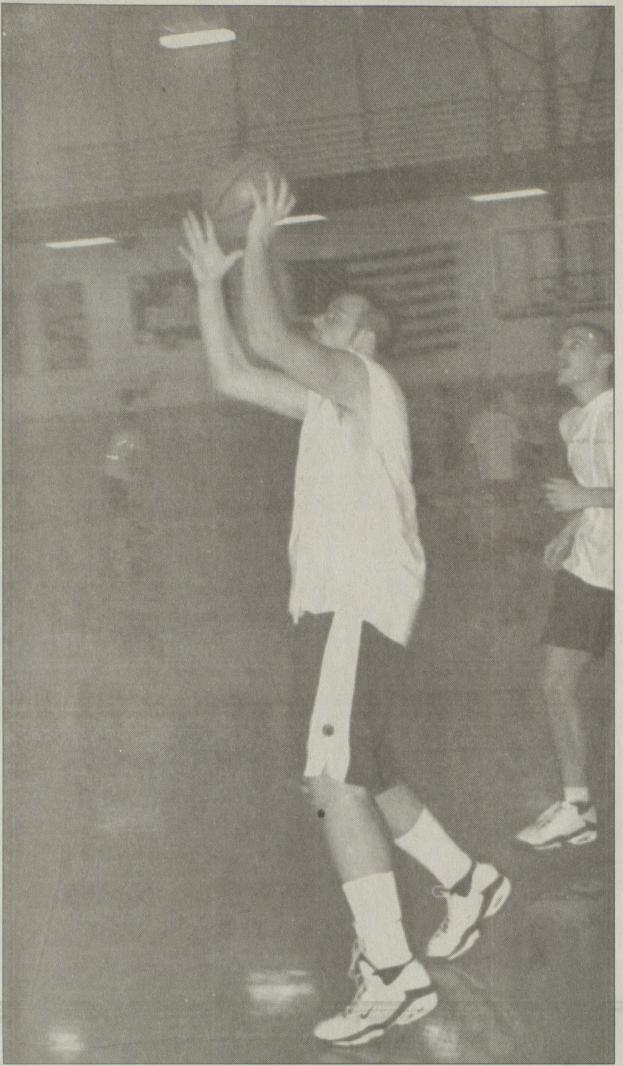
STATE'S TOP PROSPECTS

This is the first in a series of looks into the talent pool of the Bluegrass State's high school prospects that features a slew of top-flight underclassmen. But first, the possibles for Mr. Basketball consideration.

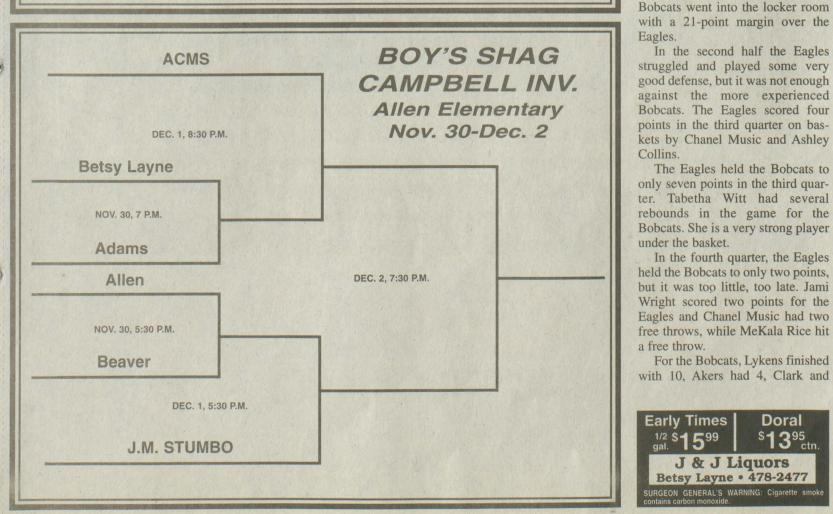
Scott Hundley, 6-5, 190pounder at Scott County, committed to Vanderbilt last week, Hundley is the typical Kentuckian headed to Vandy — a "do whatever it takes" type, he plays smart (4.0 GPA) is a good medium range shooter who will improve every step of the way to a point some UK fans will grumble a familiar refrain, "how'd we let this kid get away?

Matt Wilkinson is 6-9 225 pound forward-center at defending champion Ballard High. The brother of Felton Spencer, Wilkinson may be lost in the limelight foisted on teammates Brandon Bender (a junior) and 6-6 220-pound Cedric Wright. Wright is also a Div. I prospect. UofL is interested in all





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Betsy Layne Basketball League

Results of games played in the Betsy Layne Junior Basketball League last weekend.

JUNIOR TRAINING LEAGUE

BLACK VS BLACK/GOLD

Megan Hamilton scored 14 of her team's 18 points as the Black/Gold team slipped past the Black squad 18-12. Jason Case and Ricky Newsome had two points each.

Bryce Adkins scored nine points to lead the Black team. Cody Kinney added two and Michael Ivers netted one.

The Black team led at the first stop 7-4 with Adkins scoring five of the seven points. But the Gold team went on a 8-1 second-quarter spurt to take a 12-8 halftime lead. Both teams only scored two points in the third period, but the Gold team was two points better in the fourth stanza.

BLUE VS GREEN

Adam Howell scored four points in both the second and third quarters, finishing with 10 points to lead the Blue team of Jim Clark to an 18-10 win over the Green squad. Trina Wakeland and Dustin Burchett added four points apiece.

Dylan Maldenado and Blake Suoggins scored four points to lead the Green team. Derek Tackett net-

It was a 8-0 game as the Green team shut out the Blue team in the first quarter. Maldenado scored four of the eight points. The Blue squad got four points from Howell in the first quarter but trailed 10-4 at the half. In the final two quarters, the Green team failed to score as the Blue team outscored them 14-0 in the final two periods.

TRAINING LEAGUE

BLUE VS GREEN

Justin Kurkowski pumped in 14 points and Samuel Keathley added 12 to lead the Green team to a 33-18 win over the Blue. Brady Conn and Brandon Mulkey tossed in two points each.

by Karen Joseph

tough Lady Bobcats team

defeated the Eagles 32-11.

would score in the half.

Ashland Gearheart and his Lady

Allen has a very young team.

Whitney Lykens scored 10

Eagles travelled to Betsy Layne

Monday night to take on a very

Betsy Layne has a very strong

rebounding team and a good shoot-

points for the Lady Cats, but only

played about 10 minutes in the

game. The Lady Bobcats easily

game when Tina Wakeland hit two

free throws for the Eagles. This would be the only points the Eagles

Allen took the first lead of the

Breann Akers put the Bobcats on the board with a two-point basket to tie the game for the first and only

Lykens scored 10 points in the

first quarter and Lynsey Frasure had a basket and a free throw for three

points. Kim Clark scored the other

two points for the Bobcats for a

total of 15 points in the first quarter. The Bobcats controlled the sec-

ond quarter as well. The defense of the Lady Bobcats kept the Lady Eagles from scoring and the

In the second half the Eagles

The Eagles held the Bobcats to

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles

For the Bobcats, Lykens finished

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ing team as well.

Adam Gearheart, Korey Henry, Jason McKinney and Trey Whitt scored four points for the Blue squad. Dustin Collins had two

The Green team took a 5-2 lead after the first quarter. Kurkowski had three with Keathley scoring two. Whitt had two free throws to account for the Blue team's two points. Kurkowski had eight second-quarter points as the Green team went to the locker room with a 13-4 halftime lead.

The Green team scored 10 points in each of the final two periods in securing the win.

NAVY VS RED

In a close encounter, the Navy team edged the Red team 12-11, hitting 4-of-5 free throws in the final quarter.

Adam Slone scored five points for the winners. Branson Bishop and Cody McKay added two apiece. Casey Tackett, Joshua Hamilton and Nick Akers netted one point each.

Cody Rogers scored seven points to lead the Red team. Michael Rose and Douglas Hall had two points.

It was a 3-2 game after the first quarter with the Red team holding the one-point lead. The Navy team got two points in the second quarter from Slone to lead 4-3 at the half. In the fourth period, Adam Slone hit 3-of-4 free throws to pull the game out for the Navy team.

JUNIOR VARSITY

GREEN VS BLACK

In a junior varsity game, the Green team scored a 33-26 win over the Black junior varsity team. Jack Slone scored a team-high 13 points to lead the Green squad. Justin Slone and Kristen Smith netted five points each. Jordan Case had four points. Brock Slone, Josh Howell and Brandon Hall had two points each.

Game scoring honors went to the Black team's Brenton Akers with 14 points. Charles Daniels had six with Krystal Daniels net-

Frasure finished with six each,

while Witt, Daniels and Lawson

the Lady Rebels from Allen Central

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The Lady Bobcats will entertain

each finished with two.

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Lady Bobcats wins big

ting four. Justin Conley had two points.

Akers scored eight points in the first quarter to give the Black team a 10-3 first-quarter lead. Slone hit 3-of-4 free throws for the Green squad.

Jack Slone came alive in the second quarter and pumped in 10 points in a 16-4 second quarter run for the Green team. Case had four points in the period.

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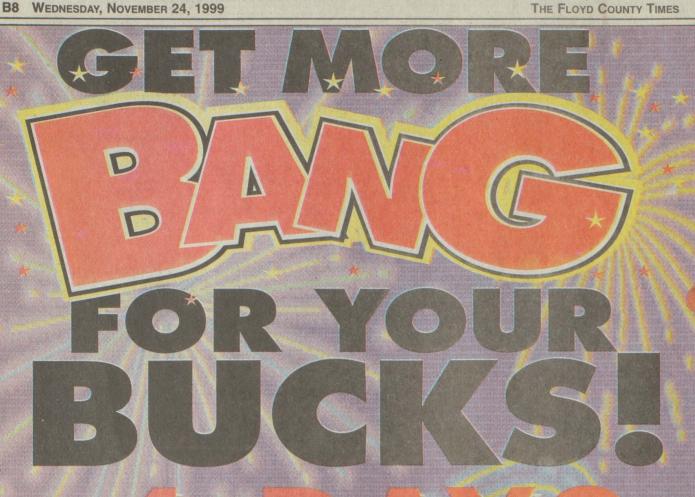


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Breathing new life into an old school

Story and photos by Pam Shingler

A medical clinic, a place for learning leisure crafts and job skills, a youth recreation center, a community meeting place.

All these and more are part of the vision for the refurbished Auxier school, as articulated by Father Ralph Beiting and community members who met last Friday night for an open house at the campus.

"I don't believe when a school such as Auxier closes, it has to die," said Beiting, a Catholic priest and founder of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). "It would be a shame and a sin to let this thing rot down."

Beiting bought the two buildings last year for \$22,800, after the Floyd County Board of Education closed Auxier Elementary School in 1997.

The brick building dates to the late 1920s, when the town of Auxier was a booming coal camp owned by Northeast Coal Company. The wood-frame gym/cafeteria building was constructed in the late 1930s. The complex originally contained a high school, but it was closed in the early '60s.

The nearly 100 community members who stopped by Friday saw fresh paint all over, new floors in some sections, new dividing walls in some classrooms, furniture for sitting and studying, among other improvements.

Beiting said he has put "way more" into the renovation than he paid for the school. To raise the money for the venture, he said, "I went to friends and told them that I believe Auxier can come back to life and they believed me."

One section of the brick build-



Fr. Ralph Beiting discussed uses for the renovated Auxier school buildings Friday night with members of the community. Beiting plans to put a medical clinic in one of the buildings. Other possibilities include recreational and academic programs for youth and community education classes for adults.

He added that computer skills



Auxier residents had the opportunity Friday night, during an open house, to sign up for classes in the school buildings which are now owned by Fr. Ralph Beiting. From left are Rita Rowland, Madalene Powers and Frieda Jarrell. Topics ranged from gardening to computers

ing is in the process of being divided up for the proposed medical clinic, which Beiting said would contain two offices and four examination rooms.

The priest said members of the Philippine Medical Association of Greater Eastern Kentucky have promised to staff the clinic, which will provide free services.

Beiting said the clinic was one of the ideas suggested to him when he held a community meeting shortly after buying the buildings. He said someone had asked if computer classes could be held at the school. "So we collected computers, and we hope to offer classes, and offer children and adults access to the Internet," the

would help some local residents prepare for jobs.

A church in the area has expressed interest in using part of

white-haired minister said.

expressed interest in using part of the school for a food pantry, according to Beiting. Bertha Daniels, who has worked with the local Food Stamp office for more than 30 years and was at the meeting, said that the northern end of Floyd County is the only sector without a food bank outlet.

Elaine Recktenwald of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center said she would like to use a classroom for an after school program for children with disabilities. She added that the space could also serve as a "drop in" center for other children.

Judy Music, an Auxier resident and retired teacher, said she would like to see a community library set up along with the computers. A couple of other residents said they see the need for a center where local children can receive tutoring and their parents pick up tips for effective parenting.

Rose Price, a CAP administrator, said if at least eight persons are interested, literacy and GED classes can be set up.

Beiting nodded approval at each suggestion. "In this way, education comes back here in a meaningful and positive way," he said. "Education is a high priority here."

Much interest was also expressed in the gym. Beiting said officials at Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville have asked him if they can use the gym for basketball and volleyball games.

Auxier native Jim Daniels said members of the Kentucky State Police have indicated an interest in starting a youth basketball program for local youngsters in the Auxier gym. Beiting added that other churches have approached him about using the gym for youth programs.

Sue Schaffer, a CAP volunteer, said she has heard of interest in family dancing, including country line and square dancing.

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Poison Oak

by Clyde Pack

A Thanksgiving refrain

It's not necessarily so, but when you think about it, especially from a man's perspective, Thanksgiving should be everybody's favorite holiday. It's practically the only one that's hassle free.

Unlike Christmas, there's not all the commercialized hype; no tinsel; no tree to chop (yeah, right!) and decorate; none of this buying gifts you can't afford for people you don't even like. And finally, you don't have to come up with all those Iame excuses for children as to why Santa is skinny at one store and fat at another.

All you do for Thanksgiving is eat too much and watch parades and football games on TV all day.

Unlike Halloween, on Thanksgiving, you don't have to dress up your kid like something he's not and send him door to door to beg for something you take away from him as soon as he gets home; nor do you have to remove the innards from a pumpkin and carve out a face on it so you can set it on your porch to rot, if, that is, a neighbor's kid doesn't drop a lighted cherry bomb in first. (And don't think for a minute that that doesn't happen.)

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Unlike Easter, on Thanksgiving, you don't have to lie to your child as you try to convince him that there is indeed a road out there somewhere called "the bunny trail," and that yes, once a year, rabbits do really lay eggs. And who knows all the explanations as to where jelly beans come from?

All you do for Thanksgiving is eat too much and watch parades and football games on TV all day.

Unlike Valentine's Day, on Thanksgiving you don't have to run out at the last minute and pay a fortune for some mushy greeting card with a rhyming verse so your wife or girlfriend won't think you're not as romantic as she once led you to believe that she thought you were.

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But before I give the impression that I really have no idea what the day means, let me stop this foolishness about Thanksgiving. I think this special holiday is summed up best by this warning by an unknown author in Lines To Live By, edited by Clinton T. Howell: "There is a danger of leaving God out of Thanksgiving Day. We are making it a holiday rather than a holy day. It is a day for the public recognition of God as the giver of all good. To leave God out of Thanksgiving Day is as absurd as leaving Christ out of Christmas."

From the Pack house to your house, Happy Thanksgiving.

Volunteering

Coordinating the opening of the Auxier school buildings as a community center is a couple from Noblesville, Indiana.

Sue and Charlie Schaffer, volunteers with the Christian Appalachian Project, live in a camper-trailer between the two renovated structures and are overseeing work on the buildings and on programs that will be offered there as the school comes back to life.

Charlie is a retired podiatrist (foot doctor), and Sue is a registered nurse who still practices her profession, albeit often on the move.

They live full time in the trailer and "go where God sends us," Sue says.

They have three children, ages ranging from 22 to 33, and four grandchildren with one on the way. They have also been foster parents.

In addition to their professions, they each bring other skills to their volunteer service. Sue is a long-time Girl Scout leader and has taught a variety of crafts. Charlie does woodworking, painting and other handy jobs.

Their role, they say, is to "get things started and then to let the community take over."

They don't yet have a telephone, but they encourage community members to stop by to see them with questions and ideas.

Volunteers Sue and Charlie Schaffer

A Happy Thanksgiving



I don't know when I've seen "Miss Billie Jean" so excited. You'd think that, with all her achievements with

the Kentucky Opry and that wonderful facility, the Mountain Arts Center, to her credit, she'd be pretty well accustomed to exciting things and that it would be rather hard to move her and put a new sparkle in her eye.

For years Billie and I visited across the counter at the post office when I was her postmaster, or at the gym where she served as band director and I was one of

the band parents working on ways to raise money for uniforms and travel. We had a common interest in young people and the community where we both lived.

We've come a long way since then-at least Billie has come a long way. Now we usually do our visiting in the lobby of the MAC where I go to see her groups perform. But a few days ago we met in the lobby of the post office again where we had both gone to pick up our mail, and I soon found out she's excited all over

"Why are you looking so exu-

SMALL WORLD by Aileen Hall

> we've all been together except for a funeral service or some more somber occasion, and I'm really looking forward to it." There are 36 of them—all chil-

berant today?" I

asked, and she

you heard? All

my nieces and

coming to spend

Thanksgiving

with me! It will

be the first time

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There are 36 of them—all children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren of her deceased sister and brothers, Mae Newberry, and Clyde and Glen Blackburn. Two of them are Mike and Woody Blackburn who are professional golfers from Jacksonville, Florida. Others are coming from Knoxville, Memphis and Sevierville, Tennessee; Huntington, West Virginia; and even from Paintsville and Betsy Layne.

They should all be getting in today, Wednesday, from the different points, and big plans have been made for the visit. They're to have dinner tonight with Mickey and Margie Blackburn in Betsy Layne. Tomorrow night there will be another dinner at Tim and Kay Hall's in Paintsville.

Then Friday Billie has planned a catered, sit-down dinner for them at the Mountain Arts Center. And after dinner, they

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Celebrate with the Opry

Friday night is opening night for the Kentucky Opry's Christmas Show.

Christmas Show.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center and will feature the Opry and Junior Prosperforming the tunes of the holiday sea-

If you miss the opener, the show will

be performed again on the following dates:

Sunday, November 28, 3p.m.Friday, December 3, 7:30

• Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 12, 3p.m.Sunday, December 19,

3 p.m. For reservations, call 886-

2623, or toll-free 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

SOCIETY NEWS

AARP officers are retained for the coming year

(AARP) were retained for the com- the American Flag. ing year at a meeting held Friday, November 19, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Burieta Gearheart, president, presided at the meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer; minutes of the last meeting were read and approved; the trea-

The officers of Jenny Wiley surer's report was given, and was discussed, and members were chapter be reelected for the coming Chapter No. 3528, American received. Members of the group Association of Retired Persons recited the Pledge of Allegiance to

> It was announced that, due to the unavailability of an instructor, the 55 Alive Driving Course, planned for November has had to be rescheduled. It will be held in the

> The matter of Medicare, and the plan to provide prescription drugs

encouraged to contact their legislators in an effort to get this service

The president reported that Social Security would be able to make 100 percent of its payments at least until 2034.

Burieta Gearhart, chairman of the officer nominating committee, reported for that committee, and recommended that all officers of the

year. This included Garnett Fairchild, president; Elizabeth B. Castle, vice-president; James E. Goble, secretary/treasurer; with the addition of Charlotte Goble as assistant secretary.

Gladys S. Allen will continue as program chairman, and the Board of Directors, composed of Burieta Gearhart, Gladys S. Allen and Delmas Saunders was retained for

This recommendation was

approved. The matter of "assisted living"

was discussed as an alternative to being confined in a nursing home. This being the second meeting which was held in the First Presbyterian Church, the group

decided to continue meeting in the

church. This being the last meeting for James E. and Marie Goble.

1999, the next meeting will be held on Friday, March 17, 2000.

The meeting was adjourned with an Irish blessing by the president.

Present for the meeting were Garnett Fairchild, Anna Roark, Orville Cooley, Royce and Nola Mayo, L. J. and Sylvia Allen, Elizabeth Little, Elizabeth B. Castle, Gladys S. Allen, Burieta Gearhart, Charlotte Goble, and

School

She added that some older Auxier residents had told her they were interested in having a senior citizens supper once a month in the

Others said they would like to use the building for community gatherings, particularly the Auxier reunion next year.

Beiting said it might also be possible to have an ongoing "rummage" store in the complex, which could double as a retail training program for unemployed members of the community.

Don Akers, who heads the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund's housing project, asked if living space can be allotted for volunteers who come in the summer to repair and build houses for low-income residents in the area.

Beiting, who built CAP with volunteer support, appeared eager to help. He said extra bathrooms were being installed in the buildings and bunk beds could be put in classrooms.

He then asked participants what they "want to make sure does not happen here." Residents said they would not want the complex turned into "low-rent apartments" and that they would not want children's groups from outside the community to have preference over local children in activity planning.

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"My greatest hope is that what I do here you will be proud of," Beiting said.

Guests toured the two buildings and were treated to refresh-

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Change of address

I was in a K-Mart store a few days ago when I found an aisle blocked by two shopping carts and two ladies visiting.

One said, "The next time you talk to Roseanne, I wish you'd tell her I'm still expecting her to come and see me.'

"Well," the other replied, "you know she's leaving...in fact, she's left...she's done gone!"

I guess that means, at least, she won't be coming over to dinGot a Check? **Get Cash!**

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will be attending the Kentucky Opry's first Christmas show of the season. She says that at least half of them have never seen the MAC or watched a performance of the Opry. They're in for a

Any time we go to the MAC we're in for a treat, but I understand this will be a special show. It will probably be a packed house too, for there will be almost enough Blackburns to fill the building. We wish a happy celebration for all of them.

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

Ten Years Ago (November 22 & 24, 1989)

A violent, two-vehicle accident in Martin Friday evening sent seven people, including six from the same family, to the hospital. According to Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Mossie Robinson, 51, of Arkansas Creek was pulling onto KY 80 west, from KY 122, when the car she was driving was struck by a pick-up driven by Joel W. Back, 24, of Martin. Six passengers were in Robinson's car... The City of Prestonsburg received a gold certification in the state Chamber of Commerce's Certified Cities program... Floyd County was awarded more than \$36,000 to provide for emergency food and shelter needs in the county over the next year... Wet snow and slick roads faced motorists Wednesday night, when skies dumped a layer of sleet and snow on the area... A new organization is being formed to help veterans find employment in eastern Kentucky. There died: Dr. Jack D. Salisbury, 71, of Eustis, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, November 16 at Waterman Medical Center in Eustis; Kristie Bentley, 3, of Virgie, granddaughter of Emmit Hamilton of Teaberry and Clarence and Betty Jervis Bentley of Betsy Layne, November 21 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Clayborn Eugene Halbert, 65, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Printer, November 17, at the Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Gainesville, Florida; Bruce Hamilton, 87, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, November 14, in the Wellington Hospital; Rhoda Morgan, 67, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Banner, November 17, at the home of her daughter in Albion, Michigan; Ervin Page, 87, of McDowell, November 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lowell Earl Rucker, 67, of Spring City, Tennessee, formerly of Johnson County, November 16, at his residence; Lewis E. Simpkins, 71, of Mays Branch, November 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lillie Mae Slone, 76, of Pippa Passes, November 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Daniel Seth Vance, 14 weeks, son of Danny and Sheilah Johnson Vance of Melvin, November 19, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; William R. McKinney, 53, of Harold, November 20, en route to Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

> **Twenty Years Ago** (December 5, 1979)

A dedication ceremony for the section of new KY 80 from Martin to Water Gap will be held Friday. Governor Julian Carroll and Transportation

Secretary Calvin Grayson will join local officials from this county for December demanded only for the dedication of the first of the resource recovery road projects. Local residents are still expressing concerns over the danger of flooding in the Left Beaver communities caused by the road construction, although highway engineers insist their fears are groundless...Burl Wells Spurlock, chairperson of the Highlands Regional Medical Center's board of trustees, has announced the appointment of Clarence C. Traum as administrator of the facility...Jo Ann, 6-year-old daughter of Silas and Polly Slone of the Stonecoal section of Garrett, died Sunday night at Our Lady of the Way Hospital of injuries suffered earlier that evening when she was struck by a car at Garrett...Robert Bowen, of Huntington, W. Va., became another victim of a rock fall of the cliffs on US 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. uninjured...Two Floyd Countians are being considered for key state government posts by Governorelect John Y. Brown; William B. Sturgill, formerly of Prestonsburg, for Secretary of Energy, and Grady Stumbo, McDowell native, for Secretary of the Department of Human Resources...In what he described as an example of the tight-fisted policy that will be his when he becomes governor, Brown last week announced plans to abolish the governor's regional office here and others located in Louisville, London, Covington Madisonville...There died: Erma Younce, 54, of Melvin, last Wednesday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Arthur Boyd Sr., 76, of Manton, Sunday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sie Hamilton, 80, of Teaberry, Monday at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lou Hall Osborne, 78, of Ivel, Thursday at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Shelly Terry, 71, of Langley, Thursday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Nellie Marie Page, 52, of Dwale, last Thursday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clyde Warren Blackburn, 59, formerly of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, November 27 at his home in Jacksonville, Fla.; Florence Galendo, 87, of Hollywood, Calif., formerly of this county, Wednesday at her home.

Thirty Years Ago (December 4, 1969)

The salary schedule approved by the Floyd County Board of Education for teaching personnel during the current school year ranges from a low of \$2,035 to high of \$7,810...Men born September 14 were sent to the top of the list of the draft-eligible by the lottery held in Washington. The draw of birth dates provided a list which applies to every man who is at least 19, but not yet 26 years of age as of December 31 this year. The induction call

seven from both boards...Tuesday, traditional day for elections, will end next week one of the most vitriolic campaigns in years. The principals in the election, which will determine the leadership of the United Mine Workers of America are W.A. (Tony) Boyle, incumbent president of the UMWA, and the challenger Joseph (Jock) Yablonski...Carl R. Horn, Moore, 60, of Hunter, at his home. representative of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, said this week that USDA food programs help approximately 189,000 needy persons in Kentucky each week. Floyd County's bonus coupons per month total about \$40,000...Juvenile crime is one of the area's biggest problems says the report drafted for the Kentucky Crime Commissioner by James R. Allen, Prestonsburg attorney-executive director of the Regional Crime Council serving Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties...There died: David Akers, 84, native of Prater Creek, at Nova, Ohio; Dolly Mosley, 82, of Minnie at McDowell hospital; Arlie Hall, 57, of Bypro, enroute to McDowell Hospital; W.R. (Bill) Ford, 85, at his home at Auxier; Rodney R. Griffith, formerly of this section, at his home in Ypsilanti, Michigan; Arthur McDowell, 72, of Wayland, at McDowell Hospital; Wayne D. Stumbo, 61, of Minnie, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Forty Years Ago (December 3, 1959)

A giant-size coal operation involving two Floyd County men has been opened on Sassafras and Yellow Creeks, Knott County, to supply TVA six million tons of coal within the next 10 years. The Ranier construction company Prestonsburg, will, during that period, gross \$18,900,000, or 90 percent of the \$21,000,000 contract price of the coal delivered to a TVA plant...A heavy cloying snow wrought havoc last week-end with power and communications lines in Floyd and surrounding counties. All areas in this county served by REA suffered from power failure, which in spots lasted as long as 30 hours... The water crept up, and there was nothing to stop it, although Prestonsburg's floodwall installations are complete and in working order. That was the situation last weekend after steady rains had brought a river crest of 30 feet at Pikeville...An infectious hepatitis outbreak, with 14 cases reported to the Floyd County Health Department as positively diagnosed, has hit in three areas of the county...The Floyd County Board of Education at its Tuesday meeting filed a \$150,000 suit against the W.C. Snider Construction Company for damages to the Prestonsburg High

School building incurred in the summer during

construction of the Auxier-Prestonsburg Highway...There died: Ethel Prater Adams, 43, a former resident of the Middle Creek section of this county, at her home in Portsmouth, Ohio; Mannie Collins King, 86, Bevinsville, at the home of a daughter; Annie Mullins, 42, of Haverhill, Ohio, at her home. She was a native of Bevinsville; Gomer

Fifty Years Ago (December 8, 1949)

Floyd County's small mines will not sign with the United Mine Workers of America in order to work five days a week and make a "quick dollar," regardless of what those of other counties of the section do, officials of the Floyd County Truck Association said here weekend... Wednesday's deadline for the filing of election contest suits passed without much action, but prior to that, one candidate alleged that Floyd teachers bribed voters at the November election...Exactly three months after Prestonsburg's garage workers went on strike in an effort to unionize the shops, pickets were withdrawn Monday and the men were advised by leaders of the United Construction Workers to return to their places of employment and report for work...The Cury Department Store opened Tuesday in its enlarged Court Street quarters with the room formerly occupied by the Gillespie Furniture Company added to store as an exclusive woman's department...There died: Dr. Arthur E. Quinlan, 33, Wayland dentist, last Thursday at home; Carl Morgan, 22, formerly of Glo, Monday at New York; Everett Auxier, 54, Floyd County native, Thursday at Dayton, Ohio; William Riley Harris, 81, Floyd County native, Friday at Hamden, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago (November 30, 1939)

The new \$40,000 high school building at Martin will be ready for occupancy next Monday, County Superintendent Town Hall said this week...Jim Wallen, 25, of West Prestonsburg, was killed, and three other persons injured, in an auto accident near the mouth of Wilson Creek at Maytown...With Layne and Hunter each carrying the ball for two touchdowns the Prestonsburg Blackcats drubbed the Van Lear Bank Mules, 26-0, Friday afternoon, on the local field...Coal production boosted in opening weeks of the European war to near-peak tonnage, is leveling off. There died: Claude Turner, 28, of Garrett, Sunday, at his home, of tuberculosis.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS



Kendrick to wed in North Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Kendrick of East Point, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Leslie Carolyn, and George Hull Baldwin IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Baldwin III, of Jacksonville, Florida. The bride-elect attended Paintsville schools and was graduated from Salem Academy in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was a Morehead Scholar.

The prospective groom, a graduate of the Bolles School in Jacksonville, was an All-American swimmer. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was also a Morehead Scholar. Both the bride and groom reside in Great Britain where they attend Oxford University. Leslie is at Magdalen College, studying English literature on a Rhodes scholarship. George attends Hertford College, pursuing a graduate degree in politics and economics. The wedding will take place on December 20, in Chapel Hill.



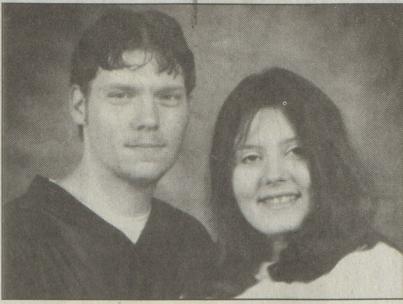
Lovely wedding planned

Charlie and Kay Fletcher of Pilgrim, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa, and Shawn Kelly Tussey, son of Bill and Priscilla Tussey of Hueysville. The ceremony will be held at the Lovely Freewill Baptist Church on November 27 at 2:30 p.m. The custom of open wedding will be observed.



Farler, Wolford to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Farler of Auxier, announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Stephen Catrell and Jeanetta Lynn Wolford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Wolford of Lower Twin Branch at Denver. The wedding will be at Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, December 4 at 5 p.m. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the Auxier Church dining Hall. The custom of open wedding will be observed.



Couple to wed

Penny Moore of Wayland, and Marcus Alexander McNeil of Prestonsburg, announce their forthcoming marriage on Friday, November 26, at 2:30 p.m., at Rock Fork Baptist Church. The brideelect is the daughter of Madonnia Moore and the late Leo Moore and the granddaughter of Elisha Thornsbury and the late Juanita Thornsbury. The prospective groom is the son of Dexter Patrick McNeil and Mary Lou Simpson, and the grandson of Norma Jean McNeil and the late Dexter McNeil. He is employed by East Kentucky Enterprise. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed.

Hospital to offer valet service

Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland, now is offering valet parking service to patients, weekdays from 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Members of the hospital security staff will park and retrieve automobiles free of charge. The valet service will be available at the hospital's Outpatient/Emergency Room entrance just off St. Christopher

This new service is just one of many started this year, including the hospital's new visitor information desk as a means to provide the optimal in customer service at the hospital.

"For many of our patients, it is dif-

ficult to walk from the parking garages or lots to the main hospital building,' said Kathy Mullins, safety coordinator at the hospital. "This is our way of helping them make the trip a little eas-

The hospital conducted a trial run of the service earlier in the year. In addition, a survey was completed to determine the most needed hours of the service.

Valet parking primarily is designed for those patients visiting the hospital for outpatient services such as lab work, x-rays and rehabilitation. It does not include campus physician offices.

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Nutrition Notes

Juicy details...

Karen Collins, MS, RD, CDN **American Institute for** Cancer Research

Several reports at a recent American Institute for Cancer Research conference on phytochemicals highlighted the potential health benefits of juice. Phytochemicals are naturallyoccurring substances found in plant foods that may offer a variety of bonuses, including heart health and lower cancer risk. As news of the potential benefits of juice spreads, however, we need to be careful to view it in the context of overall research on plantbased diets.

One presentation focused on the possibility that orange juice might help prevent colon cancer. Several phytochemicals in citrus foods have been identified as inhibitors of the cancer development process. In the study reported at the AICR conference, rats that were given orange juice

instead of water after they were exposed to a substance that causes colon cancer had a 22 percent lower incidence of colon cancer.

Possible benefits of tomato juice were highlighted in another presentation. Lycopene is a phyhtochemical found in deep red fruits and vegetables, such as tomatoes, watermelon and red grapefruit. Laboratory studies have suggested that it may help prevent prostate cancer.

A key issue, however, is how easily available lycopene is from the food we eat. Data shared at the conference showed that when people drank six ounces a day of tomato-vegetable juice, the lycopene in their blood increased 43 percent after three months. Their blood also showed substantial increases in several other carotenoid substances ('cousins' of beta-carotene that may have health benefits of their own).

Yet another healthful phyto-

chemical, resveratrol, is found in grape juice. Red wine has gotten most of the attention as a source of this compound, which may help prevent heart disease and may possibly block certain steps in cancer development. Although grape juices is less concentrated in resveratrol than red wine, it does not carry with it the possible negative effects that alcohol can

Part of what makes this news about juice so exciting, if these health benefits are confirmed in further studies, is the ease with which juice can be included in our diets. After years of campaigns emphasizing the importance of eating at least five servings a day of fruits and vegetables, most Americans still fall short of this goal. Yet research projects show that consumers find it easy to add juice.

Before we go too crazy, guzzling juice, however, some caution is needed. Juice tends to be concentrated in calories. Just think of how many oranges go into one glass of orange juice. Although eating several oranges would satisfy quite a bit of hunger, studies have shown that if we drink several hundred calories, we will not automatically eatless to compensate for this. Most fruit juices have as high a concen-; tration of calories as regular soda. pop. Tomato juice products tende to be much lower in calories. Unless low sodium versions are selected, however, drinking too, much can send sodium consumption higher than recommended.

Juices are an easy way to get the vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals that are important to, overall health and may help prevent diseases like cancer. What they don't have, however, is dietary fiber. Fiber seems to be a vital part of efforts to control blood cholesterol and lower risk of several forms of cancer.

So what's the bottom line? New research on the availability, of health-promoting phytochemicals and nutrients from juice shows that it is an easy way to improve our diets.

Experts recommend, however, that juices supply just a small portion of the five to eleven or more fruit and vegetable servings we eat each day.

PMH Calendar

• November 29: The Diabetes Support Group will have a holiday dinner and special speaker, Marty Mullins, PA-C, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The speaker will discuss diabetes and cardiovascular complications of dyslipidemia. For more information, call the diabetic educator at 606/437-7315.

· November 30: An Early Pregnancy Class will be offered at the Education Center beginning at 7 p.m. To register for this

4-6 p.m., at the Pikeville

Methodist Hospital's Education Center. During the course, participants will learn self-management skills to improve an individual quality of life with arthritis. Cost is \$15, paid to the Arthritis Foundation for materials. To register, call 437-3507.

• December 11: "Integrating Medical Ethics, Faith and Community," a community forum will be i. ld at 7 p.m., at the Pikeville Unred Methodist Church Annex in downtown Pikeville. Speakers for the forum include Dr. Robert Orr of Loma Linda University and Dr. David Stevens of the Christian Medical and Dental Society. The free event is sponsored by Pikeville Methodist Hospital and the Pikeville

Association. Call 437-3501 or 437-3969.

• December 17-22: A Live Nativity Scene will be presented each evening from 5-7 p.m., in the Pikeville City Park. An opening ceremmony will be held on Friday, December 17 at 4:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to Pikeville Methodist Hospital's gift to the community.

Have you ever dreamed of being a model?

(NAPSA)-Modeling, a profession once reserved for women in their teens and twenties, is now an option for women over 40 as MORE magazine and Wilhelmina Models launched their first model search at Macy's Herald Square in New York City. If you have ever dreamed of being a model, now is your chance. The MORE Model Search is open to all women between 40 and 60 years old and between the sizes of 2-10. The search launches November/December issue of MORE magazine. All entries must be received by February 28, 2000.

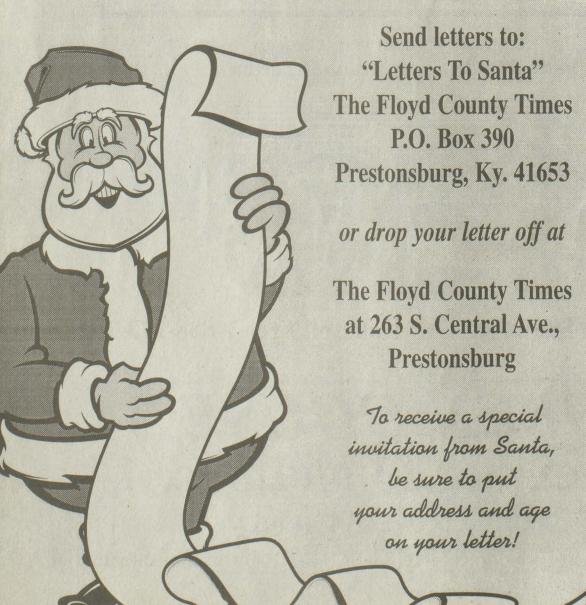


Ten finalists will travel to New York City in May to compete for three guaranteed modeling contracts and prizes worth over \$66,000. Finalists will also receive a full modelmakeover from a top New York salon and personal interviews with MORE editors and Wilhelmina agents. The three finalists chosen in May will receive modeling contracts and appearances in the pages of MORE magazine

Entry forms are located in the Nov./Dec. and Jan./Feb. issues of MORE magazine, at all Macy's East stores and at www.wilhelmina.com. For more information, call 800-858-3014.

LETTERS TO SANTA

The Floyd County Times will be publishing letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greetings section on Friday, December 10. Letters will be accepted until noon, December 7, 1999.





Prep. time: 18 minutes; bake

TEXAS SKILLET CHILI

1 (16 ounce) can Bush's Pinto

2 (14.5 ounce) Mexican or Chili

1 cup White Lily" Self Rising

1/2 cup taco seasoned Cheddar

Brown hamburger in 10-inch cast

In medium bowl, combine corn-

Place in oven and bake for 30

iron or oven-ready skillet, drain. Add

beans and tomatoes. Heat over medi-

meal mix, Cheddar cheese, egg, oil,

and milk. Pour over the mixture in

minutes or until toothpick inserted is

CHILI POT PIE

1 medium to large onion, diced

1 (15.5 ounce) can Bush's Chili

1 can diced tomatoes, drained

1 cup White Lily" Self Rising

1 (11 ounce) can Mexican-style

In large skillet, cook onion and

ground beef until meat is browned

and onions are transparent. Add

Chili Magic and tomatoes. Turn into

2-quart baking dish or bake in 12-

ing flour, cheese, milk, and egg. Stir

in corn. Spread dough over chili.

Bake for 25 minutes or until biscuit

Prepare biscuit crust by combin-

1 large egg, lightly beaten

1/4 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 425°F.

um heat until simmering

Makes 4-6 servings.

Prep. time: 16 minutes

Bake time: 30 minutes

1 pound ground beef

Magic Chili Starter

Cheese Biscuit Crust

1 cup Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 375/F.

1/2 cup milk

corn, drained

inch cast iron skillet.

crust is golden brown.

Makes 4 servings.

Prep time: 16 minutes

Bake time: 25 minutes

1 large egg

1 pound ground beef

Beans, drained

Cornmeal Mix

3/4 cup milk

seasoned tomatoes

time: 20 minutes

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GREET Y2K WITH BEANS AND CORNBREAD

While speculation is high, most people have no idea what Y2K and the new millennium will bring. Some predict disaster, while others seem totally disinterested in the subject. In short, one guess is probably as good as another.

While everyone hopes Y2K is completely uneventful (aside from a great New Year's Eve party), there is a rising interest in information on being prepared, "just in case." Two food companies, White Lily Foods and Bush's Beans, were recently contacted to get their thoughts on the situation.

White Lily and Bush are both getting a number of questions from consumers. Belinda Ellis, White Lily Food Scientist, states "We are receiving numerous phone calls requesting information on the purchase and storage of large quantities of flour and cornmeal. One woman asked about cornmeal discounts when buying more than five hundred pounds at a time!"

Kenna Hess, spokesperson for Bush's Beans, says they have gotten a large number of similar inquiries. "I had one gentleman call wanting to know if he could buy a six-month supply of beans directly from us. But more commonly, people call to learn more about storage guidelines and understanding can codes.'

One possible outcome of a food supply interruption, although both companies stressed doubt there would be problems, would be shortages of perishable products, including fresh meat. "This type of shortage, if prolonged, could lead to protein deprivation in diets," says Julie Hodges, White Lily Foods corporate nutritionist.

The companies' spokespersons stress the combination of cornmeal and beans is a very simple solution to any shortage problem with usual protein sources. "Cornbread and beans provide all eight of the essential protein-based amino acids required of a good diet. The body needs these essential building blocks to maintain good health and good eyesight," continues Hodges.

Ellis indicates that most Y2K callers are concerned with food storage and maintaining a good diet during any inconvenience. Commeal and beans are perfect foods for storing. Cornmeal will keep for up to a year when stored in a cool, dry place, and canned beans will store indefinitely, and neither require refrigera-

Every Southerner knows, cornmeal and beans are perfect for another reason: "Eating cornbread and blackeye peas on New Year's Day is a long standing Southern tradition, believed to ensure good luck, good health and financial prosperity for the coming year," says Bush's Consumer Affairs Group member Tracy Stewart.

"A hot bowl of black-eye peas and cornbread just plain tastes good, and it's good for you. It would certainly be a shame to miss out on this southern ritual simply because someone had forgotten to plan ahead."

"I'm not sure what the rest of you are going to do, but come midnight, December 31, electricity or no electricity, I'm going to fix my White Lily Cornbread and Bush's Blackeye Peas. I'll eat my New Year's Day good luck dinner if I have to use firewood, matches and a flare to do it," continues Stewart with a smile.

In addition, White Lily and Bush's have developed a variety of new recipes, and some new twists on some classics, to keep a family happy and healthy during Y2K, New Year's and beyond. From Italian and Cajun dishes to the classic Hoppin' John, all are delicious. "They're all quick and easy to make," says Hess, "so that's lucky, too!"

Each recipe is well suited for the indoor stove or outdoor fire. Each recipe takes 30 minutes or less to prepare, and is a real convenience during the fall and winter when family activities are at a peak.

If perishables do become scarce during Y2K, meat can be omitted altogether from these recipes by simply adding an extra can of beans. Fat and calories are subsequently reduced, while complete-protein dishes containing all eight of the essential protein-based amino acids, are the result.

Spokespersons from both companies agree that a good diet, rich in protein, is important a year long, and believe that White Lily and Bush's can play a major role in helping your family achieve this diet, now, and into the next millenium.

Although neither White Lily Foods nor Bush's Beans anticipate any food shortages at the turn of the millennium, they think there is nothing wrong with being prepared just in case. Folks there wish everyone a servings. safe and happy Y2K, stockpiled with good luck, good health, and plenty

To obtain additional protein rich recipes for your family, contact Belinda Ellis at www.whitelily.com or P.O. Box 871, Knoxville, TN 37901, or Bush's Consumer Relations Group at letters@bushbros.com, or Bush Brothers & Co., P.O. Box 52330, Dept. C, Knoxville, TN 37950-2330. White Lily and Bush offer free recipe booklets upon

STORAGE OF FLOUR AND CORNMEAL RECOMMENDED BY WHITE LILY

· Store flour and cornmeal in airtight containers in a cool dry place. Freezing is best for storage, but be sure to thaw the ingredients before

• White Lily flour and commeal have easy to read dates on the bottom of the bags. For example, the date 12 JUL 00, is good through July 12, 2000. Freshness is guaranteed through that date. If the product is stored in the freezer, the shelf life can be extended beyond that date.

 Plain flour can be stored longer than self-rising flour. The leavening ingredients in self-rising flour gradually become less effective over time.

· Because White Lily cornmeal and Three Rivers cornmeal are milled from the whole kernel, the corn oil that is naturally in the whole kernel can become rancid. Keeping cornmeal in the freezer keeps it

· Grains are a target for some insects such as meal moths. Airtight containers and cold temperatures should eliminate this concern.

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5 slices bacon, cooked and drained

1 medium onion, diced into 1/4

1 red bell pepper, diced into 1/4

1 green bell pepper, diced in 1/4 cubes

2 (15.8 ounce) cans Bush's Blackeye Peas, rinsed and drained 1/2 to 1 teaspoon hot

1 recipe combread prepared

White Lilly Self-Rising Cornmeal Mix

Salsa and sour cream, optional Cook bacon in skillet until crisp. Remove bacon, drain skillet, reserving bacon drippings. Measure 2 tablespoons of drippings and cook

minutes, just until tender. Add blackeye peas and hot sauce. Heat until simmering.

onion and bell peppers for about 4

Prepare White Lily Cornbread recipe from mix except use a 9x13° pan. Bake 12 minutes or until tooth-

Cut into 2-inch squares. Top with blackeye pea mixture. If desired, top with salsa, sour cream, and crumbled bacon. Makes 8 servings.

pick inserted is clean when removed.

Prep. time: 19 minutes Bake time: 12 minutes

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1 pound ground Italian sausage 1 (16 ounce) can Bush's Pinto

Beans, drained 2 (14.5 ounce) Italian seasoned

tomatoes 1 package White Lily Corn

Muffin Mix 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup milk

Brown sausage in large skillet, drain. Add beans and tomatoes. Heat over medium heat until simmering. In medium bowl, combine corn muffin mix, Cheddar cheese, and milk. Drop by heaping tablespoons over the bean mixture.

Cover and cook until dumplings are done, about 20 minutes. Makes 5

WHITE CHICKEN CHILI POT PIE

3 tablespoons olive oil 1 medium to large onion, diced 1 can diced green chilies, drained 2 teaspoons ground

1/4 cup White Lily Plain All-Purpose Flour

2 (16 ounce) can Bush's Blackeve Peas or Great Northern or Navy Beans

1 (16 ounce) can reduced sodium chicken broth

Cheese Biscuit Crust 1 cup White Lily Plain All-

Purpose Flour 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1-1/2 cups Monterey Jack cheese 1/2 cup milk 1 large egg

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large skillet, cook onion in olive oil for 4 minutes or until onions are transparent. Add green chilies, cumin, and flour. Stir 2 minutes. Add blackeye peas or beans and chicken broth. Bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes or until thickened. Add diced chicken. Turn into 2-quart baking or

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Dr. Phillip R. Simpson

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Home is where the heart is and that's why First Commonwealth Bank announces the return home of three special former employees, Carol Wilson, Vernie Tackett and Betty Frasure.

Carol Wilson has returned to work as part-time teller at the main office. She began her banking career at First Commonwealth Bank in 1974 as proof operator and worked in several capacities before becoming vice pres-

When an employee decides to ident, Customer Services. She decid- where she retired as head teller earlied to spend more time at home in er this year. Betty started her banking April, 1998.

> Vernie Tackett will be working as both a part-time teller and relief switchboard operator at the main office location. She began her banking career in 1978 and worked in many areas including time spent as a bookkeeping clerk, safe deposit box coordinator, switchboard operator and teller. She worked part-time at Ritchie's Hallmark shortly after leaving the bank in March 1995.

Betty Frasure now works parttime at the Martin Branch location and colleagues," he said.

career in 1975. She also worked as a teller at Martin Branch.

Robert Allen, head of administrative and customer service functions, indicated that "it's always nice to have former employees return. This is a great homecoming for the bank and its customers.

"We are very pleased that Carol, Vernie and Betty have decided to return to work in a part-time capacity. They provide a great base of knowledge and are back among their friends

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> tion from the Kentucky Department of Insurance to procontinuing education credit.

interested in attending. These als.

nonprofit seminars cost \$50 for registration. Registration at the door is \$60. For more information, or to obtain a registration form, contact John Myers at Meridian Communications, 606/514-3842,

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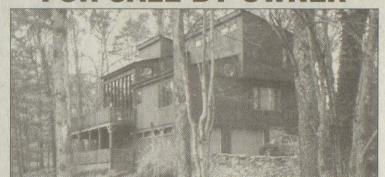
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Terry Dotson of Prestonsburg is Livesay and Ostroff and a native of chairman of the board.

Exhibit features historic businesses

announces the opening of a new exhibit titled "Kentucky's Centennial Businesses" as part of its Museums-To-Go program.

Kentucky business history is an vice. often-overlooked aspect of the Centennial Business program recognizes businesses that have been in operation for at least 100 years. Currently there are more than 260

This exhibit takes a broad look at 28 of those businesses, spread across the entire commonwealth.

The Kentucky Historical Society From ferries, funeral homes, newspapers and publishers, to restaurants, cutlers, and pottery makers, Kentucky's business history is a rich heritage of enterprise and ser-

The exhibit is available for use state's development. The Kentucky by public groups through the Museums-To-Go program. For scheduling information, call Sonja

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Pikeville taxpayer service center moves

FRANKFORT — Sarah Jane accessible to taxpayers. Schaaf, Secretary of the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet (KRC), and Allen Rose, Secretary of the Workforce Development Cabinet, held a joint press conference and ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 12 at the Uniplex Center in Pikeville to announce their commitment to one-stop taxpayer service through a new

The ceremony celebrated the recent relocation of KRC's Pikeville Taxpayer Service Center (TSC) to the same building as Workforce Development's Vocational Rehabilitation offices.

This move to the Uniplex Center, which is conveniently located at the end of Main Street in downtown Pikeville, underscores the Patton Administration's priority to revitalize downtown

The Kentucky Revenue Cabinet's move to such close proximity with Vocational Rehabilitation provides the people of Pikeville the opportunity for one-stop service. The Vocational Rehabilitation office is located on the third floor of the building at 126 Trivette Dr., and the new KRC office is located on the second floor in Suite 203.

According to Schaaf, "The mission of the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet is to provide courteous, accurate and efficient services for the benefit of Kentucky and its citizens, and administer the tax laws of the Commonwealth in a fair and impartial manner.

"KRC's mission is based on the foundation of good public service. We understand that those of us who are public servants are areas and make services more answerable to you, the taxpayers

of Kentucky. You pay our salaries and deserve the very best possible service we can offer," he said.

"In a nutshell, that is what we are about today and in the future — to provide the best possible service and lay the foundation for the type of service this agency

will provide tomorrow.

"A taxpayer service center can assist a taxpayer in just about every way that our Frankfort offices can. For example, registration for corporation tax numbers is now available at KRC's 11 taxpayer service centers located throughout the state, including Pikeville. Taxpayers canresolve multiple issues with one contact at a TSC.

KRC offers the following ser

- vices at its TSCs: · answering tax inquiries via
- walk-in or telephone;

- offering tax forms;
- •registering for Kentucky sales and use tax, withholding tax numbers, and corporation tax numbers;
- · assigning temporary sales tax
- numbers for special events; correcting taxpayer account
- information on KRC databases; • assisting in the filing of Kentucky tax returns; adjusting
- and collecting tax bills; and • setting up payment agree ments for unpaid tax bills.

"Our TSCs, such as the one here in Pikeville, provide taxpaytact to discuss and resolve issues relating to taxation, and receive information regarding Kentucky's

ers a place to make personal contax laws," Schaaf said. "So, I am pleased to say that this ribbon cutting ceremony today is a major KRC milestone in providing bet-• providing taxpayer education; ter service to all of you."

Future Business Leaders reach out



by Brandon Hall

On Saturday, November 13, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) of Prestonsburg High School had eight members set forth to help those who were in need of clothes for their young children.

The members included President Jeania Pigman, Vice President Erica Hall, Treasurer Russell Hager, Parliamentarian Nick Francis, Reporter Brandon Hall, Sara May, Erik Slone and Crystal Patton, along with one of the organizers, Lucille Hall.

They had gone to Town Branch Church to participate in a clothing drive for those who were in need for the winter season.

The FBLA is a premier organization for students preparing for careers in business. It is the largest student business organization in the world with 250,000 members in the United States.

The FBLA members helped with a

variety of tasks, including handing out registrations, directing traffic, and, most of all, assisting children in choosing winter clothes.

Each boy received a coat and a package with pants, shirts, undergarments, a pair of shoes, a pair of mittens and a toboggan. Girls received a coat, a dress, a pair of shoes, a pair of mittens and a toboggan.

By the end of the day, the students had helped Town Branch Church, with the combined effort of Tender Loving Care Ministries, clothe more than 300 children for the winter.

The volunteers made the following comments about their community service experience:

 Crystal Patton: "It was a wonderful experience to be able to help those

who are in need.' · Sara May: "It makes me count the blessings that I have had and made me

feel great to help someone in need." · Nick Francis: "I had a great experience and hope to do it again."

· Jeania Pigman: "Saturday was a great experience for me. It opened my eyes to show me what I can really do for the community."

· Lucille Hall: "I can only say that I'm so terribly proud of our kids. They gave up their Saturday, and we all received blessings from this endeavor."

· Brandon Hall: "It was a great experience for all that went. It is an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. I hope, in years to come, that I will get more opportunities to reach out and lend a helping hand to the young children here in eastern

Kentucky.' FBLA members expressed appreciation to Town Branch Church, Pastor Tom Nelson and Earlene Nelson for

allowing them to assist. The FBLA group plans to return to the church in December to help with the Christmas food, clothing and toy

Local man chairs UNC group



Keith Howell

Dr. Keith A. Howell, formerly of McDowell, is serving one-year term as chair of the Faculty

Assembly of the University of North Carolina System. Howell, a professor at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is the first UNCG faculty member to hold the position, which serves as the chief faculty liaison with the administration of UNC sys-

He has been a UNCG representative to the Faculty Assembly for three years, and has served as chair of

the faculty welfare committee for the past two years. He is the son of Malta Howell of McDowell, and the late Albert M. Howell. He is a graduate of

McDowell High School. Howell's duties include convening and presiding at assembly meetings, attending all meetings of the UNC

Board of Governors, meeting periodically with UNC President Molly Broad and relaying faculty concerns A UNCG faculty member since 1982, Howell has served two terms as head of the Department of Public

Health Education. He is currently director of the Master of Public Health graduate degree program in the department. He has received more than \$820,000 in federal and state grants to support public health education projects in the state on AIDS and drug abuse. The total included an \$84,000 tour program on drug abuse prevention for officials from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Nepal and Bangladesh, with funding through the U.S. Information Agency.

A graduate of Pikeville College, he holds the master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and Ph.D. from the University of Toledo. Before coming to UNCG, he was a tenured faculty member in public health education at the University of Virginia and at Northeastern University in Boston.



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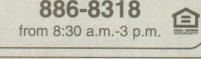


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(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number

836-0265 which was last issued on 9/29/99. The application covers an area of approximately 116.38 acres located 4.0 miles southeast of Martin in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.2 miles east from Big Branch-Honaker road's junction with KY 2030 and at the head of Gunstock Branch of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°42'20".

(3) The bond now in effect is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 4 9 4 , 9 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$494,900 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in May 1999.

(5) Written completed to the completed in May 1999.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 14, 2000.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., January
18, 2000, at the
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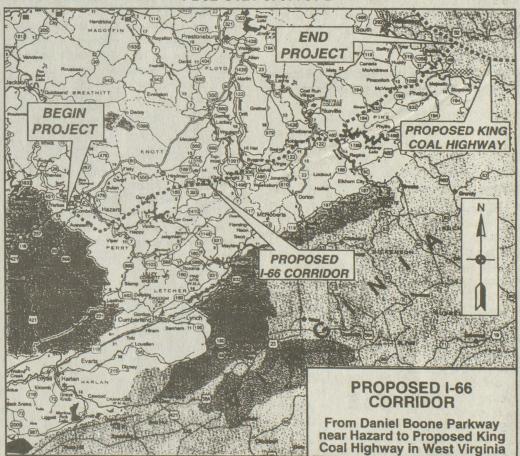
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The Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways has scheduled public participation meetings for proposed Interstate 66 in Pikeville and Hazard. The Pikeville meeting will be held on Monday, November 29, 1999, at the Pikeville High School Cafeteria, located at 1987 Championship Drive, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Hazard meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 1999, at the Hazard Community College, at 123A-FC Conference Center, One Community College Drive, Hazard, Kentucky 41701 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. These public meetings have been scheduled to afford all interested persons a forum for open exchange of information and ideas on this project at the earliest point possible.

The project is the proposed construction of the Segment of Interstate 66 from the Daniel Boone Parkway near Hazard to proposed Interstate 73 in West Virginia.

Parkway near Hazard to proposed Interstate 73 in West Virginia.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend these public meetings, which will be conducted in an "Open House" format. There will be short presentations of where the project is and what information will be solicited at these meetings. Attendees are welcome to review the proposed corridor and express their views concerning the social, economic, historic and environmental effects the project, as proposed, will have upon individuals, business, cultural resources and other organizations in the area. Representatives of the Transportation Cabinet and the consultant engineer will be available to answer questions, address comments and assist the public with any information that is available.

Copies of the proposed corridor will be displayed. For convenience, a comment sheet will be provided for soliciting written comments, and a recorder will be made available for those who desire to make oral statements. Statements will be accepted at the meetings and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing local time, Monday through Friday at the District Offices listed below up to fifteen (15) days after the Public Meetings.

Once compiled, the transcript from these Meetings, and/or supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administration Services, State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for a Phase II bond release on permit No. 836-5338 which was last issued on 01/06/97. The application covers an area of approximately 35.00 acres of surface area and 416.00 acres of underground area, for a total permit acreage of 451.00 acres located along 3.0 miles southeast of Odds, Kentucky, in Floyd and Johnson county.

(2) The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south of KY State Route 3's junction with Daniel's Branch. The latitude is 37°43'40". The longitude is 82°39'25".

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety bond for the amount \$10,000.00.

Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$43,300 is included in the application for release Reclamation (4)

performed work includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in August, 1994. (5) Written com-

ments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hollow, Hudson Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/14/00. (6) A public hearing

on the application has been scheduled for 01/17/99, at 9:00 at the a.m., Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6.

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference is received by 01/14/00.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

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(2) The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south of KY Route 3's junction with Daniel's Branch Road and west of Daniel's' Branch. The latitude is 37°43'38" The longitude is 82°39'48"

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the

amount \$13,500.00 Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$90,600 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation (4) work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the fall of 1994.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has applied for a phase I bond release on a surface coal mining and reclamation operation permit number 880-0124. Increments #3 & #8 which was issued 01/25/99. Increment #3 covers an area of approximately 101.86 acres of surface area and 30.33 acres of underground area for total acreage 132.19 acres. Increment #8 covers an area of approximately 28.44 acres of surface area and 19.33 acres of underground area for a total of 47.77 acres, located 1.82 miles northwest of Thomas Kentucky, in Martin and Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.84 miles northwest from Ky. Rt. 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road and located 0.09 mile northeast of Wolf Branch. The latitued is 37°42'06". The longitude 82°36'05".

The bond now in effect for Increment #3 is a surety bond in amount \$290,800.00 Approximately 60% of original bond amount of \$290,800 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment #8 is a surety bond in the amount \$65,200.00 Approximately 60% of original bond amount of \$65,200 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding, and mulching completed in the Spring of 1997 for increment #3 and the Spring of 1999 for increment #8

Written comments. objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Frankfort, Hollow. Kentucky 40601, by 01/03/00.

liens and encum-A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/04/00, at 9:00 the at Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's

Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 1410. The hearing will be canceled if no

request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 01/03/00.

NOTICE OF COM-MISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I NO.98-CI-00665 DANNY KIDD, ET

AL; PLAINTIFFS

VS BILLY B. KIDD, ET AL: DEFENDANTS BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of April, 1999, and Order of October 20, 1999, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed

to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at pubauction on Thursday, the 2nd day of December, 1999, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described property located on the Hunt's Branch of Prater

Creek, Floyd County,

Kentucky, and more

particularly described

as follows: BEGINNING at a stake 75 feet below the Forks of the Hunt's Branch of Prater Creek; thence to the line of Otis Hall: thence a northerly course with his line to a white oak; same course to a beech marked by a stake; thence leaving said Hall's line and down the hill with line of Hazel Kidd to the Branch marked by cross on a rock; thence down the Branch to the begin-

ning. Being the same property conveyed to Danny Ray Kidd and Barbara Kidd from Green B. Kidd and Rena Kidd, his wife, by deed dated July 13, 1976, and recorded in Deed Book 225, Page 609, records of the Floyd County Office. Clerks Reference is also made to that certain deed of conveyance from Elias Kidd and Ellen Kidd to Hulda Kidd, et al., by Deed dated August 1930, and recorded in Deed Book 226, Page 183, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Reference is also made to the Affidavit of Descent of Hulda Kidd, as recorded in Deed Book 419, Page 151, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Said property cannot not be divided materially without impairing its value and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court as a whole, subject to those items set forth hereinbelow, but free and clear of all other liens and encumberances and said subject matter real property shall be sold with all improvements. appurtenances and fixtures and the rents, issues and profits therefrom and thereon, prior and superior to any and all

brances, except the following: (a) delinquent ad valorem taxes asserted by Floyd County,

Kentucky (b) ad valorem taxes due and payable in the year 1999, and all taxes due thereafter: easements, (c)

restrictions and covenants of record: (d) assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and, (e) any facts which

an inspection or accurate survey of the property may or would disclose TERMS OF SALE: At the time of

sale, the successful

(a)

of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) The (b)

bidder, if the other

than the Plaintiff, shall

either pay cash or

make a cash deposit

successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property

shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and all subsequent years not

yet due and payable. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 9TH DAY NOVEMBER, 1999.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice of Sale were duly mailed, this the 9th day of November, 1999 to:

> Hon. Randy G. P. O. Box 1529 Pikeville, KY 41502

Mr. Billy B. Kidd 324 Delaware Avenue Lorraine, OH 44052 Hon. John T.

Chafin P. O. Box 700 Prestoneburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK MASTER COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF COM-MISSIONER'S SALE COMMONWEALTH

OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO 98-CI-00158 MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK;

PLAINTIFF VS: SIMON KIDD and ROSALYN KIDD, his wife, CHAD KIDD; NORMA MULLINS and FLOYD COUN TY, KENTUCKY;

day

January 25, 1999),

plus any additional

late charges, with

thereon at the rate of

9.25% per annum,

from January 25,

1999, to the date of

interest

additional

low. **DEFENDANTS** The property herein-BY VIRTUE OF above described shall Summary Judgment be sold by the Master and Order of Sale of Commissioner the Floyd Circuit more particularly set Court entered on the forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the September, 1999, in Plaintiff Bank, inter-Floyd Circuit Court, in est, costs, attorney the above styled and Flove cause, against the County Ad Valorem Defendants, Simon taxes owed by the Kidd, Rosalynn Kidd, Defendants, jointly his wife, (in rem only, and severally. as to the mortgaged property) for the sum of \$84,613.76 (as of

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

Plaintiff. The National Matewan Bank is adjudged to have a first and supe-

rior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of County, Floyd Kentucky) upon the hereinabove described real proper-

The Defendant, Norma Mullins, shall be entitled to claim her interest in and to the above-described property by virtue of a Notice of Judgment Lien filed March 16, 1994

TERMS OF SALE: At the time of (a) sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days. (b) The property

shall be sold subject

to any easements and

restrictions of record

in the Floyd County

Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. The (C) purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any preceding year Floyd delinquent

County real estate

taxes shall also be

paid by the purchaser. In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate assessed taxes against the real

estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. THIS THE 9th DAY OF November, 1999. WILLIAM S.

KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoduly mailed. postage prepaid, this the 9th day of November, 1999, to:

Hon. J. Scott Kreutzer P.O. Drawer 31 Pikeville, KY 41502

Hon. J. Gregory Allen Riley & Walters 106 West Graham Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Chad Kidd Box 226 Harold, KY 41635

Hon. Keith Bartley Floyd County Attorney P. O. Box 1000 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Simon Kidd Rosalynn Kidd Box 226 Harold, KY 41635

Hon. Arnold Turner, Jr. Warning Order Attorney P. O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S.

KENDRICK Master Commissioner

COMMON-**WEALTH OF** KENTUCKY TRANSPORTA-TION CABINET **DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be

received by the Department of Highways in the Division of Contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium located on the 1st Floor of State the Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 EASTERN STANDARD TIME on the 17th day of DECEMBER, 1999, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

FLOYD -LAWRENCE COUN-TIES, FEGR 8000000

Expansion Joint Replacement Various Roads. (SEE PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Bid proposals for all

projects will be available until 9:00 a.m., EASTERN STAN-DARD TIME, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17. 1999, at the Division of Contract Procurement. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each and remittance payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky

accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will be

available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (NON-REFUNDABLE) Specimen proposals cannot be used for

NOTICE OF COM-MISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-663 OAKWOOD ACCEPTANCE COR-PORATION: PLAINTIFF

VS: JEFF D. HAMILTON and MICHELLE L HAMILTON; DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF

Judgment and Order

of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of October, 1999, in Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for the sum of the principal amount of said indebtedness (\$51,348.63), plus accrued interest at the rate of 10.65% per annum from November 1, 1998, until date of judgment, and then at the rate of 10.65% thereafter until paid: plus non-sufficient funds charges of \$10.00; plus a reasonable attorney's fee of \$1,500.00; plus court costs herein expended, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at pubauction on

Thursday, the 2nd day

of December, 1999, at

the hour of 9:30 a.m.,

described real estate

improvements there-

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belonging and the rents, issues and profits, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described

as follows, to-wit: Being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Left Fork of Otter Creek of Left Fork of Beaver in Wheelwright, containing two lots, which is particularly described as follows: Located on the Left

Fork of Otter Creek of

the Left Fork of

Beaver Creek in the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County. Kentucky, and being Lots No. 18 and I8A of the Golf Course Hollow Subdivision as recorded in File No. 552, as revised in File No. 574, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office and as shown on **Baldridge Engineering** Company drawing no. 1133. Together with all fixtures, personal property and improvements of any and every kind situated thereon or affixed thereto; together with all appurtenance, right of ways surface rights easements and hereditatments thereto belonging and not previously conveyed by Grantor to the City

premises Being the same property conveyed to Jeff D. Hamilton and Michele L. Hamilton, his wife, by Deed dated May 14, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 395, Page 68, in the Office of the Clerk aforesaid.

of Wheelwright the

Together with the following described manufacture home which is located on the above-described real estate: A 1996 651-Freedom manufactured home, serial n u m b e r HONC05526552 (hereinafter "collater-

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the plaintiff's lien thereon and therefore will be sold as a whole the Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbe-

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff, Oakwood Acceptance Corporation, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the Defendants, Jeff D. Hamilton and Michelle L. Hamilton, if any.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

Oakwood Acceptance Corporation, adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky) upon the hereinabove described real proper-

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

The property (b) shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions

of record in the Floyd Clerk's County

Office and such right af redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(c) The chaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable, and any preceding year delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes. In the event (d)

the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to. or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes against the

estate.

The cessful bidder at said sale shall, at the successful bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended coverage insurance on the collateral from the date of sale until the purchase price if fully paid, to the extent of the court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at a minimum, with a loss clause payable to the Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court or the Plaintiff

hereir Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999 WILLIAM S.

KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812 CERTIFICATE OF

SERVICE This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 9th day of November, 1999, to:

Hon. Lee W. Grace Mapother and Mapother Suite 200 801 West Jefferson Street Louisville, KY 40202

Jeff D. Hamilton Michelle L. Hamilton 1729 Territorial Road Battle Creek, MI 49015-2756

> WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner

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Research **Shows There's** A Method To Retirement **Madness**

(NAPSA)-Exactly how do retirement-age individuals choose the place where they'll enjoy retirement? Results analyzed from a number of studies show that retirees base their decision on a variety of considerations. Ranked in order, future retirees are looking for low crime/security, pleasant climate, low cost of living, recreational/social features, neighbors, and a small town environment with big city amenities close by.

Knowing and understanding these concerns has helped the planners and builders of retirement communities, popular especially in the sun belt, to offer the features that soon-to-be retirees demand. A case in point is Green Valley, Arizona, an active retirement community about 20 miles south of Tucson, created by Fairfield Homes. Fairfield initially chose the location nearly 30 years ago to develop a community dedicated to retirement. With its sunny high desert climate and proximity to the culture and entertainment of Tucson, it was an ideal location. On top of that, since Green Valley is a self-contained retirement community, it offers excellent security and peace of mind.

Fairfield also saw the trend for active retirement-with retirees looking for diverse ways to enrich themselves. So, in addition to being the community's largest homebuilder, Fairfield has also developed \$14 million in recreational facilities, including three golf courses. Green Valley is also in the center of a wide range of tourist and cultural attractions. Popular day trips include legendary Tombstone, the mining-townturned-arts community of Bisbee, shopping in Nogales, Mexico, scenic hiking trails and canyons, historic Spanish missions, as well as a number of casinos.

Virtually every prospective retiree wants to experience a potential retirement spot first-hand before making the commitment to move. In response to this, many adult communities have developed affordable mini-vacations that allow prospective retirees an opportunity to get a taste of the community, the climate and future neighbors. Again Fairfield Green Valley is a leader, with their Green Valley Sampler." Visitors stay in the luxurious Fairfield Green Valley Lodge, complete with neighboring golf course, restaurant, views of the nearby Santa Rita mountains, a heated spa, and a pass to Green Valley recreational facilities which include exercise machines, tennis, swimming, plus many arts and crafts classes. Guests get a package deal with free golf and lunch for a price much more favorable than those found at sunbelt resorts.

People interested in finding out more about the Green Valley Vacation Sampler can call 1-800-528-4930; visit the website at www.retireaz.com; send e-mail to info@retireaz.com; or write Fairfield Homes, P.O. Box 587, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0587.

Research shows that future retirees want a place that has low crime, a pleasant climate and social features.

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For helpful holiday baking advice, call the experts at the land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline at 1-800-782-9606. The bakeline is open from Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST) seven days a week. You will receive a free copy of the Baking Traditions to Last a Life

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Children Strike Strike

The Floyd County Times

See you in the CDs

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

The hearts of teenagers, adults and younger children can be touched by music. It seems to be a celebration of the soul.

Whether we are happy, sad, spiritual, depressed, or just blah, music reflects our feelings and lifestyles. Today a variety of music can be found for any taste and any soul.

With so many genres, something can be found for your family musically as a wonderful Christmas gift. And if you are sick of Christmas songs by the time the holiday finally arrives, you will welcome the change.

If you have a country flair about you, you may be interested in Faith Hill's new release "Breathe." This angelic ambassador to the country scene has thus far produced hit-filled albums and this one promises to continue in the same vein.

Country legend George Jones has released a live album. After many years on the road, Jones gives something back to his fans by releasing "Live With The Possum.

Other artists with new releases include Mavericks, Dolly Parton, Tanya Tucker, Sally Timms, The Two Dollar Pistols, Vassar Clements, Pee Wee King, and Tom Morrell & Time Warp.

Those with a more freespirited side may enjoy the new CD by Savage Garden. With their third release in two years, Savage Garden continues to build a strong fan base with such songs as "The Animal Song" and

"Truly Madly Deeply."

Celine Dion fans may want to buy Celine's latest because it may be her last in a while. Reporting that she will retire from the music business for a couple of vears to take care of her ail-

ing husband, Dion has released a greatest hits album of sorts that is sure to include a few new ditties.

Other rock albums include releases by Fiona Apple, Prince, Jimmy Buffet, The Pet Shop Boys,

Korn, Ani DeFranco, The Lords of Acid, and a Various Artist CD

Any of these CDs can be found at area music stores or department stores starting at

To make time stand still or at least seem like it — as the century changes, you can treat your honey to a Caribbean cruise. It's a holiday gift that should be relaxing, rejuvenating and romantic.

According to Gary Frazier, owner of Old Town Travel in downtown Prestonsburg, several extended cruise packages

are available to take you into the millennium on the sea. Each promises a once-in-alifetime New Year's Eve celebration.

For around a thousand dollars, you can enjoy an 11-day journey on a slow boat to the Panama Canal and the southern part of the Caribbean Sea.

The catch is you have to get

to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the cruise begins. But that could be an enchanting side trip in itself.

The cruise ship leaves San Juan on December 28.

Another 11-day cruise leaves Miami on December 28, bound for the southern Caribbean. It's a little pricier, starting at \$1,849 per person, but it promises to be an "exotic" adventure.

If you don't have quite that much time to spare, there are a couple of seven-day options.

One departs from Port

Canaveral, Florida. December 26 and hovers in the western part of the Caribbean. Rates start at \$1,299 per person.

The other seven-day cruise offers an added bonus for many travelers. Smokers need not apply; this cruise ship is smoke-free. It departs from Miami on December 26 and costs \$1,935 and up.

Frazier says many other travel deals are popping up every day, so if a getaway during or after the holidays appeals to you, give him a call

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Get The Most Out Of Holiday E-Shopping

ing the 1998 holiday season Whether you are an e-shopping rookie or an online shopping pro, e-commerce leader America Online offers the following tips to ensure that all shoppers have a pleasant and productive online shopping

1. Make sure your e-stores have policies to protect you. Closely review the online merchant's security and return policy. Look for a comprehensive, 100 percent money-back guarantee of safety and satisfaction

Don't be bashful. Ask for help. Customer service representa-tives can assist you in most e-stores and special areas. For example, Shop@CompuServe offers a Mem-ber Specials area featuring a shopping tutorial, low-priced merchan-dise and details on how to guide you through your first Internet

3. Take advantage of convenient search and navigation features. Seek features to help you quickly and easily locate the brands and products you want. AOL offers "keywords" or short-cuts to your favorite places online and a new "Shopping Search" engine to let you shop by name,

product category or store name.
4. Look for a one-stop shopping destination. This will save you the time it takes shopping from store to store and the frustra-tion of remembering the URLs of numerous stores. The world's leading e-commerce site, Shop@AOL (www.aol.com, or AOL Keyword: Shopping), offers millions of brand-

Being a Santa to your "deer" can be easier when the creature that's stirring is your computer mouse and you look for a onestop shopping destination online.

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RS.com, barnesandnoble.com, The Gap and eThys.

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more at Shop@Netscape.
6. Consider opening a "wallet." An online wallet like AOL's Quick Checkout can safely store your credit cards and shipping information so that you don't need to re-enter the information every time you make an online purchase.

7. Procrastinate without

guilt. Last minute shoppers will appreciate the amazing selection of gifts offered online and guaranteed to arrive at your door in a day or two or even overnight. This holiday season, online merchants will even wrap the gift and sign the card for you.

Keep these online shopping

tips in mind and you may keep more money in your wallet and have more time on your hands.

Middle-aged Barbie big as



by Randell Reno Staff Writer

A time-honored toy of 40 years is the Barbie doll. Created by Ruth Handler in 1959, the Barbie collection began because Handler wanted a doll for her daughter Barbie to play with.

By the 1960s, Barbie was a much-wanted possession of many little girls across the world. She became even more popular in 1965 when her legs became bendable.

She has come a long way since then and nearly every change to her has made her even more popular. Barbie doll have in many ways reflected the political and social changes that America has gone through.

In 1967 she was given the American Girl hairstyle. In the 1970s, she

80s, she began to focus on physical fitness and getting a career.

This modern girl was into aerobics, carried a credit card, was a rock star and even starred in a soap opera.

Manufacturers decided girls should be able to have a Barbie of their own ethnic origin, and so Spanish and African-American Barbs were cre-

Some beautiful Barbies have been recently produced that look like past stars and classic movie characters. Then, there is the Symphony in Chiffon Barbie, Serenade in Satin and Portrait in Taffeta Barbie from the Barbie Couture Collection.

The Coca-Cola Fashion Barbie Collection included Summer Daydreams, After the Walk, and Soda Fountain Sweetheart.

Other recent collecinclude Together Forever Collection and Vintage Reproductions Collections.

Tribute Barbies include three dedicated to Eliza Dolittle of the movie "My Fair Lady," Marilyn Monroe in "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and in "The Seven Year Barbie fashioned after "Gone With The Wind's" Scarlet O'Hara.

Many, many collections have come and gone, creating a unique assortment of toys for many. New Barbie Dolls hit the market several

got a wider smile. In the Itch." There is also a times a year and always make great gifts for young girls.

> They start at a very affordable \$4.97 and can get very pricey. You can find the new collection of Barbie Dolls at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and in many area stores.







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Two places in the area that specialize in products made by Kentucky artisans, David Crafts, the cooperative located in the old coal community of David, and the state-run gift shop in the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Both stores have a wealth of gifts handmade by craftspersons in this area or somewhere else in Kentucky.

At David, you can find gourds decorated by Virgil Ogan, furniture by Mary Scinta and David Morris, along with quilts, ceramics, baskets, clothes, paintings and all kinds of small treasures by sundry artists.

At the park gift shop, pottery, Christmas tree ornaments, dolls, clothes, stained glass pieces, and other crafts are on display and offered for sale. A whimsical line of animals, fashioned out of implements such as shovels, rakes, hoes and the like, elicits smiles and sales for the central Kentucky artist.

Our best advice: go see for yourself.



Batman: A hero for the ages

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

A hero for many generations has been crowned the Character of the Century. Through years of changes, he has remained in the limelight.

Although time has passed this avenger of evil has changed very little in nearly 60 years. He still looks healthy, he still commands a following, and he maintains his youngish looks.

Batman has seen changes from black and

Fire trucks are perennial Christmas favorites.

white to color, flat or even puffy to big and brawny, smiling to dark and fore-boding. A number of feature comics have had him in his 20s, 30s, 50s, and 60s. A current TV cartoon has him in his late 70s training a prodigy to take his place.

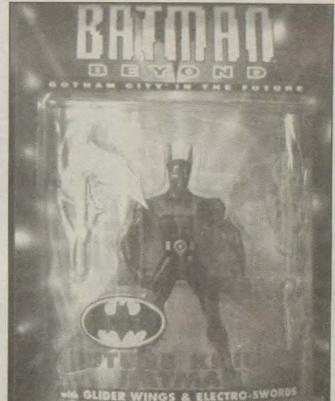
He has been in five major motion pictures, one starring Adam West and another Kentucky hunk George Clooney, a television series, two major cartoon movies, numerous television cartoons, thousands of comic books, and all mostly in the heroic spirit of millions of kids (many of whom are now adults).

Batman has been a character of DC comics since his creation by Bob Kane, who never thought this character would enjoy its success or its longevity. On November 9, Batman was named Favorite Comic Book Character of the Century.

Along with Warner Brothers, DC and many other companies have produced a barrage of Batman figurines and toys for years. This year is no exception. With a new cartoon, Batman Beyond DC has created a newer, younger Batman to target younger audiences and keep the Batman flame alive.

Besides Batman, a host of other characters who have been traditional sidekicks or even nemeses of Batman are available.

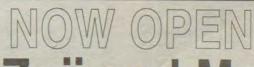
Children and adults alike still collect and or play with these figures. A large supply of them can be found at Wal-Mart, K-mart, and many other department stores for Christmas. Prices start at \$4.97.



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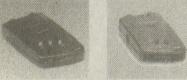
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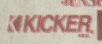
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Read all about it

by Pam Shingler Senior Editor

There is one category of gifts that can suit just about anyone on your list books.

Granny Ruth wants to learn how to trace the family's roots. Get her a book.

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Most of us know someone who loves the escape of romance or mystery fiction. The bookshelves are full of reasonably priced paperbacks to suit these readers. Get them a bagful for the long winter evenings.

Among the top-selling books in Floyd County are books about the region, says Elliott Fraim, owner of Readmore Books Prestonsburg and Pikeville.

Fraim's neat, welcoming store in Glynview Plaza has a wide range of books about Appalachia. Prominently displayed is Wayland native Barbara Ford Ritchie's "Coal Camp Kids," a favorite of people who grew up in the coal mining communities that once dotted the

The editor of Ritchie's book is another Waylander Paul Jordan.

Fraim says Linda Scott DeRossier's book. "Creekers," about growing up at Two Mile in rural Johnson County has sold especially well since its release last month by the University Press Kentucky. The book has received excellent reviews.

Books by such prominent eastern Kentuckians as Jesse Stuart, James Still and Loyal Jones continue to make treasured gifts.

Other good sellers on the region look at history and roots, such as "Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky,' which features names from Adams to Worthington, and "Annals of Floyd County,



Books about the local area, as well as anything about the University of Kentucky Wildcats, should please someone on your gift list this year. Elliott Fraim at Readmore Books says "Catmania" is a big seller. (photos by Pam Shingler)



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It's never too early to introduce children to the riches of reading. You can find age appropriate books for infants through teenagers. You can buy a child books you read to the child and, later, books the child reads to him or herself, to siblings or to you.

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tion, study after study has proved that children who are read to and who learn early to value reading do better in school, have more self-confidence and initiative, and are, all around, more fun to be with.

The best selling books at Readmore in mid-November were non-fiction. At the top were diet-related books: "Carbohydrate Addict's Diet" by Drs. Richard and Rachael Heller; "John Glenn: A Memoir" and Edmond Morris' controversial biography of Ronald Reagan, called "Dutch."

Fraim says more than 25 percent of the store's business comes from special orders. If you can't find the book you want in the store, Fraim or one of his assistants will order it for you, in which case you'll get it in a couple of days (and without the hefty shipping charges you pay with Internet or catalogs).

Besides books. Readmore, like most other bookstores, has a variety of magazines. It also has items for collectors, such as paraphernalia for coin collecting and sports card collecting.

Everyone uses calendars, which are also available alongside the books. They range from desktop to wall types and feature themes that appeal to a variety of interests, from pets to beach

Celebrate the season in style

As the holiday season approaches, there are many reasons to celebrate, from Thanksgiving into the new millennium. This year, make every occasion an event. And do it in style. Cato, the value-priced women's apparel and accessories retailer, offers a few suggestions to help you make this season a memorable one.

Enjoy the sensation of dressing up in luxury fabrics like velvet and satin. Perfect for any holiday gathering, stretch velvet dresses and separates are comfortable, versatile and most importantly, wonderfully affordable. You can choose from all kinds of party dresses, long and short, or full ball skirts paired

with a variety of elegant tops.

Host a dinner party to celebrate the people who are important to you. Make it special by asking your guests to dress up. Use candles to create a festive mood. When planning your outfit, add your own sparkle and shine. Try a stretch knit glitter sweater with a long skirt, or pair of classic black pants.

No blue jeans at the Thanksgiving table this year! Get dressed for family get-togethers. Wear something with unique embellishments like beaded details, embroidery designs or animal trims

Use small gifts to celebrate the people in your life. When going to some-

one else's home, bring a hostess gift. Great gift ideas include potpourri sachets, unique pictures frames, or a pretty scarf.

Don't forget to accessorize. Show your sense of style with beaded and embroidered accessories, including shoes, handbags and decorative evening shawls. Add a touch of shimmer to your holiday look with glittery hair clips or rhinestone jewelry.

It's only going to happen once, so be a little "over the top" when ringing in 2000. Whether you are going out for a night on the town or staying home with family members and friends, this is the year to celebrate fashionably.

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Holiday Favorites

"The following recipes are reprinted from the cookbook "Favorite Recipes Nestle Toll House Collection.

CREAMY CHOCOLATE FUDGE

One 7-oz. jar marshmallow cream

1 1/2 cups sugar

2/3 cup evaporated milk

1/4 cup butter

1/4 teaspoon salt

One 11 1/2-oz. pkg. (2 cups) Nestle Toll House milk chocolate morsels

One 6-oz. pkg. (1 cup) Nestle Toll House semisweet chocolate morsels

1 cup chopped walnuts 1 teaspoon vanilla

extract gauge saucepan, combine marshmallow cream, sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt. Bring to full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add Nestle Toll House milk chocolate morsels and Nestle Toll House semi-sweet chocolate morsels; stir until morsels are melted and mixture is smooth. Stir in walnuts and vanilla extract. Pour into foil-lined 8-inch square pan. Chill until firm (about 2 hours). Makes: about 2 1/2 pounds.

PRESTIGE PECAN DROPS

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/3 cup evaporated milk 2 tablespoons corn syrup Nestle Toll House semisweet chocolate morsels

1/2 cup chopped pecans 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

36 pecan halves

gauge heavy saucepan, combine brown sugar, evaporated milk and corn syrup. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add Nestle Toll House semi-sweet chocolate morsels, chopped pecans and vanilla extract; stir until morsels are melted and mixture has thickened slightly. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto waxedpaper-lined cookie sheet. Press pecan half on top. Chill until firm (about 30 minutes). Makes: 3 dozen candies.

ULTIMATE ROCKY ROAD

One 11 1/2-oz. pkg. (2 cups) Nestle Toll House milk chocolate morsels

2 1/4 cups miniature marshmallows

1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts

1/4 cup sunflower seeds
Melt over hot (not boiling) water, Nestle Toll
House milk chocolate
morsels; stir until smooth.
Remove from heat. Stir in
marshmallows, nuts and
sunflower seeds. Spread in
foil-lined 8-inch square
pan. Chill until firm (about
1 hour). Cut into 1-inch
squares. Makes: About 5
dozen 1-inch squares.

MINTY FUDGE BROWNIES

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup sugar 1/2 cup butter

3 tablespoons water

One 10-oz. pkg. (1 1/2 cups) Nestle Toll House mint-chocolate morsels

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 eggs

1 cup chopped nuts Preheat oven to 325°F. In

small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. In medium saucepan, combine sugar, butter and water; bring just to a boil. Remove from heat. Add Nestle Toll House mintchocolate morsels and vanilla extract; stir until morsels are melted and mixture is smooth. Transfer to large bowl. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually blend in flour mixture. Stir in nuts. Spread into greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake at: 325°F. for 30-35 minutes. Cool; cut into 1 1/2inch squares. Garnish with walnut halves, if desired. Makes 4 dozen 1 1/2-inch brownies.

BLACK & WHITE CHEESECAKE BROWNIES

Brownie Bars

One 12-oz. pkg. (2 cups) Nestle Toll House Little Bits semi-sweet chocolate, divided 1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup butter, softened

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon salt

2/3 cup all-purpose flour One 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

2 tablespoons butter, softened

2 eggs

2 tablespoons milk

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Cheesecake topping

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

3/4 cup Nestle Toll House Little Bits semisweet chocolate, reserved from 12-oz. pkg.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Melt over hot (not boiling) water, 1 1/4 cups Nestle Toll House Little Bits semi-sweet chocolate; stir until smooth. Set aside. In large bowl, combine sugar and butter; beat until creamy. Add eggs, vanilla extract and salt; mix well. Add melted morsels and flour; mix well. Spread into foillined 9-inch square baking pan.

In large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and butter; beat, untiul creamy. Add eggs, milk, flour and almond extract; beat well. Stir in remaining 3/4 cup Nestle Toll House Little Bits semi-sweet chocolate. Pour over Brownie Base. Bake at: 350°F for 40-45 minutes. Cool completely; cut into 2 1/4-inch squares.

Makes: Sixteen 2 1/4-inch brownies.





BE A SPORT

To wear or to watch, sports gear is good gift



An exceptional variety of University of Kentucky items can be found at the Prestonsburg Community College Bookstore. (photo by Karen Joseph)



For the little Wildcats

Several different styles of UK cheerleading outfits are available at the Prestonsburg Community College Bookstore. (photo by Karen Joseph)

by Karen Joseph Sports Writer

For the sports fan on your list, there are several places in Floyd County where you can find that special gift.

For the old and young alike, you can find unique gifts for your sports fanatic

If you are shopping for a UK fan, you won't have to travel to Lexington to find that one-of-a-kind Christmas present. For the true UK fan, the Prestonsburg Community College Bookstore has a great selection of gifts — from soup bowls to monopoly games. These items range in price from \$4.55 to \$21.05.

The bookstore has Wildcat placemats, napkins, tablecloths, bowls, drinking glasses, children's dishes, towels — to name just a few things for the home.

As for wearing apparel, the college store has a large assortment of clothing in sizes from 0-3 months to XXX. You can find a large selection of children's wear, anything from overalls, jumpsuits, tee-shirts, sweatshirts, warm-up outfits, infant layettes, baby gift sets, bottles, socks and baby bottles — all with the UK logo.

And for that little Wildcat cheerleader on your list, there are four different styles of cheerleading uniforms, range in price from around \$22 to \$32

For the older Wildcats fans on your list, you can find an array of jackets, tee shirts and sweatshirts at a variety of prices.

Another place that no one would ever think of to shop is the Prestonsburg Dairy Cheer. Yes, Dairy Cheer.

The popular restaurant has a large assortment of gifts for the UK fan. They have key chains, cups, flags, pens, earrings, license plates, night lights, hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets. They also have stuffed UK animals and cheerleader dolls.

These gifts ideas start at \$1 (pen) and go up to \$65 (jacket), so you can find something for your UK fan in your price range.

If the sports fan on your list is not a UK fan, there are other options in Floyd County. Sports Sensation in Glynview Plaza in Prestonsburg has a variety of gifts for the sports fans. The store also has a wide selection of UK apparel, but they have several different teams. The Tim Couch jersey comes in adult sizes in both the brown and white. NFL jackets and sweatshirts are available, as well as college sweatshirts and jackets, including Indiana, North Carolina and

Notre Dame apparel. For the NFL fans, there's Chicago-Bears, Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Rams, New England Patriots, San Francisco 49s and Pittsburgh Steelers, for starters.

They have baseball jerseys and your normal sporting apparel. They carry sweat pants and athletic shoes as well as socks — just about anything you can think of for the sports fan.

If the sports fan on your list is an outdoors buff, you can also find the perfect gift in Floyd County. The Sports Store, located at Stanville, has a large selection of guns and bows, both long and cross bows. They also have youth's bows.

The store carries the Tim Couch jerseys and other popular attire, but they focus more on the outdoorsman's supplies. Long guns, for instance, start at around \$300 and handguns start at \$90. They carry ammunition for most guns, as well as hunting supplies.

The Sports Store has the very popular paintball guns and supplies. They can also fill the canisters for your paintball gun.

If your sports fan is a baseball fan, you can find baseball gloves and baseball bats at The Sports Store. They also carry footballs and basketballs and other sports gear.

Dawahare's and Johnny Lemaster in Pikeville and Paintsville carry local school apparel, and any teenager, sports fan or not, would like a school sweatshirt.

Wal-mart also carries local school wear, as well as a large assortment of hunting and fishing supplies for the sportsman.

So when you start to think about your Christmas shopping, particularly for the sports fan, you really don't have to go far from home.



Sports Sensation not only has University of Kentucky wear, but they also have Tim Couch's jersey in adult sizes in white and brown. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Make sure your turkey is cooked: food handling tips for Thanksgiving

Like most Americans, many Kentuckians will sit down to a turkey dinner this Thanksgiving to celebrate and share time with family and friends.

Since food is a common feature for most holiday celebrations, the Kentucky Department for Public Health wants to make sure the food is prepared and cooked properly.

Many Thanksgivings include the traditional foods, and most are safe, but each year some Kentucky families may experience illness from their Thanksgiving meal.

"Many foodborne illnesses in Kentucky may be attributed to improperly handled foods in our homes," said Guy Delius, manager of the food safety branch. "There are some simple and easy food safety practices we can do in our home to minimize the occurrence of food poisoning.

"While itis important to handle foods in the home safely all the time, it's especially important to take extra care during the holidays, because families are preparing more food than usual and more family members may be helping in the kitchen," Delius said.

"Also, food is often made in other family members' homes and transported to the meal site, and people often eat the leftovers for days."

Here are some more tips for the safe handling of food:

- When dealing with poultry, make sure it is not undercooked and do not let raw poultry or meat juices touch any other foods.
- Cooks should wash their hands frequently when handling food, and sanitize utensils such as knives, and items like cutting boards so that food is not cross contaminated.
 - · Wash food before preparing it.
 - Food should be promptly refrigerated.

Health officials offered the following guidelines for thawing a turkey:

Thaw in a refrigerator with the temperature at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Allow 3-4 days for thawing.

Place under cool running water at a temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit or less; or if the entire thawing and cooking process will be done in the microwave oven, increase the temperature by 25 degrees Fahrenheit over normal conventional oven temperatures for a turkey to ensure even thorough cooking in the microwave and cook it immediately after thawing.

When thawing turkey in a microwave oven, cook it immediately instead of letting it sit out.

The following guidelines should be used when preparing turkey and stuffing:

Cook at 325 degrees Fahrenheit until the internal temperature of the meat reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit with no interruptions in the cooking process. A meat temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit should be maintained until the turkey is served or the meat should be immediately sliced and refrigerated on shallow platters so that rapid cooling will occur.

It is not possible to cool a whole cooked turkey in an ordinary freezer or refrigerator within a few hours. Any undercooked juices, stuffing or meat in the thickest part of the turkey may result in bacterial growth over extended cool down time, such as overnight or for longer than four hours.

Platters should not be stacked on each other since proper air circulation is necessary to facilitate cooling. A turkey should be thoroughly cooked and rapidly cooled. A metal stemmed, dial-type thermometer placed in the thickest part of the thigh or breast should be used to measure the turkey's internal temperature.

It is best to cook the turkey and stuffing separately. If they are prepared together, the turkey should not be stuffed until immediately before cooking.

Follow these suggestions when storing

poultry leftovers:

Refrigerate at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Wrap turkey and stuffing separately in shallow dishes or platters for storing. Prepare sandwiches on sanitized cutting boards and use clean equipment.

To reheat a turkey or serve in a hot dish, rapidly heat it to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit and make sure it is heated thoroughly.

Follow these suggestions to properly clean utensils:

To sanitize equipment or utensils after thorough washing and rinsing, immerse them for 30 seconds in clean, hot water at 170 degrees Fahrenheit, or immerse for at least one minute in a clean solution containing at least 50 parts per million of chlorine (one teaspoon of 5.25 percent household beach per gallon of water at 75 degrees Fahrenheit).

For cutting boards or equipment that is too large to immerse for sanitation, swab or wipe the clean surface with the sanitizing solution.

For more information about food safety, contact the Food Safety Branch for free literature at 502/564-7181. Also, an educational food safety video training package is available for consumers to purchase by calling the same number.



The Perfect Holiday Gift: Theme Baskets!

(NAPSA)-Are you looking for the answer to the age-old question of what to get everyone on your gift list this holiday season? "Themed gift baskets are a wonderful way to express your thoughtfulness and creativity, and they are fun and easy to create, no matter what your budget," says nationally known designer Debbie Mumm. "Theme each basket to the recipient's personality by jotting down a few words that describe the individual's personality or interests. Before you know it, you will have individualized gift baskets with fun theme-related gifts. Holiday shopping has never been so easy or such a pleasure!"

• Dinner á Deux: A great gift for friends and family. Fill a large basket or a large serving tray with dinnerware, flatware, place mats, tablecloth, napkins, wineglasses and a corkscrew. For a festive touch, add a bottle of wine, champagne or sparkling cider. To personalize it further include favorite gourmet snacks or a box of fine chocolates!

• All About Kids: Don't forget the kids. Fill a colorful basket or plastic pail with plush toys, children's storybooks and slippers. Other fun items that all kids will love include fun bath toys, colorful crayons, markers and paints, coloring books, holiday candy and temporary tattoos.

• Warm Winter Nights: A thoughtful gift to help every family to weather the winter months. Start with a large rectangular basket or tray, line with colorful



Gift baskets can be a wonderful way to express thoughtfulness and creativity.

cloth napkins and fill with holiday mugs, gourmet coffees, fine teas, cocoa, or mulled cider mixes. Don't forget the toppings like shaved chocolate, candy canes, marshmallows, cinnamon sticks, and sugar cubes. You may want to include teacups, a kettle, silver teaspoons, etc.

• Pets Are People Too: Remember Fido and Whiskers! Fill a plastic bucket with pet toys, animal treats, a leash or new collar, customized ID tag, and pet brush. And for the owner, a pet frame.

• Bon Voyage: For the frequent flyer, fill a carry-on sized hand bag or backpack with an array of luxury travel-sized bath products, moisturizers, and must-have items for any weary traveler—hand cream, a mini water atomizer, mini snack packs of gourmet chocolates, chips, etc., a travel journal, the latest paperback, an eye shield, luggage tags, inflatable neck pillow and a compass!

· Fitness Fun: The number

one New Year's resolution is "to get fit!" Help someone actually stick with this goal with a basket or gym bag filled with fitness items. Include a water bottle, towel, weight gloves, a jump rope, elastic fitness bands, work out videos, wrist and ankle weights, a sports walkman, high energy CD's or tapes.

• Viva Italia: This will appeal to almost anyone! Line a large pasta bowl or traditional basket with red and white kitchen towels or napkins. Then, fill with gourmet pasta and sauces, Italian cooking spices, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, your favorite pasta and dessert recipes, parmesan cheese, bread sticks, bread mix, and hard cheeses.

• Millennium Madness: With the biggest night on earth happening just a week after Christmas, put together the ultimate survival kit. Fill an ice bucket with champagne, champagne flutes, a 2000 calendar, horn blowers, hats, confetti, streamers, fortune cookies, and candles. And to survive Y2K—bottled water, cash, snacks, computer magazine, a computer disk for all the files you may lose on New Year's Day!

Mumm says above all, remember to have fun. "The possibilities are endless and your gift will be remembered for years to come!" Mumm's complete line of Mummford holiday products can currently be found at all 267 Mervyn's California stores across the country. For more information, call 1-800-637-8967 or visit www.mervyns.com.

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Using Web sites like Deja.com can save time and money.

(NAPSA)—As the holiday season approaches, shoppers find themselves faced with the age-old problems of what gifts to buy and where to buy them. Many point to the Internet as a way to save time spent waiting in lines and to save money through easy comparison shopping.

Online sales this holiday season are expected to top \$6 billion, nearly double last year's total, according to Jupiter Communications, a leading provider of research on Internet commerce. For millions of Internet users, this holiday season will be their first online shopping experience.

But the big question for both online and traditional shoppers remains: How do you know what gifts to buy and where to buy them?

Whether you will be shopping online or in a mall this holiday season, one Web site can help answer all shoppers' questions—Deja.com. Deja.com (www.deja.com) is a leading consumer decision-making site where you can read advice and see product ratings and reviews from people who have purchased before you.

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Whether you are looking for baby strollers or cell phones, Deja.com offers advice and information from real consumers. From computers to espresso makers to sport utility vehicles, Deja.com will help you make smarter buying decisions this holiday season. And, if you're really stumped for a gift idea, use the Deja.com Holiday Gift Guide. It offers hundreds of gift suggestions based on personality types such as the "athletic fanatic," the "do-it-yourselfer," the "aficionado" and the "hipster/trendsetter." There is an entire section devoted to ideas for children, and recommendations based on price are available for each personality

In addition to being a valuable source of information before you buy, Deja.com has also teamed up with a number of reputable online merchants, allowing shoppers to easily move from investigating a product to buying it—with the click of a mouse.

The Internet has changed the way America shops. But to make the most of the Internet's time-and money-saving capabilities, you have to be a smart consumer. Sites such as Deja.com, which help you decide what to buy and then conveniently link you to reputable online merchants, are here just in time for this year's holiday shopping season.

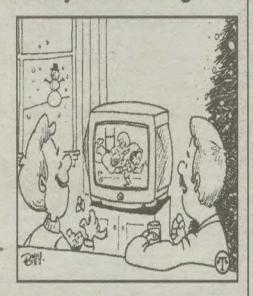
How to Brighten Your Holiday Season Festive Ideas for Holiday Gift-Giving

(NAPSA)—To get the reputation for being great at gift-giving, it may pay to consider a few hints this holiday season.

First, don't go shopping. At least not before you've answered a few important questions. Who will get the present? What does he or she enjoy doing and seeing: high tech, music, books, gardens, cookware? Finally, how much are you prepared to spend?

Next, go over your gift list. You might like to start with the woman in your life. Your mother, girlfriend, wife or sister may like a television set with a unique design. It's as sensible as it is stylish and futuristic. An attractive set can enhance a bedroom, kitchen or family room. Creating a new style of televisions, Philips Consumer Electronics introduced a set which sports an ice blue metallic hue. lighted "feet" that glow in the dark, and an elegant, built-in analog alarm clock with wake-up settings including a harp, xylophone and rooster crow. It can enliven any home décor and brighten the holiday season for your special ladies.

A tech-savvy dad, son or husband may dream of the latest in home technology. For example, the Philips DVD940 player offers over twice the picture quality of VHS and creates sensational color. crisp resolution and virtual 3D surround. Its unique upgradable function lets its owner change its features, such as backgrounds and audio/video controls. It also has dual lasers for multi-format playback so the whole family can gather 'round to enjoy the ultimate home movie experience. In addition, an easy-to-use parental



approval option gives parents more control over home viewing.

As you plan your holiday celebration, an important ingredient is a mix of holiday tunes to keep the party fun and festive. With a Philips Audio CD-Recorder, you get to choose the music you want and record your own holiday mix on a CD. While you're at it, you can make a CD mix for someone special and wrap it with a Philips portable CD player. The player retails for less than \$100, comes in festive holiday colors and even plays erasable blank discs (in case your someone special wants to change a song or two).

For those who can't be with relatives over the holidays, the Philips PC Video Camera can bring families together "virtually" by allowing them to shoot video messages instantly and send them to absent loved ones. The camera features flicker-free pictures and an integrated microphone for live audio that will bring the day to life for those who are missing it.

To learn more about these and other exciting electronics products, call 1-800-531-0039 or browse the web at: www.philips.usa.com. You can also find many of these great gifts at local electronics stores.