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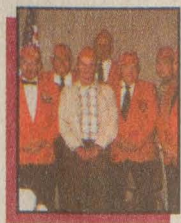
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Prison faces uncertain future

Otter Creek says it must accept out-of-state inmates or shut down

by **Ralph B. Davis**
Managing Editor

Officials with the Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright say that facility must either start accepting out-of-state prisoners or send its 128 workers to the unemployment line.

"It's coming to the point that (Corrections Corporation of America, owner of the prison) has to do something," said Bill Wolford, warden at the minimum-security prison, adding that the problem is simply one of numbers.

Wolford said estimates of a growing prison population in Kentucky have not panned out, resulting in empty beds at Otter Creek and lost revenue for CCA.

If CCA cannot find a way to fill Otter Creek and its two

other Kentucky facilities, which include the Lee County Adjustment Center in Beatt, ville and the Marion County Adjustment Center in St. Mary's, the only viable

however, have not been realized, Wolford said. The warden said that while Otter Creek has a capacity of 600, the prison currently has only 482 prisoners. And the situation is much the same at the Lee and Marion, he said.

The empty beds are costing CCA about \$3.4 million a year, Wolford said. He added that CCA has enough prisoners to fill two of its prisons in the state, but not the third.

As a result, Wolford said CCA is faced with three options:

- Upgrade the prison to accept medium-security Kentucky prisoners,
- Upgrade the prison to accept medium-security out-of-state prisoners, or
- Close the prison.

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"Hope we all buy into this because we need this facility. The bottom line is what it would do to this area and these people if (the prison) closed."

— Bill Wolford, Otter Creek warden

option remaining would be to shut the Wheelwright prison down.

Wolford explained that CCA constructed 256-bed expansions at each of the three Kentucky prisons last year in anticipation of forecasts that the state would need more beds for its prisoners.

Those additional prisoners,



Should Otter Creek Correctional Center convert to medium security in its proposal to bring in 600 out-of-state inmates, a second razor-wire fence like the one above would be constructed around the prison to beef up security. Otter Creek, which was plagued by walkaways in its early years, has had no escapes since a security upgrade was completed in 1997. (photo by Ralph B. Davis)

Residents react to news with mixed feelings

by **Ralph B. Davis**
Managing Editor

WHEELWRIGHT - Faced with the prospect of either 600 out-of-state prisoners moving into their community or losing their town's largest employer altogether, many in this former coal camp express reluctant acceptance of a plan to keep Otter Creek Correctional Center open.

During the Friday lunch rush at the Cardinal Country Market, manager Tina Flanery said she is somewhat ambivalent

of the proposal to convert Otter Creek to a medium-security prison to house inmates from Indiana.

"I don't know what to think about it," Flanery said. "It's brought a lot of jobs in here, but you've also got to stop and think what kind of prisoners they're going to have up there."

But Flanery, who lives directly across Route 306 from the prison, said that while those thoughts do nag

Do we need her mind, she is not too frightened of the proposed change.

"The way I see it, if they're from out of state, they're going to head back out of state if they actually do break out," Flanery said. "And they've done so much work with the fences and stuff that I'm not actually worried about it."

But Flanery does worry about what would happen to her community if the prison did shut down, especially after the closure of Wheelwright High School.

"There just about wouldn't be nothing (if Otter Creek closed)," Flanery said. "There wouldn't be much left."

In the end, Flanery, who said her business benefits from the workers at the prison, said she is willing to accept changes at the prison in order to keep the jobs in the community.

"If it'll keep the jobs, I guess

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Otter Creek prisoners, left, repair donated toys which the prison will give to needy children. The inmates may soon be leaving the area, as the private prison mulls whether to shut down or bring in 600 out-of-state inmates. (photo by Ralph B. Davis)

Board agrees on building

by **Willie Elliott**
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Education, in a special-called session Thursday night, worked out a plan that allows the board to go from an either-or situation to a win-win situation.

The board had tried four previous times, the last being Tuesday night, to pass a motion to purchase the old Bank Josephine main office in Prestonsburg for a central office.

Board members Carol Stumbo, Jody Mullins and Don Roberts had indicated they wanted more information on the building and also wanted to address the leaky roofs that plague several of the schools.

Superintendent Paul Fanning directed maintenance director Greg Adams to put together a packet of information for board members to help them make a

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Public meetings

■ Allen city council, 7 p.m. Monday.

■ Prestonsburg city council ordinance committee at noon, Monday. Items to be discussed include a pair of proposals concerning the creation of a golf course advisory board.

■ Prestonsburg city council special meeting, 12:30 p.m. Monday. Items on the agenda include proposals concerning the creation of a golf course advisory board and bids for a street sweeper and pickup truck.

■ Prestonsburg Utilities Commission, 1 p.m. Monday. Members will discuss a financial and field management contract with the David Community Development Corporation.

■ Honey Branch Industrial Development Authority, 2 p.m. Monday. The board will review activities at the Honey Branch Industrial Development Park in Martin County and the Sykes project at Mossy Bottom in Pike County.

■ Floyd County Industrial Corporation, 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Gearheart Communications in Harold.

■ Wheelwright city council, 7 p.m. Tuesday. The council will discuss the purchase of body armor and hear a presentation from Bill Wolford, warden at the Otter Creek Correctional Center.

Murphy's a Martin mealtime mainstay

by **Willie Elliott**
Staff Writer

Murphy's Restaurant of Martin, owned by Patty and Mitchell Murphy, known for many years as Frazier's Restaurant,

years, said one of the things that kept people coming back to the restaurant was the home-cooked food.

"Working people come in here for such things as fried chicken and soup beans," Salisbury said.

Downtown SURVIVORS

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won't get your business based on a fancy building or clever decor. What will get your attention is "down home" food at a reasonable price and service with a smile.

The menu Friday included fish, spaghetti, roast beef and gravy, and ham. Ethel Salisbury, who has worked at the same site for 34

from farther distances, to have a home-cooked meal.

Salisbury said the restaurant feeds the Kiwanis every Tuesday night at 6. She said they moved to another location for a time, "but now they are back with us."

(See **Murphy's**, page two)



Ethel Salisbury, middle, is shown with owners Mitchell and Kathy Murphy by the gas stove that has turned out many meals. Many people identify the restaurant by saying, "it's the one where Ethel works." (photo by Willie Elliott)

Prison

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Of the three options, Wolford said he does not believe accepting medium-security Kentucky prisoners is a viable option because it does not appear there would be enough to keep Otter Creek full.

That leaves CCA with two viable alternatives, Wolford said — either closing Otter Creek or filling it with 600 inmates from Indiana.

Wolford said the Indiana

inmates are already in the CCA system. They are currently being held in an Oklahoma prison owned by CCA, but Oklahoma has asked the company to move them to make way for its own prisoners.

Wolford said CCA is willing to make a similar commitment to move the Indiana prisoners out of Kentucky if the state ever needs the beds at Otter Creek.

But while Wolford said he

believes some local residents might raise their eyebrows over the prospect of moving out-of-state prisoners into Otter Creek, he says there is little to fear.

For one, Wolford said the prison will undergo a number of upgrades before the Indiana prisoners would be allowed to be moved in. Those improvements include:

- A second razor-wire fence around the prison, 12 feet from the existing one,

- An electronic fence intrusion system which would cause alarms to alert security officers anytime the fence is tampered with,

- Firearms training for all staff members, and

- Armed security outside the prison, which could come in the form of either a gun tower or armed guards patrolling the prison perimeter.

Wolford also said the Indiana prisoners would not be much different from the ones already housed at Otter Creek, with similar crimes and sentences. That is especially true, the warden said, since a 1997 upgrade converted the prison into a "restricted-minimum" facility, which Wolford described as "halfway between minimum and medium."

And while the Wheelwright prison was notorious for walkaways during its first few years of operation, Wolford points to the fact that the facility has not had a single escape since the 1997 upgrade, which included erection of the current razor-wire fence.

"I never tell anybody I can guarantee anything, especially in this business," Wolford said. "I just look at our track record over the past two-and-a-half years."

In addition to saving the prison, Wolford said bringing out-of-state prisoners to Otter Creek would have some benefits for the community, most notably in an increase in jobs.

Wolford said that converting the prison to medium security would require Otter Creek to hire between 12 and 36 additional staff members.

"It's a win-win situation," Wolford said. "We'll have more security and create more jobs for the community."

On the other hand, should CCA be forced to shut down Otter Creek, Wolford said he believes the loss would be devastating to the community.

Wolford pointed out that Otter Creek has an annual payroll of \$4.5 million, 85 to 90 percent of which is paid to Floyd Countians, and

pays over \$60,000 a year in property taxes to Wheelwright and Floyd County.

In addition, the warden said the prison spends about \$1 million for goods and services in Floyd County each year and roughly \$10,000 a month to Wheelwright for utility service.

As far as what will happen, Wolford said the decision belongs entirely to CCA.

"Technically, I don't think we do (need permission from the state or county to make the change)," Wolford said. "But CCA doesn't work that way. It's very important to them that the community support (the proposal)."

"I hope we all buy into this because we need this facility. The bottom line is what it would do to this area and these people if (the prison) closed."

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Building

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decision about purchasing the bank building and addressing the roof problems.

Fanning proposed that money from sold properties, including the central office, be used toward solving the roof problems as well as purchasing a building to house the central office.

The board will have \$443,206 to accomplish both goals when the Middle Creek and Melvin properties are closed. The plan also called for the district's maintenance system to do most of the work on the roofs, rather than have it done by contractors.

Stumbo asked Adams if he felt comfortable with the assessment of the conditions of the bank building. Adams said he had looked at some part of the buildings (the property

consists of three buildings) and thought it was sound and repairs could be made to the damaged areas within the budget he suggested.

Adams said he thought it was a good deal for the school to get the building for \$125,000 when it has an appraised value of \$415,000.

Adams gave an estimate of \$48,000 to prepare the building for occupancy by central office personnel. State Manager Woody Carter said he wanted the board to recognize that extra money beyond this estimate would be needed to provide a suitable place for the finance department and to install facilities to accommodate the handicapped.

Stumbo and Mullins asked if the roofs were going to be repaired. Adams said by using maintenance

personnel, the system would save about \$300,000. Adams added that the board should understand that while the maintenance crew was installing roofs, other work would suffer.

Adams further added that if roof drains were added, with no additional supplies or work, the buildings could be done for \$17,200.

Adams also provided the board with a cost analysis of three sites for a central office — the present site, the old high school building at Martin and the old Bank Josephine building.

Stumbo said one thing that would upset her would be for the board to find out later that it had to do major repairs on the roof.

When it was time to vote, Stumbo said she wanted to make a

statement about her vote. "This has been a painful process. The next time an item such as this comes up, I would like for my questions to be taken seriously and answered."

The board then voted 4-0 on Dotson's motion to give the board permission to purchase the bank building under the terms of a letter from Citizens National Bank and pay for the building from funds realized from the sale of property.

The motion also said a process would be set in place to use funds to attack the problems identified by Adams. Each project is to be brought before the board for approval. The work will be done until all the identified projects are finished or funds are exhausted.

All members except Roberts were in attendance.

Murphy's

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Salisbury said one item that seemed to remain a constant hit is her pies. A sign on wall advertises them as "Granny's Pies," and they are eaten almost as fast as she can make them.

On Friday, Stallard Osborne and Renee Frasure (no, not related to the former owners — even spelled differently) were in for

the first time. Osborne said the roast beef with gravy "hit the spot." Before he left, he asked for a bowl to take left-over beans home with him.

On one wall is a collection of photos of friends, customers and family members.

Osborne and Frasure said they had heard from other people how good the food was at Murphy's.

Salisbury recounted the history of the restaurant as she knew it. Ethel Frazier ran the restaurant for many years and then sold it to Verle Frazier. Janet Taylor ran the business for awhile.

Kathy Murphy has been running the restaurant for about two years. While the owners have changed over the years, the food and service have remained the same — top notch.

Salisbury pointed out that

when she started working at the restaurant there was a theater, Martin Theater, across the street. Since that time she has turned out meal after meal with few complaints and tons of compliments.

Bud Reynolds, a Martin citizen, is a walking commercial for the establishment. He paints a picture of the restaurant for his South Floyd High School students that would rival that of fancier restaurant in a metropolitan area.

Ed Taylor, sports editor at the Times said, "They don't scrimp on portions and everyone knows Ethel Salisbury is one of the best cooks around." He said it was just a good place to eat and has clean facilities, good company and excellent food.

Ironically enough, Kathy Murphy started out as a waitress

at the restaurant. As a waitress in 1993, Murphy had this to say about Salisbury, "She's a great person. She has worked hard all her life. We couldn't survive without Granny (an affectionate name given Salisbury)."

So after working at the restaurant for six days, you figure that Salisbury takes time off on Sunday and goes out for dinner. Not so, Salisbury said, "I cook for my family on Sunday as much as I do here. I cook breakfast, dinner and supper. I never get tired of cooking."

If you find yourself in or near Martin and you get a craving for well-prepared old-fashioned cooking, drop by and say hi to the Murphys and Salisbury. You will find the food and company to be top-notch.

Reaction

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that's what we need," Flanery said.

Not everyone, however, is as supportive of the prison as Flanery. James Hall said he didn't like the prison much to begin with.

"I think they ought to get it out of here," Hall said.

Billy Osborne, who was standing with Hall, said he doesn't like the idea of out-of-state prisoners being moved into Otter Creek and he would like to see another solution to keeping it open.

"They built the Floyd County jail up there and it's overflowing,"

Osborne said. "Why can't they put some of them up there?"

Others however, say they are pleased with the prison — both with the jobs and money it puts into the community and its recovery from an initial string of escapes.

Standing outside the Bypro Market, Morris Ray Hall, from nearby Hi Hat, said he doesn't fear the prison, with or without out-of-state prisoners.

"I think they'll be able to handle the situation, no matter where (the prisoners) come from,"

Morris Hall said. "We had a fellow from church go up there and preach for two or three years. It's no big deal. People just try to make it a big deal."

Morris Hall also said he likes the community service work the prisoners do and believes the prison's presence in the community has been beneficial in other ways, as well.

"They take better care of the highways since they've had the prison here," Morris Hall said. "We've got better roads coming in here since then."

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Bertha Danielle Kendrick, 3, of Ivy Creek in Ivel, was on hand yesterday (Saturday) to pose with Santa Claus at the Prestonsburg Big Lots store. Bertha said she was afraid of Santa last year but is not afraid of him now. Santa stopped by Big Lots to take pictures to raise funds for The Dream Factory. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Tips to keep the family (and the family car) safe

by Lucille Treganowan
(NAPSA)-Automobiles require regular maintenance to keep them in top shape. Between family vacations and shuttling kids back and forth to soccer practice and play dates, it's a good idea to follow some simple tips to help ensure safe and happy travel.

Start with a safe car.
Don't wait until problems creep up to service your car. Start by diligently following the maintenance schedule suggested in the owner's manual.

Fluids-Change your car's oil every three months, or 3,000 miles. Test the transmission fluid, power steering fluid, power brake fluid, etc., as often as the owner's manual suggests. Also pay attention to the sights and smells that alert you to a fluid leak.

Tires-Buy the tire grade recommended for your car, and be sure to rotate them every 5,000 miles. If you load the car with heavy objects, or you tow items, consider tires that are one grade higher than recommended. Tread depth should be checked regularly, and should be at least 2/32". This can be checked with a penny. Insert the penny, head first, into the tread. If the tread does not come up to the top of Lincoln's head, the tread is too worn to be safe.

Exhaust system-If the system doesn't run efficiently, your car will pollute the environment, and pose a very serious safety threat. Carbon monoxide-a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas-can collect beneath the car and seep into the

area where passengers sit.
Brakes-Have a professional technician inspect your car's brakes once a year, and don't forget about the parking brake.

Windows and windshields-Replace wiper blades regularly, and clean off oil buildup with a good cleanser that won't scratch the glass.

Performance check-Better known as a "tune-up," it should be done by a repair shop once a year.

It's also smart to learn how to make basic repairs-changing a flat, jump-starting a dead battery, dealing with an overheated vehicle, etc. A basic car care manual, such as Lucille's Car Care: Everything You Need to Know from Under the Hood by America's Most Trusted Mechanic (Hyperion, 1996), can help.

If you're in an emergency situation, cool heads generally prevail.
Snow, mud or sand-If you're stuck, spinning your wheels could get you in deeper. And rocking back and forth could damage your transmission. The best idea is to dig a path for your tires, and create traction with cinders, salt or kitty litter.

Minor accident-If another vehicle is involved, get the driver's name, license number, license plate and insurance information. Call for police assistance and give details for the accident report and insurance claim.

Major accident-Address immediate dangers, such as fire or serious injuries, and call for emergency assistance.



Car expert Lucille Treganowan recommends following the advice found in the owner's manual.

Remember, getting to your destination safely is always more important than getting there quickly, so allow plenty of time for a trip and avoid the need for speed.

Jiffy Lube, which began in 1979, now has more than 2,000 centers in 49 states. For other helpful information about car care, you

can visit the Web site at www.jiffylube.com.

Lucille Treganowan is the spokeswoman for Jiffy Lube International. She is one of America's most trusted car care authorities, host of a national television show and author who oversees two auto mechanic shops.

The fun way to scrapbook digital images

(NAPSA)-Whether or not your photos have gone high tech, it's still possible to enjoy the pleasure that comes from capturing memories in a scrapbook-an electronic scrapbook.

Today's technology makes it possible for families to scan, edit, morph, organize, digitize and share their electronic images in ways that were unimaginable not long ago. Even the amateur can add sound and animation.

For instance, the company known as ScanSoft now offers a product called PhotoFactory which includes three of the most popular photo editing software tools: Kai's PhotoSoap, Kai's SuperGOO and Kai's

PowerShow. The software is both MS Windows and Macintosh compatible.

The PhotoSoap feature improves images loaded from a digital camera or scanner by putting the tools for professional photo retouching in what has been described as a "sleek, intuitive package."

The software will restore old photographs, removing scratches, fading and red-eye. It's even possible to create quality collages, calendars and other projects.

PhotoFactory SuperGOO makes it possible to mix and match images from different photos. Whether it's dad's beard on mom's face or the dog's ears on

your friend's head, the possibilities are endless. This software comes with its own library of images and you can add your own.

The third software package can be used to create dynamic business presentations or home photo albums with a professional touch. PhotoFactory's PowerShow can be used by families, business presenters, teachers, artists and hobbyists to create multimedia shows.

It works with digital photos, MS PowerPoint, slides, scanned images and video clips. TV-like text animation and sound clips can also be added to create impressive presentations.

For more information on the ScanSoft PhotoFactory, just call 1-888-781-1185 or visit a local software retailer.

It's now possible to create an electronic scrapbook at home.

Cantrell's promotion to director means big business



Lexington-According to the Federal Reserve Board, the total current American credit card debt is \$572.2 billion and the average American household debt is \$5,493.

Last year alone, more than 1.4 million Americans turned to bankruptcy to lift such financial burdens. While bankruptcy may seem to be the most appropriate solution for some people drowning in debt, it is not always the most beneficial decision.

As the recently named director of Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) in Lexington, Johnny Cantrell hopes his leadership at the organization will contribute to reducing the total American credit card debt and number of bankruptcies filed, through educating the public on the alternatives available to help people recovering from financial losses.

Cantrell, a native of eastern Kentucky and veteran of the U.S. Air Force, is responsible for managing a staff of credit counselors who each year help hun-

dreds of Kentuckians climb their way out of debt and become wiser and more competent users of credit.

Additionally, he is responsible for counseling consumers on methods for improving their financial situation.

"By establishing strong relationships in this community, I want to make consumers aware of their financial potential," said Cantrell. "The goal of this organization is to educate consumers on how to use credit correctly so they can rebuild their lives and eliminate future financial burdens."

Cantrell's experience with credit counseling comes from nearly five years of working with the Pikeville and Hazard CCCS offices. Cantrell joined CCCS in 1994 as a financial counselor and marketing representative.

Cantrell resides part-time in Lexington, while his home is in Pike County. A major University of Kentucky basketball and football fan, he also enjoys baseball, fishing and private investing.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services is a non-profit, community service organization devoted to providing professional financial guidance, counseling and debt management assistance to consumers. CCCS is primarily funded by national, regional, and local creditors and businesses.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

The life is a wonderful thing. You have to appreciate it now...because you never know what is going to happen tomorrow.

Ekaterina Gordeeva—

Sunday, December 5, 1999 A4

Editorial

Dumping allowed

Psst.

This is the skinny for folks who have a lot of garbage to get rid of. That is, those who live, say, in a neighboring county that doesn't have as comprehensive or as generous a cleanup program as Floyd County. Or, even, perhaps those irresponsible and reprehensible citizens in Floyd who refuse to pay to have their garbage hauled off by a reputable company.

Here's how it is. Apparently, you can dump your load of unwanted goods along a roadside in Floyd County. Chances are good you won't get caught. Few people do.

But if you do get caught and if you do end up in court, don't despair. From what we can tell, here's what you do.

First, you say you were hauling for someone else. Then, you say that person told you she got permission from some environmental authority to dump garbage in a place that is not a legal dump.

So, if you're lucky enough to get a Floyd County jury to come over to your way of thinking, you're home free. No fine, no time, no lesson learned. Go and dump some more.

That's the way it appeared for a Pike County man who was deemed innocent in District Court the other day of a charge of dumping a Knott County woman's garbage in Floyd County.

Forget that dumping is against the law anywhere in the county except the transfer station at Garth. In fact, unless you've been out of the country for a decade or so, you'd know that the same is true just about everywhere around here — no matter what someone who wants you to get rid of their garbage says.

Can you get permission to dump illegally? We don't think so. As the good ol' boy power brokers are wont to say, That dog won't hunt.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Congressman Hal Rogers, State Representative Greg Stumbo and a goodly number of untitled eastern Kentuckians are fighting to clean up our area.

Allowing anyone, let alone garbage haulers from out of the county, to dump is unacceptable.

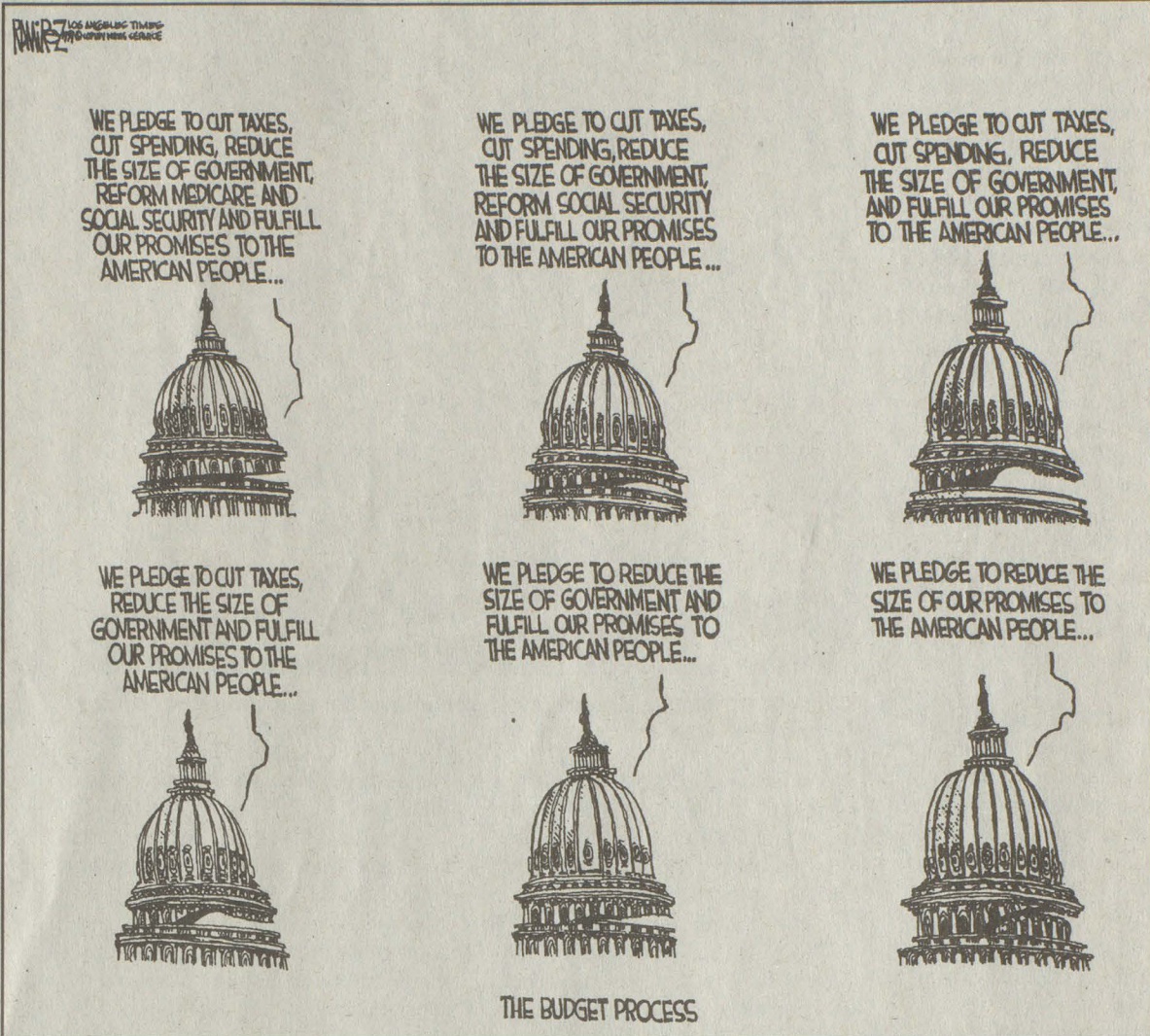
It's bad enough when our own people deface our roadsides and streams and display such a despicable lack of pride. It's doubly bad when debris from neighboring counties is dumped here.

Typically, people who are caught and cited for illegal dumping have to clean up their mess and pay a fine. A number of Floyd Countians have had to do that in the last couple of years.

So, here's the real scoop. It is the responsibility of us as individual citizens to do our part to keep our county clean, to refrain from littering and dumping, and to report those who violate not only the law but also the environment.

It is the responsibility of those in authority to prosecute violators, and it is the responsibility of juries and others involved in the court system to ensure that violators are found guilty and punished.

— Pam Shingler



Guest Editorial

Another 'F' for 'W'

For months, Texas Gov. George W. Bush has been pushing the image of himself as an inclusive Republican who reaches out to minorities. But recently, the nation got a peek at the presidential candidate's real feelings. That's when the candidate of "compassionate conservatism" told the nation during a television interview that he would not meet with the Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest gay GOP organization.

Even more baffling than his refusal to meet with the group was his reasoning. "I don't believe in group thought, pitting one group against the other," Bush said. "And all that does is create a huge political nightmare for people."

Group thought? Pitting which group against which? A nightmare for which people?

Meeting with Log Cabin Republicans didn't faze Arizona Sen. John McCain, another Republican presidential candidate. And multimillionaire Republican Steve Forbes, also seeking his party's presidential nomination, isn't predicting nightmares from his pending meeting with the group.

The Log Cabin Republicans, who have worked successfully to elect scores of Republican candidates say they are "surprised and disappointed" by Bush's statements. They don't understand how the man who has urged his party to reach out to minority groups can now say that he won't meet with them because they are a group. Nor do they understand why meeting with them would be "divisive," when Republican

governors like George Ryan of Illinois,

Argeo Cellucci of Massachusetts, George E. Pataki of New York, as well as various members of Congress and big-city mayors, have openly sought gays' support and embraced many of their issues.

For gays and lesbians, Bush's statements raise two questions:

If he is elected president, how will gays fare in his administration?

Second, is Bush a man of principles or a candidate whose convictions are determined by political polls?

In April, for instance, Bush told The New York Times that he would have no problem appointing openly gay people to his administration, even as ambassadors. In September, however, Bush pledged to a group of religious conservatives that he would not "knowingly" hire a gay person, but he wouldn't fire someone who was later "discovered" to be gay.

Now, in November, Bush won't even meet with gay Republicans.

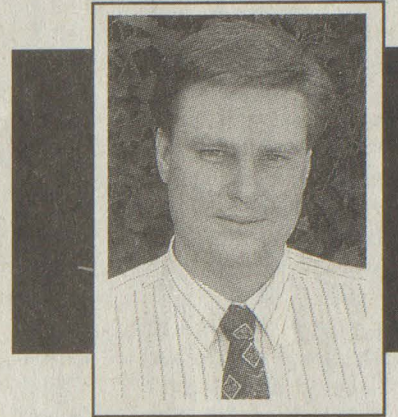
Bush has failed to measure up to a test of his own stated convictions — compassion and inclusion — just as he failed the foreign policy questions posed to him by a reporter.

A meeting with the Log Cabin Republicans would have sent a message that when Bush talks about being against discrimination, he believes it. Now we don't know what to believe, or what he does.

— Reprinted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



Presidential race turns 'Peppy'

The hardest part of this job, especially the column-writing end of it, is running up against the dreaded dry week when there exists seemingly nothing worthy of comment.

That's what I was facing this week. I already have a column or two stashed in my head, to be pulled out and dusted off once the issues they address become a tad more timely. But as for something for this week — nada.

At least, that's the way it looked until Friday morning, when, as I sat bleary-eyed watching the morning news, Peppy Martin emerged to save the day.

You know Peppy. She's that odd creature who ran for governor as a Republican against incumbent Gov. Paul Patton and Reform Party nominee Gatewood Galbraith.

She's the one who supplied us with most of the entertainment in this year's race, which is saying something when you note Galbraith's acerbic wit. But, unlike with Galbraith, we generally laughed at Peppy, not with her.

Everyone has their favorite Peppy moment, or at least they should.

There's her declaring war on rudeness by state workers answering the phones and vowing that, if she were elected, she would require every department head to answer every call going to their division. As much as I would like to see Transportation Secretary James Codell try to answer 300,000 phone calls from folks wanting to know when their road would be salted one winter morn, I doubt that plan would have worked.

Or you might have liked the time she vowed to cut state taxes by as much as 75 percent by getting rid of most state workers and replacing them with retired volunteers who would work three half-days a week. Just imagine — being pulled over on US 23 by your former high school algebra teacher, who would say, "I see you still don't quite have a grip on numbers."

Then again, nearly everyone is familiar with the time during this fall's single televised debate when Martin looked dead into the camera and said that 80 percent of county sheriffs and 30 percent of state police troopers are drug dealers. And that was it. No supporting evidence, nothing.

So, why should I bring up Martin's name when the race for governor has been over for more than a month?

Because Martin's disastrous showing in the election appears to just be the genesis of her political career.

She now wants to run for president.

Martin made her intentions for the nation's highest office known on Thursday. She announced she had changed her registration to the Reform Party and would be attending her new party's convention in Dallas this weekend, where she intended to make a "major announcement."

Martin said she felt the need to step into the void left by Elizabeth Dole's dropout from the Republican field.

So now, along with a Nazi and a billionaire who calls himself "The Donald," the Reform Party now has Peppy Martin on its list of possible presidential contenders.

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The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable. Letters should be no longer than two type-written pages, and may be edited for length or clarity.

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Orbie Vaughan and Eloise Collins were the first residents of Highland Terrace to stroll across the new bridge between the apartment complex and Wendy's Restaurant in Prestonsburg. The city recently had the bridge constructed.

One contest, 10 innovative government programs, 273 million winners

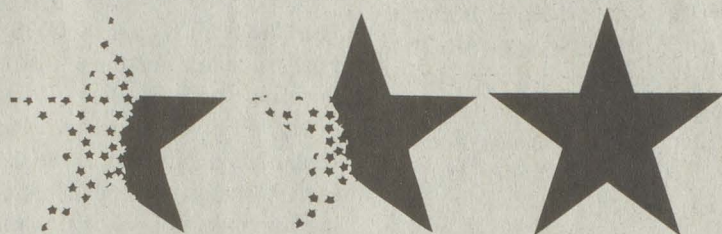
(NAPSA)-The nation's top 10 innovative government programs were just named, each receiving \$100,000 to promote the replication of their work. These award-winning programs may receive the grant money, but the entire country benefits from the creative solutions they used to make our lives easier, better, cleaner and safer.

The programs range from a tribal government's efforts to rehabilitate spouse abusers to a nationwide network that uses the latest technology to identify and stop the source of food-borne illness. They come from all levels of government-federal, state, local and tribal.

"These are only 10 of the many cutting-edge strategies that government employs to improve our daily lives," said Susan Berresford, president of the Ford Foundation. "As programs like these are adopted elsewhere, our government continues to become more efficient and more competitive."

The winning programs are:
 • Continuum of Care, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-HUD gives communities incentives to coordinate their efforts to help the homeless become self-sufficient.

INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



- PulseNet, CDC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-New technology and a network of laboratories help to quickly identify and address sources of food-borne illness.
- Behavioral Health System, County and City of Philadelphia-County and city governments create seamless mental health and substance abuse services, drawing down Medicaid money.
- Cangleska, Inc., Oglala Sioux Tribe, Kyle, SD-Tribal government invokes native mores to rehabilitate spouse abusers and reintroduce them to the community.
- Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Program, New York City-Dilapidated and abandoned city-owned housing is purchased, renovated and returned to the tax rolls

- with city-sponsored financing.
- Electronic Bond Bidding Initiative, Pittsburgh, PA-First-time sale of muni-bonds over the Internet proves to increase competition, save money and open the process to women- and minority-owned businesses.
- Rehabilitation Subcode, State of New Jersey-Repair and renovation of existing inner-city buildings are accelerated with the development of special building codes.
- Texas School Performance Review, State of Texas-School performance is enhanced and costs are cut through this district-by-district audit of school practices.
- Toxics Use Reduction Program, Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Toxic waste is reduced and expensive clean-up is

avoided through this public-private agreement that made prevention a priority.

• Wisconsin Works, State of Wisconsin-A fundamental change in the system and an exceptional array of services facilitate a transition to work more likely to result in long-term success.

The Innovations in American Government Awards are funded by the Ford Foundation and administered by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government.

The Ford Foundation is a private, non-profit institution that serves as a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide.

Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government is a graduate school of public policy that prepares leaders for service in government and for solving important public problems.

The Council is a national non-profit and non-partisan organization whose 750 members have served as senior public-sector officials.

More about the program is available by calling 617-495-0558 or by visiting the Web site at www.innovations.harvard.edu.

Technology conference set

The first Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference is scheduled for March 2-4, 2000, at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville.

The conference, formerly known as the Kentucky Education Technology Conference, will emphasize teaching and learning in the content areas with technology in a support role.

The theme of the conference is "Racing into the Millennium: Students in the Winner's Circle." Activities will include sessions that offer a variety of instructional strategies, including technology tools that support student learning and performance.

There will be an exhibit hall of 250 vendors sharing curriculum materials for classrooms and schools, as well as software and hardware.

Workshops and sessions will reflect the infusion of technology into the curriculum. Arts and humanities

will be the focus of the tours and special events.

Students will play important roles in the conference, acting as conference associates, cyber-reporters, videographers and junior engineers. They also will present various content-related sessions.

Featured speakers include: Ian Jukes from the Thornburg Center for Professional Development in San Carlos, California; Jamie McKenzie, the editor of "From Now On: The Educational Technology Journal;" Elliot Soloway from the University of Michigan; and Dr. Terrence J. Roberts, one of Little Rock Nine.

For more information, visit the conference website at <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/oet/customer/kytlc200> or call Diane Culbertson or Michael Dailey at 502/564-7168.

Protect yourself against fraud

(NAPSA)-Every year, criminals steal billions of dollars through mail and telemarketing fraud, reports the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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Pen

But I will say this for Martin. I do have to applaud her decision to abandon the Republican Party. It serves them right for engaging in an effort to actively discourage any viable candidates from within their ranks against running in the governor's race this year. Maybe they view it as playing it safe in a year

they figured they couldn't win against an incumbent governor, but I call it conspiring to ensure their opponent would win.

But I would say the GOP isn't too disheartened by Martin's departure. If anything, it's one of the best examples of a win-win situation I have ever seen.

All that being said, Martin's entry into the field should make things interesting. If I truly thought she had the slimmest chance of winning, I would be mortified.

But since I know she doesn't, I'll just sit back and wait for her to treat us with more of her famous comedy stylings.

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John Wallace

Estep Jr.

John Wallace Estep Jr., 76, of Allen, died Thursday, December 2, 1999, at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia, following an extended illness.

He was born March 21, 1923, in Flat Gap, the son of the late John Wallace Estep and Goldie Cantrell Estep. He was a retired mechanic for May Coal Company, Allen, and U.S. World War II and Korean War Army veteran.

Other survivors include one son, Johathan Estep, Dwale; one stepson, Vernon Oliver of Batavia, Ohio; one daughter, Dora Mae Croft of Collinswood, New Jersey; one step-daughter, Darlean Keith of Ft. Myers, Florida; one brother, Walter Estep of Newark, Ohio; one sister, Jean Adkins of Allen; one grandchild; six step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, by minister Ken LeMaster.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Madeline Newsome Mitchell

Madeline Newsome Mitchell, 61, of Grethel, died Friday, December 3, 1999, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born January 17, 1938, in Grethel, she was the daughter of the late Jaylee and Annie Hall Newsome.

She is survived by her husband, Kinnel Mitchell.

Other survivors include three brothers, Clyde Newsome of Wolcottville, Indiana, Klinton Newsome and Arnold Newsome, both of Grethel; five sisters, Phyllis Mitchell of Grethel, Neveline Blankenship of Wolcottville, Indiana, Ruthie Tuttle of Wildwood, Indiana, and Emma Grace Emery, and Charlene Hoover, both of Warsaw, Indiana.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 5, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Larry Newsome, Earl Dean Newsome, Chester Newsome and Monford Howell officiating.

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

Glenn Stumbo

Glenn Stumbo, 82, of Bradenton, Florida, formerly of McDowell, died Thursday, December 2, 1999, in Florida.

He was born December 15, 1916, in McDowell, the son of the late Grover C. Stumbo and Minnie Hopkins Stumbo.

He was a retired drywall contractor in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and a member of the Faith Way Baptist Church, in Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Goble Stumbo.

Survivors include two daughters, Glenda Manns of Bradenton, Florida, Rhonda Potts of Pickney, Michigan; one brother, William "Bill" Stumbo of Lancaster; three sisters, Sue Jane Beazley of Nashville, Tennessee, Ruth Musselman of Dayton, Ohio, Rosemary Compton of Taveress, Florida; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be conducted, Monday, December 6, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, McDowell, with the clergyman, Harry Hargis, officiating.

Burial will be in the Stumbo Cemetery, at Minnie.

(Courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.)

Randall Scott Holbrook

Randall Scott Holbrook, 35, of David, died Saturday, November 27, 1999, as the result of a trailer fire.

He was born September 26, 1964, at McDowell, the son of Janie Bailey Kilgore Holbrook of Michigan, and the late Hanson Holbrook Jr.

Survivors, other than his mother, include one half-brother and one-half sister, Donald Holbrook and Barbara Holbrook, both of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 2, at noon, at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Lorie Vannucci officiating.

Burial was in the Holbrook Cemetery at Louisa, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

(Reprinted due to error)

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Masonic Christmas party

John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, Martin, will hold its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 5, at 4:30 p.m., at the lodge hall. Dinner will be served, and Santa will be there with gifts for the children.

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.

Clark Family Resource Center Nursing Services

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

• Advisory Council Meeting—December 7, at 5 p.m.

• Parent Support Group Meeting—December 8.

• Christmas Dance for students—Sponsored by PTA, December 17,

6-8 p.m.

• Christmas Store for students—Sponsored by PTA, December 7-8-14-15.

Attention all LI HEAP applicants:

To all those who have applied for assistance to heat with coal, wood, propane, kerosene, or fuel oil your voucher has been taken to the vendor that you selected at the time of your application. Check with them for pick-up or delivery.

Also, if you missed your day, and still want to apply for heating assistance, call the Floyd County Community Action Office for an appointment, before Thursday, December 9.

Further assistance may be obtained by calling Tammy Jervis, Floyd County coordinator, Big Sandy CAP, 886-2929.

Holiday event for Floyd County Homemakers

The Floyd County Homemakers will have a potluck lunch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Thursday, December 9, at the Floyd County Extension Office at 921 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. To pre-register, call Theresa Scott at 886-2668. Members and public are welcome. Bring a holiday craft to share.

Reminder: Homemaker dues are to be paid by December 15. Dues are \$4.25.

Hospice service

Hospice of Big Sandy Inc. will hold the annual Memorial Service on December 9, at 6 p.m., in the parking lot of the office at Hager Hill. A candle lit in the memory of a loved one during this season of Christmas is one of the ways to express love and remembrance. A donation to help with expenses would be appreciated.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and 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 Education should 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 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

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

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, T.B. Skin tests, pre-natal W.I.C., W.I.C., 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 informa-

tion on any of the above programs or services contact the Center, 377-2678.

Fibromyalgia meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for: Individuals with FMS and the people who care about them. You are encouraged to attend our meetings. This 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 Nathan Bricken, Physical Therapist. For more information call: Phyllis at 606/874-2769 or Sharon at 606/478-5224.

Veterans rep.

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

Forest fire hazard season reminder

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

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 15.

Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

I have a little different column today. A couple of weeks ago I received a letter from one of Mayo's alumni. It touched my heart and I wanted to share excerpts from it with you.

Delia S. Mays was a student here in 1950s. Here is her story in her own words.

"I was lucky enough to graduate from Mayo in the 1957 class of practical nursing. I finished my training at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville. I passed my state board and went directly to employ-

ment there, where I worked in various positions for the next seven years.

"My general dut(y) was medicine nurse. At times there was a shortage of registered nurses and the older L.P.N. was placed as charge nurse.

"I lived in Wheelwright and traveled to Pikeville to work, across Abner Mountain for seven winters. I loved my job at the Methodist Hospital, but I needed to work closer to my home, so I went to work at the Appalachian Hospital at McDowell, where I worked for 16 years until retirement.

"I owe all of my good fortune to Mayo for the good training which enabled me to reach my goal. I have an urge to confess to some of the hurdles I had to cross in reaching my goal.

"In my early teens I was in a car accident and was in a body cast for a couple years and had to quit school, only finishing the fifth

grade. Since I loved school, I had a dear teacher who helped me in home studies. I never returned to the classroom because of my disability.

"I later married and raised a daughter. During these years I took all the classes and workshops that were available to me.

"In 1956 I learned that Mayo State was offering a course in Practical Nursing. I was very interested but felt I did not have the ability to pass the entrance exam. I had taken some adult classes at night at Wheelwright High School. I went to the high school principal, Boone Hall, telling him how much I wished to go to Mayo. He knew I had taken some classes under Shorty Jamerson, so he and Shorty got together and set me up a test to see where I could fit in.

"Well, God blessed me with the knowledge to pass the test with a rating of third year, fourth month high school. They wrote a letter for me to take to Mayo and I passed the

entrance exam.

"I never missed a day of school while traveling 106 miles a day to Paintsville, then eight months to Pikeville Hospital. I passed the State Board exam and on December 24, 1957, I received my nursing license in the mail. This was the happiest Christmas of my life.

"My husband Bill retired in 1970 from Inland Steel Company at Wheelwright and I retired from Appalachian Hospital at McDowell in 1973. We moved to a little island in North Carolina. After 10 years of southern living, we got homesick for the mountains, so in 1983 we moved to Bluefield, Virginia, where we now reside.

"Had it not been for Mayo State, I could not have achieved the wonderful rewarding years I served as an L.P.N. and now enjoy a great life of retirement at age 82. God bless Mayo and all the good it is giving to the lives of others."

I don't think I can say any better

the things this wonderful woman has written. Mayo made a difference in 1957 and will continue to make a difference into the year 2000 and beyond. Check out our website at www.mayotech.org <<http://www.mayotech.org>> .

I want to wrap up with a couple of notes. If you were a former employee or student of Mayo, we are interested in contacting you. Please get in touch with us. You can send mail to "Alumni" Mayo Technical College at 513 Third St., Paintsville, KY 41240 or email Ruth.Perry@kctcs.net <<mailto:ruth.perry@kctcs.net>> or <mailto:mayotc@kctcs.net> <<mailto:mayotc@kctcs.net>> . Call us at 789-5321 ext. 221. Ruth Perry is our new Alumni Secretary.

If you are interested in a class like Nurse Aide/Orderly, Basic Computers, Excel, Outlook, Power Point, Internet, or others, call us to ask for availability. New classes will be forming soon for evenings and weekends.



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A very special thanks to her sister Zella Price and her husband Gary and also her sister Betty Douglas - who have been with us by side with much comfort, love, support and encouragement throughout her illness. Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all their assistance.

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Hobbies can bring balance to your life

(NAPSA)-More and more people are adding balance to their lives by devoting energy to their hobbies.

Currently, there are more than 100 million hobbyists across the globe who spend about 7 1/2 hours a week on their hobbies and have been involved for an average of five to 15 years.

Research has shown that the benefits these avid hobbyists gain is more than worth the time and effort they put into their crafts.

For example, building models, such as trains and cars, is a known stress-reducer because they can let the builder focus and create. This can, some say, lead to a healthier lifestyle, more success at work, and even better relationships with spouses and other family members.

The Internet lets people communicate with other hobbyists around the world and find unusual products while learning new trends.

One new Web site, eHobbies.com, described as an online destination, is designed to appeal to both the avid hobbyist and beginners.

"I grew up with radio-controlled cars, trains



The Internet offers many ways families can enjoy a hobby, such as helping a father and son build a model car together.

and rockets and we wanted to create a completely new experience for hobbyists while introducing the joy of hobbies to a new genera-

tion," said Brad Sobel, chief executive officer and co-founder of eHobbies. "In today's busy world, hobbies offer an interactive, creative outlet for people and can be a great activity for bringing the whole family together."

Visitors to eHobbies.com can browse through photos and descriptions of thousands of products in six main categories: Trains; Radio Control; Diecast; Models; Rocketry, plus Tools and Supplies. The store lets hobbyists search for their favorite products and keep track of previous purchases.

The site's magazine helps visitors learn more about their interests through articles, tips and reviews. "Hobby Basics" give beginners a complete introduction to each category with tips to get started.

Helpful for presents any time of the year, the "Gift Shop" section offers tips for everyone in the family in a range of ages and prices, as well as skill levels, including key information on how to start a hobby.

You can visit the site at www.eHobbies.com.

Simple tips can make your holiday drive easier and safer

(NAPSA)-The holidays are meant to be a time for renewing bonds with family and feeling good cheer. Unfortunately, the Grinch in us comes out when faced with high ticket prices, crowded airports, over-booked flights, and cancelled connections. That's why for many travelers there's no better way to go home for the holidays than the Great American Road Trip.

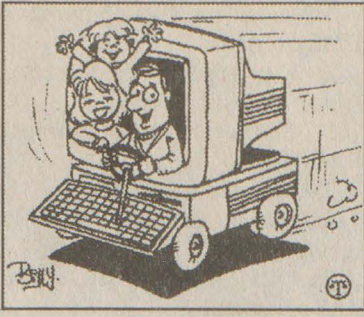
Yet even driving just a couple hundred miles can be a pain if you're not prepared. Weather, construction, breakdowns-they're the bane of the holiday road traveler's existence. So before you head over the river and through the woods, take a few moments to review this checklist and have a safe holiday.

First, find out if there's any con-

struction delays or bad weather on your route. Fortunately, a new site called DriveThere.com (www.Drive There.com) has all this information in one place, so you don't have to surf all over the Web for it.

DriveThere.com, by the way, has lots of other travel goodies as well. It can offer you an alternate route if yours is affected, names of reputable repair shops across the country and auto maintenance tips. This useful site can also provide weekend road trip ideas; direct links to make hotel and car rental reservations; and activities for the kids. It's a great first stop.

Be sure your glove compartment has the following items: insurance and motor club cards;



auto registration; a "call police" sign; a brightly colored cloth; message pad and marker; emergency phone numbers; and a flashlight with extra batteries.

If you have a problem, pull off to the side of the road in a visible spot. If you carry a mobile device with Internet access and browser

software (for example, a laptop, mobile phone or personal digital assistant), you can access Drive There.com to quickly find emergency road service in any state. Fortunately, this service is free. If you don't have mobile Web access, consider joining a motor club that can provide these services for a fee.

If you're not able to contact anyone, tie that bright cloth in your emergency kit to your antenna to signal for help. This easy-to-spot marker will also help identify you if you've contacted a tow truck.

These are just a few ideas to help make your holiday trip easier and safer. Just remember, a little prep work can save a lot of headaches down the road.

Digital technology: A new chapter in libraries

(NAPSA)-The latest chapter in library technology is the ability to deliver the full text of scientific journals electronically. This means that scientists now do a lot less leg-work when looking for a journal article. With the new technology, scientists no longer need to go to the library stacks to find issues of journals. The information researchers need is available at their desks in just seconds.

Elsevier Science, the world's largest scientific publisher, began serious investigation of electronic journal distribution technologies in the late 1970s.

According to John Tagler, Director of Corporate Communications, "During the past decade, the company has been involved in a number of research projects, often in partnership with leading universities from around the world, to explore the potential of electronic full-text delivery of scientific information." A number of products and services-in cutting edge fields like high energy physics, genetics and cancer

Our Libraries

research-have been introduced along the way.

In the past year, Elsevier Science has launched ScienceDirect® a Web-based service, in order to meet libraries' changing requirements, as print holdings evolve into digital collections.

Besides receiving access to journals, ScienceDirect customers enjoy unlimited access to the bibliographic layers accompanying the full text of articles in the database. The service also offers numerous gateways to external databases and information services.

Science, technology and medicine primarily generate periodical literature because researchers and professionals within these fields constantly need rapid access to new developments in their fields. At the same time, however, scientists also refer back to previously published articles to

enhance their perspectives on current developments.

How Digital Libraries Work

In the electronic library, user access is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, without restrictions as to a library's hours of operation or proximity to the user population. Researchers, faculty, librarians and students can access journal content and the all-important bibliographic data from wherever they are working, whether on site or in remote locations.

Locating information is made easier through new browsing and advanced full-text search technology. Journal content can be viewed, downloaded and printed from every authorized desktop.

Perhaps the most attractive aspect of the digital library is the capacity of linking together a wide variety of resources into a seamless, speedy network of information. More information about services to digital libraries is available by visiting www.elsevier.com.

GTE's 10 Tips for safe holiday online shopping

(NAPSA)-With the busy holiday shopping season around the corner, consumers across the country will use the Internet as an alternative to shopping at the crowded malls. The Internet provides shoppers with a plethora of unique gift items for men, women, children and the home.

Consumers should remember the important shopping tips below to have a productive and stress-free online shopping experience.

1. BEGIN shopping with a reliable search engine such as GTE SuperPages.com. Not only is it a concise and convenient starting point for finding the perfect gift, but clicking on the Shopping Pages directly links you to thousands of reliable, credible retail outlets including businesses in your local area.

2. ENSURE a company's credibility before you purchase merchandise online:

- Verify that their physical mailing address and phone number are available on the Web site.
- Confirm the company's legitimacy with the Better Business Bureau, at www.bbb.org.

3. ALWAYS shop at a secured site. A secured site encrypts your information so

computer hackers can't read it. A site is secure if:

- an icon of a locked lock appears at the bottom, right corner of your screen, or
- the URL begins with "https"

4. NEVER give out your Social Security Number. There is no legitimate reason for a retailer to ask for this information to make an online purchase. Check the privacy statement found at the bottom of most Web sites to determine how and where your information will be used.

5. ALWAYS shop online with a credit card. Credited companies usually let you dispute a faulty product, wrong charges, or late merchandise delivery. You also may have the added insurance from the credit card itself. Some card issuers now offer special cards that guarantee 100 percent of online purchases. Most credit cards however, only hold you liable for \$50 of fraudulent spending. To ensure you are not overcharged, check your account statement each month.

6. DON'T give out unnecessary personal information such as annual income and age. When filling out the purchase form, only include the necessary infor-

mation for the transaction to be completed. This information is usually set apart with an asterisk* or indicates it is required.

Necessary information includes:

- a. Name
- b. Shipping address
- c. Phone number only if being delivered via FedEx or UPS, etc.

- d. Credit card type, number, expiration date and billing address

- e. E-mail address

7. CONFIRM a timely delivery. Ensure the company guarantees its shipment policy.

8. KNOW your rights. If the retailer you selected doesn't make the delivery within the agreed upon time or within 30 days (if no time is specified), the retailer must notify you and allow you to cancel your order. Additionally, be aware of the retailer's return policy for merchandise you are not satisfied with.

9. STAY informed. The Federal Trade Commission closely monitors and regularly posts warnings about illegal Internet activities.

10. FIND these and other online shopping tips at SuperPages.com.

These tips were gathered from Preston Gralla's book, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Shopping, The Florida Attorney General's Office, the Better Business Bureau and GTE Directories Corp.

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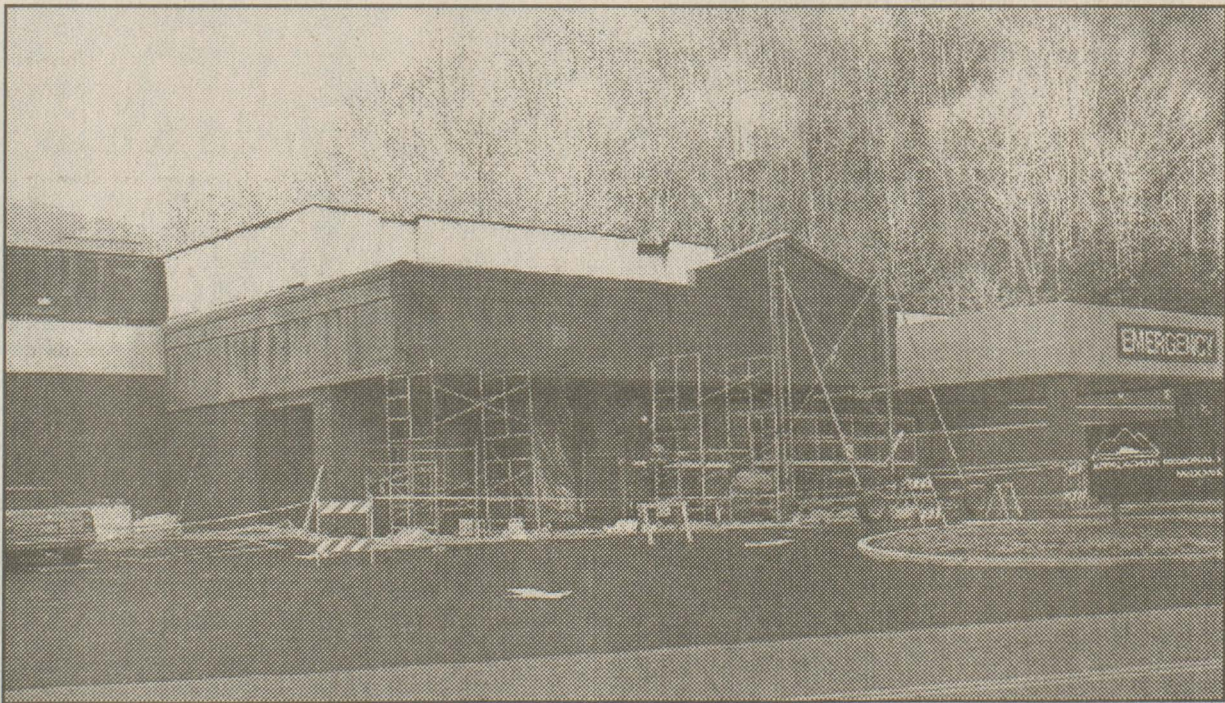
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The \$3 million plant upgrade continues at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at McDowell. The upgrade will include heating, ventilation and air conditioning. The upgrade also includes new windows and a sprinkler system. (photo by Willie Elliott)



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.



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November 24
4:50 car broke down at Wal-Mart lights
12:28 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
12:35 accident without injuries at Wal-Mart
1:38 domestic dispute behind Sun-E-Bunz
3:23 accident without injuries on 23/80 overpass
4:18 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Change Fast
4:52 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Job Corp
7:16 reckless driver at Cliffside Apts
8:14 motorist locked keys in vehicle at FoodLand
8:29 motorist locked keys in

vehicle at Winn-Dixie
8:38 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Wal-Mart
9:18 car broke down at Cliff entrance

November 25
4:23 suspicious person at McDonald's
10:52 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Dixie Apts
11:48 suspicious person at Microtel
4:12 car broke down at Food City overpass
8:00 intoxicated person at R&L Apts

November 26
9:45 accident without injuries at IGA
11:07 911 hang-up call on N Lake Dr
6:43 accident without injuries on 114
9:54 fight in progress at Microtel

November 27
0:47 suspicious vehicle at Dairy Queen
1:41 fight in progress at Happy Mart
2:58 fight in progress at Microtel
11:46 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Wendy's
11:48 car broke down on 23/114 overpass
1:55 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Advance Auto
2:57 reckless driver on S Highland Ave
5:04 harassment on E Harris St
7:00 DUI on US 23 S
7:09 DUI at Tiger Mart
7:29 accident without injuries at Tiger Mart
11:23 intoxicated person at Holiday Inn

November 28
10:26 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
10:40 accident without injuries on N Arnold Dr
12:48 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
1:03 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Radio Shack

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1:54 alarm activated on Trimble Br

1:54 accident without injuries on 23/80 overpass
2:13 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Justice Center
3:20 accident without injuries at Winn-Dixie
3:42 cleared lot at Wendy's
5:03 car broke down at Wal-Mart lights

5:14 911 hang-up call at Wal-Mart pay phone
6:01 car broke down at Wal-Mart lights
7:09 suspicious vehicle at Archer Park
7:17 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Super 8
7:35 DUI at David

November 30
2:24 suspicious vehicle on Bevins St
8:04 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Annex Bldg
8:15 DUI around Branham and Baker
8:56 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
4:16 theft related incident behind Town Center Bldg
4:21 robbery at Hopson's Jewelry
5:56 alarm activated at Hock Shop
6:42 suspicious person at Cliff Apts
7:27 suspicious person on Court St
10:30 alarm activated at John P Wells Garage
10:58 disturbance at Neeley Apts
11:12 disturbance at Hardee's

December 1
1:07 domestic dispute at Highland Heights Apts
7:44 domestic dispute at Exxon Tiger Mart

8:16 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
8:22 fight in progress at Hardee's

11:17 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Penelope's Pets
12:20 accident with injuries on 23/80 overpass
12:25 vandalism at D&K Wholesale
2:32 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Wright's Barber Shop
2:37 accident without injuries at Wal-Mart lights
2:50 car broke down at Francis Court

3:24 shoplifter at Wal-Mart
3:26 accident without injuries at Wright's

4:23 alarm activated on Pott's Br
7:35 motorist locked keys in vehicle on Webb Lane
7:52 reckless driver at Jenny Wiley Video
8:07 debris in road at mouth of Abbott
8:50 car broke down at West-side lights
11:29 car broke down at Holiday Inn

December 2
9:04 accident with injuries on N Lake Dr

12:30 motorist locked keys in vehicle beside old Courthouse
12:30 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
12:45 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
12:52 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
2:52 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Francis Court

2:56 accident without injuries at Paula's Studio

2:57 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
3:21 accident with injuries at Wendy's
4:09 accident without injuries at Food City intersection

Marriage Licenses

Crystal Gail McCown, 22, Martin, and Adam Lafferty, 34, Martin.

Carrie Kaye Prater, 19, Prestonsburg, and Lenvil Ray Campbell, 21, Prestonsburg.

Valerie Gayle Newsome, 27, Betsy Layne, and Donald Wayne Roberts, 40, Betsy Layne.

Jodie R. Hall, 18, Allen, and Michael Dwayne Shortridge, 18, Prestonsburg.

Kimberly Sue Colegrove, 33, Allen, and Fred Greer, 38, Allen.

Elizabeth Deanne Campbell, 21, Prestonsburg, and Patrick Gerald Burke, 20, Prestonsburg.

Erin G. Caudill Slone, 21, Prestonsburg, and Mark W. Hall, 29, Prestonsburg.

Pamela Jean Reed, 31, Hi Hat, and Denver Slone Jr, 28, Hi Hat.

Donna J. Ward, 23, Endicott, and Dwayne Marsillet, 28, Prestonsburg.

Pauline S. Shepherd Lamberts, 53, Prestonsburg, and Elbert Baldrige, 56, Prestonsburg.

Drema Gayle Collins, 22, Betsy Layne, and Vernon Adams Jr, 30, Betsy Layne.

Mary M. Rupright, 62, Martin, and John H. Harrell, 72, Martin.

Jeanetta Lynn Wolford, 20, Hager Hill, and Stephen Catrell Farler, 20, Auxier.

Property Transfers

Denny and Rona McCurry, Polly and Joel Chandler, Marlene and Charles Buchta, Aileen Trede and Tandy Martin, property located on Left Beaver Creek.

Big Branch Development Company Inc to Timothy Paul and Rontona K. Mitchell, property located on Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Suits Filed

Ellis Spurlock of Printer VS Stella Bentley Spurlock of Lexington, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Countrywide Home Loans of Plano, TX, VS Sally Leigh Justice of Tram, collection of debts.

Robert J. Meadows of Hindman VS Beverly M. Meadows of Hindman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Monica Renee Kennedy of David VS Clyde Glenn Kennedy II of Auxier, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Grange Insurance Companies of Columbus, OH, VS Edward Jones of Hueysville, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on Dec. 27, 1997.

John Allen Jr of Prestonsburg VS Judie Musick Allen of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolu-

tion of marriage.

Sandra H. and Jay Budziszewski of Austin, TX, VS Sherry Cline of Banner, et. al, petition for partition of real property.

Troy and Irma McKenzie of Floyd Co VS Marsha Blair of Auxier, et. al., petition for partition of real property.

Melissa Meade of Floyd Co VS Douglas Lee Boyd of Prestonsburg, et. al., petition for partition of real property.

Commonwealth of KY VS Rachel Tackett of Prestonsburg, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Billy Johnson of Bypro, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Ricky Collins of Hindman, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Robert D. Hall of Prestonsburg, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Jerry K. Hall of Auxier, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Don D. Kidd of Stanville, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Donnie E. Keene of Prestonsburg, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Roger G. Hunt of Harold, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Bernie Blankenship of Teaberry, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Eddie D. Little of Wheelwright, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Teresa Collins of Harold, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS William Branham of Weeksbury, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS William Blackburn of Prestonsburg, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Jody Bentley of Grethel, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Kevin Cox of Wayland, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Mary Adkins of Allen, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Ricky Conley of Lackey, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Kenny Akers of Harold, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Gary Kimbler, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Anthony D. Johnson of Weeksbury, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Carlena Webb of Prestonsburg, petition for child support and health care insurance.

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Commonwealth of KY VS Alice Shepherd of McDowell, petition for health care insurance.

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Electronics Shopping: What You Should Know

(NAPSA)-According to Harris Interactive, 33 percent of shoppers will buy online this holiday season, up from eight percent in 1998. One of the hottest tickets in online retail is expected to be consumer electronics, with Forrester Research predicting sales of \$1.2 billion, slightly larger than the online book market.

While a DVD player or a big screen TV may promise hours of entertainment, shopping for these complex products can be challenging; and shopping online is a new experience for many consumers this year. For the first-time buyer, here are some important tips to remember when shopping online:

- Be a responsible consumer. Today you can go to numerous sites to get the same products at relatively the same price. But beware: the cheapest price may not always be the best deal. Ask questions about how the company operates. If something goes wrong at any step along the way, will the company take responsibility and make it right?
- Educate yourself. Informed consumers make the best decisions. Look for sites that provide product reviews from industry

experts, and that have knowledgeable staff to answer your questions.

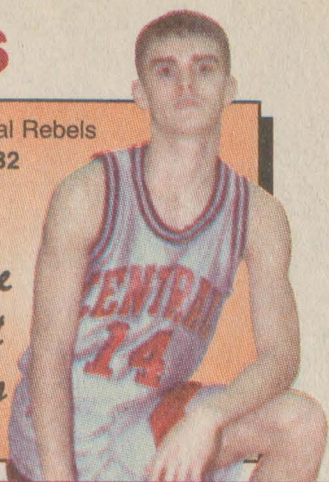
- Expect superior customer service. Buying a consumer electronics gift, like a digital camera or a DVD player, is much different from buying books or music-you need to be able to research and ask questions before you buy. Make sure that you shop at a site with informed customer service representatives. For example, product specialists at 800.COM, the online consumer electronics retailer, go through rigorous training by the manufacturers to ensure the highest level of pre-and-post sales support. Look for product specialists who ask probing, thoughtful questions as well, to help ensure that the gift matches not only the recipient, but also the space where it will be used.
- Confirm product availability. With online orders expected to soar this season, many retailers may not be able to keep up with the demand. Check to see if your online retailer actually stocks the products that they sell. If a retailer doesn't hold its own inventory, chances are the company won't be able to fulfill orders for some of the hottest holiday products.
- Accessibility. Look for a

phone number and e-mail address posted in a visible area on the Website. Merchants should make themselves easily accessible to their customers. At 800.COM, support staff is available via e-mail, phone or real-time, through live messaging. The site also offers message boards where users can connect with each other on many topics.

- Customer service policy. Look for the company's customer service policy on the website. If you don't see it, call to see how they handle returns, shipping and any other issues of concern.
- Demand security and privacy. Sites should post their security and privacy policies.
- Look for a "no hassles" return policy. Standard policies are for 30 days, with no charge to return a damaged or defective product. It is, however, common for customers to pay a portion of shipping costs if the customer changes his or her mind and doesn't want the purchased product. Check with each site individually.
- If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Research and compare before you buy and always demand the best in customer service.

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Battle with the Piarist Knights



Sports

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In double overtime...
South Floyd upsets 16th Region power Greenup County 66-62

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

South Floyd Coach Henry Webb and the Raiders were coming off a rather lopsided win over The Piarist School last Tuesday night and had to face 16th Region powerhouse Greenup County in the opening game of the Clarence D. Rice Invitational at Johnson Central Friday night.

The Raiders, billed as one of the 15th Region's top teams did not disappoint their fans who turned out in large numbers.

The Raiders used a balanced scoring attack, but it took two overtimes before they could subdue the Musketeers 66-62 to advance to Saturday night's championship game against host Johnson Central, a 58-56 winner over Betsy Layne.

Greenup County Coach Randy Ward had his team running in a different gear when they appeared at the Johnson Central gymnasium for the start of the game. Normally, the Musketeers are a slow-paced team, but on this night it was up-and-down-the-floor basketball.

Coach Webb said his team was surprised and forgot some things out on the court.

"We knew going in Greenup County's style," he said, "but it's partly my fault because I kept telling the players how Greenup County likes to slow you down and put you to sleep. I had them prepared for that and in the meantime, we forgot what we were doing."

John Meade led the Raiders scoring with 18 points in a strong game on the boards as well. Freshman Michael Hall buried four three-point

(See Raiders, page six)

Lady Hawk Classic...
Prestonsburg survives Ladycat scare

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats placed four players in double figures and a fifth player just missed double digits as the Lady Blackcats won an early game over 58th District foe Betsy Layne in the semifinals of the Pike Central Lady Hawks Classic Thursday night.

Ramanda Music led the balanced Prestonsburg attack with 24 points, while Megan Hyden and Amelia Conley finished with 16 points. Senior Brandy Wells netted 10. Brooke Coleman just missed double figures with nine points, but played a strong floor game.

Natasha Stratton came off the Betsy Layne bench and led the Ladycats with 15 points. Stratton scored 15 for Betsy Layne in the opening game of the tournament. Amber Roberts added 12, while Jenny Parsons scored 11. Devon Reynolds had 10 points.

Prestonsburg rolled in the first half, building a 40-29 advantage at the half. Prestonsburg led by as many as 17 points, 40-23, late in the second quarter.

It was Stratton sparking a mild second-quarter comeback for the Ladycats, scoring nine of her 15 points in the period.

Prestonsburg Coach Bobby Hamilton said his team is a young, but the experience is still there and they should have put Betsy Layne away.

"Betsy Layne played tough," he said. "They get after you defensively. We are a young team but we are a

(See Lady Cats, page six)

Mustangs Win Shag Campbell Tournament

Jack Slone scores 27 points against Betsy Layne

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

No one really expected the John M. Stumbo Mustangs to be in the championship game of the Shag Campbell Tournament.

The Mustangs drew a bye in the first round of the tournament and barely escaped the Eagles to get to the championship game.

The Mustangs met up with the Betsy Layne Bobcats in the final game. Betsy Layne defeated Adams Middle School

and Allen Central Middle School to get to the championship game.

It was a good game between the two rivals of eastern Floyd County. Both teams played hard, but it was the John M. Stumbo Mustangs coming away with the championship title.

Both teams were slow getting started in the scoring department. Both teams combined for only 11 points in the first quarter. The first period of play ended with Stumbo having the one-point

(See Mustangs, page six)



Jack Slone led his J. M. Stumbo to a victory in the Shag Campbell Invitational tournament this week at Allen. John M. Stumbo defeated the Betsy Layne Bobcats to capture the title. (photo by Karen Joseph)



John Dixon (14) of Prestonsburg tries to guard against Terry Wright (15) in the game against between Prestonsburg and Shelby Valley. Shelby Valley defeated the Blackcats.

Photo by: Karen Joseph

Blackcats Fall Hard to SVHS

Wildcats hit 16 three-pointers

by: Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

The Prestonsburg Blackcats traveled to Shelby Valley on Friday night to take on the Shelby Valley Wildcats. The Blackcats were coming off a first game loss to the Sheldon Clark Cardinals. Shelby Valley had their first game canceled, therefore this was their season opener.

Before the game started the "Q-95 FM, Gorman Collins, Sr., 1999 Regional Football Player of the Year" was awarded to Shelby Valley running back, Dusty Hall.

After the presentation of the trophy to Dusty the game began. Shelby Valley jumped out to early lead and never let up. The Akers duo was unstoppable. They combined for 45 points for the Wildcats. Seth Crisp had 12 points for the Blackcats. The Blackcats struggled all game and the Wildcats came away

with the 95-54 win.

Jackie Crisp has a young team and they will be competitive come March. Shelby Valley only has two seniors, but they have a lot of experience. Prestonsburg out-rebounded the Wildcats, but the Wildcats didn't miss many baskets to have rebounds.

In the first quarter the Blackcats played the Wildcats fairly close. The Wildcats' outscored the Blackcats by seven points. The Blackcats could not stop the outside game of the Wildcats. Shelby Valley could hit from any where on the floor. The Blackcats had a difficult time from the floor, hitting only 4 - of 14 in the first quarter. The Blackcats were successful from the free throw line, hitting 8 of 10 in the first quarter. The Wildcats led at the end of the first quarter 21-14.

In the second quarter the Wildcats outscored the Blackcats

(See Blackcats, page six)

Justin Barley (12) lets a three pointer go in the game between Betsy Layne And Johnson Central in the Clarence Rice Tip-off Classic at Johnson Central. Betsy Layne lost a by two points. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Bobcats puts scare in Johnson Central

Bartley scores 16 in loss; Collins misses second half

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

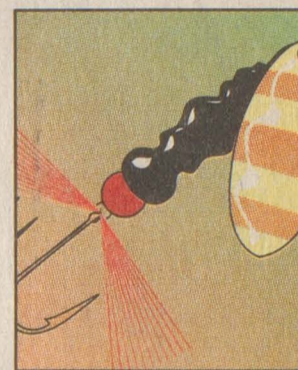
Mitchell Coleman was a man on a mission this past Friday night as he pumped in 20 points to lead the Johnson Central Golden Eagles to a 58-56 win over pesky Betsy Layne in the second game of the first round of the Clarence D. Rice Tip-off Classic at Johnson Central.

Johnson Central could never put the Bobcats away and had to go to the final seconds of the game before Tommy McKenzie's layup with nine seconds to play gave the Eagles a 57-56 lead.

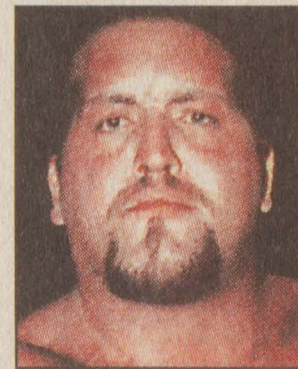
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Feds Creek at Pikeville
Millard at South Floyd

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Johnson Central at Allen Central
Phelps at Belfry
Fleming Neon at Betsy Layne
South Floyd at Jenkins

Sat., Dec. 11

Magoffin Co. at Prestonsburg

SportsBoard

George Hall: Playing for small school no problem for Piarist's

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

successful basketball season as the old year leaves and a new one emerges.

The Piarist School, settled on a hillside at Martin, is in its third season as part of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association

(KHSAA), the 58th District and 15th Region.

One senior dots the Knights' roster, George Hall, who has been with the school since its first season, when Piarist played as an independent before joining the KHSAA.

Hall is the team's leading scorer and has always been a prolific scorer. He could play for any school in the 15th Region and start for most of them. He can drill the trey, drive the lanes, hit the short jumper and is a strong worker on the boards.

Most players of his ability would want more of the exposure that a private school does not get. However, for Hall, playing for the Knights is fine with him.

"I like being here. It is a small school. It gives me a chance to be a star, lead the team," he said. "At

another school I would not be that. I want to be a leader to the other players."

Hall recalled the first year of the high school program at the Piarist School.

"Our first year we won two games," he recalled. "But that was two games we never expected to win. Last year, we thought we would win some games, at least two, but we didn't. We lost our best player (Adam Hutchinson), who changed schools and that hurt us."

The Knights returned four starters from last year but, accord-

ing to Hall, are still a young team.

"We only have two juniors and I am the only senior, so that makes the rest of the team young," he said. "We only have eight players, but that gives everyone a lot of playing time."

College, playing at the next level? Yes, that appeals to Hall.

"I would like to play at the next level," he said. "If I get that chance, I will take it."

Hall said he would like to major in athletic training when he does go to college.

The Piarist School participates

in both the 58th District and the Three Rivers Conference. He enjoys playing against the "bigger schools."

"I really like playing in both conferences," said Hall. "The Three Rivers Conference, there is so much traveling and it is so far away. Sometimes, with school the next day, we don't get back until midnight. It was nice to be in the district last year and play against some of the bigger teams."

Hall, who is looking forward to the season, says the Knights will be more competitive this season.

"I was looking at teams like Allen Central and Prestonsburg, who lost their starting line ups from last year," said Hall. "We may not win but we want to come in and compete with them."

Hall said he looked for South Floyd to be the top team in the district.

Hall has played the last two seasons for Darnella Bradley, who was a star in her own right at Allen Central.

"It hasn't bothered me a bit playing for a woman coach," said Hall. "As long as she knows what she is doing, we follow her coaching. She is a good coach and she lets us try different things."

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L
Indianapolis	9	2
Miami	8	3
Buffalo	8	4
New England	6	5
N.Y. Jets	4	7

Central	W	L
Jacksonville	11	1
Tennessee	9	2
Pittsburgh	5	7
Baltimore	4	7
Cincinnati	2	10
Cleveland	2	10

West	W	L
Seattle	8	3
Kansas City	6	5
Oakland	5	6
Denver	4	7
San Diego	4	7

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L
Washington	7	4
Dallas	6	5
Arizona	5	6
N.Y. Giants	5	6
Philadelphia	3	9

Central	W	L
Detroit	7	4
Minnesota	7	4
Tampa Bay	7	4
Green Bay	6	5
Chicago	5	7

West	W	L
St. Louis	9	2
Carolina	5	6
San Francisco	3	8
Atlanta	2	9
New Orleans	2	9

Thursday's Game
Jacksonville 20, Pittsburgh 6

Today's Games

Green Bay at Chicago
Indianapolis at Miami
New Orleans at Atlanta
New York Jets at New York Giants
St. Louis at Carolina
San Francisco at Cincinnati
Tennessee at Baltimore
Washington at Detroit
Philadelphia at Arizona
Cleveland at San Diego
Kansas City at Denver
Seattle at Oakland
Dallas at New England
OPEN: Buffalo

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

Miami	12	4	.750	-
Boston	8	7	.533	31/2
New York	9	8	.529	31/2
Orlando	8	8	.500	4
Philadelphia	8	9	.471	4/12
Washington	5	12	.294	7/1/2
New Jersey	2	14	.125	10

Central Division

Toronto	10	6	.625	-
Cleveland	8	6	.571	1
Indiana	9	7	.563	1
Charlotte	8	7	.533	11/2
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	11/2
Atlanta	7	9	.438	3
Detroit	7	9	.438	3
Chicago	1	13	.071	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

San Antonio	14	3	.824	-
Utah	8	6	.571	41/2
Minnesota	7	6	.538	5
Denver	7	7	.500	51/2
Dallas	6	11	.353	8
Houston	5	12	.294	9
Vancouver	3	12	.200	10

Pacific Division

Portland	14	3	.824	-
Sacramento	10	3	.769	2
L.A. Laker	12	4	.750	11/2
Seattle	12	4	.750	11/2
Phoenix	11	4	.733	2
L.A. Clippers	4	11	.267	9
Golden State	2	13	.133	11

A.C. Rebels easily defeat the Knights

by: Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

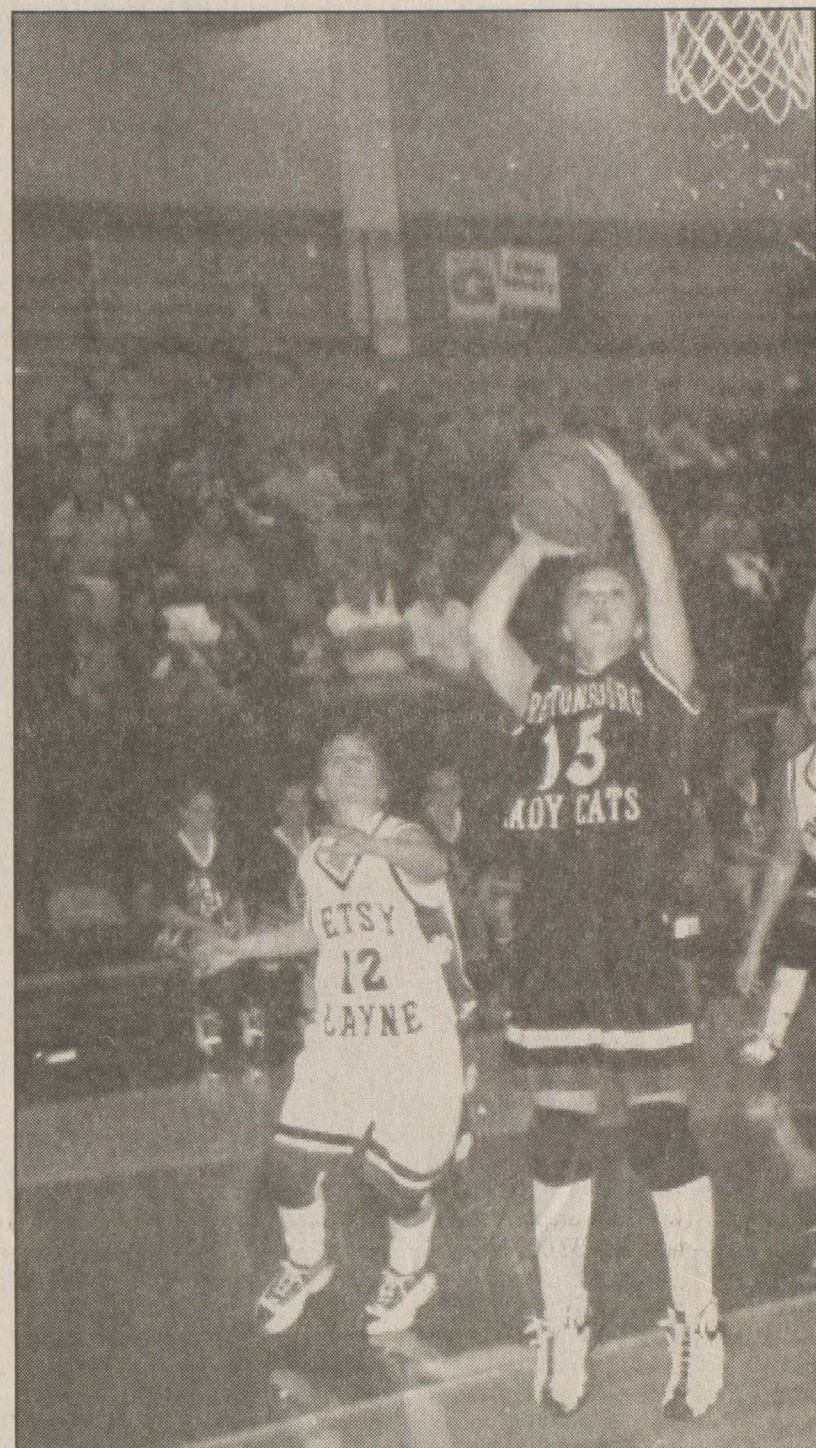
Coach Johnny Martin and his Running Rebels entertained the Knights from The Piarist School on Friday night. Senior forward, Jeremy Sexton led all scorers with 17 points. The Rebels defeated the Knights 92-37.

Allen Central placed two other players in double figures and the Knights had one in double figures. Rodney Scott had 10 points and Leslie Slone had 12 points for the Rebels. Brett Hall had 10 points for the Knights.

The Rebels improve their record to 2-0 while the Knights fall to 0-6.

The Running Rebels of Allen Central will entertain Knott Central on Saturday, Dec. 4 and the Piarist Knights will travel to June Buchanan on Monday.

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Megan Hyden (15) goes for the basket in the game against Betsy Layne. Hyden helped to lead her team to a victory over a very tough Betsy Layne team. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Fans To Pick Top NFL Coach

(NAPSA)-Behind every winning NFL team is a great head coach. Football fans who get a kick out of voicing their opinion on that subject are not alone. Last year more than 180,000 fans voted for Atlanta Falcon's Dan Reeves as online balloting of the 1998 Staples NFL Coach of the Year Award reached an all-time high.

This year fans can score some extra points by voting online for the head coach they believe deserves this year's Staples NFL Coach of the Year Award. From now through January 20, 2000, fans can log onto www.nfl.com to cast their vote in the only NFL award determined solely by a vote of the fans.

The winning head coach will be presented with the Staples NFL Coach of the Year Award during the AFC Championship Game CBS pre-game show on January 23. In addition, \$25,000 will be presented to the coach's selected charity on behalf of Staples and the NFL.

"Excellence is determined not only by a coach's winning record

but by the admiration of his fans, which makes this award one of the greatest honors in football today," said Tom Stemberg, Staples chairman and chief executive officer.

The Staples NFL Coach of the Year award complements the Staples Coach of the Week program that honors an NFL head coach each week for an outstanding game during the regular season. In conjunction with this recognition, a local school in that coach's region is randomly drawn from the entries to receive a \$5,000 Staples gift certificate and a visit from the coach. Now in its fourth year, more than \$250,000 in school supplies has been donated to schools nationwide through the Staples Coach of the Week program.

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Online balloting for NFL Coach of the Year begins now. Vote by logging onto www.nfl.com.

Stumbo girls blast Lady Eagles 28-4 in finals

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ethan Johnson and Josh Johnson scored 16 points apiece to lead the Osborne Eagles to a 41-31 win over John M. Stumbo in the championship game of the Osborne Elementary Fall Classic played at the Wheelwright gym Thursday night.

Brandon Kidd led Stumbo with 10 points and Shane McKinney added seven. Justin Slone tossed in five points, with Mason Hall and Kyle Hall netting three each.

Matthew Little scored two points.

Ryan Johnson finished with seven points for Osborne, with T.J. Hall netting two.

Kidd scored four of his points in the first quarter to stake Stumbo to a 9-8 lead. Slone and McKinney added two points each in the period.

Again, Stumbo outscored Osborne 9-8 in the second period to take a 18-16 lead at the half. Kidd scored four points in the period for the Mustangs. Ethan Johnson had six of Osborne's six points.

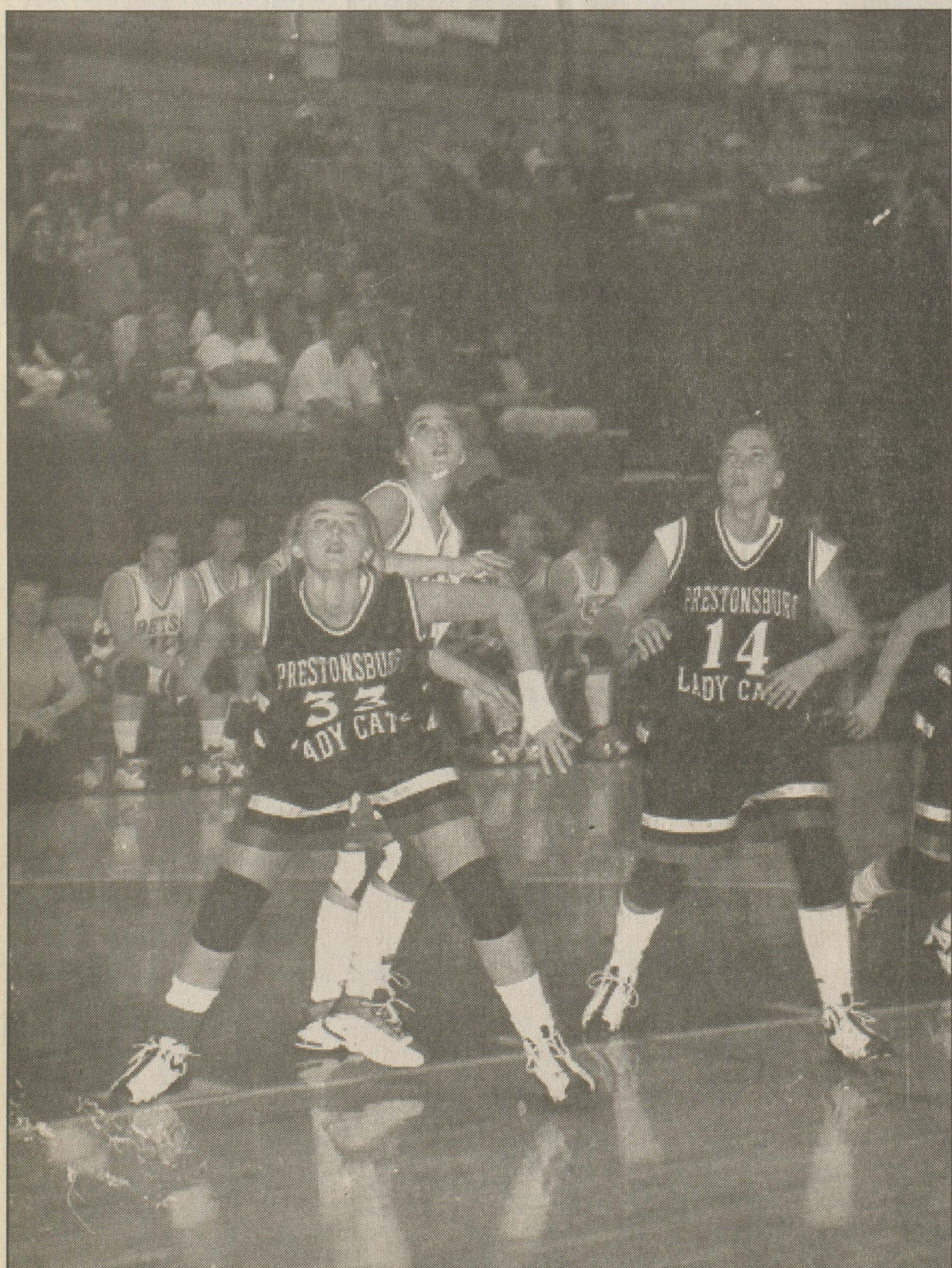
Osborne outscored Stumbo 16-7 in the fourth period to pull out the

win. Josh Johnson scored 10 of his 16 points in the quarter.

STUMBO GIRLS WIN EASILY

Sabrina Johnson scored eight points to lead the John M. Stumbo Lady Mustangs to a 28-4 win over Osborne in the finals of the Fall Classic for fifth- and sixth-graders.

Samantha Hall added five points and Mara Biliter scored three. Becky Tackett, Whitney Tackett, Denise Hall, Jennifer Akers and Amanda Newsome scored two points each.



Ramanda Music (33) and Brooke Coleman (14) block out for the rebound in the game against the Bobcats of Betsy Layne in the second round of the Ladyhawks Classic. The Blackcats defeated the Bobcats to advance to the championship game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

FROM THE TACKLE BOX



by Jim Lyon

All fish have somewhat different habits. Some like cool water and others like warmer water. Largemouth prefer warmer water. Some feed on top water food and others on the bottom.

It is important to know the feeding habits of the fish you want to catch.

If you want to catch a catfish, you may choose a stink bait laced with blood, or chicken liver, and fishing on or near the bottom.

If you are a crappie angler, then you may fish with minnows near a tree that has fallen into the water or other cover.

Anglers may find bass within a short drive from their home. Largemouth bass are found in many different habitats. They flourish from south Canada to the tropics. They do well in muddy waters as well as clear lakes. They can be found in farm ponds or large reservoirs. They can also be found in waters where the ocean meets the fresh water, feeding in brackish water alongside saltwater fish.

Biologists inform us that there are two subspecies of largemouth bass. One is identified as the Florida Largemouth, and the other, the Northern Largemouth. These two subspecies look alike and cannot be identified by the average angler.

If you catch a largemouth of 10 to 12 pounds, that means you may have caught a Florida species.

The northern species are smaller and may attain a weight of six to eight pounds. Their growth rate depends on availability of food and

the length of the growing season in the particular area. They grow and gain more weight faster in water temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees.

Studies have shown that largemouth do not grow in the winter months in water below 48 degrees. Largemouth cannot live in water temperatures above the mid 90s.

As we get on into the winter season, the temperature is getting colder and the days shorter. This is cooling lake water to a point that will affect the feeding habits of the fish.

All fish react to water temperature changes. As the water temperature approaches 50 degrees, bass will begin to move from near the surface to deeper and warmer water.

Below this temperature, largemouth bass are very hard to catch. They feed less at this temperature. They prefer water between 65 and 78 degrees. At these temperatures they are ravenous feeders.

Largemouth use their large mouths to take larger prey. They may feed on frogs, salamanders and even small ducklings.

Bass will often be found outside of waters with ideal temperature ranges. They tend to migrate to areas where they are protected from direct sunlight, and to areas with an abundant food supply.

The shady side of the lake is always a good place to find bass. It is also a comfortable place for the angler on a hot clear day.

Another good area to find bass is adjacent to muddy water. After a rain or if the water has been sloshed

up on the bank and a muddy strip forms alongside the bank, cast at the edge of the muddy water. Bass like the cover of the muddy water, and will dart out to feed on minnows or food that may pass near by.

Bass have nerve endings from gill to tail that can pick up the movement of bait fish. They don't have to see the bait in order to strike at it.

In very muddy water conditions, I use top water crank or jerk bait that makes noise. This will lure the fish to strike at the motion of the bait.

The loss of most bass in farm ponds during winter is due to lack of oxygen. Algae and plant life in small farm ponds die and sink to the bottom. They ferment when the pond freezes over in the winter. As the vegetation decays, it will remove a portion of oxygen from the water.

The oxygen level of the water in a pond will depend on the amount of decay that occurs. In ponds that have an abundance of plant life that may decompose in the winter, it may be necessary to find a way to restore oxygen to the water during hard, long winters. This will assure a healthy bass population in the spring and summer. This kill not only affects ponds, it also occurs in some lakes in the North.

We still have some good fishing left prior to the hard winter freeze. Paintsville Lake will present the most difficult bass fishing. The water temperature has reached the 49-degree level on the surface. You may have to fish deeper when fishing there.

Dewey Lake is the warmer than some of the other local lakes. The water temperature is around the 60-degree level and falling. You may be able to find the bass still hitting top water or shallow running lures.

Yatesville Lake is just above the 50-degree mark. Fishing at a deeper

level may be the wiser choice there.

Wherever you fish during this time of year, be acutely aware of the affects of hypothermia, practice all water-safety procedures and preserve our environment by keeping our lakes and streams clean. See you at the fishing hole.

Ky. Afield

Beginning this year, hunters can take part in a two-day modern firearms season for antlerless deer. This new season will be open December 18-19, 1999, in Zone 1 counties.

Hunters are encouraged to take part in the season to help manage Kentucky's deer herd. Jon Gasset, Deer Program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), explains, "We need to balance the sex ratio of Kentucky's deer to improve overall quality of the population. This can be done by taking at least one doe for every buck."

As of November 29, a total of 83,755 deer had been reported to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Of these, nearly 46,000 were bucks, while less than 38,000 were does. That means that for each buck taken, less than one (0.82) doe was taken. This trend will lead to a population heavy in does.

The Zone 1 firearms season should remedy this, though. It's predicted that hunters will take 9,000 does during the two-day period. This will bring the doe harvest up to nearly 47,000, making the buck to doe ratio 1:1.02 — right where it should be.

Having a majority of does affects the population in several ways. The most significant impact is on the breeding season.

With an abundance of does, rut lasts longer but is much less intense than normal. When does significantly outnumber bucks, some does are not bred in their first or second estrous cycle and continue coming into heat. This means there are more does available for breeding for a longer period.

Bucks continue breeding as long as estrous females are available. Since a buck's main focus during rut is mating, he eats very little and loses considerable weight. An extended rut results in reduced physical condition for the bucks.

Also, with plenty of available does, competition among bucks decreases and they are less apt to fight and protect their territory.

The bag limit for the Zone 1 modern firearm season is one antlerless deer. Statewide or Zone 1 bonus permits must be used. A hunter who has already used his or her statewide tags and the Zone 1 tag cannot participate in this late firearms season. Hunter orange clothing requirements and Hunter Education requirements apply to persons participating in this season.

Zone 1 counties are Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Boone, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Christian, Crittenden, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Kenton, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg,

Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Spencer, Todd, Trigg, Trimble, Washington, Webster and Woodford.

All deer harvested in Kentucky must be reported to the KDFWR through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. To report a harvested deer, call toll-free 1-877-CHKGAME (1-877-245-4263) and provide the information requested by the automated system. Deer must be reported no later than 9 a.m. on the day after the deer is taken.

For more information about deer hunting regulations, refer to the current Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available from local hunting license vendors.

COOPERATIVE CLEAN-UP HELPS BATS

A group of people recently gathered to take out the trash. This was no ordinary clean-up though. The crew, including representatives from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), along with the Franklin County Solid Waste Coordinator and a private landowner, spent a day cleaning a sinkhole in the Bluegrass Region.

Why was this chore necessary? Sinkholes are natural bowl- or cone-shaped depressions on the land surface that serve as drainage points for groundwater.

Unfortunately, when some people see a sinkhole, they seem to have an innate urge to fill it up — with trash.

Sinkhole dumping not only causes an eyesore, but it also harms the environment. And, with this particular one, the trash was affecting an endangered species that was living in a cave at the bottom of the sinkhole.

The sinkhole had been used as a dump site for many years. People in the area regularly threw household trash, old appliances, broken toys — anything they no longer wanted — into the sinkhole. In their eyes, a hole in the ground was a natural place to dump garbage.

Unknown to these folks though, a group of gray bats, a federally endangered species, persisted in living in the cave despite the growing collection of junk blocking the entrance.

To leave the cave each night to feed, the bats would have to maneuver through the obstacle course of trash in the sinkhole, taking an extra 30 minutes to emerge. During their exit, they would often bump into debris, slowing their departure and making them more vulnerable to waiting predators.

Biologists became concerned about the continued deterioration of

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JB Sports

Will Rose get a fair shake?

by Jason Blanton
Sports Columnist

Earlier this year, on the 10th anniversary of his banishment, I wrote about Pete Rose. I wrote about the problems that he has endured over the years and what should be done.

And, in a little way thanks to Jim Gray, I believe Rose might finally get to tell his side.

Since the October 24 ambush by Gray, the public has called for Rose to get a chance to get into the Hall of Fame.

This week it was announced that Rose will finally get his case for reinstatement.

Bob DuPuy, executive vice president for administration for Major League Baseball, said he would meet after the first of the year with Rose's attorney.

DuPuy said the league would review whatever arguments or evidence that Rose's legal team had and then decide the next step.

Rose agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball in August 1989, but the settlement did not include an admission of guilt that he bet on baseball. The agreement allowed him to apply for reinstatement, which Rose did not do until two years ago.

Until this week, baseball had not acted on his

request.

In one CNN poll, 74 percent favor Rose's induction into the Hall of Fame. That is up from 56 percent back in 1989. The November poll also stated that 30 percent believe Rose never bet on baseball, but 56 percent believe he did bet on the Reds.

John Dowd, the former federal prosecutor who investigated the Reds manager's gambling for baseball, put the 225-page summary of his report on the Internet this month (www.dowdreport.com). The site has received more than 32,000 hits.

If you get a chance, you should look at the case that baseball has against Rose.

On paper the case looks pretty solid, but then its mostly circumstantial.

But it was Dowd's job only to get the information on Rose.

As the case returns to gather the spotlight, three elements stand out — the betting sheets, the evidence revealed after the Dowd report and banishment, and Rose's ineligibility for baseball's Hall of Fame.

After 10 years of defending Rose, I want him to get his chance to tell his side and rebuke the Dowd report.

Bud Selig, I think because of all the flack over Gray's interview, had to let Rose take the first step.

There's no chance that Rose will get back in baseball while baseball is run by Selig.

The only chance that Rose has is if his legal team has some strong evidence and some surpris-

es that might get other baseball people putting pressure on Selig, which could make him change his mind.

As a fan of Rose, let's just hope for the best and look as this meeting as the first step to get him into the Hall of Fame.

Must see TV!

Mitch Albom wrote a book, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, about a professor he had and his dying of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Albom, who is a great writer for the Detroit Free Press and a regular on ESPN, spent his days off (Tuesdays) with his former teacher and never started writing his book until he died.

It is not a book about dying as much it is a book about how to live.

The book was a best seller and Harpo Films (Oprah Winfrey) has now made it into a TV movie.

Legendary actor Jack Lemmon will star as Morrie Schwartz while Hank Azaria will be Albom in the event that will air tonight on ABC at 9 p.m.

According to the previews and interviews, the movie will live up to what the book has meant to people.

It will be well worth the time tonight to view this movie.

After the viewing, you might think differently of how much you appreciate friends, loved ones and life. Overall, you will re-evaluate your priorities like Schwartz wanted Albom to do.

Bobcats

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Justin Bartley led the Bobcats' scoring, finishing with 16 points, all but two coming in the second half. Bartley went to the bench early in the second quarter and returned in the third period.

Scott Collins had 10 first-half points but had to watch the rest of the game from the sidelines with an injured wrist. The injury occurred just before halftime.

Brock Keathley added nine points and Adam Collins scored eight.

Betsy Layne would have had the last look at the basket, but turned the ball over with less than five seconds to play.

Clint Hackney gave the Eagles a two-point lead, 58-56 by hitting the front end of a two-shot foul.

With five seconds showing on the clock, Keathley drove up the side, cut to the middle and into the lane. He went up for the open shot, but passed off instead to an unsuspecting Bradley Brooks to send the ball sailing out of bounds.

There were eight lead changes in the fourth quarter and one tie at 53-53.

Johnson Central led 55-53 with 47 seconds left to play.

During a timeout, a cheerleader from Johnson Central fell and the game was held up for 30 minutes before resuming with the ball controlled by Betsy Layne.

With 33 seconds to play, Bartley drilled a three-point basket to give the lead to Betsy Layne, 56-55. McKenzie's basket then put the Eagles ahead to stay.

Betsy Layne's defense surprised

the Eagles as they had trouble getting any advantage over the Bobcats. The game was tied five times in the first quarter as the two teams traded baskets.

Keathley's basket with less than a minute to play gave the lead to Betsy Layne, 16-14, at the first stop.

There were three ties in the second period but an 11-2 Betsy Layne run gave the Bobcats a 29-25 lead at the half. Adam Collins' basket tied the game at 20-20 to start the spurt that ended with two free throws by Eric McKinney.

The free throws gave Betsy Layne a seven-point cushion, but Mitchell Coleman's long trey cut the margin to four at the half.

Betsy Layne built the lead back to seven points, 34-27, before Johnson Central put together a run of its own.

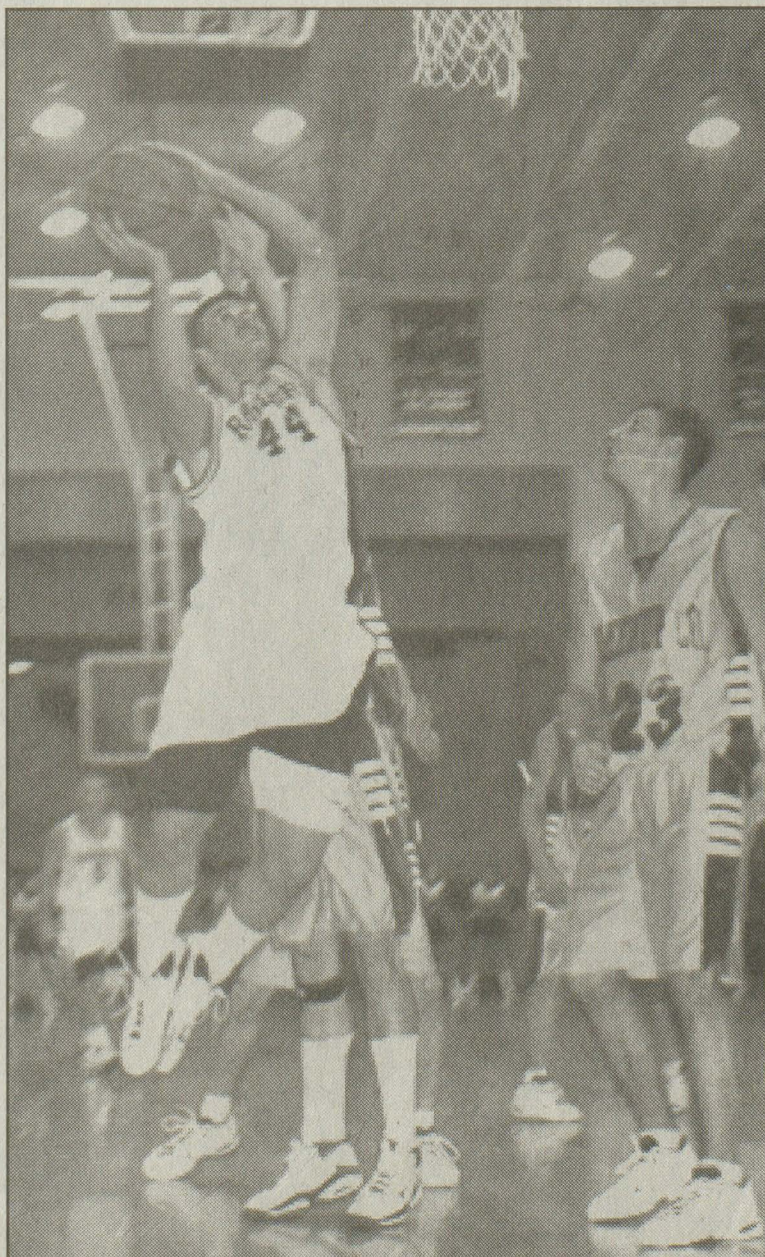
With 3:29 to play, the Eagles cut the lead to one, 34-33 on a basket by Mitchell. Adam Collins scored underneath and was fouled. He missed the free throw and a long three-point basket by McKenzie made it a 36-35 game.

The Eagles took the lead on Jimmy Burchett's basket with 59 seconds left. The Eagles led 37-36 after three quarters.

The biggest lead in the fourth quarter was four points and that was owned by Johnson Central.

Bartley led a Betsy Layne charge that tied the game at 53-53. He scored 10 points in the fourth period.

The loss dropped the Bobcats to 1-1 on the season. It was the first game of the year for Johnson Central (1-0).



Byron Hall (44) of South Floyd shoots for two in the game against Greenup County. The Raiders improve their record to 2-0 and take on the Golden Eagles of Johnson Central on Saturday night for the championship game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Sports in Perspective

by Denis Harrington

On September 9, 1999, Louise Suggs celebrated her 76th birthday.

A co-founder of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and one of the finest female shotmakers in the history of women's golf, she has much to remember from the good old days.

"Everything is relative," she said of late. "The players now are stronger and more powerful on the average than those of my era. But I feel we were better swingers. We had to be to score as well as we did with the equipment then. The balls were not nearly so lively as now. And the clubs were much less consistent and innovative in design. I started playing with wooden shaft clubs. You really needed good touch and techniques to score well with them."

During the embryonic years of the LPGA Tour, the lady pros plied their trade under conditions much different from those of today.

"We played regular men's tees, the standard men's courses," Suggs said. "So our courses weren't clipped and cut as is the practice now. If you got five or 10 yards off the fairway you usually stayed there for a while. Now it's like playing on the living room carpet."

Back then, Suggs captivated golf worshippers the land over with her methodical game and business-like demeanor. Sportswriters referred to her as the "female Ben Hogan." They were indeed very similar in their competitive approach and method of play. And this was not due strictly to coincidence.

"Hogan developed into a control player," Suggs explained. "But he was still among the longer drivers

on the men's tour. I tried to copy his technique as it applied to my style and physique. I learned that the person who makes the fewest mistakes usually wins over several days of play."

A model of consistency throughout her career, Suggs became the first inductee into the LPGA Hall of Fame. She was the circuit's leading money winner in 1953 and 1960, and topped the Vare Trophy standings (best per-round scoring average) in 1957. Among her 50 tournament victories were the 1957 LPGA Championship, the 1949 and 1953 U.S. Women's Open, the 1954, 1956 and 1959 title holders and the 1949 and 1953 Western Open.

"In 1940, the three leading club manufacturers — Wilson,

McGregor and Spalding — helped the LPGA to get started," she said. "But during the 1950s they withdrew their backing. This left only about 25 of us to run things. So we went out and got tournaments, raised prize moneys and played our hearts out. We put quite a bit of our own funds into this effort. Personally, the survival process cost me plenty. We had to worry about guaranteeing the weekly purses and meeting the day-to-day expenses, all the while trying to play and win."

Once a tournament was underway, the lady pros shared such responsibilities for the conduct of the competition as raking sand traps, making rules decisions, posting scores and determining the

standings.

"Everybody understood how dependent on one another we had to be for the sake of our livelihood," Suggs said. "Everybody was closer then. It was a matter of necessity if nothing else. We had to support one another for the tour to exist. And because of this I think we enjoyed our work more than is the case now."

Still another means of enhancing one's finances during the 1950s was playing exhibitions and conducting instructional clinics.

"I did a lot of personal appearances at clubs and public courses," Suggs said. "As part of my routine I would hit balls out of divot holes with a driver more than 220 yards. The people couldn't believe it. But

the whole idea was precision and accuracy, not might. Big muscles aren't a requirement to hit a golf ball long and accurately. The top men players swing the club so fast due to their strength. It's difficult for the observer to see what they're doing. But by watching the good women players, a student of the game can see the finer points executed in slower motion. I like to think this kind of selling job put more people behind the gallery ropes at LPGA Tour events."

With a bit of evident chagrin Suggs said, "The LPGA pros today have little if any knowledge of the sacrifices that were made for the tour."

And would they care if they did? Not bloody likely.

NASCAR Notebook:

Jarrett collects big money for first title

(AP) - Dale Jarrett reaped some big rewards for his first Winston Cup championship.

Jarrett accepted checks totaling \$3,040,767 during Friday night's annual NASCAR Awards Banquet in New York, bringing his season earnings to \$6,649,596. His race winnings totaled \$3,608,829. Added to that was \$2,815,767 from the NASCAR and Winston point funds, as well as \$225,000 in contingency money.

"When I finished third the first time, I got so nervous and excited about being on stage that I left my check there. Then, when I finished second, I forgot the check when I left the stage. Tonight, there's no way I'm going to forget it," Jarrett said.

Jarrett also took some time for giving Friday. He and his wife, Kelley, have raised money for several years for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

On Friday, Jarrett handed foundation officials a check for \$220,000. That includes \$110,000 from performance incentives — for 15 top-three finishes in 1999 — and a matching gift from team sponsor Ford Quality Care.

Earlier this season, Jarrett and team owner Robert Yates gave the Komen Foundation \$86,000 from racing merchandise sales.

STILL POPULAR: Bill Elliott had a tough year, finishing 21st in the Winston Cup standings. But the driver from the mountains of northern Georgia remains No. 1 in the hearts of his fans.

On Friday, Elliott was selected the stock car series' Most Popular Driver for the ninth straight year and the 14th time in 16 years. He got 60 percent of the 21,000 votes cast by telephone.

"The fans have stuck with me through thick and thin," the 1988 series champion said. "When things aren't going right, it's the fans who give you that extra shot of adrenaline. They are the backbone of this sport and that's why I am deeply honored to have won this award."

LONG TIME COMING: W.C. "Junie" Donlavey, who has been involved in stock car racing as a team owner since before NASCAR was formed 51 years ago, is the recipient of the Myers Brothers Award.

The award is presented annually by the National Motorsports Press Association to the individual or group voted by its membership to have made the greatest contribution during the year or in their career to the sport of stock car

racing.

The award is named after two of the sport's pioneers, the late Billy and Bobby Myers, and is supported by the Tosco Corporation.

Donlavey has fielded cars for more than 150 drivers, including top names like David Pearson, Fred Lorenzen, Lee Roy Yarbrough, Ray Hendrick, Bobby Isaac and Charlie Glotzbach.

"We've been around a while and we never had a lot of money or a lot of races," Donlavey said. "But it has been fun. And that's why I'm still here. There is nothing I could do where I could have this much fun."

Other top awards given out Friday:

- Exide All Charged Up Award: Jeff Burton, \$50,000.
- True Value Hard Charger Award: Jeff Gordon, \$50,000.
- Gatorade Front Runner Award: Bobby Labonte, \$30,000.
- Clevite Engine Builder of the Year Award: Doug Yates, Robert Yates Racing, \$50,000.
- Tosco Oil Contingency Award: Dale Earnhardt, \$100,000.
- Tosco Gasoline Contingency Award: Dale Jarrett, \$50,000.



Tabetha Witt shoots a two point basket in the championship game between the Betsy Layne Ladycats and the Beaver Creek Beavers. The Lady Bobcats won their second consecutive tournament. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Karen's Korner



Opps..

I need to make a correction. In the story in Wednesday's paper concerning the South Floyd and Pikeville girls game. I gave credit to Rebecca Hobbs with scoring 21 points, when actually it was Jill Kimberlain that scored the 21 points. My apologies go out the Jill and her family. My Bad.

A Sad Time...

It is a sad time when adults attend their children's sporting events and don't know how to conduct themselves. Then we wonder, what is wrong with our children. At a recent ballgame at Allen Elementary the gym had to be cleared with three minutes remaining in the game due to the fact that the fans (adults) were out of control. People we need to realize that this is only a game. I know that we all get upset sometimes, but please remember that these young children are very impressionable. Think what you do before you act.

A refreshing site....

Ever now and then you see something that gives you a warm feel-

ing inside. On Monday night at the girls basketball game between Pikeville and South Floyd. Sonya Tackett (South Floyd) and a Pikeville player went up for the ball and somehow the two collided. The Pikeville player went to the floor hard. Sonya didn't get hurt physically, but you could see the hurt and concern on her face. She immediately bent down to the other player. It took several minutes for the girls to get up and during this time Sonya was really concerned. You don't see this too often in sports. Thankful, the girl was not seriously injured, the entire South Floyd bench applauded when she arose to her feet. We need to teach our children more about sportsmanship.

Basketball and More Basketball....

The High School basketball season got under way this past week. I have attended twelve games this week and Ed had attended about that many. Our county teams, both high school and grade school boys and girls have had some great ball games. It looks to be an exciting year in basketball in the county. Some how, I don't really know how, but we need to get the attendance back up at our high school sporting events. I understand that it is expensive and there are so many games that a lot of people can't go to all of them, but it is sad when you go to a high school basketball game and see around one hundred people there. Twenty-five years ago, the gym would be packed, especially for a district or regional match-up. The school just don't have the school spirit that they used to.

Afield

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the site. Their concern spurred them to find a way to clean up the sinkhole and restore the habitat for the bats.

The cave was of particular concern because it was being used as a maternity cave where female bats gather to bear and raise their young.

After obtaining permission from the landowner, the biologists gathered some helpers and cleaned the sinkhole. While cleaning, they removed items ranging from bicycles and fences to household appliances and even an old truck.

Traci Wethington, endangered species biologist with the KDFWR's Nongame Program, appreciates the workers' time, muscles and ingenuity used to make this clean-up happen.

"Everyone should be proud of the work they did for an endangered species," Wethington said. "This project could not have happened without such a cooperative spirit."

Nowadays, with refuse-removal services, it is much easier to dispose of unwanted appliances and other items. There's no reason to fill sinkholes with trash. Simply call the local solid waste management coordinator in your county for information.

Sinkhole dumping leads to a whole range of problems. Sinkholes

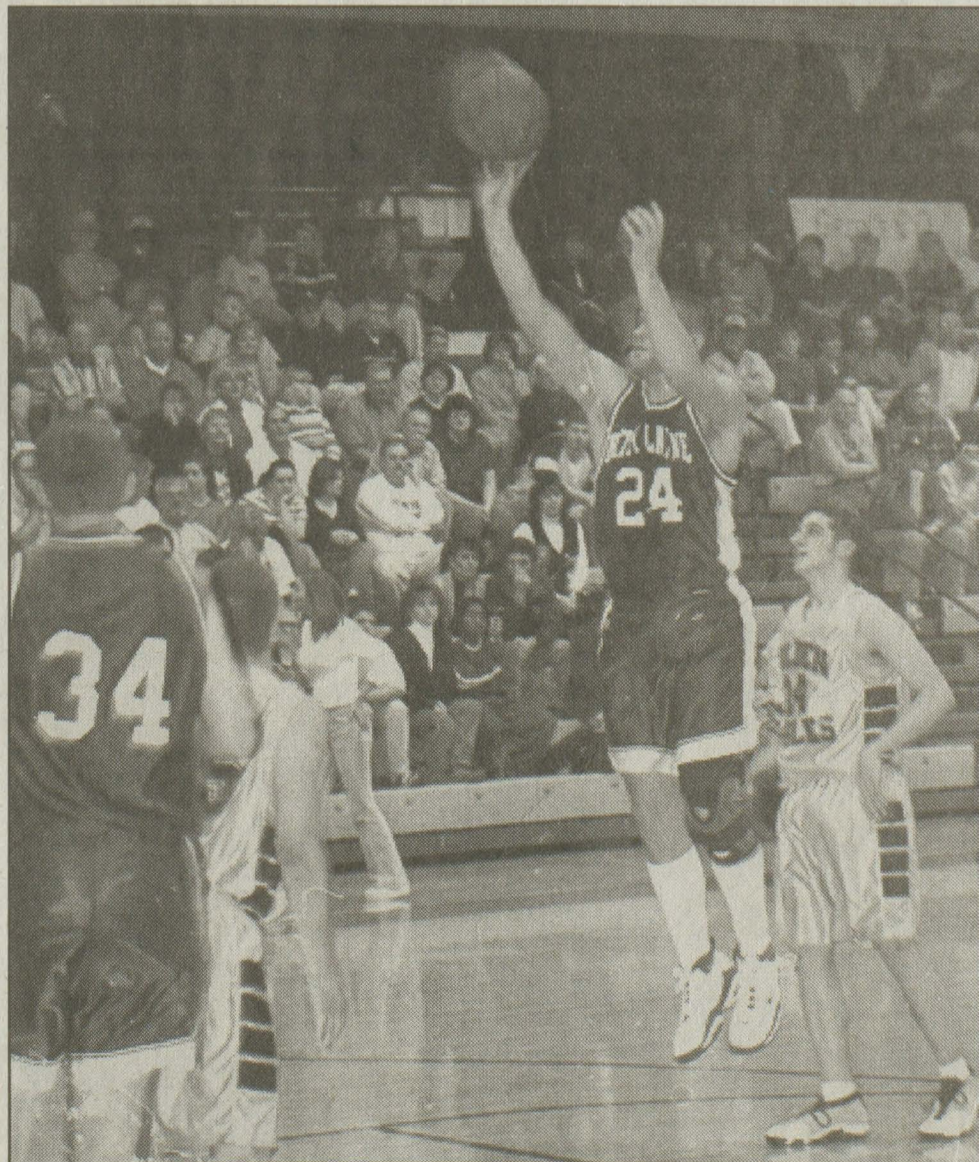
are natural drainage points for our groundwater system. If a sinkhole is plugged with trash, water will not drain properly. This may cause flooding, sinking, erosion and pollution.

Also, certain items may leak toxic materials that will contaminate the groundwater.

In addition, using a sinkhole as a dump site ruins the habitat and makes it unsuitable for bats, insects and other important cave dwellers.

If you own property where trash has been dumped in sinkholes, consider cleaning the sinkholes and restoring vegetation to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. The Cave Conservancy of the Virginias offers the following advice for cleaning sinkholes:

- Check with your local NRCS office, state fish and wildlife agency, Soil and Water Conservation District, utility district or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office. These groups often have funding to assist with the cost of trash removal.
- Volunteer help and equipment can also be a big help. Contact local cave clubs and the county litter control officer for help.
- County public service authorities will sometimes waive the landfill tipping fee for waste materials



South Floyd's Ryan Shannon drives toward the basket in the game between South Floyd and Greenup Co. The Raiders won the first game of the Clarence D. Rice Tip-off Classic. The Raiders defeated Greenup County in two overtimes to advance to the championship. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Bears survive Tornadoes

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Pikeville Bears improved to 6-5 on the season with a 70-63 win over Brevard College Tornadoes last Wednesday night at home.

The Bears used a 9-2 run in the final 1:29 to hold off the pesky Tornadoes, who dropped to 6-7 on the season.

Pikeville held a two-point edge, 63-61, on a lay-in by Chuck Peterson at the 1:36 mark. Freshman John Mims connected on a free throw, and junior Ricky Freeman rebounded his own missed shot — his 18th rebound of the game — and scored for a 66-61 lead with 1:27 to play.

Archie Wah hit a jumper for the Tornadoes with 1:08 remaining, but a three by senior Brian Russell with 36 seconds left pushed the Pikeville lead to six.

Mims sank one free throw and Craig Ratliff nailed two to finish the game.

"Sometimes it's not really pretty, but the effort is always there," said Pikeville Coach Randy McCoy. "We always work hard, and that's what it takes sometimes to win. It's not going to get real easy for this team, but if we keep working, we'll be successful."

Ratliff, a freshman from Paintsville, led the balanced Bears' attack with 14 points, hitting 4-of-5 from the arc. He also pulled in five rebounds. Freeman finished with 12 points, had three blocked shots and three steals. Thomas Jenkins, a sophomore from Martin, added 10 points, hitting a three-point basket and pulling in four rebounds.

Pikeville outrebounded the Tornadoes 42-35, thanks to Freeman's 18. Fourteen of Freeman's boards were on the defensive end.

Brevard College held a 33-30 lead at the half. The Bears hit 60 percent from the three-point circle, making 6-of-10 attempts. The Bears connected on 12-of-19 free throws.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Career Advice: Stay in School

Contemplating a career in tournament fishing? Here's some good advice: Get a college degree.

A surprising number of pros graduated with a degree in fisheries biology or majored in a similar course of study in college to prepare for a career of casting for cash. Here's just a sampling:



Tim Tucker's Tour Notebook

- Nine-time B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year **Roland Martin** of Florida has two degrees in fisheries biology-related studies.
- Past BASS Masters Classic champion **Ken Cook** of Oklahoma is a former fisheries biologist.
- B.A.S.S. tournament winner **Chad Brauer** of Tennessee has a degree in fisheries and wildlife.
- Red Man All-American champion **Stephen Browning** of Arkansas majored in fisheries and wildlife management.
- B.A.S.S. tournament winner **Scott Martin** of South Carolina majored in wildlife technology.
- Two-time Classic champion **George Cochran** has a degree in forestry.
- Past Red Man All-American champion **Joe Thomas** of Ohio majored in fisheries biology.
- FLW Tour winner **Clark Wendlandt** of Texas has a degree in wildlife and fisheries science.
- Former B.A.S.S. SuperStars champion **O.T. Fears** of Oklahoma is a former fisheries biologist.

Takes a Licking Reigning Wal-Mart FLW Tour Angler of the Year **David Walker** recently signed an endorsement contract with the watch-making giant Timex. The two-year deal is believed to be worth about \$10,000 per year.

"I'm thrilled to be with Timex," the Kentucky pro said. "Timex is new to this whole thing. They're really excited about fishing. They think this is a great market for them."

"When you get involved with a big company like this, it's a big step not only for me, but all of the fishermen. For so long, hundreds of us have been battling over sponsorships from little bitty bait companies. Now we're seeing some major companies getting involved with the sport."

He Said It "I don't like it. I told them I didn't like the concept when it first came up. I think it creates the wrong image for fishermen. Little kids sitting at home and eating their cereal on Saturday mornings are going to see this on television, and think that this is what it is to be a fisherman." BASS founder **Ray Scott**, discussing the BASS-sanctioned World Championship Fishing concept, which combines bass fishing with boat racing.

Collectible Ranger Creative Master International, a leading maker of die-cast replicas, recently announced plans to add a highly detailed 1/24th scale Ranger boat and trailer to its product line.

The Ranger replica will include the boat, outboard motor, trailer and forward-mounted trolling motor. Among its 170 parts will be some movable components. And you will be able to choose your favorite brand of outboard (Mercury, Johnson or Evinrude).

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	24	Denny Brauer , Camden, Mo. <i>Runner-up in 1999 Classic; still the man to beat</i>
2	2	24	Davy Hite , Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i>
3	3	24	Larry Nixon , Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals</i>
4	4	24	Kevin VanDam , Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; third in Md. Top 150</i>
5	5	24	Rick Clunn , Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in VI. BASS Top 150</i>
6	6	7	David Fritts , Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up</i>
7	7	24	Stephen Browning , Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Mich. Top 150 finals</i>
8	8	7	Tim Horton , Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Won Md. Top 150; leads Angler of Year race</i>
9	9	20	David Walker , Cannon, Ky. <i>FLW Tour Angler of Year; 15th in Md. Top 150</i>
10	10	24	Zell Rowland , Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of VI. BASS Top 150</i>
11	11	21	Clark Wendlandt , Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up</i>
12	12	4	Darrell Robertson , Jay, Okla. <i>M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months</i>
13	13	24	Mark Davis , Mount Ida, Ark. <i>Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals</i>
14	14	14	Roland Martin , Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.</i>
15	15	2	Aaron Martens , Castaic, Calif. <i>Calif. BASS winner; WON Bass Angler of Year</i>

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

Tips From the Pros



JAY YELAS of Tyler, Texas, is a two-time winner on the BASSMASTER Tournament Trail.

Spinnerbait Tips for All Seasons

"I consider the spinnerbait to be one of the most highly versatile bass lures known to man. And it is an excellent year-round bass bait. For pre-spawn bass holding in the deepest water in the backwater regions, I slow-roll a 1/2-ounce Stanley spinnerbait with a No. 5 Wedge and No. 2 Colorado blades along the steeper banks. "Once the water starts to warm up and the fish start spawning, I use that same spinnerbait around stumps, cattails, bulrushes or tules, because those fish will get around shallower cover on flatter banks. For post-spawn bass, I still rely on a spinnerbait, but drop to a smaller version — a 1/8- or 1/4-ounce with No. 2 and 3 Colorado blades — to better imitate small fry, shad and minnows that have recently hatched. I work it at a medium speed around any type of backwater cover adjacent to the spawning sites. "In the summertime, I utilize a 1/4-ounce spinnerbait in those same areas. In the fall, the fish tend to move back into the backwaters more and the key is to look for the baitfish. If you find shad all the way in the back of the backwater area, that's where you need to be fishing a 1/2-ounce spinnerbait."

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YOUR SPORTS

Keys to Adventure

World-Class Snorkeling and Diving Available in U.S.

By LINDA GETTMANN

The joy of discovering the underwater world begins with the simple act of putting your face in the water. That first snorkeling experience is quite often the beginning of a lifelong fascination with the ocean. That's how it started for me more than 15 years

ago snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. If it is this fabulous to snorkel, what must it be like to dive? The next year I became a certified scuba diver and haven't stopped exploring the oceans since.

We have some great snorkeling and diving right here in the United States, and particularly in the Florida Keys. You can rent a mask, fins and snorkel almost anywhere in the Keys for a very small price compared to the enjoyment you and your family will experience drifting over the coral. Age doesn't matter, so get everyone involved in snorkeling and increase their comfort level in the water before starting kids or adults on dive certification classes. Once they get a bird's-eye view of the incredible beauty of the reef and its denizens, you won't be able to drag them out of the water.

Some of the best snorkeling reefs in the Keys include Carysfort and South Carysfort, North Dry Rocks, Key Largo Dry Rocks, Molasses Reef, Coffins Patch, Sombrero Reef, Looe Key and Western Dry Rocks. All of these areas have sections as shallow as 15 feet, with coral rising all the way to the surface in some cases. You can easily see branching elkhorn coral, brain coral, star coral and hundreds of species of fish, including sergeant majors, yellowtail snappers, blue-striped grunts, parrotfish, blue tangs and trumpet fish.

Keys diving is good year-round with average water and air temperatures of 80 degrees. Visibility is normally 60 to 80 feet, although it can extend to 100 feet or more when the clear waters of

the Gulf Stream bathe the reefs. Surface conditions are usually calmer in the spring, summer and fall because the trade winds are not as brisk as in the winter. The current can vary from none to strong, depending on the Gulf Stream and the tides.

The Florida Keys are strung together by a long ribbon called the Overseas Highway (U.S. 1). This highway makes getting around easy and fun.

Panoramic views of the emerald and blue waters of Florida Bay and the Atlantic Ocean alternate along the entire 106-mile route from Key Largo to Key West. The dive shops, restaurants and hotels provide a range of choices to satisfy any taste and budget. Keeping track of where you are is simple using the mile markers alongside the road, which descend from 160 at Key Largo to 0 in Key West. Businesses generally include the closest mile marker in their address.

Even though the ocean is only steps away in most places, don't expect to dive from shore. The reef line curves along with the islands, but most of the reefs are 3 to 5 miles offshore. The convenient access by boat and numerous high-quality dive operations make diving in the Keys easy. Prices are good; the service is excellent; and wherever you stay there will be a good dive shop nearby. The Keys are also a great choice for

dive instruction, with many dive shops offering the full range of PADI and NAUI courses from beginner to instructor level.

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MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Web site at www.fla-keys.com, where you will find a wealth of information. Or phone 1-800-FLA-KEYS. Or write: Florida Keys & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 1146, Key West, Fla. 33041.

A SPORTING WEAPON



Hunter John Phillips of Birmingham, Ala., takes aim with a scope-enhanced handgun.

Hunters Show Handguns In A New Light

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

I felt like Clint Eastwood on a deer stand. Perched atop a tripod stand in the south Georgia pine country, I watched for any sign or sound of the abundant wild hogs that inhabit the region. My weapon was a Smith & Wesson Model 629DX .44-caliber Magnum enhanced with a 2-power Bushnell scope. Together, it is a heavy package that packs a surprising wallop — and kick — when the trigger is pulled.

During that hunting trip, I learned that handguns like the .44 Magnum are excellent hunting weapons. In addition, they are considerably more fun to hunt with than long guns. Apparently, I am just one of thousands of converted handgun hunting enthusiasts emerging throughout the country.

"Handgun hunting is one of the fast-growing areas of the shooting sports," said Ken Jorgeson, public relations manager for Smith & Wesson, veteran woodsman and my hunting companion on a couple of trips afield. "It's growing for a couple of reasons, and one is that more and more states are accepting handguns as hunting weapons."

"I think the other attraction is that handgun hunting allows you to use skills you may have developed as a black-powder hunter or archery hunter. Those same skills are used with handgun hunting. It takes a lot of planning, a lot of patience and a lot of woods skills to be a successful handgun hunter. And handgun hunting represents another challenge for the person who does everything with a rifle. It puts a little more of the sport back into it for them."

"There's no doubt that handguns have a stigma. But we're not talking about Saturday Night specials and things like that. Handgun hunting is becoming more and more of a legitimate sport in this country."

Handgun hunting is perfectly legal in most states. Check your local regulations to be safe.

And these are powerful killing tools when loaded with specially designed bullets like the Black Talon, Starfire or Golden Saber. Jorgeson has bagged hogs, antelope and white-tailed and mule deer (most with a .44 Magnum) with these high-tech pistols. He hopes someday to add caribou, moose and elk to that list.

But handgun hunting isn't for every sportsperson. To be consistently successful at pistol hunting, it takes above-average woodsmanship and hunting skills — not to mention plenty of practice.

"I think hogs and deer are the perfect animals to hunt with a handgun," Jorgeson said. "I would recommend either a .41 Magnum or .44 Magnum, which have a 140-grain bullet as their standard load. You don't have the velocities that you have with a long gun, but you make up for it with the weight of the bullet. A heavy bullet is going to penetrate a long way and go completely through."

Without the speed (velocity) of a rifle cartridge, the legitimate shooting range of handguns is somewhat limited. Although wild game can be taken from 100 yards away with a well-braced shot under the right conditions, most hunters limit their shots to about 75 yards, according to Jorgeson. Still, he points out that Judy Wooley, a member of the Smith & Wesson exhibition team, routinely shoots a 2-inch group from 100 yards away with the same .44 Magnum I hunted with in Georgia.

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GEAR AND GOODIES

Bottom Line Ups the Ante in Depthfinder Market

Just when I thought that marine electronics — depthfinders — couldn't get much more sophisticated, along comes Bottom Line's new top-of-the-line unit, the Tournament Champion NC6500.

The Tournament Champion depthfinder incorporates all of the latest technology available to give bass and walleye anglers one of the best sonar and navigational aids on today's market. Its C-Map capabilities literally point out every nook and cranny of a specific lake or river with a highly detailed map that provides a clear picture of each region. Utilizing the unit's GPS technology, anglers can

store up to 1,000 fishing spots in memory.

The unit also features Bottom Line's patented Sidefinder technology. As a result, the depthfinder

is capable of scanning off to each side as well as directly below the boat.

The unit's split-screen display allows a simultaneous combination of views. For example, the LCD bottom reading, Sidefinder and flasher modes can be seen at the same time. That is a real luxury.

The heart of the unit's operation is a series of easy-to-use menus that don't require training courses or exasperating trial-and-error to master.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Bottom Line at (800) 456-5432.



Bluegrass State Games honor its athletes of the year

LEXINGTON — A male athlete who has been participating in the Bluegrass State Games for 13 years and a female athlete who has been competing for nine years were honored Nov. 30 as the GTE "Athletes of the Year."

William Jake Jacobs and Beverly Marie Metcalf, both of Frankfort, received the top Bluegrass State Games awards at a reception at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington.

Jacobs, who competes in horse-shoes, has earned two gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze medal in the Bluegrass State Games and has been entering horseshoe competitions for 38 years.

Metcalf has received 40 gold, silver and bronze medals since first entering Bluegrass State Games track and field competitions in 1990.

However, it was not necessarily the number of medals they won that impressed the selection committee. Metcalf, 47, received high marks for motivating others to participate in the Games, while Jacobs, 70, was cited for his motivation and constantly striving to give his best to the sport.

"These two athletes represent what the Bluegrass State Games are

all about," said Scotty Baesler, chairman of the Bluegrass State Games Board of Directors, who helped present the awards. "They demonstrate that amateur athletes strive for the same excellence and spirit of competitiveness as professionals."

"We want to thank GTE for establishing these awards to help recognize such outstanding amateur athletes in the Commonwealth."

GTE spokesperson Kathy Goss said the telecommunications company is proud to be a major sponsor of the event. "More than 20,000 amateur athletes in the state of Kentucky take part in this event every year, so it is an honor to help them achieve their goals and recognize those who give so much to amateur sports."

Three other awards — Volunteer of the Year, and Male and Female Youth Sportsmanship Awards — were also given last night.

Estelle Quisenberry, 63, Louisville, who assigns referees for 335 individual soccer games, received the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Twelve-year-old Sarah Newman, Lexington, and 5-year-old Jordan Ellison, Liberty, received the two

youth sportsmanship awards. Newman, who competes in in-line hockey, has received three consecutive gold medals in the three years she has competed and is the only female player who has scored in a game.

Ellison, who competes in power tumbling, has participated in the Bluegrass State Games for two years and in power tumbling for three years.

In all, 20 athletes from across Kentucky were nominated for the GTE Athlete of the Year Awards — 11 females and nine males.

Another 14 people who volunteer with the Games were nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Other nominees, hometowns and the sports they competed or worked in are:

Woman Athlete of the Year - Kristi McKnight, Lexington, chess; Marty Donaldson, Lexington, diving; Debbie McDonald, Ferguson, croquet; Amy Delahanty, Louisville, fencing; Megan Hephner, Georgetown, western horse; Jill Davis, Paint Lick, softball; Nicole Krumpelman, Villa Hills, tennis; Staci Grisham, Lexington, bowling;

and Pamela Curtsinger, Bardstown, disc golf.

Male Athlete of the Year - Tim Chilton, Louisville, chess; Michael Bradley, Winchester, diving; Fredrick "Reggie" Bentley, Louisville, fencing; Brian Wease, Elizabethtown, disc golf; Troy Smith, Lexington, softball; Morris T. "Sonny" Collins, Radcliff, track and field; and Chris Jodarski, Lexington, western horse show.

Other nominees for Volunteer of the Year - Don and Missy Lutz, Mt. Washington, chess; Sara Kelly, Louisville, fencing; Merle Insko, Paris, track and field; Ollie F. Covington, Georgetown, horse-shoes; Nancy Roth, Lexington, equestrian; Elizabeth "Scoobie" Ryan, Lexington, diving; Richard Huber, Nicholasville, western horse show; Bruce Quick, Lexington, volleyball; Brock and Deborah

Woodall, Liberty, disc golf; David Gailey, Lexington, gymnastics; and Lisa McClanahan, Lexington, shooting.

The Bluegrass State Games are a project of the Governor's Commission on Sports, Physical Activity and Wellness. The Games are designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate in statewide, family-oriented sports festivals modeled after the Olympic Games.

The Games are co-hosted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Ashland, Inc. and The Valvoline Company are Founding Sponsors of the Bluegrass State Games. Presenting sponsors are The Lexington Herald-Leader, IT Network Services, GTE Directories and GTE Wireless.

Other sponsors include Kentucky Utilities Co.; Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau; Meridian Communications; Cumulus Broadcasting; WKYT-TV; Crowe, Chizek and Company, LLP; Lexington Area Sports Authority; McDonald's of Central and Southeastern Kentucky; Meijer; Central Bank; Frankfort Civic Center; Frankfort Regional Medical Center; Lexington Hotel-Motel Association; Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Lexington; Radisson Plaza Hotel; Trust for Life; Kentucky Broadcasters Association; The Kentucky Press Association; Kentucky Cable Telecommunications Association; KET—The Kentucky Network; Kentucky National Guard; and Champions for a Drug-Free Kentucky.

Lady Cats

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veteran team, as well. We have the one senior (Brandy Wells), but our juniors and sophomores have played a lot."

Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers said she did not change anything at the half but did explain to her team they were not playing hard enough.

"The first half, they were just walking up and down the floor," she said. "They weren't aggressive enough. Both on offense and defense and going to the boards. Up to the third quarter, we had only shot five free throws and that tells me we are not being aggressive."

Music and Conley showed a lot of their old Allen Grade School days, and were on the same wavelength, complementing each other. Both worked the inside and showed, at times, signs of greatness in the game.

"Some people were saying when Ramanda came back that her and Amelia would not work good together," said the Prestonsburg coach. "You have to remember they played together before. In fact, half of this team is off that Allen championship team."

It was the free throw shooting of Prestonsburg down the stretch that put the game in the win column. Prestonsburg hit 9-of-12 attempts in the final 1:19 of the game. Hyden and Wells camped at the line as the clock ticked down when the Prestonsburg guards controlled the basketball.

"We have some good free throw shooters," said Coach Hamilton. "We tried to run our guard wave out front so we could kill the clock."

"You can't say enough good things about Megan Hyden," said Hamilton. "She is a fantastic player and she is just a sophomore. We will have her two more years and are tickled to death to have her."

Betsy Layne had cut the big Prestonsburg lead to just eight points heading into the fourth quarter. The Lady Blackcats led 56-48 but extended the lead to 10 points on a rebound basket by Music. With 6:47 to play, Conley's free throw gave Prestonsburg an 11-point advantage.

But Betsy Layne wasn't through. Reynolds drilled a three-point basket, Stratton rolled between two defenders for a layup and Reynolds hit the back end of a two-shot foul that cut the lead to five, 61-56, with just over five minutes to play.

"We played better on the boards and our defense picked up," said Akers. "You can't give a team two and three shots at the basket and stay in it."

Trailing 67-62, eighth-grader Whitney Lykens drained a three-point basket to get her team as close as they had been since the first quarter. The trey made it a

67-63 game at the three minute mark.

Later, Stratton hit the front end of a two-shot set and it was a three-point game, 67-64.

But it was Music again on a strong move inside to make it a five-point game. A Coleman free throw with 1:19 to play gave Prestonsburg a 70-66 lead, but two charity tosses by Jenny Parsons got Betsy Layne to within two points, 70-68.

But that would be as close as the Lady Cats would get. In fact, they failed to score in the final 1:19, turning the ball over against the Prestonsburg press on their last five possessions of the game.

"Again, we're young," said Coach Akers. "We haven't been in this situation before. This was good for us. This will give something to go in the gym and work on. This will help us a lot. I hated to play the game outside the district because they are the key to the district."

"We do want to get them. If I had my druthers, I'd rather beat them in the conference."

Coach Hamilton said he would like to see his team put together four full quarters. In the first three games, all victories, Prestonsburg has sputtered in at least one quarter.

"If we can ever tie a full game together," he said. "We have a lot of things to work on. Somewhere down the road it will all come together for us."

Prestonsburg held a 22-13 lead at the end of the first quarter behind the play of Hyden and Wells. Hyden scored eight first-quarter points to lead the Lady Blackcats.

Music took charge in the second quarter, controlling the boards and even stepping outside to hit a nice 14-foot jumper. Conley, who played in foul trouble, quietly did her thing and had two put-backs in working the offensive boards.

Prestonsburg owned a 44-29 lead at the half and extended it to 19 points, 52-33, when Conley converted an old-fashioned three-point play. Betsy Layne went on a 13-2 run with Parsons sparking the spurt to narrow the lead to six, 54-48.

Coach Akers said she was pleased with her team not folding when they fell behind and showing a lot of character in coming back.

"I was proud of them and it is scary what they can do," she said. "I would love to see four quarters like that. We put together three but it is early and they are a young team."

Sheena Akers scored six points for Betsy Layne and Kim Tackett added four. Lykens finished with nine points.

Mustangs

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advantage over the Bobcats.

In the second quarter, the lead went back and forth, but Betsy Layne went into the dressing room with a five-point lead over the Mustangs.

Josh Scarberry was fouled on a three-point basket with a little over a minute to go and connected on all three to give the Bobcats the lead at 19-13. Jack Slone was then fouled and made both shots of a one-plus-one to bring the Mustangs within four.

Then, with 4.4 seconds remaining in the half, C. J. Newsome fouled Adam Roberts of Betsy Layne on a three-point attempt. Roberts hit only 1-of-3 foul shots to give the Bobcats the five-point advantage.

Jordan Kidd had the ball at the buzzer and attempted a shot, but was short and the half ended.

In the second half, the Bobcats led as many as nine points, but the Mustangs would not let up.

Jack Slone took control of the game and scored 10 points in the third quarter to bring the Mustangs within four of the Bobcats. The score at the end of the third quarter was 35-31 in favor of the Bobcats.

Raiders

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baskets, a big one in the second overtime, and finished the game with 16 points.

Game scoring honors went to Greenup's big man, 6-7 Daniel Fortner who had 21 points to lead all scorers. Daniel Griffith finished with 14 and Josh Lawson netted 13. Nathaniel Sutton was the fourth Musketeer to score in double figures with 12 points.

With 1:45 left in the second extra period, Hall buried a trey that erased a 60-59 Greenup County lead and sent the Raiders in front 62-60.

A rebound basket by Travis Porter, who someone lost on their defensive assignment, tied the game at 62-62.

"If you notice, we play eight and nine players," said Coach Webb of the play. "We run them in and out and sometimes we get mixed in the shuffle. We just had a player who was out of position."

"It is not very often that you see a freshman like Michael Hall," said Coach Webb. "We expect a lot out of Michael. He plays with a lot of poise and self-confidence. That's why he is out there and that is why he is doing what he is doing."

But the Raiders took the lead for good on a strong move to the basket by Meade and he later canned two free throws with five seconds left in the game to put the game away.

The two teams were tied at 52-52 at the end of regulation play.

Jimmy Stumbo, who finished with eight points before fouling out, hit a jump hook from eight feet out to give the Raiders the first lead of the first overtime. The Raiders led 56-53 on two Meade free throws.

Greenup tied the game at 56-56

on a free throw by Griffith and a basket by Fortner with 12 seconds left in the first extra four minutes.

Griffith put Greenup County in front at the onset of the second overtime with a free throw, as Greenup County took an early 57-56 lead.

Byron Hall, scoring six points in the game, tied it at 57-57 hitting the front end of a two-shot foul.

The game was tied at 59 and 62 before the Raiders took the lead for good at 64-62.

The Raiders' offense seemed to struggle at times, but the Raiders' defense was a factor all night. Coach Webb said that is the way he likes it.

"We pride ourselves in our defense, probably so much we have let our offense go," he said. "We need to go back and work hard on that. Our main thing this year is to play defense and give our offense a chance to score. Our kids played hard and we are going to look raggedy at times. A long as our kids play hard and give that kind of effort, we are going to be in the ball game."

"I can't say enough about our kids. They found a way to win tonight," said Webb. "We wanted to hold the ball and make them come out and get us. I know they did not want to do that. We made some bad decisions. But they never gave up. They played hard and I am very, very proud of their effort."

Webb said it was a big win for South Floyd.

"When you go in and beat team that is favored to win the region, it is a big win for the team and a big win for the school. It is a big confidence boost," said Webb.

It was a slow start for both teams in the opening quarter. Michael

John M. Stumbo took the lead early in the fourth quarter when Jack Slone hit two free throws. Slone then made another quick basket to give the Mustangs a three-point lead with 3:51 remaining in the game.

The Mustangs would not trail again in the game. Betsy Layne's Brent Newsome fouled out of the game with 1:49 left. This hurt the Bobcats. Newsome is strong under the goal.

Slone connected on the free throw to complete an old-fashioned three-point trip down the floor. This gave the Mustangs a six-point lead.

Betsy Layne took several shots, but the ball went in and out. The Bobcats only scored two more points in the game and those points came with 32 seconds remaining.

Adam Roberts was fouled on a three-pointer. Roberts hit 2-of-3 free throws to make the final score 40-47 in favor of John M. Stumbo.

Betsy Layne will be at home on Friday night entertaining Mullins.

Hall gave the Raiders a 2-0 lead at the onset but Greenup County went up 6-2 and led 10-9 after the first quarter. Stumbo stepped outside the three-point arc and drained a trey to cut the lead to one point before the horn.

Leading 13-11, Greenup County saw the Raiders' defense take control and the offense run off nine unanswered points for a 20-13 lead. Rusty Tackett buried a three-point basket and Meade scored off a steal to give their team the seven-point lead.

Dusty Tackett's three-pointer off the left side gave the Raiders their biggest lead of the game at 23-15.

Greenup County cut the lead down to three, 23-20 before the half.

Both teams struggled in the third period it what appeared to be a low-scoring affair. Greenup County led 37-35 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, the Raiders just missed winning it in regulation.

A short jumper by Meade tied the game at 52-52. With 10 seconds left in play, Greenup County turned the ball over.

In a rush up court, Hall pulled up and put up an eight-foot jumper that hung on the rim and dropped off. Meade got a hand on the ball and pushed it toward the basket, but it went off the opposite side, sending the game to overtime.

Ryan Shannon scored seven points in the game for South Floyd but dished off seven assists. Kyle Tackett added four points as did Rusty Tackett.

Byron Hall had six points in the game, hitting a three-point basket. Dusty Tackett netted three points.

South Floyd (2-0) hit nine three-pointers in the contest.

Blackcats

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by 20 points. The Wildcats hit six three point baskets in the second period. Jeremy Akers had three of the six while Jamie Bartley had the other three. Seth Crisp and Josh Turner each had a three-point basket for the Blackcats. The first half ended with the Blackcats trailing the Wildcats 51-27.

The second half was pretty much as the first half. The Wildcats continued to hit from the outside. Prestonsburg could not get the right chemistry going. Again the Wildcats hit six three pointers in the third quarter. Jeremy Akers had four of the six for the Wildcats and Jamie Bartley had the other two. The Blackcats scored 19 points in the third quarter. Ricky Powers had a three-point basket for the

Blackcats. But Shelby Valley continued to widen the margin, leading 79-46 going into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Wildcats calmed down a little on the three-pointers. Only six of the 16 points scored by the

Wildcats came from the floor. The other 10 came from the charity line. It was a long game for the Blackcats, losing to the Wildcats 95-54.

The Blackcats fall to 0-2 and will host the Elkhorn City Cougars on Tuesday night.

Prestonsburg (54)	Crisp 12, Powers 7, Branham 12, Music 5, Tackett 2, Shepherd 2, Dixon 4, Slone 2, Turner 3, Hatfield 3, Elliott 3.
Shelby Valley (95)	Bartley 17, Collins 11, Hall 4, S. Akers 19, Wright 7, Ridell 4, J. Akers 26, Tackett 2, Bentley 3.
Prestonsburg	14 13 19 8 54
Shelby Valley	21 33 25 16 95

Devon Reynolds (12) guards against Brooke Coleman (14) in the game between the two county teams in the Ladyhawks Tip-off Classic. The Lady Blackcats came out victorious and advances on the championship game against Leslie County. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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■ NASCAR Winston Cup Awards

8:30 p.m. • Friday, Dec. 3 • ESPN

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 5,262	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 4,647	Jack Sprague, 3,747
2. Bobby Labonte, 5,061	Jeff Green, 4,367	Greg Biffle, 3,739
3. Mark Martin, 4,943	Matt Kenseth, 4,327	Dennis Setzer, 3,639
4. Tony Stewart, 4,774	Todd Bodine, 3,029	Stacy Compton, 3,623
5. Jeff Burton, 4,733	Elton Sawyer, 3,891	Jay Sauter, 3,543
6. Jeff Gordon, 4,620	Jeff Purvis, 3,658	Mike Wallace, 3,494
7. Dale Earnhardt, 4,492	Dave Blaney, 3,582	Ron Hornaday, 3,488
8. Rusty Wallace, 4,155	Jason Keller, 3,537	Andy Houston, 3,359
9. Ward Burton, 4,062	Mike McLaughlin, 3,478	Mike Bliss, 3,294
10. Mike Skinner, 4,003	Randy LaJoie, 3,379	Jimmy Hensley, 3,280

TOP TEN

■ Top 10 Winston Cup tracks as rated by NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton

1. Bristol Motor Speedway
2. Daytona International
3. Darlington Raceway
4. Talladega Superspeedway
5. Lowe's Motor Speedway
6. Richmond International
7. Martinsville Speedway
8. Atlanta Motor Speedway
9. Texas Motor Speedway
10. North Carolina Speedway

Like no other place in sports Pressure of the 500 is pervasive
Toughest track on the planet
Amazingly fast and just as scary
Almost everyone's home track
America's model short track
Back to the basics
Charlotte, but with bigger turns
Nothing goes according to plan
Best view of the action

HOLIDAY BOOK OFFERS

The increase in NASCAR's popularity is reflected in a wide range of racing-related books available this Christmas season. If unavailable at your local bookstore, an online search is available from Barnes & Noble (www.bn.com) and Amazon (www.amazon.com), among others.

These books should pique the interest of the dedicated NASCAR fan.

NASCAR at 50 1948-1998: The Thunder of America

By various authors
A colorful, richly designed celebration of the sport. Retail price: \$45.

No Fear: Ernie Irvan, The NASCAR Driver's Story of Tragedy and Triumph

By Ernie Irvan, with Debra Hart Nelson and Peter Golenbock

The autobiography of the famous driver, written prior to his retirement. Retail price: \$21.

NASCAR: A Celebration

By Bob Latford
Written by one of the sport's longtime historians. Retail price: \$24.95.

A Little Bit Sideways: One Week Inside a NASCAR Winston Cup Race Team

By Scott Huler
Inside stuff with Kenny Wallace, written while Wallace was driving a Ford owned by Filbert Martocci. Retail price (paperback): \$14.95.

NASCAR: Fifty Greatest Drivers

By Bill Center and Bob Moore
Biographies from NASCAR's official, 50th-anniversary list. Retail price (paperback): \$20.

Inside Track: A Photo Documentary of NASCAR Stock Car Racing

Text by Benny Parsons, photography by George Bennett
Fine black-and-white photography from the circuit, described by former driver and current broadcaster Parsons. Retail price: \$24.95.

Wide Open: Days and Nights on the NASCAR Tour

By Shaun Assael
Another inside look, this time with several teams, written by a writer for *ESPN: The Magazine*. Retail price: \$25.

Dover Downs NASCAR: The Monster Mile, Three Decades of Speed

By Gene Bryson, edited by Kevin Fleming
Pictorial history of a long-time track. Retail price: \$39.95.

Wheels: A Season on NASCAR's Winston Cup Circuit

By Paul Hemphill
A prominent sportswriter's account of the NASCAR scene. Retail price (paperback): \$25.

Ford Taurus in NASCAR

By Bill Center and Michael Hembree
The brief, colorful history of the Taurus. Retail price: \$29.95.

It is said that the toughest tickets in NASCAR are the night race at Bristol and the Daytona 500.

Actually, an argument could be made that the toughest ticket to get is an invitation to the Winston Cup Awards banquet, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. This event is virtually impossi-

ble for fans to attend.

The good news is that ESPN has expanded its coverage of the annual NASCAR celebration by a half-hour. The Winston Cup banquet will be televised live on Friday, Dec. 3, beginning at 8:30 p.m. EST. Coverage will include the top 10 drivers in the final point standings and the crowning of Dale Jarrett as champion.

Other NASCAR banquets are also scheduled for television coverage, as well.

ESPN2 will televise the Craftsman Truck Series banquet from the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, Calif., on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. EST, with Jack Sprague honored as champion.

The Busch Grand National

banquet will also be televised by ESPN2 on Sunday, Jan. 16, at noon EST. Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be officially crowned at the Regent Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills, Calif. Earnhardt Jr., of course, will be a candidate for Winston Cup rookie of the year in 2000, coming on the heels of consecutive BGN titles.

PROFILE

Winston Cup Champion

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Only one other family, the Pettys, can claim two generations of Winston Cup champions, and the last time such a phenomenon occurred was in 1964, when Richard won his first title and joined father Lee.

Now Dale Jarrett, whose father, Ned, won two championships, has put his family at the forefront of the sport's history.

The championship is a first for Jarrett, car owner Robert Yates and crew chief Todd Parrott. Jarrett was runner-up in 1997 and third in 1996 and 1998.

AGE: 43
HOMETOWN: Born in Newton, N.C., resides in Hickory, N.C.

WIFE: Kelley
CHILDREN: Jason (24), Natalie (11), Karsyn (9), Zachary (5 on Dec. 8)

CAR: No. 88 Quality Care/Ford Credit Ford Taurus, owned by Robert Yates

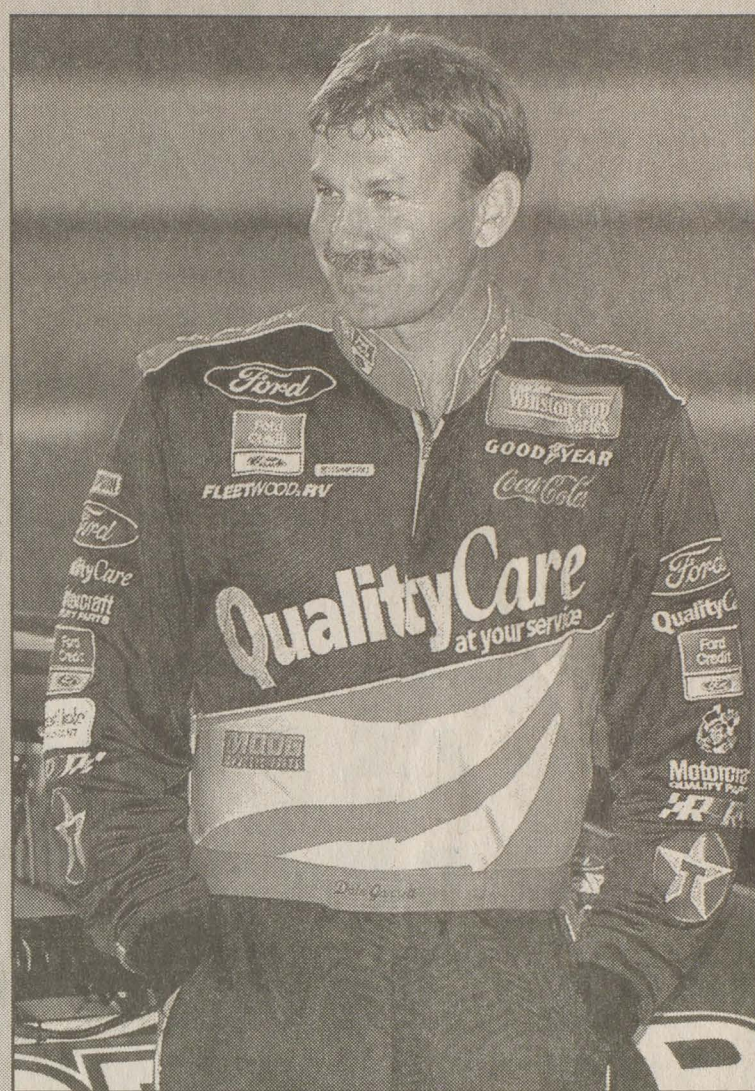
RECORD: 389 starts, 7 poles, 22 wins, 114 top-five finishes, 167 top-10s, almost \$21 million in career earnings

FIRSTS: Start (April 29, 1984, at Martinsville), pole (Feb. 11, 1995, at Daytona), win (Aug. 18, 1991, at Michigan)

DESCRIBE WHAT THIS CHAMPIONSHIP MEANS.

"It was a great experience for me. I hope (former champions) understand that I enjoyed it every bit as much as they did by being able to realize my dream of becoming a Winston Cup champion. If anything comes out of this whole thing as much as Robert Yates getting his first championship as a car owner and Todd (Parrott) getting his first as a crew chief, I hope our story is a little bit of an inspiration to others, that perseverance pays off and (so does) hard work and dedication. I think that's the story that can be told by Todd, Robert and myself."

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? "I guess it seems like a long time, but to me, I don't know that it's been that long. It doesn't seem like 1977 (when he began racing) was that long ago, and I think that's part of it. I didn't start in



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Dale Jarrett is the 1999 Winston Cup Champion.

this business until I was 20 years old, knew very little if anything about a race car and certainly didn't know anything about driving one. So I think it's just taken a while and a progression to work my way up the ladder and get myself in other opportunities."

DO YOU HAVE ANY FUNNY STORIES TO RELATE ABOUT PAST BANQUETS?

"The only thing, I don't know how funny it is, but the last two years, I've left the check that they give you on the podium. I hope I don't do that with a \$2 million check this year. Even though those (others) have been sizeable, hopefully, I can keep my wits about me this time. As a matter of fact, I need to, first off, just put it in my pocket. The TelePrompTers have been good, and everything has gone pretty good with that (giving the speech), but I just seem to leave the money lying around."

Trackside Trivia

1. Who built Darlington Raceway?
2. Who was the first driver to lead a lap of NASCAR competition?
3. Who won that race?

1. Harold Brasington; 2. Marshall Teague; at Daytona Beach, Fla., in February, 1948; 3. Red Byron

ANSWERS

AROUND THE GARAGE

Martin's back surgery called a success

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Dr. Chuck Kollner pronounced Mark Martin's back surgery a success. The fusion took 3 1/2 hours.

"Now it is just a matter of the bone healing," said Kollner, who also operated on Martin's knee earlier this year.

The New Smyrna Beach, Fla., surgeon said that once Martin heals, his back pain will be greatly reduced but not completely eliminated. Martin suffered from a condition called spondylolisthesis. Although Martin may walk almost immediately with the help of a brace, he will not

climb into a race car until February, and full recovery may take as long as a year.

ADVANCING ON A NEW FRONT: NASCAR is exploring a program designed to put the stock-car governing body in the licensing business on behalf of drivers, teams and car owners.

"One of NASCAR's primary objectives is to maximize opportunities," said Mike Helton of NASCAR. "We are looking at the feasibility of a licensing program

that would expand the sport in underdeveloped categories that will create new opportunities for everyone."

It goes without saying that such a program would increase NASCAR's already impressive control of the sport and provide yet another revenue source.

TOGETHER AGAIN: The crew chief who directed Terry Labonte's 1996 championship will be back with the driver next year at Hendrick Motorsports. Gary DeHart will replace Andy Graves on Hendrick's

No. 5 Chevrolet team.

DALLENBACH'S RIGHT-HAND MAN: Wayne Orme, formerly crew chief with Bill Elliott, has apparently agreed to become crew chief with Wally Dallenbach next year at Darwin Oordt's No. 75 team. Another contender for the job had been Richard "Sluggo" Labbe, who worked with Dallenbach during the past season at Hendrick Motorsports. Labbe pulled his name out of consideration at the last minute, according to a published report.

Fan Tips

■ Oakland, Calif.-based Edy's Grand Ice Cream, mindful that Jeff Gordon has been eating its product since he was a child, is attempting to come up with a new ice cream flavor in Gordon's honor and wants help from fans. For further information, fans may seek out the company's Web site (www.edys.com). Submissions may also be made to the following address: Invent Jeff's Next Flavor, Edy's Grand Ice Cream, 5929 College Ave., Oakland, CA 94618.

FOR THE KIDS

■ Have your kids recently gone nuts about NASCAR? Do you want to teach them about your favorite sport? "Kid's Guide to NASCAR" was written by Loren Mooney and editors Sherie Holder and Scott Gramling and is available in paperback at \$3.99 at many bookstores. It can also be bought for \$3.19 on the Web from Barnes & Noble (www.bn.com). Also available is the "Superstars of NASCAR Activity and Coloring Book," which can be ordered from the same Web site for \$10.95.



A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

TOP 10

1. The Big Show, WWF
2. Bret Hart, WCW
3. The Rock, WWF
4. Mike Awesome, ECW
5. Triple H, WWF
6. Rob Van Dam, ECW
7. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
8. Sting, WCW
9. Lance Storm, ECW
10. Chyna, WWF



■ THE BIG SHOW



■ BILLY KIDMAN

Look for: Billy Kidman to keep getting face time on WCW television.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WWF, Armageddon, Ft. Lauderdale, Dec. 12
- WCW, Starrcade, Washington, D.C., Dec. 19
- ECW, Guilty As Charged, Jan. 9, site TBA

MAILBAG

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Dear Squared Circle, I want to know if either Kevin Nash or Bill Goldberg are married? I don't think kids should be exposed by WCW to half-nude women walking around the ring, showing off their assets.

— Jana Hamberg
Grand Forks, N.D.

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A. Nash recently got divorced. Goldberg reportedly is married, but not much is known about his private life.

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Dear Squared Circle, Thank you for the update on Wrath (Bryan Clark). Since I moved, I don't see him anymore, and hadn't seen him wrestle due to the injury. It's like WCW to treat him dirty because he was injured, but it was also a dirty deal they wanted to offer him. He's got a lot of potential, if given the chance, and would make a great main-event wrestler. All they wanted him to do was jobber events for people like Disco Inferno, and that's rather insulting considering his size and talent. He wouldn't go for it, and I can't say that I blame him. He deserves better than that.

— Vickie Kennedy
Fan in Georgia

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Dear Squared Circle, Everybody knows by now that Al Snow dolls have been pulled off the shelves at Wal-Mart. I think the person that made that comment about Al decapitating heads has not even seen one wrestling show. If she has, she didn't watch it good enough. I also think that Wal-Mart overreacted about the whole thing. Besides, Al just got Head back a little while ago, after the whole thing happened. Me and other hardcore Al Snow fans are really mad.

— Celina Hoban
Newark, Ohio

FEUD OF THE WEEK



The Headbangers vs. Kaientai, WWF

CATCH PHRASES

"Welcome to 'Raw is Jericho.'"

— Chris Jericho

REAL NAMES

Crash Holly

Erin O'Grady

5-9, 225

Hometown:
Dublin, Ireland

Pro debut: 1988

MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history.

■ July 12, 1995: WWF President Jack Tunney resigns.

■ January 1949: Paul Boesch announces his first televised wrestling match. He would go on to promote wrestling for several decades.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

ON THE RISE



D-Von Dudley: Strong brawler who is making a name for himself in the WWF, along with his half-brother Buh-Buh Ray. Very mobile for a big man.

TAKING A FALL



Lex Luger: The veteran has honed his physique to be the best in the business. Now let's work on those mic skills and storylines a bit, Lex.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



■ The Von Erichs dominated Texas wrestling in the 1980s.

TEXAS PRODUCED TOP WRESTLERS

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

One could successfully argue that Texas has produced more top wrestlers over the past 30 years than any other state. Tennessee and New Jersey have produced quite a few champions as well, with names like Lawler, Jarrett, Bundy and Monsoon.

But no state boasts the likes of Dusty Rhodes, Dirty Dick Murdoch, the legendary Von Erich family, Blackjack Mulligan and sons Barry and Kendall Windham, and Tully Blanchard, among others.

Many of these stars were former football players, something else The Lone Star State produces in abundance. Making the transition from the gridiron to the squared circle was an easy one for Kerry Von Erich, the Rhodeses and Blanchard, a former quarterback at West Texas State.

If Texas is a leader in turning out quality mat stars, then much of the credit goes to one promotion and one family. A breeding ground for wrestlers in the 1980s was World Class Championship Wrestling, a Dallas-based promotion run by Jack Adkisson (Fritz Von Erich). It showcased his sons as well as other top stars, including Gorgeous Gino Hernandez, Al Perez and Gentleman Chris Adams.

But it was the Von Erichs and their feud with the Fabulous Freebirds that defined Texas wrestling in the '80s. Their battles in the world-famous Sportatorium are legendary. Their blood was spilled liberally as the two groups battled each other night after night for several years.

World Class was a solid promotion, with good wrestlers, decent storylines and attractive valets (Missy Hyatt and rivals Sunshine and Precious). It lacked the big money clout of the WWF and the NWA. It didn't have the strong Minneapolis-based lineage of the Gagnes and the Hennings, like the AWA.

But it produced good, old-fashioned wrestling.

Serious feuds, tough battles and a lot of surprise twists at a time when storylines were pretty predictable made World Class just that.

It was Adkisson's brains for the business that complemented the brawn.

The Von Erichs were the glue that the promotion needed to survive and compete. Landing a deal with ESPN put WCCW on the national landscape, even if that exposure lasted only a few years.

They did cage matches, bull rope matches and battle royals as well as the Top Two. World Class was a promotion whose influence is still felt today in all promotions and all regions of the country. Some of today's stars got their start working there.

Adkisson also laid the foundation for future wrestling stars.

Journeyman Bruiser Brody would wrestle for only a few American promoters, thereby spending much of his career in Japan. The one promoter Brody would work for was Adkisson and his WCCW.

Other wrestlers ventured in and out of World Class during the early 1980s. Some stayed; others moved on.

But the Von Erichs made a lasting impression for their ring work and, unfortunately, for their untimely deaths. While the WWF and the NWA (later WCW) were trying to come up with new angles and fresh faces, it was World Class Championship Wrestling that quietly went about the business of entertaining its appreciative fans.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ The WWF is opening a restaurant in New York City next year.

■ David Flair says he is enjoying his current storyline more than anything he has done since coming to WCW. Flair said he never felt comfortable getting in the ring earlier this year because he knew he was not prepared to wrestle. Flair will be moving to Atlanta in December and plans to begin a regular schedule of training at the Power Plant.

■ Road Dogg's musical album has been put on hold. Some tracks have already been recorded for the album, but the majority of the disc will not be completed until the middle of 2000.

■ Torrie Wilson is still not under WCW contract and is working on a pay-per-appearance basis. WCW reportedly is close to signing the blond fitness model.

■ Wrestler-turned-author Mick Foley will be on "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee" in December. Foley and Al Snow also did a taping for MTV's "Loveline," and the show will air on MTV this week.

■ Ron Reis, who worked as Ron Studd and was billed as Reese when a member of Raven's Flock, has been released from WCW. Scotty Riggs also got the boot.

■ Diamond Dallas Page's new book, "Positively Page," is available to be ordered online. The book can be ordered at DDPBANG.com or by phone at 1-877-DDP-BANG.

■ Alicia Webb signed a one-year deal with WCW. The former Ryan Shamrock of the WWF will be called Symphony and work an angle with The Maestro.

■ Shane Douglas' torn bicep is healing nicely following surgery. Douglas is expected back in the ring in a couple of months.

■ Lance Storm is hammering out a new contract with ECW. The bright young star from Canada is one of the pieces of the foundation for this promotion. Storm is in excellent physical condition and is enjoying his angle as a heel more than when he was a face.

■ Papi Chulo will be "repackaged" in the near future, according to the WWF. Chulo needs to learn to speak English if he hopes to become a star.

■ All the publicity about the Al Snow action figures actually caused consumers to purchase them in droves during the post-Thanksgiving shopping frenzy.

■ D-Lo Brown is rumored to be heading to WCW.

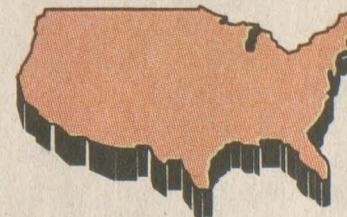


COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

WWF...
Dec. 6, "Raw Is War," Worcester, Mass.
Dec. 7, "Smackdown!" Boston
Dec. 13, Tampa

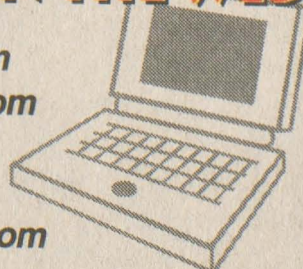
WCW...
Dec. 6, "Nitro," Milwaukee
Dec. 7, "Thunder" taping, Madison, Wis.
Dec. 13, "Nitro," New Orleans



ECW...
Dec. 4, Augusta, Ga.
Dec. 9, Dover, Del.
Dec. 10, Richmond, Va.

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FLOYD COUNTY Lifestyles



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FROM BILLBOARDS TO BANJO LESSONS ...

You don't have to give the same old thing

by Pam Shingler

How many men look forward to another tie and how many women want someone else picking out their cologne? Not many.

Everyone who enjoys receiving gifts at Christmas will probably admit to hoping for something interesting, maybe even unusual, something out of the ordinary.

Likewise, those who enjoy giving gifts generally want to find something memorable that will touch loved ones deeply or make them smile or enrich their lives.

Trying to avoid the run-of-the-mill, here are some gift ideas for this holiday season.

- Theatre tickets. In the midst of winter, it's not too early to plan for summer. Jenny Wiley Theatre is already selling tickets for its summer 2000 season, which includes productions of "The King and I," "The Legend of Jenny Wiley," "South Pacific," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," and "Trouble on the Santa Fe Trail."

Season tickets are \$40 for adults, \$36 for senior citizens, and \$25 for youth. You can save as much as \$20 by buying tickets for the whole playbill in advance, and you still have lots of options as to when you will attend. Call 606/886-9274.

- Golf lessons. Is there someone on your list who needs a relaxing outlet or who longs to shine on the links? Give him or her golf lessons. Luther Conley, golf pro at the Paintsville Country Club, will give six half-hour lessons for \$100, starting with students as young as five years old and going well into senior citizen years. Call 606/789-4234.

- Shoe refurbishing. Sure, it sounds weird. But who among us does not have a favorite pair of shoes or boots that we just can't bring ourselves to throw out. Ken Damron or Charlie Collins at Triple S Shoe and Boot Service in downtown Prestonsburg specialize in revamping leather goods.

"We do it all the time," said Collins, who has had one pair of western boots for 20 years.

The cobblers can put on new soles and heels, clean and polish the leather, and even change the color, so that the footwear is back in tiptop shape, for a price ranging from around \$24 to \$36.

- His or her very own sign. How about a sign in the yard with a message to passersby about who lives there or how

you feel about someone who lives there.

Hawkeye Signs in McDowell is

one of several sign companies in the area that can fill the bill. At Hawkeye, for instance, you can get a durable, thick plastic, 4x8-foot sign for around \$145, or a 4x8, reusable banner for under \$130. If you want a picture on the sign, that'll take a little longer and cost a little more.

If you really want to make a splash, rent a billboard. Tri-State Outdoor Media, off US 23 South at Ivel, can put your message on a billboard for a couple of weeks for about \$250.

- Personalized tee shirts. A fun gift for the family, particularly an extended family of grandparents, great-grandparents, cousins, etc., is a set of personalized tee shirts — perhaps with the family name, coat of arms or pithy saying.

The Shirt Gallery at Martin will gladly fill your order for 12 or more shirts with the same writing and/or art work. What



better way to establish your clan identity. White shirts are \$7.75 each for orders of a dozen or more, and colored shirts are \$8.75 apiece. There's an extra charge for sizes of 2X or larger.

- A tailor-made outfit. Very few of us fit perfectly into an off-the-rack outfit. However, it is possible to have

clothes made locally that fit an individual's exact measurements. "One size does not fit all," says seamstress Tracy Bobo.

For that reason, she will measure, fit and fashion clothing to tailor-fit. She says she can make a three-piece skirt suit for a woman for under \$50, plus fabric. She can make a woman's evening gown for about

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1959.

If Bert Combs doesn't use that nail keg at the inauguration, I'd like to borrow it, and not for standing purposes... Incidentally, that was a forthright, colorful statement the Governor-elect made, and it appealed to the people of Kentucky.

ERRATA

The Dewey Lake deer season opens Friday morning, not today (Thursday), as we stated last week. And if I go to Frankfort for the inauguration on the date we gave for it last week, I will be only four days late—which, after all, isn't bad for me.

OPEN AND SHUT

Opening of the deer season Friday will mark the closing of the Goble Branch school in the lake area for the week-end. The Board of Education quite sensibly didn't want to take a chance on any of the pupils getting shot...Hunters should never forget that there's something far dearer than deer, and that is human life. One unthinking move can, in an instant, bring a life to an end and also a lifetime of tragedy.

BURR-PICKER

This is wandering off the subject of deer-hunting but it still sticks to the outdoor sport. Goble Branham, Jr., of West Prestonsburg, has a young pointer that isn't merely a good dog in the field. He does double duty. When his master gets home from the hunt, the dog settles down to the tedious job of hunting out every burr on Branham's clothing and carefully removing it...Wonder if this dog is good at removing fish-hooks?

THE BOY CAME TO THE RESCUE

As the years pass our newsboys fan out over the United States, and in many instances live up to the best tradition of youngsters who started out in business by selling newspapers. We have a fine group of youngsters selling The Times, and one of these has distinguished himself. This is young Bucky Collins who for two or three years now has been saving his earnings.

Not long ago he had more than \$200 in savings. But his father became ill; there was a hospital bill to pay. When his dad was able to come home, Bucky had 48 cents of his savings left...Now the youngster has begun saving, all over again.

REVISED VERSION

You've seen these signs printed in big, bold type and reading, "THINK." One of these was posted prominently in a school-room here. And some young scamp tried his hand at revising it. He carefully marked out the word, "THINK," and printed in lieu thereof this advice: SCHEME!

QUESTION: DID HE GET THE LOAN?

This is one of the many stories that have come out of Washington.

A New Orleans lawyer sought an R.F.C. loan for a client. He was told that the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to the property offered as collateral. The title dated back to 1803 and he had to spend months running it down. After sending the information to R.F.C. he got this reply: "We received your letter today enclosing application for loan for your client, supported by the abstract of title. Let us compliment you on the able manner in which you prepared and presented the application. However, you have not cleared the title before the year of 1803, and therefore, before final approval can be accorded the application, it will be necessary to clear the title back of that year."

Very annoyed, the lawyer replied: "Your letter regarding titles extending back of 1803 received. I note that you wish the title extended further back than that year. I was unaware that any educated man in the world failed to know that Louisiana was purchased from France in 1803. The title to the land was acquired by France by

(See Town-World, page two)

To the shores of Jenny Wiley... Area Marines meet for anniversary celebration

Area members of the Marine Corps League, East Kentucky Detachment and the Mountain Detachment, assembled at May Lodge to traditionally celebrate the 224th birthdate of the United States Marine Corps.

By an act of the Continental Congress, November 10, 1775, the Corps was established. The first recruit signed on at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia.

Since its origin, the United States Marines have stood at the ready to protect the rights, liberty and interests of the United States and other freedom-loving nations of the world. The Corps has engaged in 43 major campaigns around the world.

The Marine Corps League is a non-profit veterans association organized for Marines of all eras and rank. Its purposes are as relevant today as when it was organized by General John A. Lejeune in 1923, and chartered by Congress in 1937.

Those purposes are:

- To preserve the tradition and to promote the interest of the United States Marine Corps;
- To bond those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;
- To fit its membership for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve ably as citizens as they have served the nation under arms;
- To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the nation;
- To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;
- To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

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Joel Stumbo, right, displays the quilt, created by Stella Stumbo for Ray Brackett.

Attending the birthday celebration of the US Marine Corps were, front, from left, James Pack, Norman Miller, Clay Wells, Otto Cesco. Back, from left, Tony Flanery, Ray Brackett, Joel Stumbo, David Bowles and Danny Francis.

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



The COLD, hard truth

Look at the hills these days. Look at how well you can see the lay of the land. I love this time of year. Despite the brown, barren look of the hills, I love what you can see now, that you couldn't see during the other seasons of dense foliage.

The other day, while waiting for a traffic light to change, I saw two rock formations on top of a hill that I hadn't noticed before. They had been hidden, made insignificant by the forest's flamboyance. Drive out South Lake Drive from Prestonsburg proper toward Lancer and look up at the huge chimney rocks at the river bend. They appear to have been stacked on the slant and crafted by a gifted stonemason.

You have to wonder what geologic

upheaval left these rocks in this particular formation. And what a marvel that they remain there, precariously perched on the hillside.

Only at this time of year do we learn the truth about the hills we seldom really look at. When the trees are covered with leaves, the hills mesh. They run together, mimicking continuous ridges. It's hard to tell the reality of their beginnings and endings.

Fully leafed, the trees are a blanket that covers everything underneath, all the subtle curves, the rises and falls, the lumps and the hollows.

When winter yanks away the cover, we see the truth of where one hill ends and another begins, how one fits snugly behind another, how the cliffs add charac-

ter and interest.

We can make out the hint of a cave and speculate about the nature of the wildlife that may sleep over or call it home. Would we find arrowheads and skulls if we were to scale the slope and venture inside?

Without the shelter of the tree leaves and vines, we see the difference that distinguishes one hill from another, a difference that is denied by other seasons. The hills and all their nuances are exposed. But there is nothing to be ashamed of. The trees remain straight and dignified, like sentries, lined up along the ridge lines to guard and protect.

Plus, we can now see through the branches and be a little more sure that there is life on the other side.

I disagree with those who say the hills are ugly this time of year. They are perhaps more beautiful than ever, revealing their truths for those who take the time to see.

Marines

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• To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life;

• To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines, as well as their spouses and dependents;

• To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and, by fitting acts, to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to Marines.

Ray Brackett, Commandant of the East Kentucky Detachment, opened the celebration by welcoming all Marines, their spouses and families.

Brackett then recognized the special guests who are members of the Mountain Detachment of Pike County.

Marine Norman Miller, of the East Kentucky Detachment, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the colors.

Marine Tony Flanery of the Mountain Detachment gave the invocation.

Brackett spoke briefly on the history of the Corps and reminded all Marines present that the core values of the Marines are, "Honor, Courage, and Commitment."

A stirring rendition of the Marine Corps Hymn was sung by students Brooke McCoy of Harold and Brandy Wallen of Dana.

Brackett introduced Marine Joel Bowles, Commandant of the Mountain Detachment and Senior Vice Commandant of the Kentucky Marine Corps League. Bowles is one of the most highly decorated Marines in the state, second only to Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

Commandant Bowles spoke on attendance at the

National Convention of the League and meeting the new Commandant and Commanding General of the Marine Corps, General J.L. Jones.

Following Bowles' remarks, Sr. Vice Commandant of the East Kentucky Detachment made a surprise presentation of appreciation to Brackett. Joel Stumbo presented a quilt composed of Marine Corps emblems. The quilt was sewn by Stella Stumbo of Harold and presented to Brackett from the Stumbo family.

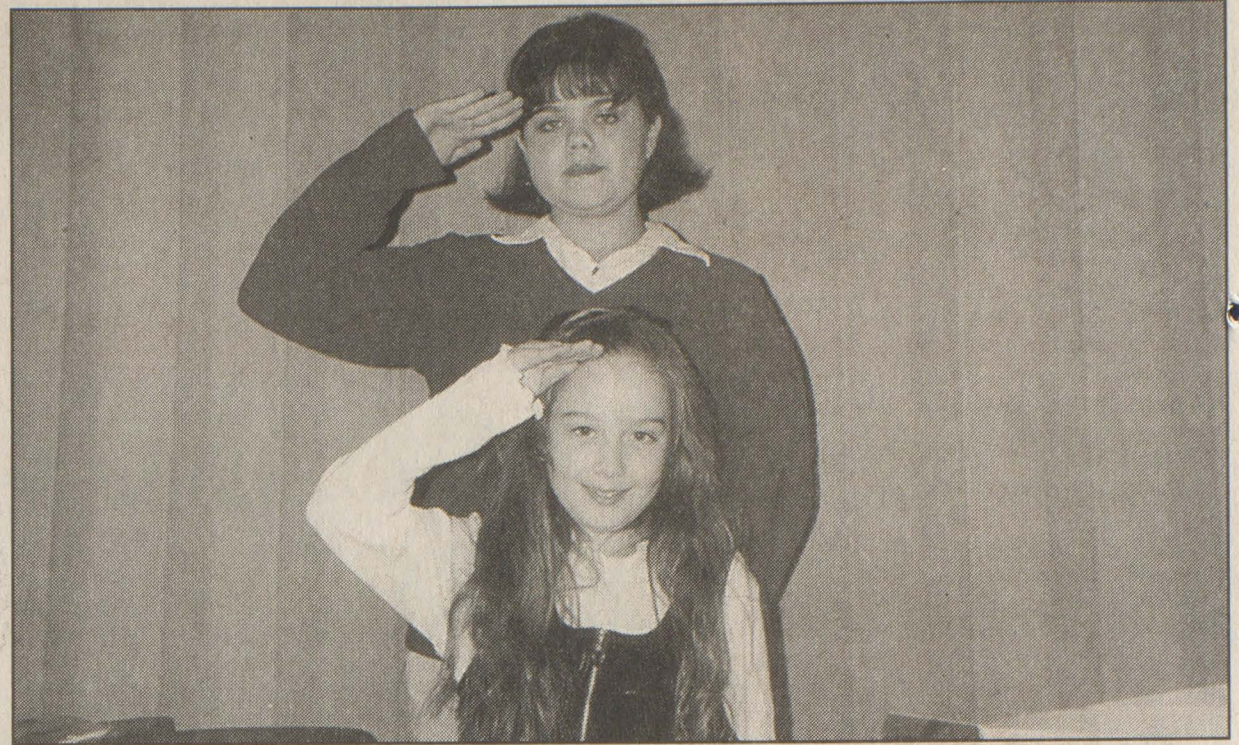
The traditional cutting of a large birthday cake was made by David Bowles of the Mountain Detachment and Otto Cesco of the East Kentucky Detachment. It was in the time-honored tradition of cake cutting by the youngest and oldest Marines assembled.

Attending from the East Kentucky Detachment were Ray and Frances Brackett, Clay and Carol Wells, Danny and Katie Francis, James and Doris Pack, Whitley Mills, Norman and Alanna Miller, Gwen Miller, Carol Sherman, Otto and Geraldine Cesco, Joel and Shirley Stumbo, Stella Stumbo, Joey Stumbo, Lisa Stumbo, Brooke McCoy, Jonathan Wallen, Sheila Wallen, Brandy Wallen, and Cassie J. Allen.

Attending from the Mountain Detachment were Joel Bowles, Theresa Bowles, David Bowles, Michelle Waska of Alaska, Tony Flanery, Minerva Flanery, Tonya Flanery, Sarah Hickman, James Elswick, Elizabeth Hickman, Aaron Flanery, Tara Reed, and Nick Beebe.

Marines from Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Knott, Martin, Magoffin and Morgan counties who are interested in becoming a member, should contact Ray Brackett, 606/673-4579.

Marines from Pike County should contact Joel Bowles, 606/432-1557.



Saluting the Marines in song were Brandy Wallen, front, and Brooke McCoy.



By tradition, the oldest and youngest Marines present cut the birthday cake. Here are Otto Cesco, left, and David Bowles.

Gifts

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\$75 and a man's suit for about \$100, all with fabric extra.

Her shop is in Martin, but she's in the process of moving "toward Allen." Her ad under upholstery in the Times' Classified section will be updated when the move is complete.

• Music lessons. Have you always dreamed of sitting down at a piano and stunning everyone in the room with your skills on the ivories? Well, unless you're a musical savant, that's probably not going to happen overnight. But it's never too late to start taking lessons.

Dena Gibson of Harold has a pretty full schedule with young people in piano lessons after school, but she may be able to fit adults in before 3 p.m. She teaches piano in a studio in her home, so your gift-getter won't have to worry about anybody else hearing. The charge is between \$44 and \$55 a month, depending on how

many weeks are in the month.

The Mountain Arts Center can hook you up with music instructors and lessons, as well. Instruction in voice and stringed instruments is available for between \$10 and \$12 per half-hour. Many other people in the area teach music, so just ask around.

• A personal recording. If someone special on your gift list has aspirations for a singing career, you can give him or her time in the recording studio at the Mountain Arts Center, and the songbird can make a demo tape. The cost ranges from \$50 to \$100 a session.

• A photography portrait. This area is fortunate to have several top-notch photographers who excel at portraiture. Alys Fraley, Paula Goble and Steve Porter all offer a range of price packages, starting at from \$25 to \$45 for an initial sitting and going up, depending on the number of pic-

tures, sizes and variety.

Each has different backdrops for the photos in their studios or they'll go on location — to the home, to the subject's work place, to the lake or golf course, anywhere, within reason, where the subject feels comfortable.

The portrait is a lasting gift for the family, for newlyweds, for anniversary couples, or for individuals.

If none of these suggestions strikes a chord for the hard-to-please on your gift list, here's some more quickie ideas that you can follow up on through the yellow pages or the newspaper classifieds: a catered dinner at home, a massage, a manicure and/or pedicure, a facial, a membership in a fitness center, a maid's services, flying lessons, or a college course.

You don't have to settle for an ordinary gift. Just a little stretch of the imagination can make you an extraordinarily thoughtful giver.

Town-World

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right of conquest from Spain. The land came into possession of Spain by right of discovery made in the year 1492, by a sailor named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the then reigning monarch. Queen

Isabella. The good Queen, being a pious woman and careful about titles, almost, I might say, as careful as the R.F.C., took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope upon the voyage before she sold her jewels to help Columbus. Now the Pope, as you know, is the

emissary and representative of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God, as you probably know, made the world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that He also made that part of the world called Louisiana, and I hope to heck this satisfies you!"

SOCIETY NEWS



The GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club held its monthly meeting on November 4, in the Club House at Archer Park. The program was a white elephant sale. Each member brought an item to be auctioned. Burieta Gearhart gave the devotional. The monthly focus was "coat our kids." Decorations and desserts were provided by Jane Bond, Roslyn Burchett, Margaret Hyden and Helen Wells.

Collectible clocks can be a timely tradition

(NAPSA)—There's a collection of fascinating facts about the collectibles market.

Nearly everyone collects something—whether it be dolls, sports trading cards, refrigerator magnets, spoons or miniatures.

For many people, collecting miniature clocks is a way to add a little fun and function to the home.

Based on classic clock designs, one brand of miniature timepieces are replicas of historical and fantasy clocks hand-tooled in solid brass. The designers use age-old techniques in decoration, using marble, porcelain and crystal as well as engraving and etching the

brass itself.

Each year, the company that makes the line, Bulova Corp., comes out with a special clock produced only in that year.

Through Bulova's special Collector's Society, the company is able to build loyalty among customers by keeping members informed about the new product introductions available at participating retailers and constantly measuring preferences, said designer Patricia Pepe-Clark.

"We always receive an incredible response to models with a movable component, so we've gone from a treasure chest which

opens to reveal the clock to a grand piano with upraised lid to a spinning globe and sewing machine to a new player piano," she said.

The company also features miniatures inspired by famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

A new holiday clock is also available. What timing! These or any of the clocks can make a delightful gift for the holidays or anytime of the year.

To learn more about miniature collectible clocks, you can call Bulova at 1-800-A-BULOVA or the Collector's Society at 718-204-3555.

THINGS TO PONDER

Pick a style of anger reactions

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

As you know the most recent topic of the day has been anger—where it comes from, how it shows itself, how you can display it, and what to do with it. In reading some other information, an article by a self-identified "Stress Doc" (Mark Gorkin, LSW) was found that focused on "Seven self-defeating styles of anger."

A guess was that everyone should be able to benefit from knowing as much as possible about anger. If you don't need it, you will be able to use it to detect others' need to blow.

• Plan to get even. This anger reaction often occurs when you've been unfairly treated or criticized, or feel that you have been. Your eyes may widen and/or you have a mighty biochemical rush as you plot revenge. Then you may be into prevention with "Do it to others before they can do it to you."

• Consuming anger. In response to this type of anger, you try to drink or eat it away and/or it consumes you. Instead of compulsive eating, some folks try to control their hurt and rage through false saintliness or exclaiming untrue positive remarks.

These individuals may identify with "The Self-Righteous Rap." Are you a martyr in self-imposed prison? Denying your needs becomes 'heaven's vision.' When you've been hurt, you just quietly pray, but wish you could scream—"Go ahead...Make my day!"

• Intellectual intimidation. The intellectual bully's techniques range from finely judgmental observations to condescending characterizations. "Oh, you don't really believe that, do you?" "What's wrong with you?" "You should have done it this way."

The aggressor's competitive edge is frequently a cover for self-doubt or a win-lose, dominant-submissive survival strategy. "When battling for position, you won't stop 'cause you know your place—you're always on top!"

• Frequent flasher. This quick-to-be-triggered, reactive person is a fiery flame thrower. This flasher shows his true inner self and often feels exposed himself. An explosive type of "HE man" can be either male or female.

Supposedly, this aggressive, impatient, hyper person is driven by two underlying complexes barely disguised with sparks and smoke: "H" is for "Humiliation," related to often perceived rejection, feeling shown up, and deep-seated unworthiness; and "E" is for "Emptiness," created by separation anxiety and feelings of abandonment.

A story was told of an important Mr. Manager, who was in the middle of a typical, increasingly heated

blood-starting-to-boil meeting. He suddenly announced, "Excuse me, I need to photocopy some documents. I'll be back in five minutes."

He walked outside, found an empty office, shouted some expletives, then returned, and delivered his anger in an adult fashion to his very surprised opponents.

• The Holy smolder. Some individuals try to hold in their anger, even though they realize their Mount St. Helen's potential. Showing anger is a sign of weakness for other individuals; you allowed people to get to you or it shows that you are out of control. My, what a primitive display.

It's no wonder that such rigid and righteous thinking leads to early heart attacks. As the anger is bound in, the person smolders away until he implodes and ends up with conditions like high blood pressure and major depression.

Or he may explode—the "Volcanus Eruptus" syndrome. Usually the interval between eruptions decreases. The "SHE man" is the susceptible person here, who may be a "nice guy" or a "good girl," and the psychic partner to the "HE man."

The "S" stands for "Savior," not really much of an individual, but more one who blindly and self-righteously upholds "the one right way." This rescuer is always ready to sacrifice or give advice at a price you are expected to pay—unquestioned loyalty and everlasting appreciation.

Similar to the HE man, the SHE man's overdependence with and upon others has the major purpose of distracting from feelings of "Humiliation" and "Emptiness."

• Silent or tearful impasse. This style of anger can range from "the pouting to the spouting." Stony silence or aggressive detachment can be a potent weapon. Remember that dysfunctional anger may fuel the desire to be remote and in control.

An additional common misguided expression of anger—only tears explode—is often seen in women more than men. The problem is that

she stays "bottled up," since she can't or doesn't know how to channel her aggression into an acceptable show of emotions, energy, and words. This show of tears by men and women does not necessarily represent fear or hurt feelings, but is more likely associated with shock and incense by your insensitivity or clueless cruelty.

• Passive aggressive. This is the person who is chronically late, shows persistent procrastination or, "Oh, I'm sorry. I guess I forgot your report for the third time this week. Just had too many big projects on my plate." That really shows you where you stand.

There is also the "Yes, but" person. When wanting to respond to this type of reaction, a suggestion is that you not come back quickly with contrary facts or logic; encourage the doubter to praise his position and to take your argument apart. Recognize the other's position before talking about your own.

The idea is that in reality we don't argue just facts, but also the status and power aspects of a relationship. There is the possibility that the "Yes, but" person will turn around and say "But, yes." Thus, the all too familiar power struggle may be left behind.

Then, there is an aggressively stylish variation on "Tea for Two" with a narcissist's version: "You for me and me for me. Oh, how nurturing you will be." Another one is, "Forget to be or not to be?" Just simply think of me, me, me!"

Well, where do you and those you interact with stand? Did you recognize yourself? A general truth is that, if you don't feel good about what you say and do, stop and think about what other choices you have. Identify the consequences for each choice and then decide which one you want to accept. Then, follow through consistently.

Another big question is, after stopping to examine the interaction, "What is this really worth?"

Remember, life needs to be enjoyed not wasted. It is up to each of us what we do.

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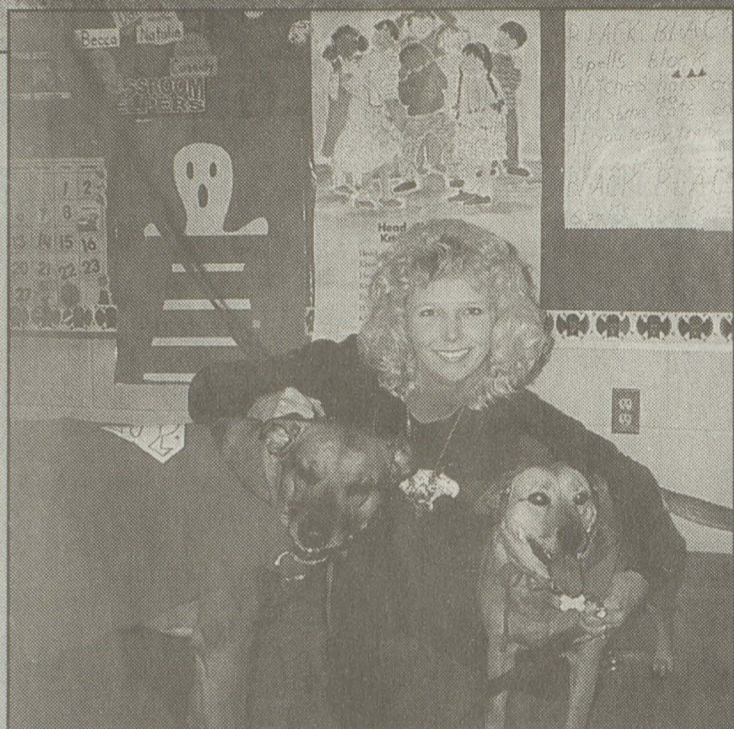
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ACADEMICS

Fall dress up day



Teachers, students, and pets at Allen Elementary School, participated in Fall Dress-up Day on October 29.

Piarist students celebrate France

by Natalie McDonald
Senior at the Piarist School

The National French Week, which was November 4-10, was sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. French students all across the country were encouraged to participate in the celebration of the French language and culture.

The focus of the celebration was to highlight the contribution the French culture has on our lives. French is spoken by more than 200 million people in 43 countries and five continents.

The students at the Piarist School celebrated "La semaine du francais" with games, French dishes, music videos and movies. The freshmen class enjoyed chocolate mousse and had a fun time putting together music videos about the French language.

Sophomores watched "Au Revoir les Enfants," a film about a Jewish student at a French boarding school during the Holocaust, and sampled croissants and baguettes.

Juniors and seniors observed French week by playing Trivial Pursuit in French. They also ate fondue, a French dish prepared by breaking bread or cake into pieces and dipping it into a bowl of melted cheese or chocolate.

During this week, students all around the nation recognized the importance of the French culture and language. It is the wish of all French teachers that everyone understand the significant role that France has played in shaping the world as we know it. Vive le francais!

Getting ready for flu season

Students and staff at McDowell Elementary and McDowell Family Resource Center geared up for the upcoming "Flu Season" by taking the flu vaccination. A collaborative effort between the Floyd County Board of Education and the Floyd County Health Department provided staff members and students with the vaccination.

who participated.

The McDowell Family Resource Center has a nurse, Joy Moore, and her clerk, Wanda, from the Floyd County Health Department at the Center each Monday. On Monday, October 11, a flu shot clinic was held for the community. There were more than 30 participants who received their flu shots on that day. Many of these participants are repeat patients who come here each year to receive their flu vaccination. They not only enjoy the convenience of having a health department clinic located within the community, but they also enjoy the kindness they are shown by F.R.C. and health department staff.

This opportunity was offered at all schools. It is hoped that the effort will reduce the number of absentees both for students and staff. Student participants had to meet certain requirements: 1) parent present during vaccination, 2) no allergies to eggs, and 3) obtain a doctor's order for the vaccination. Jerri Turner, principal and her son, Shannon, were two of several

Transylvania University to be locale for Governor's School for the Arts, 2000 session

The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) summer residential program will be at Lexington's Transylvania University in June of 2000.

Offering outstanding performance facilities, including the newly constructed Lucille Little Theatre, Transylvania University will be the base of operations for the summer session that offers the Commonwealth's outstanding young artists in-depth instruction in one of seven artistic disciplines: creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, visual art, vocal music and adding a new discipline of musical theatre.

Utilizing distinguished professional and teaching artists, students

are immersed in a rigorous curriculum and supportive learning environments that allow them to explore the discipline and freedom of the creative process.

GSA Program Director, Frank X. Walker, states, "The intimate campus and top quality facilities will be an exciting location for these artists from around the Commonwealth to gather and explore their excellence."

Administered by the Kentucky Center for the Arts, the GSA's primary components include its intensive three-week summer program, regional arts workshops, a college and career day, and an artist roster of performing and visual artists made up of

GSA alumni.

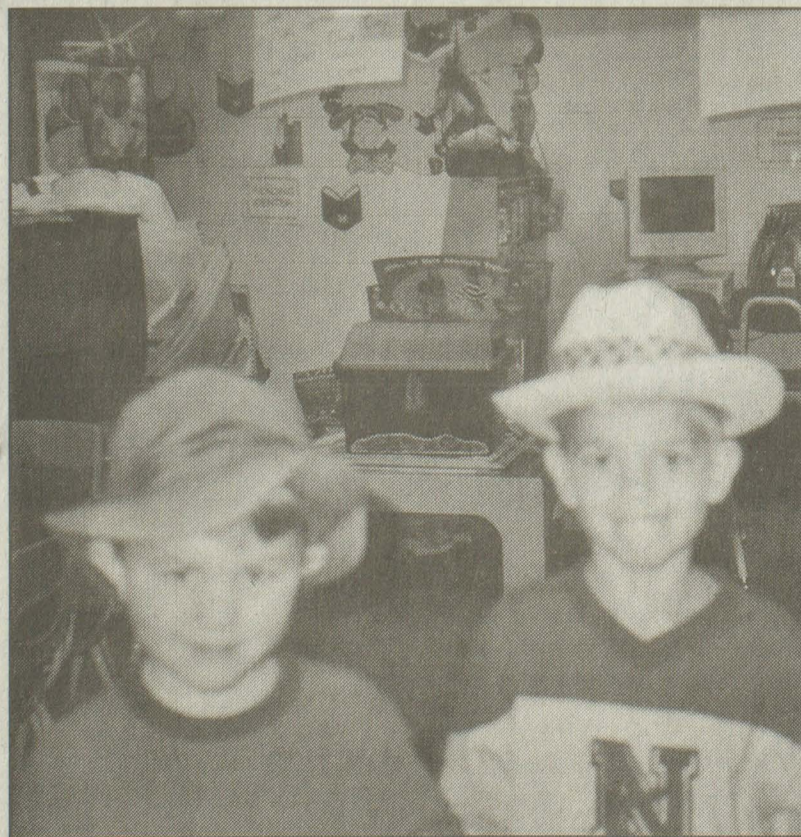
More than 1,100 student artists are expected to apply for the small number of available summer slots (25 creative writers, 25 dancers, 30 instrumentalists, 10 pianists, 20 musical theater students, 30 theater students, 30 visual artists and 30 vocal musicians).

With a scholarship value of more than \$2,500 per person, students accepted into the summer program attend free of charge, thanks to the partnership between the Cabinet for Education, Arts and Humanities, the Kentucky Center for the Arts and donors from across the Commonwealth. Inaugurated in 1987 as a pub-

lic/private partnership, GSA now enjoys the support of more than 140 corporations, parents, educators and friends of the arts including Ashland Inc. and Toyota Manufacturing, Kentucky.

Students who are sophomores and juniors during the 1999-2000 school year, who reside in Kentucky and also attend a high school in Kentucky, are eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up in any high school counselor's office.

For more information contact: Frank X. Walker, Director of the Governor's School for the Arts at 502/562-0729 or call the GSA hotline at 502/562-0192.



Students of Anna Shepherd's class enjoyed a "Heritage Hat" Day at May Valley. They were asked to wear old-time hats, preferably owned by their ancestors. Pictured are Alex Lester and Jon Ross Gibson, both of whom wore their great-grandfather's hats.

Generations agree on environment

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on behalf of the environment, such as voluntary cleanups and other environmental activities.

(NAPSA)-The results of a recent survey show that different generations of Americans agree on an important issue-our environment.

More than three-quarters of today's teenagers (77 percent) and about two-thirds of boomers (64 percent) say time is running out to prevent permanent damage to the world's air and water.

In the EarthView survey, commissioned by National 4-H Council, 65 percent of teens and 53 percent of boomers said they have performed volunteer work

Teens and boomers are willing to pay more for a CD or tape to support a program to recycle plastic packaging. In the survey 66 percent of teens and 58 percent of adults said they were willing to take that step.

To see the complete results of the EarthView survey, order copies of the EarthView brochure and learn about national opportunities and resources, visit the National 4-H Council website at www.fourhcouncil.edu/ycc/earth/link.htm.



Ersel Huff, received a flu shot from Joy Moore, R.N. Also pictured is Edith Huff.



Carrie Branham, Floyd County Health Department nurse, gave a flu shot to Shannon Turner, student. Jerri Turner, principal, is also pictured.



ACADEMICS

Ten tips to help your child succeed with homework

(NAPSA)-If you want your child to succeed in school there are no shortcuts. You have to spend time and get involved. This is especially important when it comes to homework.

Here are some tips from Tracy Heibeck, Ph.D., ePlay.com's Chief of Research:

1. LEARN HOW TO FIND INFORMATION. What's really important is not just memorizing information but knowing how to find it and what to do with it. Focus on the process of learning, not just the content.

2. ACCESS THE INTERNET. Whether at home, school or the library, computer skills and the Internet have become important tools for learning. But it's essential to find safe, educational sites, like ePlay.com rather than allowing children to randomly access information using search engines that don't filter out inappropriate sites (ePlay.com is a site with built-in safeguards). When parents and children work together, homework can be fun and researching safe.

3. BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL. Create a positive climate where your child chooses to do homework. The best way to accomplish this is to do your own work at the same time. Model the behavior you want to see in your child, share your hobbies, talk about current events, let your child see you reading and learning.

4. FIND OUT HOW YOUR CHILD LEARNS. Each child is different. Instead of saying, "My child's four and should now be doing this," think, "At four, what has my child already shown interest in? What is my child good at?"

5. POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT. An important motivating factor for children is positive rein-

forcement, but some praise works better than others. Try to avoid "put down" praise, like "You really worked hard on your math-it would be even better if all the answers were correct." Also, saying "You really made a great effort!" generally is more effective than "You're so smart!" Reinforcing children's efforts tells them their hard work pays off giving them a sense of control and mastery that boosts self-esteem.

6. ORGANIZE YOUR SPACE. One idea to help make homework automatic is to set up a family "Don't Leave Home Without It" table for all items that go to school.

7. GET SUPPLIES. Have your child's study area as well stocked as an office. Get supplies that make your child feel special and well-organized. If possible, buy copies of the books your child is using in school. This helps children remember their work better since they can write in the books and highlight key concepts.

8. SET PRIORITIES AND TIME LIMITS. Help your child establish prioritized work habits. For example, spend 30 minutes on one subject and then go on to the next, allocating specific time-frames for each. Often it's best to save the most enjoyable homework for last.

9. PACE YOUR WORK. Teach your children to pace themselves by prioritizing assignments. Children usually can't do this before age 10.

10. TAKE BREAKS. Young children need a 5 minute break every 15 minutes; 7- to 11-year-olds may need a break every 30 minutes, 11-year-olds and up may need a break every 30 to 45 minutes.

ePlay (www.ePlay.com) is the first free educational Web site that connects school and home to enhance communications among kids, parents and teachers. It provides homework help resources, curriculum-based games and activities and learning research, plus the on-line ePlay Store that has related school supplies and educational products. Dr. Heibeck, a child psychologist, holds a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Stanford University and is an instructor at Harvard Medical school. She also writes a monthly learning newsletter for ePlay members.



Mrs. Warrix's class at Clark Elementary did science experiments and invited different classes to watch. They are watching as Nick Henson makes his volcano erupt.

Ballroom dancing at Our Lady of the Mountains

During Heritage Days the Mayo Mansion, which houses Our Lady of the Mountains School, was open to school children from all over Johnson County.

Hundreds of students visited the building with their teachers. In order to be prepared for such a deluge of visitors, Our Lady of the Mountains' fifth and sixth grade students had been primed to give tours of the Mayo mansion.

Matt Blair taught the students all they needed to know about the building and the Mayo family.

As a special treat for the visiting students, there was a ballroom dancing demonstration by OLM's seventh and eighth graders, in more or less original ballgowns, against the backdrop of a very authentic ballroom.



Our Lady of the Mountain School's Middle School students performed ballroom dances for visiting schools during Heritage Days.

Olivia Bentley
 One Halloween a ghost was flying in
 the air he saw a witch riding on her
 broom, she rode across the moon and
 then it was time for trick-or-treat.
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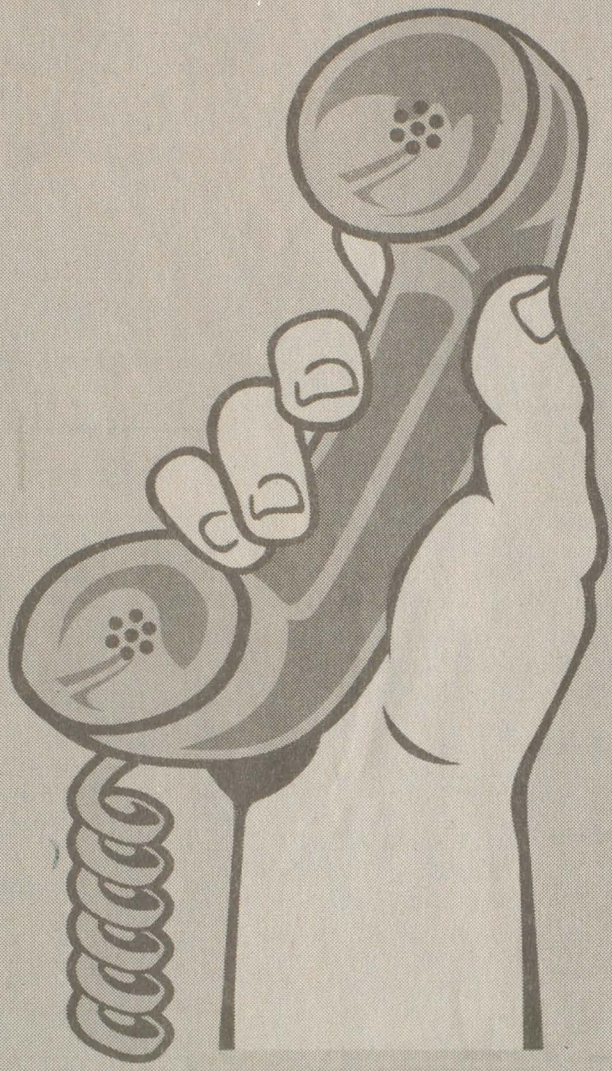
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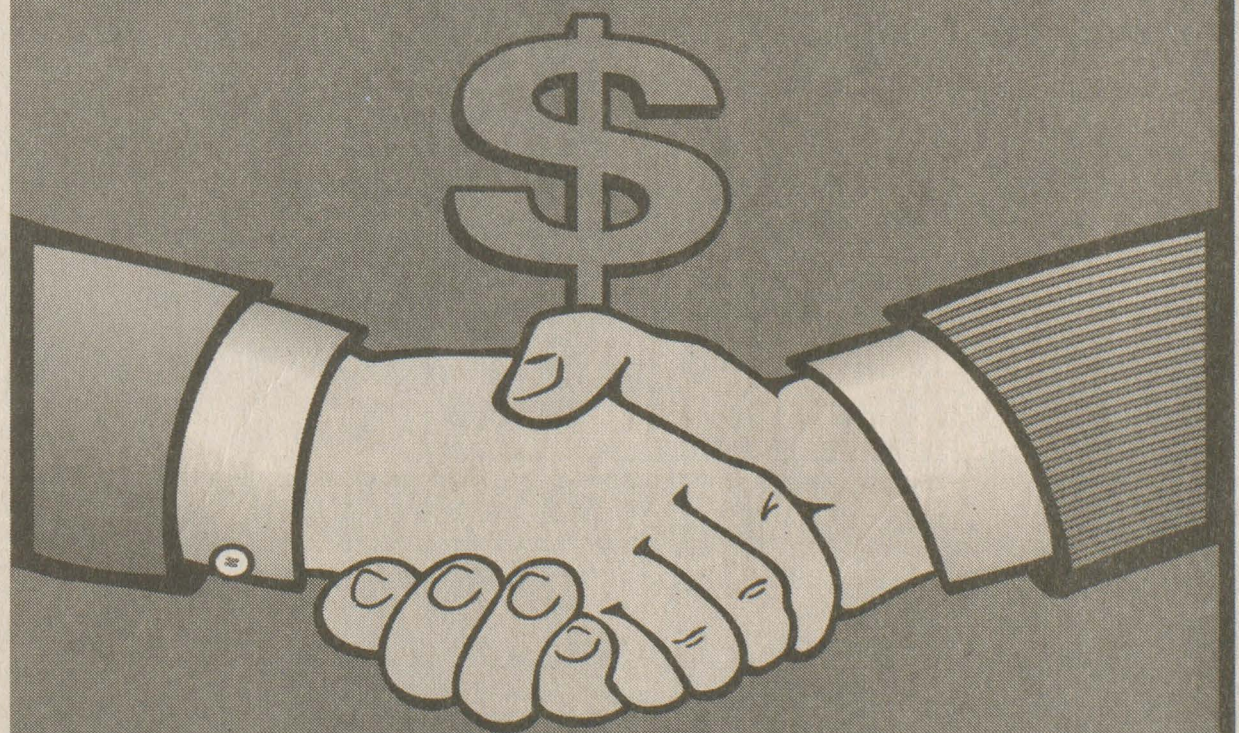
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Byron Hall: 'Feeling good about ourselves!'

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

There is a lot of excitement up Left Beaver way and justifiably so. The fans at South Floyd High School are excited about their Raider basketball team and the promise of perhaps a district championship.

The Raiders return several veteran players and that lends to the reason for all the optimism. One of those returning is Byron Hall, a proven hard worker on the boards. Hall said this year's team has a good feeling about the season underway.

"We are feeling good about ourselves," he said. "Last year we had our first winning season ever. That has boosted everyone's confidence. So this year, we are expected to win more games."

Hall related how the hard work of the past summer is beginning to pay off for the Raiders, who are 2-0 on the yet-young season.

"We went to a bunch of different camps over the summer," he said. "We played hard and gave it all we had. We played against more athletic teams and did well against them."

well."

The Raiders will put five solid starters on the floor, but Hall said the team goes deeper than the five starters.

"I feel our bench is going to be very deep and we can go at least nine deep," said Hall. "We have a couple of good outside shooters and two inside who can score."

Hall has gained the reputation of being a "work horse" and over the past three years has been one of the top rebounders in the region, a role he likes.

"Rebounding and defense are among the more important parts of the game of basketball," he said. "You have to be able to do both and do them well, in order to compete in this day and time."

Coach Henry Webb said much was expected from Hall this basketball season.

"We expect he will give us 10 or 12 rebounds a game," said the South Floyd coach. "He is solid all the way around. A very good rebounder."

Assistant coach Jeff Castle labeled Hall as the kind of player "fans come out to watch."

"He is one of the hardest players I have been around in coaching," said Castle.

He smiles a lot, he is polite, but Byron Hall is all business when he takes to the hardwood. After all, it is basketball time.

The strong summer, said Hall, helped to build the Raiders' confidence.

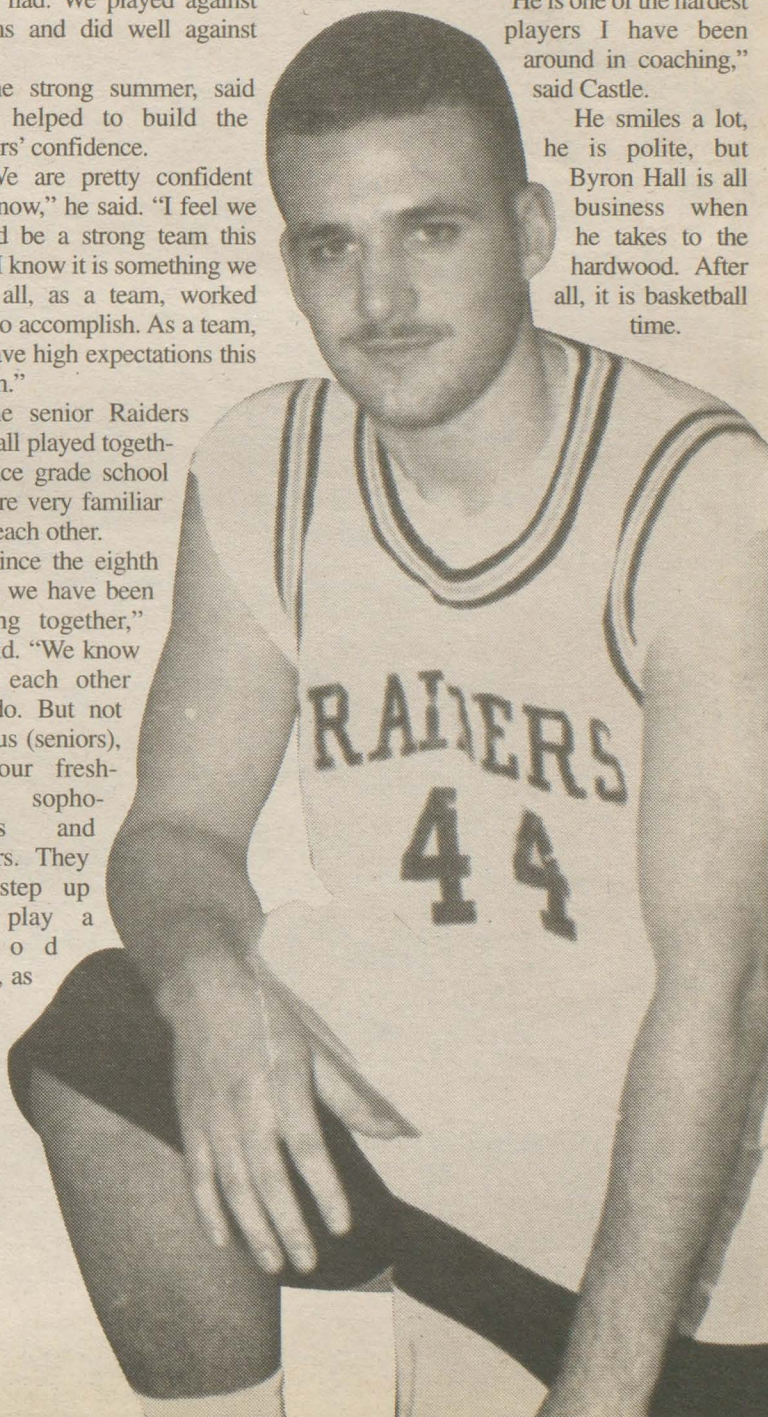
"We are pretty confident right now," he said. "I feel we should be a strong team this year. I know it is something we have all, as a team, worked hard to accomplish. As a team, we have high expectations this season."

The senior Raiders have all played together since grade school and are very familiar with each other.

"Since the eighth grade we have been playing together," he said. "We know what each other can do. But not only us (seniors), but our freshmen, sophomores and juniors. They can step up and play a good game, as

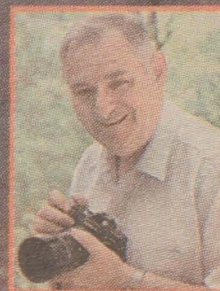
Louisville Cardinals 1999-2000 Schedule

November			
Tues. 2	Premier All Stars (EXHIBITION)	Freedom Hall	8:00
Fri. 19	Va. Commonwealth (WDRB/WFTE)	Richmond, Va	8:00
Sun. 21	ATHLETES IN ACTION (WDRB-db)	Freedom Hall	1:30
Thur. 25	at Carrs/ Safeway Great Alaska Shootout	Alaska	TBA
Sat. 27	(First round pairings: 11/24, Grambling State vs. Ga. Tech, Washington vs. Alaska; Nov. 25, Xavier vs. Louisville, Kansas Vs Georgia)		
December			
Sat. 4	Louisville Tech (WDRB/WFTE)	Freedom Hall	2:00
Sat. 11	Alabama (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Wed. 15	CENTRAL FLORIDA (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Sat. 18	Kentucky (CBS)	Lexington	4:00
Mon. 20	TENNESSEE STATE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Thur. 23	NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	7:00
January			
Mon. 3	TULANE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Thur. 6	UTAH (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
Sat. 8	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI(WDRB)	FREEDOM HALL	2:00
Wed. 12	UAB (WDRB/WFTE)	Birmingham, Ala.	7:30
Sat. 15	Marquette (WDRB/WFTE)	Milwaukee, Wisc.	2:00
Thur. 20	DEPAUL (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
Sat. 22	UNC CHARLOTTE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	5:00
Thur. 27	CINCINNATI (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
Sat. 29	Saint Louis (ESPN)	St. Louis, Mo.	1:00
February			
Tues. 1	Georgetown (ESPN2)	Washington, D.C.	7:30
Sat. 5	Memphis (ESPN2)	Memphis, Tenn.	7:00
Thur. 10	SYRACUSE (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
Sun. 13	MARQUETTE (ESPN2)	FREEDOM HALL	6:00
Wed. 16	UNC Charlotte (WDRB/WFTE)	Charlotte, N.C.	7:35
Sat. 19	DePaul (ABC)	Chicago, Ill	1:30
Wed. 23	SAINT LOUIS (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	8:00
Sun. 27	Cincinnati (ESPN2)	Cincinnati, Ohio	7:30
Tues. 29	SOUTH FLORIDA (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30



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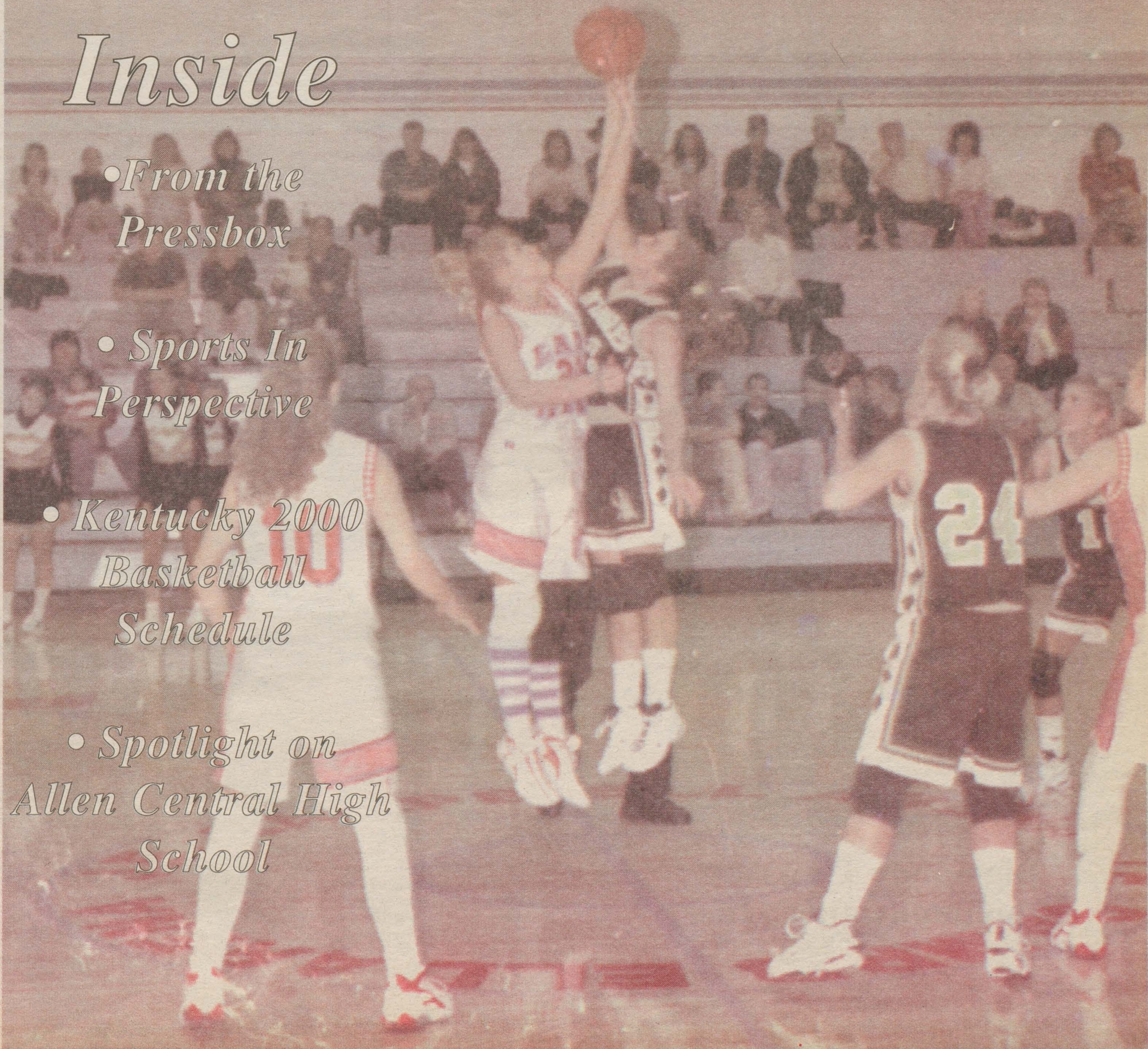


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Sports In Perspective

by Denis Harrington

In the National Football League (NFL) there is no one with less job security than the man designated to do the placekicking chores.

For a truth, the individuals hired to boot a football steadied by another's hand are the equivalent of day trippers in the real world; people employed on a project-by-project basis who simply move down the road to the next job site when their services are no longer required.

This shouldn't be and the reason is obvious.

With the premium imposed on the field goal today, placekickers have become as integral to the success of a team's offense as are quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers.

Yet, paradoxically, they're treated like a highly expendable commodity with little or no resale value.

Let's examine the matter a mite closer. Placekickers are to football what a relief pitcher is to baseball. Like relief pitchers, placekickers enter the game when the conventional forces have failed to do their thing and inherit the unenviable task of trying to salvage an otherwise botched situation with a quick three points.

In major league baseball, relief pitchers are among the highest paid members of any team. But placekickers do not enjoy anything resembling comparable

compensation in the NFL.

When a field goal is needed, it's automatically expected that a conversion should follow. And never mind if the attempt is from 50 yards out in a driving rain and flush against the wind.

Oddly enough, these same perverse elements suffice as an adequate excuse for why the quarterback couldn't make ends meet with his receivers or the ball carrying brigade failed to slog for the necessary yardage.

Like it or not, and many a fan doesn't, the field goal is nearly on par with a forward pass as a premier weapons system. As proof of this assertion, one need only to consult the NFL record book to find that the pro game's all time top scorers are George Blanda and Jan Stenerud, a sidewinder import from Norway who was the first specialist to be so honored.

During the 1980s, the Washington Redskins, thrice a Super Bowl winner in that decade, had a placekicker named Mark Mosely on their roster. Mosely, the league's leading scorer in 1983 with a record 161 points, literally kicked the 'Skins into the trophy contest two years running.

If the points Mosely toed through the uprights were taken away, the Washington club's won-lost record for those campaigns would be considerably less impres-

sive. Very likely, the Redskins players would have been watching the 1983 and 1984 Super Bowls on television instead of playing in them.

However, when Mosely slipped from Olympian heights to that of a mere mortal, he was handed a pink slip without hesitation and pushed onto the waiver wire.

At no time during his glory years did his salary approach that of the team's featured signal caller, wide receivers or running backs whose scattered marbles he ably retrieved so often.

Well, you might say, placekickers only perform part-time. And, besides most of them aren't even football players by technical definition. Quite true. But how about the receiver who is used on just third-down situations or the secondary defender who appears strictly as a "nickel back?"

They're also spot players with very specific skills who don't play the whole game. As a rule they command high six-figure recompense for their limited contribution.

Not so the placekicker who is expected to score every time he shows his face on the field.

So what should be done to rectify this situation?

If placekickers are as important to a team's destiny as the prevailing system would seem to indicate, then do what's right. Pay

them in accordance with the degree of responsibility they bear.

Since their assignment is to nullify the failings of the quarterback, running backs

and receivers, then they ought to be put in the same salary category.

Placekickers will still be subjected to the same intense pressure and they

won't be fired any less readily. But they'll have been properly remunerated for the unreasonable expectations associated with their employment.

Former Alice Lloyd standout Castle likes Raiders look

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ask any head basketball coach and they will tell you that South Floyd assistant coach Jeff Castle is deserving of a high school coaching position.

However, Castle said that may come some day, but right now he is contented with being part of the South Floyd coaching staff and working with head coach Henry Webb. Both Webb and Castle played at Alice Lloyd College in the Eagles heydays.

As to coaching some day, Castle said, "It depends. If the time is right, maybe. Right now I still have a lot to learn."

Castle has coached at the grade school level and will take the helm of a very talented freshman and junior varsity team for the Raiders.

"This should be a good freshman group," he said. "We had a great freshman group last year."

Castle said this year's Raider team should be a contender.

"This is the group of kids who came when Coach Webb arrived," said Castle. "Hopefully all the hard work over the summer and this year will pay off."

Castle said both he and Coach Webb want to relate what they learned while playing for Alice Lloyd.

"Henry was one of the best players to play at Alice Lloyd," said Castle. "We just want to show these kids if they work hard, it might motivate them to take their game to another level."

Castle said one of the most improved players on the Raider team was returning senior Jimmy Stumbo.

"No doubt one of the most improved. He could be hard to stop once he gets the ball down low," Castle said.

Castle said senior guard Ryan Shannon has improved in being a floor leader.

"Ryan is a great player. A very hard worker. He will play at the two-guard position this year. We want him to see the floor better, and he is improving day by day."

From an improved player to a great player, Byron Hall is a hard working player, Castle said.

"One of the hardest working players that I have seen," he said. "He is what fans come to watch."

Castle said football player Kyle Tackett, who started last year, has shown up in better

shape this basketball season.

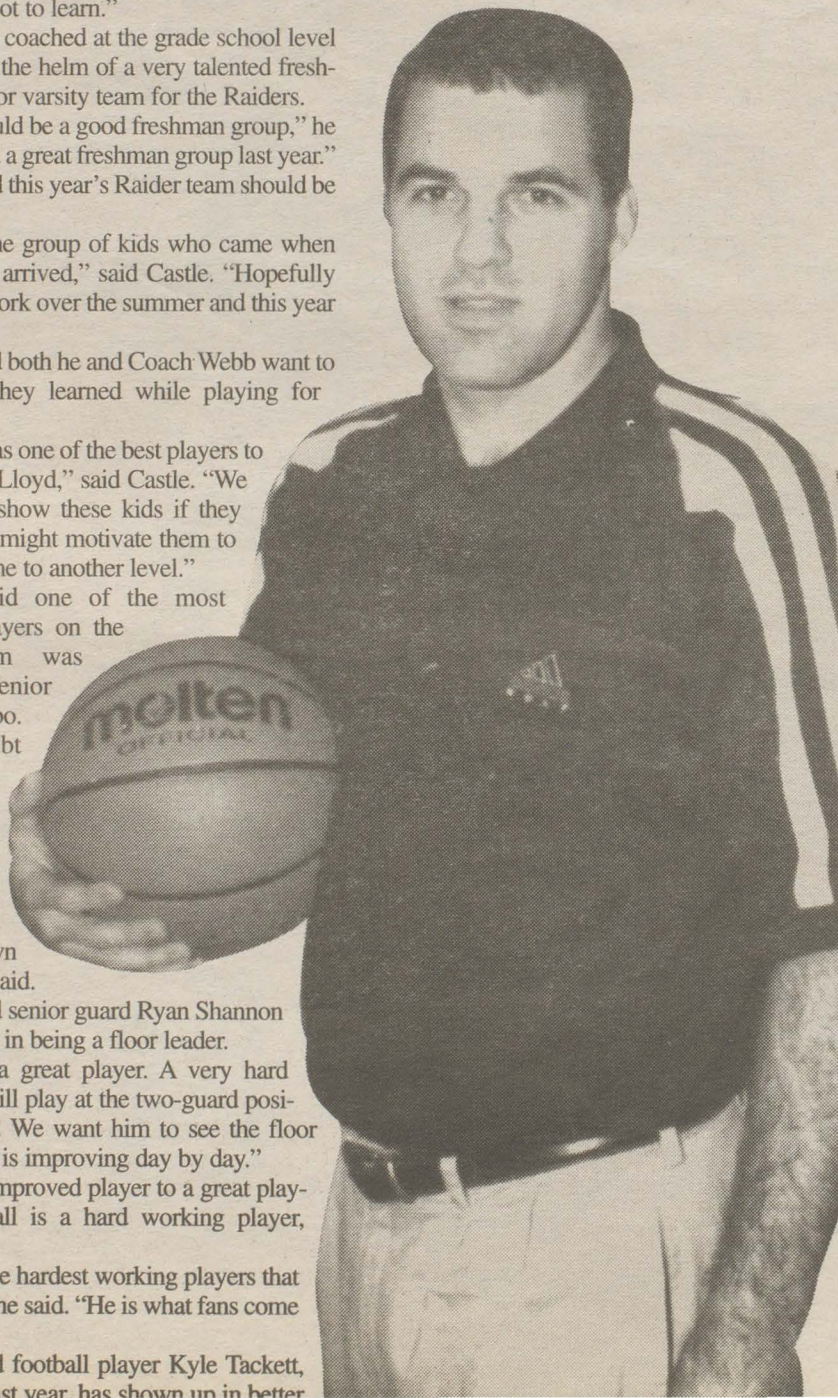
"Kyle is in much better shape," he said. "He has improved from last year, and he will be one of the best three-point shooters around."

Youngsters Rusty Hall and Michael Hall are two promising players.

"I played those two to death on the junior varsity team last year," said Castle. "They are two of the best players I have seen."

Castle said the overall strength of this year's Raider team will be quickness.

"We are going to be very quick," he said. "We are very capable of playing hard-nosed defense, and we have the size to rebound."



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From the Pressbox

Martin recalls the old days

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

I enjoy talking with the "old fellows" of the sports scene. I like to hear about the old days and how "they used to play the game."

Some day I will be like them and tell of the "good old days" when we used to shoot for two points and then three points, instead of the four-point baskets that will eventually come along.

One of my favorite "young" gentlemen to talk with is Roy Martin, an avid supporter of Allen Central basketball (and I don't know why).

Roy has a special seat at the J.E. Allen Fieldhouse, and it sits just behind the scorer's table. He goes back to the days when all games were played (gulp) outdoors.

"We didn't get a gym at Garrett (High School) until 1933," said Martin. "That was the first year. Up to that time we played ball out on a

dirt court."

But Roy, what about rain?

"We would cancel the game when it rained," he replied.

According to Martin, Maytown had the first gym in the district.

"They would charge ten cents (that's one thin dime) to get in," he said. "That was a lot of money back then. But on the dirt court, we had to pay twenty-five cents."

Well, figure that one out.

Instead of the fancy uniforms teams showcase today, the Garrett Black Devils, and all other teams, played in "warm up suits."

"Today, they wear them to warm up in and then take them off," said Martin. "Back then we warmed up in them and we played in them."

Martin recalled the fun days of "sneaking into the games."

"Where the old gym used to set, there is a branch back there and we would sneak in there to get into a game."

Wait a minute! You would sneak into an "outdoor game?"

"Yes," replied the former Black Devil.

Martin brought a memory of a game in gone-by years.

"We played Maytown and beat them 40-7," he said. "They did not have a field goal in the game and hit seven free throws."

Martin said the most thrilling game was when Garrett beat Wayland, 41-4, in the Preseason Tournament finals.

With five minutes to play we had a seven-point lead," recalled Martin. "They cut the lead down to two and they hit a shot from the corner of the centerline to send it into overtime. Back then you played two overtimes and then it was sudden death.

"We went into two overtimes with someone hitting a basket from the center line again to tie the game. In the sudden death overtime, Greasy Hughes hit a basket that gave Garrett the win."

Martin said he had seen many of a good player come out of Floyd County but contends that Wayland's "King" Kelly Coleman was the best he had seen.

"There were other players who were plenty good, but Kelly was consistent,"

said Martin. "He had good players who played with him."

Martin said the first autograph Kelly signed was to his "little boy, Johnny."

"You can ask Kelly who got the first autograph he ever signed and he will tell you Johnny Martin," said Roy. "Kelly was a hero to Johnny."

Roy would not go out on a limb and name the best Allen Central team he had seen play.

"There have been so

many good ones," he said.

"The state tournament team was a good one, but I don't think they were the best one. You will have to ask Johnny that one?"

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats basketball team is surrounded by four men coaches. That is unusual, isn't it? Not that there is anything wrong with it, it just a strange thought. All four are excellent coaches.

I wonder, when the district games are played, if they will rotate who plays first, girls or boys. In years past, the girls game played first (ladies before gentlemen). But with Title IX, they may have to rotate this year.

From the Press Box, we will be watching for you!

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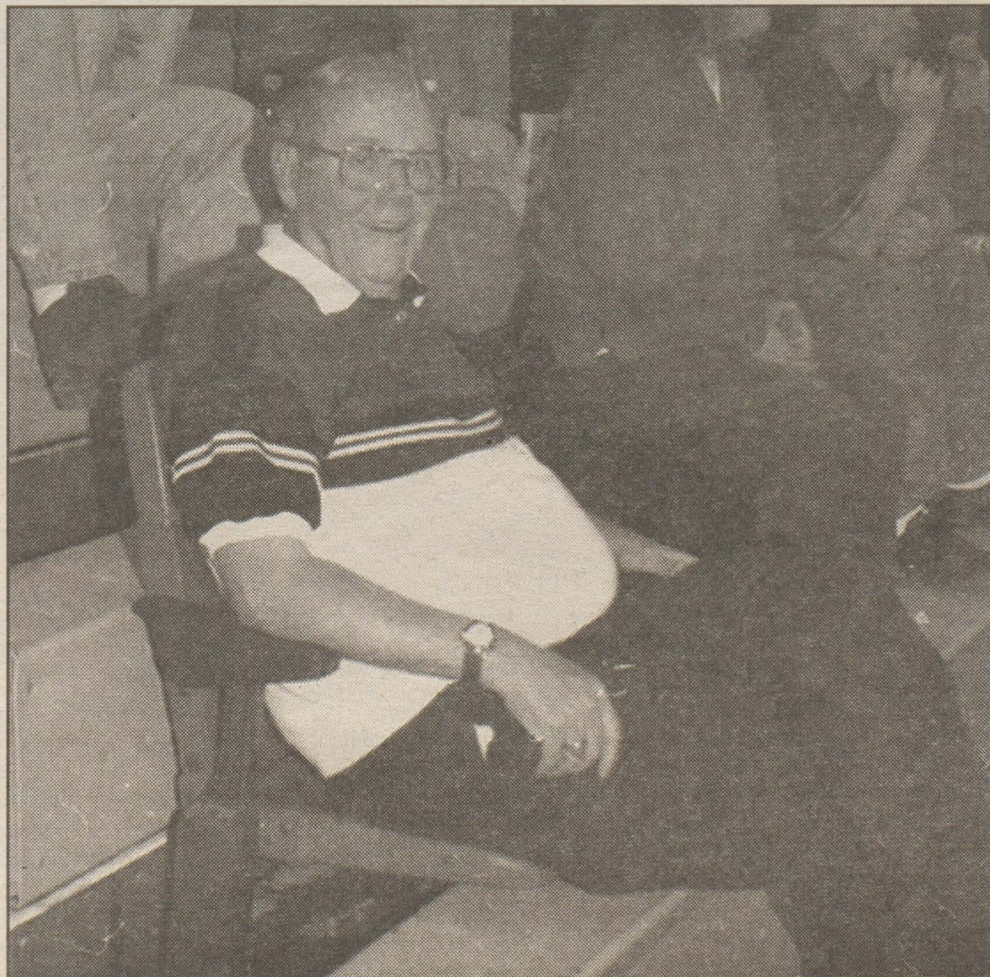
PIKEVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME*
	Thur. 4	Knoxville	Knoxville, TN	7:00
	Sat. 6	Cumberland	Lebanon, TN	7:00
	Wed. 10	Rio Grande	Pikeville	7:00
	Fri. 12	Rax Invitational **	Pikeville	6&8
	Sat. 13	Rax Invitational **	Pikeville	2&4
	Wed. 17	Campbellsville	Pikeville	7:00
	Fri. 19	Bevo Francis Tourn.***	Rio Grande, OH	2:00
	Sat. 20	Bevo Francis Tourn.***	Rio Grande, OH	TBA
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	Sun. 28	Virginia Intermont	Pikeville	2:00
DECEMBER				
	Sat. 4	Bluefield	Bluefield, Va.	2:00
	Thur. 30	Albertson	Phoenix, AZ.	TBA
	Fri. 31	South Dakota Tech	Phoenix, Az.	TBA
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* All times Eastern

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*** (PC, Rio Grande, Union, Spalding)



Roy Martin

SIGHTS, MINUS THE SOUNDS, OF A NEW SEASON

Allen Central High School

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The 1999-2000 high school basketball season tipped off last Monday night with the girls programs taking the court the first night the season could officially begin. While the state football playoffs are still going on (they end tonight), the basketball season is but a week old with a lot of games on the horizon.

Basketball is an indoor sport and most of us who cover the football scene always welcome the start of the basketball year because we get to move inside. The cool weather (although it wasn't that bad this season) makes it uncomfortable in walking the sidelines and listening to your bones squeak.

Basketball, if you are fortunate, affords you a place to sit down in covering the games. Also, you have a personal contact with the fans in the arenas or you can sit back and be entertained by the bands, majorettes, cheerleaders or dance teams.

It is the "behind the scenes" people that this page is dedicated to. We hope, in future issues, to do more of these types of salutes.

Cheerleading is a difficult job (or sport) and takes time and is always a challenge to those who take part.

The difficult stunts sometimes cause me concern. When I see a cheerleader flipped into the air and at the mercy of those waiting below, I shutter to think of the outcome if she were to meet the floor instead of the waiting arms.

I get nervous when I see it.

But in talking with those who are brave enough to climb to the top of the mount, they apparently have no fear of being dropped. It is a good thing all below are friends.

Cheerleaders today have become dance teams, as well, and perform at half-time of the games.

What would a sporting event be without the bands to play the good old school song?

Fans rise to their feet when the band director raises her or his arms to start the music that has become very much a part of the sporting scene.

Bands, and their directors, also work hard at what they do best, and I know their summer months are filled with camps, competitions and practice time.

I appreciate all the bands in Floyd County and the contribution they make to the games.

Now, I have to admit, sometimes when I am in a conversation, that is when they play the loudest. Along with the band, there are the

majorettes. Another group that knows no rest in the summertime. Always working hard and never losing their smiles while on the field or court. Like cheerleaders, majorettes are reminded to smile.

Throwing the baton up in the air and catching it looks more difficult that probably it really is. Majorettes do a great job.

Dance teams have become the rage. Such a rage that some have quit playing basketball or cheering in order to be a dance (whatever they are) person.

But the football fields and gymnasiums are more pleasant when the dance teams take to the floor.

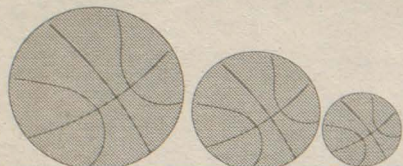
Who would want to don a hot uniform that resembles a cat, dog, rebel, or any other wild looking sort and suffer the heat that goes with the job of being a mascot? Mascots are there to entertain and help the cheerleaders lead the yells, carry the big school flags or whatever it takes to get the crowd into the game.

The ROTC units who carry America's colors onto the field or basketball court get little recognition for what they do, but they get more respect from the crowd than any of the other groups. After all, who else gets the silent treatment and all the people stand when you enter the gym's floor?

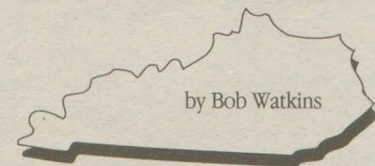
In the past, the ROTC members would give a half-time performance with their drill abilities. But of late they have not been doing so. I would like to see that return. I know it was a hit with the fans.



Next Week: Betsy Layne



SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



Kentucky Wildcats get a November 'educational spanking' from Arizona

Just when poll voters were about to declare Kentucky a top five team, an 18-wheeler shows up.

Anybody get the license number of that truck? The one driven by a fellow with white hair, Hollywood smile and foot on the accelerator.

In the new land of Ameritrade and full-bloom parity, Lute Olson's Arizona Wildcats looked like America's best last week in a 63-51 dusting of Kentucky in the NIT.

The out-west Wildcats gave the local ones a good hard spanking and sent Tubby Smith in a fast break back to the drawing board.

Notes from a Friday Night Massacre.

- Best thing that could happen to UK's basketball team in New York in November, did.

- That commotion you hear out behind Wildcat Woodshed is just what you think it is.

- Foul shooting. Off limits — no more watching Shaq on TV.

- Jamaal Magloire. Good thing Tubby shut down Jam's web site. After this performance, unfiltered messages might impair his ego for life. Punishment: Magloire must endure the video tape.

- Point guard play. Now Saul Smith knows what Dusty Bonner has been going through. And we understand why UK coaches were beating the bushes so hard ... for a playmaker. Saul is a terrific kid who must settle down.

- Desmond Allison as sixth man? Probably as soon as Keith Bogans puts together back-to-back-to-back games like the one he played against Maryland.

- Marvin Stone. Gotta play.

- Tayshaun Prince. Tubby predicted a breakout season. Listen to Tubby.

- To repeat: Best thing that could happen to UK's basketball team in New York in November, did.

When these guys get to know each other, watch out.

CHANGE OF HEART

Cash for college basketball and football players? Changed my mind since the NCAA signed a new contract with CBS Sports two weeks ago (2003-2013) for \$6.2 billion, double the amount of the present contract.

Imagine, despite a downturn in TV ratings for the men's tournament last year, television doubles the prosperity of NCAA college athletics.

If C.M. Newton and the University of Kentucky, along with counterpart kingpins Kansas, North Carolina, UCLA and Duke, can sell out amateur athletics to Nike Corp. and others, including CBS, then the field hands — Harry Edwards' plantation jargon for student-athletes — should get say, \$200 a month walking around money.

While the availability of more athletic program offerings at colleges and universities seems a good idea, NCAA institutions must be visionary in their search for solutions to stop their best marquee athletes from leaving early for the NBA or skipping college altogether for CBA/IBL professional basketball teams.

A \$200 stipend a month doesn't sound like much of a deterrent, but it would be a first step toward separating those who want to try the college experience from those who want/need the money now. It's a start.

Since we have come to accept (grudgingly) that college sports is indeed big business, then it's time to let the stars of this here show in on more of the booty.

Coaching. Hal Mumme, C-minus. Inadequate preparation for Louisville; blunders at Georgia; poor clock management at Mississippi State; and tardy discovery of Bobby Blizzard and Derek Smith as effective forces (Tennessee game); and not a single snap for backup quarterbacks. UK needs an offensive coordinator.

Coaching. Mike Major, B+. Injuries took a severe toll and still the defense played well in six victories and during a loss at Mississippi State.

Coaching. Claude Bassett, an A. UK's kicking game was

its best in years, principally because of punter Andy Smith and kicker Marc Samuel being prepared and consistent. Also, Bassett's recruiting has steadily upgraded UK's roster and depth.

Overall assessment? Wait'll next year.

KY. MR. FOOTBALL

The Bluegrass State's Mr. Football honor is a bona fide horse race.

Putting aside Boyle County's Bobby LaFew and Danville's Josh Jagers, the glamour players are front runners.

Gerad Parker, receiver at Lawrence County may be the state's best pass catcher ever — 4,668 yards (counting) this season is second best nationally.

The 6-2, 190-pounder already holds state records in overall receptions (238) and touchdowns (52).

Neil Warren, quarterback at South Laurel, passed for 8,146 yards and a whopping 103 touchdowns. He completed 55 TD passes this season, second only to record-holder Chris Redman's 57.

Shane Boyd, Lexington Henry Clay quarterback, is arguably the state's finest Div. I college prospect. He had a 346-yards passing game.

Travis Atwell. If I had a Mr. Football vote, it would go to Hancock County's quarterback/defensive back. A solid student, Atwell rushed for more than 2,000 yards, passed for another 2,000, scored 37 touchdowns (counting) and rung up a school record 10 interceptions.

Last Friday in a victory that pushed Hancock to the state title game against Beechwood, Atwell scored three touchdowns and passed for three more in a win over Somerset.

HOOPS TALENT: IT'S A 'JUNIOR SEASON'

Few high school basketball fans in the Bluegrass would argue 1999-2000 will be the "Season of the Junior" in the state, making next year one of bounty proportions.

Ballard's 6-9 junior Brandon Bender is already touted as favorite for Mr. Basketball next season and is at the tops of college recruiter lists and fancies himself a candidate to jump to the NBA.

Six more juniors across the state will be the objects of intense fan and college recruiter scrutiny — Josh Carrier, a 6-5 guard at Bowling Green; Patrick Sparks, 6-1 guard at Muhlenburg North; 6-4 Ben Bowling at Perry Central; 6-6 Michael Haney, at Madisonville North Hopkins; 6-7 Nate Austin at Scott County, and 6-5 Larry O'Bannon at Louisville Male.

BITS 'N PEOPLE

- Finally. The NCAA announced it will begin screening college basketball officials, do background checks ... as a safeguard against gambler infiltration.

- James Patrick Whalen Jr. A walk-on from three time zones away (Portland, Ore.), goes to junior college in

Redding, Calif.; his mom sends a videotape to Kentucky, and three years later, her kid is an All-American with an NFL draft chance. Some story.

- Nicknames. Thundering Herd. Isn't Marshall U's the best? Only one close to being better is Hilltoppers.

- Anybody remember big ole tough linebacker Jeff Snedegar showed up as a quarterback?

MILLENNIAL

THOUGHTS ... AT HOME

As the sun sets on a century, are there sports events you wish you could have witnessed? Been able to tell the grandchildren, "I was there!"

Three of mine...

- Dec. 7, 1957. Longest game in UK basketball history. In three overtimes the Wildcats

defeated Temple, 85-83. Highlight: Vernon Hatton hit a 43-foot shot to force the first overtime.

- Oct. 13, 1960. At Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. Bill Mazeroski hit a home run in bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Yankees in game seven of the World Series and make the Pittsburgh Pirates champions.

- September 6, 1995. Baltimore's Cal Ripken Jr's victory lap around Camden Yards after breaking Lou Gehrig's most consecutive games played record.

And so it goes.

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1999-2000 Kentucky Basketball Schedule

Month	Date	Opponent	TV	Time	Location
November	2	California All-Stars	UKTV Delay	7:30	H
	11	Athletes in Action	UKTV Live	8:00	H
	17	Pennsylvania NIT	ESPN	9:00	H
	19	Utah NIT	ESPN	7:00	H
	24	NIT Semifinals	ESPN	6/8:30	A
	26	NIT Finals	ESPN	8:30	A
	29	Dayton	ESPN2	7:00	A
December	4	Indiana	CBS	3:30	A
	7	UNC-Asheville	UKTV Live	8:00	H
	11	Maryland	ESPN	9:00	A
	18	Louisville	CBS	4:00	H
	23	Michigan State	ESPN	7:00	H
	27	Alaska-Anchorage	UKTV Live	8:00	H
	30	Missouri (Sugar Bowl)	Fox Sports Net	7:00	A
January	5	Georgia Tech	ESPN	7:00	A
	8	Vanderbilt	Fox Sports South	6:00	H
	11	Auburn	ESPN	9:00	A
	15	South Carolina	Fox Sports South	6:00	A
	19	Ole Miss	UKTV Delay	7:30	H
	22	Vanderbilt	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	A
	26	Georgia	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	A
	29	Miami, Fla.	CBS	1:00	A
February	1	Tennessee	ESPN	9:00	H
	5	South Carolina	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	H
	8	Florida	ESPN2	9:00	A
	13	LSU	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	A
	16	Alabama	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	H
	19	Georgia	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	H
	23	Tennessee	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	A
	26	Arkansas	CBS	Noon	H
29	Mississippi State	ESPN	9:00	A	
March	4	Florida	CBS	Noon	H

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